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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We enter a new calendar year with the SAR year ending only weeks from now. Please accept my appreciation for the honor of serving as your Society President for the 2009-10 term. In this year, I have learned two important lessons.

First, the SAR is needed at this critical juncture in our country. The SAR promotes patriotism, without any taint of personal or political agenda. Occasionally, folks approach me with some political cause they feel that the SAR should promote. But the mission of the SAR is simply to relate our people to the American Revolution.

If the general public appreciated the sacrifice and the principles of our founding fathers, our attitude toward all matters American would be filled with more patriotic interest.

Second, the strength of the SAR is in the local chapters. While we appreciate the wonderful programs of the National Society and the cooperative efforts of our Alabama Society, the real outreach into our communities comes by the effort of our chapters. This year, I have enjoyed speaking to our various chapters. For the most part, I am impressed by the local efforts and the sincere devotion of our chapters to the cause and mission of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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ALSSAR convention set for February 26-27 in Birmingham

The Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold its annual convention in Birmingham on Feb. 26-27, 2010, at the Hilton Perimeter Park off of U.S. Highway 280.

The convention will include a special welcome for participants and their guests on Friday, Feb. 26, before holding its business meeting, youth contests and dinner banquet featuring the induction of 2010 state officers on Saturday.

The business meeting will include revised bylaws that will be addressed by state officers. A special outing for the wives will be included in the early afternoon.

On Saturday evening, the banquet will include annual awards presented to compatriots as well as the induction of the 2010 officers.

State convention registration forms are on page 4 of this newsletter and a memorial ad form is on page 5.



—Photo by Nell Gilmer

John Kelsoe, Andy Spann and Bruce Taylor provided a musket salute during the program in Bullock County.

Wiregrass honors North Carolina patriot

The blue skies and cool fall temperatures of late October provided a perfect backdrop for a grave dedication program for Revolutionary War Soldier James Cadenhead in Perote, Bullock County.

“This program represented the fifth grave

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BOM proposes bylaw changes

PROPOSED Constitution and By-Law Changes: At the 3 October Board of Managers meeting, the following changes to the ALSSAR Constitution and By-law were discussed and approved. A motion was made to forward these changes to the Annual Meeting with a recommendation of approval by the general membership. It was felt these changes would improve the general governance of the society and help codify existing procedures. In accordance with the ALSSAR Constitution and By-laws, these proposed changes are presented here for review by the membership:

CONSTITUTION, Article III, Eligibility for Membership

The NSSAR is responsible for establishing the classes of memberships; recent changes by the NSSAR have rendered those in the ALSSAR Constitution outdated. The following represents the currently approved classes of membership.

There shall be the following classes of members:

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Bylaws

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(1) A Regular or Regular Life Member shall be any member of the age of eighteen years and over, excepting those members described in Subsections (2) through (4) of this Paragraph, who meets all the requirements for membership as defined in this Constitution and in the Bylaws of the National Society.

(2) A Youth Registrant shall be a male under the age of eighteen years whose Youth Registrant application has been submitted and approved in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society.

(3) A Youth Life Member shall be a male under the age of eighteen years who has applied for and been admitted to Youth Life Membership and has paid the applicable fee for Life Membership.

(4) A Junior Member is a male under the age of eighteen years who has met the membership requirements of the Sons of the American Revolution. A Junior Member cannot vote or receive *The SAR Magazine* until he attains the age of eighteen years.

(5) A Memorial Membership for a deceased male of the same family as current members, whose application has been submitted and approved in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society.

JUSTIFICATION: These are the current classes of membership recognized by the National Society and taken from the current National Society Handbook.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, Meetings, Sec 1 (current wording)

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of business shall take place on a Saturday within thirty days prior to or following the birth date of George Washington, being the 22nd day of February. The specific date selection shall be made by the President of the Society. The Board of Managers will meet at least two times a year at the call of the Presi-

dent who shall select the date and place of the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Managers or by written request of at least seven (7) members of the Board of Managers.

