

Mississippi Compatriot

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Event Schedule:

MSSAR ExCom Meeting:
January 12, 2019

MSSAR State Convention:
March 15 - 16, 2019

NSSAR Trustee and Leadership Meeting:
February 28 - 2 March, 2019

MSSAR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Pam and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Mississippi Compatriots and their families. My wife, Pam and I have been traveling and visiting the MSSAR Chapters during their Chapter Meetings. We have met and made new friends at every meeting. On December 8th, 2018 we will visit The Jacob Horger Chapter in Laurel, MS and enjoy their Christmas Program.

The MSSAR Executive Committee has been busy with many new concepts being introduced that will change how we conduct business throughout the state. A By-Laws committee chaired by 1st VP Dr. Bryant Boswell, and committeemen 2nd VP Jak Smith, National Trustee Michael Schenk Past President and Past President Charles Garrison will present proposed changes to

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



The Officers of the Mississippi Society and the Newsletter Editors wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless and keep you in the coming year.



- Chapter News -

- South Central Chapter Reactivated -

The South Central Chapter located in Brookhaven, Mississippi will begin meeting again in the very near future. Planning are under way to reactivate the chapter under the leadership of Michael Nolley. An initial planning



Attending the organizational meeting were from left: Glen Show, Keith Reeves, Jerry Molaison, Michael Nolley, Richard Spencer, Calvin Spencer, and Tomas Sasser.

meeting was held on November 21, 2019 at the Cracker Barrell in Brookhaven. The following officers were selected until the chapter can began meeting and permanent officers can be elected. The new officers are: President, Michael Nolley; Vice President, Jerry Molaison; Secretary/Treasurer, Jerry Molaison; Chaplain, Glen Show. The chapter will meet at the Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Library, 100 South Jackson Street, Brookhaven, Mississippi. The first meeting will be January 5, 2019. A time for the meeting has not been determined. Tommy Sasser is working with the library to finalize the meeting time, and the time will be made announced when it is available. In the near future, chapter meetings will be held quarterly until the chapter has become fully operational. All state officers are welcome and are encouraged to attend this first meeting. Those members who live near Brookhaven; McComb, Hazelhurst, Monticello, etc. that would like to become a member or dual member of the South Central Chapter contact Lynn Herron.

- Horger Chapter -

On October 27, 2018, the Jacob Horger Chapter of the Mississippi Society held it's regular meeting. We were (con't in next column)

honored to have Rev. Rodney Duke as our guest speaker. Rev. Duke was a young sailor stationed aboard the USS Pueblo which was captured by the North Koreans in January 1968 and was held captive until December 1968.

Rev. Duke's presentation was extremely detailed and interesting while detailing his experiences as a prisoner of the North Ko-



Reverend Rodney Duke

rean government. His devotion and dedication to our nation was evident during this very moving event. Rev. Duke is, in all respects, a true American Patriot. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. President Robert Cox.

- Joseph Warren Chapter -

From the Joseph Warren Chapter in Vicksburg, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday January 3 at Goldie's Bar-B-Que in Vicksburg. Our speaker will be Dr. Frederick Briuer who will be speaking on the 300th anniversary of Fort St. Pierre, which is near Vicksburg. All are welcome to attend. My wife Robin joins me in sending greetings to all and please remember the "Reason for the Season".

Edward Campbell, President

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- Mississippi Society Ladies Auxiliary -

The Mississippi Society is forming a Ladies Auxiliary. The initial organizational meeting was held on November 28, 2018 at the home of Pam Fulwider. The meeting was well attended and to further increase the membership the ladies that attended are to make phone calls to those ladies who may be interested in becoming a member. One (con't on p. 7)

Mississippi Society Color Guard Activities



Color Guardsmen from left: Dr. Bryant Boswell, Julius Hite and Lynn Herron. Photo courtesy of Ms. Charla Jordan .