ADD: At the end of Section 1: **The State Secretary shall provide written notice to board members of the time and place of a Board of Managers meeting not less than thirty days prior to a scheduled meeting and not less than fifteen days prior to a Special Board of Managers meeting. The General Membership shall be notified of the time and place of the annual meeting not less than thirty days prior to the meeting.**

JUSTIFICATION: This addition, by and large, does nothing but codify what is currently done. The one exception is to establish a 15-day notification requirement for a Special Board of Managers meeting. If something has occurred that requires the calling of a Special Board of Managers meeting and immediate action, then certainly a shorter timeframe for notification is warranted. There is currently no mention of a time frame for any notice being provided within the Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, Meetings, Sec 2 (current wording)
SECTION 2. There shall be one delegate at large, one delegate for every fifty members, and one delegate for the remaining twenty-five or more additional members, to represent the Society at the next National Congress of the Society thereafter. In addition there shall be nominated a National Trustee and an Alternate National Trustee to represent the Society at all meetings of the Trustees of the National Society during the following year. The National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee shall be elected and installed in office during the annual National Society Congress.

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Message

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So, in my last article, please allow me to make two requests of you.

First, please work to retrieve all of the dues from each member. While we had asked that you send chapter by Nov. 15, we can receive dues through the first half of January. Remember, your dues payment supports the youth programs and the patriotic efforts of the Alabama Society and the National Society, as well as maintain the operation of the local chapters. I would ask that each chapter make certain to contact each member who has not paid dues for this year.

Second, I would ask that you attend the annual meeting of the Alabama Society to be held Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Hilton Perimeter in Birmingham. At this meeting, we will recognize our youth winners, update our bylaws and elect a new slate of officers. I expect that our vice president, Bruce Pickette, will be elected president. I have supreme confidence in the dedication and high character of Compatriot Pickette. Please come and support our new leaders as the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution moves forward in Alabama.

Please pray for our beloved country in these days. The values of our founders and the principles of our U.S. Constitution are the medicine that our country needs. May God bless the SAR and may God save these United States.

—John H. Killian



—Photo courtesy of John Killian

President speaks to church group

ALSSAR president John Killian was the guest speaker on Nov. 11 at the South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, speaking on his favorite subject, the role of the Scots-Irish in the American Revolution. The speaking engagement was arranged by longtime SAR member Dr. John Ponder, a deacon at South Highland Presbyterian.

Bylaws

DELETE SECTION 2 TOTALLY AND REPLACE WITH:

SECTION 2. At the last meeting of the Board of Managers prior to the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) Past Presidents of the Society who, in the opinion of the President, are active in the affairs of the Society. The President shall strive, in the appointment of the Nominating Committee, for the widest possible geographic distribution of membership on the Committee. The Committee shall be chaired by the most recent Past President who is willing and able to serve. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate a candidate, who shall be a primary member in good standing of the ALSSAR, for each office enumerated in Section 1 Article IV of the Constitution and a member of the Endowment Fund Committee as outlined in Article VI of the Constitution, and to report its nominations to the President and the Secretary in sufficient time for the report to be included in the Notice of the Annual Meeting provided to the general membership. In addition to nominating the state officers, the Nominating Committee shall, in its report, nominate one candidate each for the offices of National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society. The National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee shall be elected and installed in office during the annual National Society Congress.

ADD: as new Section 5: (NO SECTION FIVE CURRENTLY EXISTS)

Section 5: Delegates to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Congress will be elected at the Board of Managers meeting prior to the Annual National Congress. The State Secretary will forward the names of elected delegates to the National Society so that the appropriate credentials can be provided. There shall be one delegate at large, one delegate for every fifty members, and one delegate for the remaining twenty-five or more additional members, to represent the Society at the next National Congress of the Society.

JUSTIFICATION: The change to section 2 allows for much of what is currently done to be codified into the Constitution of the society. It provides that all officers are primary members of the State Society and thus will appear on the ALSSAR roster maintained by national while providing the State President with some degree flexibility in appointing a nominating committee. The new section five incorporates some of the old section 2 while establishing when delegates are elected.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE IV, Removals from Office and Suspension or Expulsion of Members (current wording)

SECTION 1. Any member of the Board of Managers or elected Society officer may be removed therefrom by a vote of two-thirds of those members of the Board of Managers **currently elected thereto**, but only at a special meeting of the Board of Managers called for that purpose.

REMOVE: "currently elected thereto"

INSERT: "Present"

BY-LAW ARTICLE IV, SECTION I, to read: Any member of the Board of Managers or elected Society officer may be removed therefrom by a vote of two-thirds of those members of the Board of Managers **present**, but only at a special meeting of the Board of Managers called for that purpose.

JUSTIFICATION:

Within the ALSSAR Constitution and by-laws there are several references (by-law Article IV, section 2 dealing with expulsion of a member, By-law XXII, dealing with amendments) where the requirement to approve is a vote of two-thirds of those **members present**.

As written By-Law Article IV, Section I, it is in conflict with the ALSSAR Constitution's Article 5, section 4, which indicates a quorum at a Board of Managers meeting, is ten members of the Society in good standing. By definition a quorum is that number needed to conduct business. As written this by-law would indicate that a quorum would be in excess of 50 members and would include two members from each chapter, all state officers, and all past presidents in good standing – a meeting that could never be attained. Given the Constitution takes precedence, this change is needed to bring the by-law into conformity with the ALSSAR Constitution.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE X, The Secretary (current wording)

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society and shall maintain appropriate files. He shall have charge of and maintain all records of the Society, which are not herein expressly placed in the charge of other officers of the Society. On or about January 15 of each year he shall collect from the other officers who keep records, the retained copies of applications for membership and the historical records of the Society and may deposit the same in an appropriate archival institutions approved by the Board of Managers. He shall notify all candidates of their admission to membership in the Society and forward to them their certificates of membership. He shall maintain an accurate roll of membership of the Society and shall as of January 1 of each year, submit the report of membership of the Society to the **Executive Secretary** of the National Society. He shall, under direction of the President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers and shall attend same.

CHANGE: Executive Secretary to **Executive Director: Justification:** the Executive Director is his proper title; there is no executive secretary.

ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THE SECTION: He shall prepare minutes of all society meetings which will be available to members of the Board of Managers not later than forty-five days following the adjournment of the meeting.

JUSTIFICATION: One of the presumed duties of any secretary is the preparation of minutes of all official meetings. However, nowhere in the existing constitution and by-laws is this subject addressed. The minutes represent official guidelines established by the Board of Managers for conducting state business and are essential to the leadership of the society. These need to be completed as soon as possible and provided to the leadership for possible transcription errors, and to provide guidance to the chapters and to committee chairman. The 45-day timeframe was utilized, as this is the standard set by the National Society Headquarters for the filing of National Committee Minutes with the Headquarters.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE XV The Chancellor (current wording)

The Chancellor shall be an attorney at law and it shall be his duty to give his opinion on legal questions affecting the Society when such questions are referred to him by the **proper officers**.

Replace with:

The Chancellor shall be an attorney at law and it shall be his duty to give his opinion on legal questions affecting the Society when such questions are referred to him by the Society President, or the Senior Vice President in those cases where the subject of the inquiry is the Society President. He will review and maintain a copy of all chapter constitutions and by-laws.

JUSTIFICATION: More clearly defines who may request a legal opinion from the society chancellor.



Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
 FEBRUARY 26-27, 2010
 Birmingham, Alabama

The Birmingham Chapter invites all compatriots and their guests to the ALSSAR State Convention, February 26-27, 2010 at the Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park, 8 Perimeter Park South off of Highway 280. A reception will be held Friday evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to give attendees a chance to meet and greet each other. A George Washington Breakfast will be held Saturday morning at 7 a.m. The ALSSAR Business Meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Oration Contest. We are working on some activities for your enjoyment Saturday afternoon. Details will be available in the registration packet you will receive when you arrive.