On Thursday morning October 25th, SAR, Color Guardsmen Lynn Herron, Dr. Bryant Boswell, and Julius Hite mustered together from Desoto Patriots Chapter and Central Mississippi Chapter to assist the Daughters of the American Revolution begin their 80th Anniversary of ownership of Rosalie Mansion in Natchez, Mississippi. The celebration began at 9:00 am with the Color Guard's Presentation of Colors . Due to inclement weather, the celebration was moved inside to the nearby Jefferson Street 1st Methodist Church. Highlights of the event that transpired through-

out the day were: The DAR paid special tribute to the Little family; who

were one of the last families to own the mansion before the DAR took ownership.



Dr. Bryant Boswell with Ms. Sadie Kate Kennedy from the Gerard C. Brandon C.A.R Society . Ms. Kennedy was sponsored by Chief Red Jacket DAR Chapter of Brandon. Photo courtesy of Ms. Charla Jordan .



From left: Dr. Bryant Boswell, Ms. Sadie Kate Kennedy, Julius Hite Lynn Herron and Ms. Kathy Latham. Both young ladies are from the Chief Red Jacket DAR Chapter of Brandon. Photo courtesy of Ms. Charla Jordan .

Also, the ladies took time to reminisce and model the trending fashions that were in style during the last 80 years. There were also other presentations and points of business that the DAR ladies presented and discussed. The event concluded with a luncheon around noon for all those in attendance at the special event.

At right: This lovely cake was bake especially to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Daughters of the American Revolution's ownership of Rosalie Mansion in Natchez, Mississippi. Photo courtesy of Ms. Charla Jordan .



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Color Guardsmen from left: Commander Colby Morgan, Julius Hite, Richard Treharne, Gerry Brent, Lynn Herron, Kent McAden, and Kevin McDonald, the Photo courtesy of Anita Hite.

Thursday evening, June 28th, the Mississippi Society Color Guardsmen from Desoto County Patriots Chapter of Horn Lake, MS joined the Color Guardsmen from Isaac Shelby Chapter of Memphis, Tennessee. The combined Color Guard was under the command of Compatriot Colby Morgan. The Color Guardsmen presented the colors for the annual Memphis July 4th Celebration. To celebrate this special event, the city of Memphis arrange a Patriotic Pops Concert at the Levitt Shell in Overton Park. The Memphis Symphony Orchestra performed patriotic repertoire beginning with the National Anthem and Presentation of Colors by the SAR Color Guard. The MSO recognized all United States Servicemen and Veterans by their branch of service as they played the United States Armed Forces Medley. Other music included



selections from Spirituals to American Swing (In the Mood and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy) and Dixieland (When the Saints Come Marching In) as well as American West Folklore music featuring the theme song from Magnificent 7, and more. Special performance was made by Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass. The evening concluded with the well-known John Phillips Sousa piece Stars and Stripes Forever along with a magnificent firework display for the finale.

The Color Guard presents the Colors at the Memphis July 4th Celebration in Overton Park. →

- Future Color Guard Activities -

The MSSSAR Color Guard will participate in the following activities/events in the near future:

- February 14, 2019: DAR State Convention, Ridgeland, MS
- March 15 - 16, 2019: MSSSAR State Convention, Columbus, MS
Grave Marking, Columbus, MS
- April, 2019: Pender Grave Marking, Kemper Co., MS
- May 11, 2019: French Camp Monument, French Camp, MS

In the future, other activities/events may be scheduled in which the color guard will participate.

If you would like to become a member of the MSSSAR Color Guard contact **Color Guard Commander Julius Hite, 662-420-9404, julius.drummer.1776@gmail.com.**

- SAR Annual Dues -

Our annual dues are due and payable now. Members who have not paid by January 1, 2019 will be dropped for non – payment. The dues this year is \$55.00, which covers the national, state and chapter dues. Please remit your dues to:

Treasurer Lynn Herron, 6395 Janice Drive Southaven, MS 38671, 662-349-3390 .

If you would like to make a donation to the state youth program, or another activity/program, please do so. Be sure to note on your dues form what the donation is for. If you have questions contact Treasurer Herron.

Christmas at Valley Forge 1777 - Washington's Decision



George Washington leads his army of 11,000 men – a third of which he estimated did not even have shoes – into Valley Forge just before Christmas 1777. There, just days before Christmas on the 19th of December, the Continental Army and George Washington himself would find a way to reverse the course of the war. That Christmas was just the beginning of both an incredible tale of survival and redemption. Valley Forge was so named thanks to an iron forge owned by a family named Potts. It had been in their family for years. Washington selected the location for wintering the army for several reasons. It was just 20 miles outside of Philadelphia – which was now in

the hands of the British – and Valley Forge gave Washington a high defensive position from which to keep an eye on British troop movements.

The year 1777 had been a year of continual, bloody losses for Washington. His army had been run on a shoestring by a Continental Congress who was woefully unprepared to keep an army equipped and fed. By December of 1777 Washington was competing with the British in foraging for food and supplies from the local countryside just to keep his army alive. Valley Forge was in no condition to receive them. The first order of business Washington gave his men was for them to build wood huts to spend the winter. They would dig two feet into the ground in an area 16 feet by 14 feet in a space designed to hold 12 men each.

The walls would be constructed of logs, with hastily constructed stone fireplaces, and the floors were of dirt. If lucky they had a sheet to cover the doorway to keep out the cold. While his army built their huts Washington himself refused to live outside his own tent. It was December, it was cold and they were in for a harsh winter of misery. Washington had every reason to be bleak. He was fighting Congress not only for provisions but also for control of the army itself. Just weeks before arriving at Valley Forge, after a series of brutal losses, Congress reorganized the Board of War



and stripped the Commander in Chief of some of his authority by making him answer to

the one man he felt was over his head as a military general. Worse, the poor condition of his army could not be understated.



They were malnourished, anxious, battle weary and discouraged. Washington employed a regular army of spies and informants and with each dispatch he received the news seems to only get worse. Christmas was far from the mind of Washington as he looked to find hope in Valley Forge for that winter.



ter. In his personal history we know his annual celebrations of Christmas at Mount Vernon and within his family's tradition that Christmas was usually a high point of the year. For Washington Christmas was a time of gathering, of thanksgiving and celebrating the good fortunes of the year past with parties, games and gifts. As he considered this Christmas of 1777 upon arriving in Valley Forge, Washington was despondent. Known for his spirituality, Washington was a faithful church-goer. Wherever he was, each Sunday without fail, Washington was content to join the worship of any Church he could locate. The denomination did not matter. The fact that Washington was a praying man was discovered by Isaac Potts, one of the owners of the land Washington had requisitioned for housing that army that winter. Potts

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was a loyalist who feared the British could not be overcome. His opinion of that changed only after watching Washington



ton that winter on his family's homestead (Washington later requisitioned the Potts home for his headquarters at Valley Forge). "It was a most distressing time of the war," Potts later said. "All were giving up the ship but that great and good man. In that woods (not far from the Potts home), I heard a plaintive sound, as of a man at prayer. I

tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods and to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone,



with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was a crisis, and the cause of the country, of humanity and of the world. Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying. I went home and told my wife I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before. We never thought a man could be a soldier and a Christian (Potts was a Quaker), but if there is one in the world, it is Washington." Despite his prayers, those first few days at Valley Forge saw little comfort come to George Washington. In his own tent, Washington took pen in hand and wrote a letter to the President of the Continental Congress to tender his resignation and to declare the cause hopeless. "I am now convinced beyond a doubt," Washington wrote, "that unless some great and capital change suddenly takes place, this army must inevitably be reduced to one or other of these three things. Starve - dissolve - or disperse, in order to obtain sustenance in the best manner they can. Rest assured, Sir, this is not an exaggerated picture, and that I have abundant reasons to support what I say."



Washington knew he and his army were in for a miserable winter in Valley Forge



and he knew not when or from where relief would come. After all, the Continental Congress had fled Philadelphia, running from the same British troops that so frequently had defeated Washington. Washington's men were not professional soldiers. Many had left the farm on a moment's notice to join the cause, and many had deserted



in the middle of a march to tend to crops and family. To be away from home on Christmas, in such destitute circumstances, fighting for a cause that many were beginning to doubt, Washington could hardly blame those who deserted. Hearing a noise outside of his tent, and fearing yet another mutiny, Washington left his sad letter to check on his men. In row by row he found his men huddled together around fires, chatting and making merry over a bit of hunted game. He was amazed at their good cheer and fellowship and tried his best to smile as each wished him a Happy Christmas. As his imposing figure was seen by more and more of the men Washington was astounded to hear from them a chanted cheer: "Long live the United States! Hail to our Chief! May Liberty prevail!" Washington, who was not wearing a coat or a hat of his own, was moved to tears to see men wrapped in blankets and feet clad in rags cheer him while the snow fell. As Washington inspected his troops, he asked his men if they had not suffered



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enough. "Having come this far," one lieutenant said, "we can but go the rest of the distance." As he returned to his own tent, Washington and an aide were stunned to see that in his absence from his quarters some men had gathered garlands of holly and cedar twined draped above the tent-flap door. General Washington took the letter he had started to Congress. He burned it at the fire his aides had built outside his tent. "May God relieve your sufferings, if the Congress will not. And a good Christmas to you!"

Washington said. In that small, brief moment of Christmas – a giftless, cheerless,



merry-free Christmas – Washington was inspired by the will, the grit and the spirit of his own men. The clouds did not part and the burdens were not lifted on that Christmas Day of 1777. But from the depths of that Christmas came a resurgence in the hope and confidence of George Washington.

History has clearly marked Valley Forge as the turning point of the American Revolution. Washington over the course of fighting the brutal conditions of Valley Forge rebuilt, retrained and re-inspired his men to the cause.

- Michael Schenk's Accident -

Laura and I went to visit our eldest son and family in Ohio following NSSAR Fall Leadership. I went on a dirt bike trail riding a mountain bike and fell over the handlebars and broke my neck. I fractured C3 neck bone and required a lengthy surgery fusing and plating multiple neck bones and removing a hematoma. There was an extensive amount of upper extremity and shoulder nerve damage; vocal cord and esophageal issues. Was very fortunate to have my wife as my nurse and couldn't recuperate without her loving care. I am in therapy now and striving for a full recovery.

Letter to the Editor

Christmas Celebration in Colonial America

by Azalia Moore

Holiday celebrations are frequent in the homes of the members of the Sons of the American Revolution and other historic societies. In the colonial days, each religious group of settlers tended to have a different approach to the holiday season. From Massachusetts where the Puritans totally rejected Christmas as a pagan holiday to the lower Georgia colony, there were vast differences. The winter holidays of those who settled in New England, especially the Puritans included Thanksgiving as noted in almost every child's educational experience. This day was a major time of harvest sharing often between the Native Americans and the original passengers of the Mayflower or those who quickly followed them into the settlements in New England. In the middle Atlantic colonies, the Baptists were more likely to have family gatherings with simple gifts of hand-made toys and clothing spun by the women of the family. Candles and greenery were used to decorate the dwelling. Members of the Church of England tended to follow the traditions of the parent country as much as possible. This included gathering at the local church, having family meals and exchanging gifts of clothing, jewelry and other items. Foods tended to be more elaborate than on the ordinary days. Ham, turkeys, and some sea foods such as oysters graced these meals. Carol singing with the choir moving from home to home to serenade was common place. Not only did religion, the distance from the original settlements, and family tradition impact on the holiday traditions, but nationality of the immigrants also influenced the choice of celebration events and customs. For example, those with a German ancestry would have a yule log in the fireplace while the Welch immigrants would simply use family gatherings as a holiday event. Even the name given to the holiday varied with the nationalities.

- Mississippi Society Ladies Auxiliary Continued -

of the discussion centered on splitting the state into two sections - a North and a South areas, with officers elected from each area. President Fulwider requested that the selection of officers be forwarded to him prior to the January 12, 2019 ExCom meeting as he will introduce the newly elected officers at that meeting.

So, SAR members, if your wife, mother, sister, or other close relative would like to become a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, **please text Pam Fulwider 622-315-4664**

Chapter News

- Central Mississippi Chapter -

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from
Central Mississippi Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**



- William Hillhouse Chapter -

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. George H. Crawford, III, President.

- William Gray Chapter -

Peace and Love this Christmas. May love and friendship light up your Christmas and bring you joy in the New Year. Charles Whitehead, President.

Note: The newsletter co-editors attended the William Gray Chapter annual Christmas Banquet on December 4. After a delicious meal, we enjoyed an excellent music performance by the Blue Mountain College Choir under the direction of Professor Dr. Jerri Lamar Kantack. The meeting was attended by several guests, and by MSSSAR President John Fulwider. Also, in attendance were Past MSSSAR Presidents Judge Jim Roberts and Judge Joseph Toby Winston. Jim Alexander, Co-Editor.

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- General Nathaniel Greene Chapter -

Christmas Greetings from the SAR Delta Chapter!

We wish the best for all chapters and members.

Let me tell you who we are and our history.

We are a chapter of seven members – one farmer from Leland, one active history teacher who lives in Leland but teaches in Cleveland, two retired teachers who live in Cleveland, one retired WWII blind veteran, a retiree in Indianola, and a new member from Clarksdale. The area for the seven members is 80 miles long and 30 miles wide.

The first chapter was Greenwood. It was active and produced local, state and regional officers. S. L. Johnson, Jr., was Vice President General in 1976-78. Gradually the membership waned because of death, age, and moving from the area. The last three members (Grenada, Vaiden and Yazoo City) just stopped paying dues.

While Greenwood was waning, Judge Willard Lee McIlwain, Sr., in Greenville organized and chartered the General Nathaniel Greene chapter in 1986. The State Convention was hosted by this chapter in 1987, and attended by the President General.

Judge McIlwain had little trouble getting the lawyers, their families and friends to join.

Upon the judge's death, members no longer felt pressured to participate and they did not. Young members whose DAR grandmothers had prepared their applications only lasted as long as grandmother paid their dues. The chapter produced local, state, and regional officers. Judge McIlwain was Vice-President General 1988-89, and Andy Jones was Vice-President General in 2004-05, and 2008-09. Two of the seven members were charter members of the Greene Chapter. Dr. Andrew Jones, President.

- Desoto Patriots Chapter -

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the officers and members of the Desoto Patriots Chapter. President Tommy Thompson.

- James Vernon Lynam, Sr. Chapter -

The Lynam Chapter wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we welcome our **newest member Compatriot Brian Bruner Kates** from Gulfport, MS. President David Robinson.

- President's Message Continued -

the By-Laws at the Jan 12th, 2019 10am to Noon Executive Meeting held at The Corner Madison, MS 39110 601-607-7377. One change will affect the Addendum (A) to the MSSSAR By-laws. This addendum specifies a certain dollar amount to be awarded for the Rumbaugh Oration Award, the Knight Essay Award, The Eagle Scout Award, and the American History Award. The dollar amount has since been raised, and will need to be again in the future. Each time the dollar amount changes, it requires the By-Laws to be changed to reflect the new amount. The proposed 2019 Addendum (A) will eliminate the declaration of a specific dollar amount to be awarded and replace it with language that will allow changes in the amount and type of award to be made without the necessity of a by-laws change. Any change made would be announced at the Business Meeting of the Annual Convention, and become effective the year after the change was announced. Our Chancellor Mark Henry Esq. has examined the language change and there are no problems with it. The change will be published to the membership after the Jan 12th, 2019 meeting along with any other changes approved by the Executive Committee.

The 2019 Officer Nominations Committee Chairman Honorable Toby Winston, Past President and Committee members Michael Schenk Past President, and Michael Nolley, Chapter President South Central will present their slate of officers to be voted on at the convention. If you wish to make comments or suggestions to either committee, please do so prior to the Jan 12th, 2019 Excom meeting. Anyone wishing to run for an office position from the floor at the convention must advise the Nominations Chairman at least 30 days prior to the convention date of March 16, 2019 (by February 14, 2019).

The 1st VP Dr. Bryant Boswell has proposed that The State Genealogist duties be split into three geographic areas, North, Central and South MS. Past President Charles Garrison has accepted the North Genealogist position; Past President John Taylor will hold the South District Genealogist position. If you would like to apply for the Central District Genealogist position, please contact 1st VP Dr. Bryant Boswell 601-845-7994.

A meeting was held to formalize the Charter Membership of the LAMSSSAR (Ladies Auxiliary MSSSAR) and to start to elect officers for 2019. The following ladies have joined the group, and I wish to thank them wholeheartedly for all the hard work they have committed to do. **LAURA SCHENK, SARAH BOSWELL, JANE WINSTON, ANN GODWIN, SARAH HARRIS, CAROL IRVING, AZALIA MOORE, ANITA HITE, DOT HERRON, SANDY BRENT, PAT MILLER, CONSTANCE HAMILTON, PAM FULWIDER, KATHY HENRY, SUSIE DENT, FAITH WEST AND ABIGAIL ALEXANDER.** If anyone wishes to join the group, please contact anyone of the above, or me directly at 662-315-7585.

1st VP Dr. Bryant Boswell has been tasked with finding three experienced, qualified and energetic compatriots to fill the three new Area Director positions, one for North, Central and South MS. These positions will be Executive Board positions responsible for approximately five chapters in each area. Area Directors will be the support person for the Chapters in those areas in an advisory position to work with the Chapter Officers when needed. The National Society position Vice President General would be a good comparison. This position will be a very important position. If interested contact Dr. Bryant Boswell.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Dr. John and Pam Fulwider

- Mississippi Society Leadership Profiles -**Michael Schenk**

Michael P. Schenk, eldest son of the late Dr. and Mrs. C. Perry Schenk (Lola Margaret Gleason) was born and raised in Minnesota. He is married to the former Laura Ann Kearney and together they have three children; Michael (Virginia Neill Dean), John (Susan Elaine Allmon) and Meaghan, as well as grandparents to five grandsons. Interests in genealogy began in high school as a result of his mother's membership in NSDAR NSDAC and NSSDP. He joined the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution his senior year of college.

Michael received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, his BSMI and MSMI from the Medical College of Georgia in 1973/1974. He is a Certified Medical Illustrator. He has received numerous awards for his illustrations and photography and was inducted as a Fellow in the Association of Medical Illustrators in 2002. Mike has held positions at the University of Virginia; the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, where he started a veterinary medical illustration department; the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas as an Assistant Professor in the graduate track of Medical Illustration; and recently retired as Director of Biomedical Illustration Services at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS. Over the course of his career he has created thousands of illustrations in all scientific disciplines and has been published by every major publisher.

He is credited with over six authored/co-authored anatomical atlases and text-

books in multiple editions. He has presented scientific material and exhibited scientific/medical visuals at various national and international venues.

Through his gateways Reverend Peter Bulkeley and William Torrey, both of Massachusetts he is a member of over thirty lineage societies and orders; Michael is a BSA-Eagle Scout and National Order of the Arrow-Vigil Honor member; he has volunteered in Scouting activities as well as other youth based organizations and educational programs over the last 30 years.

His interests besides genealogical research of family members include: topical stamp and coin collecting (ancestors), Celtic and Medieval art/architecture/sculpture, international travel, participation in illustration, scientific and fine art societies. Currently, he has been active in designing of society insignias, certificates and other society marks of identification.

A Genealogy Moment

By Azelia Moore

Members of the SAR often look into the documents of wars and military encounters for records that relate to their ancestors. However, many who search may not identify the multiple wars in which the early settlers engaged. Given the task of naming these encounters, many can identify the Revolutionary War, and then are unable to name the other conflicts. These begin with the Pequot War from 1636 to 1637. This war changed the Native American concept of war from the capture and enslave combat to the killing of the enemy concept that characterized the English warfare. The loss of life on the Long Island Sound began a history of warfare that resulted in so much loss of life that it began an eighty year period of peace in the New England colonies.

Then, King Phillip's War from 1675-1676, erupted into one of the bloodiest wars in American History. This war affected residents on the frontier and the loss of life hindered expansion into the frontiers for many years thereafter. The researcher who loses the ancestor in the tax records and deeds and land grants often needs to search into the military documents that describe these terrible conflicts.