We have reserved a block of rooms at a special rate of \$99.00 per night (plus tax which is currently 14%) Parking included. You must call **1-800-HILTONS** to make reservations. You must state you are attending the **Alabama Sons of the American Revolution Convention at the Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park South. Hotel reservation deadline is February 5th.** If for some reason you become unable to attend; you may cancel your hotel reservations prior to February 5th without penalty. Make your reservation early to assure you have a room.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT ALL FUNCTIONS.

NAME: _____ **CHAPTER:** _____

OFFICE HELD: _____ **NAME OF GUEST(S):** _____

REGISTRATION FEE:	SAR MEMBERS	_____ x \$30= _____
	AFTER FEB 5th	_____ x \$40= _____
	GUESTS	_____ x \$10= _____
	AFTER FEB 5th	_____ x \$15= _____

GEORGE WASHINGTON BREAKFAST (buffet)

7 a.m. Saturday (open to all) _____ x \$23= _____

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

(Black tie for head table and new officers; others: tuxedo, uniform, or coat and tie; appropriate dress for ladies.)

7 p.m. Saturday _____ x \$39= _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please indicate how many in your party will be attending the Friday night reception: _____

Please mail your registration form along with your check payable to **ALSSAR** to:
 Roger Vaughan, ALSSAR Convention Treasurer, 4201 Clairmont Avenue S., Birmingham,
 AL 35222-3723

In Memory of
Noel Turner, Sr.

Revolutionary Soldier
1764-1837

Great-great-great grandfather of
Howard Murfee Schramm, Jr.
General Galvez Chapter

To help cover a portion of the expenses we will incur in hosting the 2010 ALSSAR State Convention and to help keep the registration fee low, The Birmingham Chapter is soliciting donation for advertisements, memorials and honorariums that will be printed in the convention booklet.

The memorial above is a sample. The sizes and associated donation amounts are as follows:

1/8 page	\$12.50
1/4 page	\$25
1/2 page	\$50
Full Page	\$100

You may want to honor an ancestor or relative who served or is serving in the military. For each advertisement, memorial or honorarium please send camera ready copy if possible, or include the following information:

1. The name of the person you are honoring
2. Military service
3. Member's name
4. Member's relationship to the person
5. You may include other information as space will allow

Last, but not least, please include a check for your total donation, depending on the amount of space you are requesting. **Deadline for donations is January 15, 2009**

Make your check payable to **ALSSAR** and mail to:

Roger Vaughan
ALSSAR Convention Treasurer
4201 Clairmont Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35222-3723



—Photo courtesy of Walter Dorsey

Richard Henry Lee adds two compatriots

Two new members were inducted into the Richard Henry Lee chapter by past ALSSAR president Larry Cornwell, center, at a Oct. 23 chapter meeting. The new members are James Judson Miller, a son-in-law of Cornwell, left, and James Armin Naismith.

Meeting an ancestor face to face

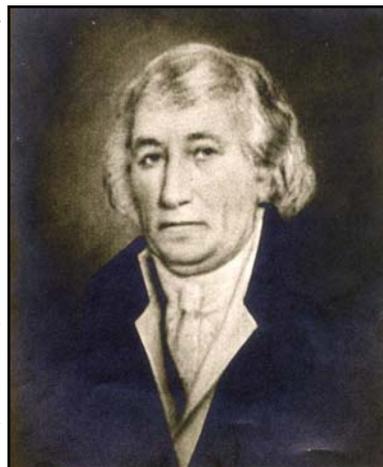
Each of us knows the name of our patriot ancestor(s) and some general information about who they were and the service each provided in the establishment of our nation. If we are fortunate, and our ancestor was famous, a great deal of information is probably available.

In most cases, however, our patriot ancestors were hard working farmers, small business owners, or maybe a seafaring man who all had a desire for freedom. Little is known about them let alone what they might have looked like.

John Kelsoe and Andy Spann (cousins in the Wiregrass chapter) were in this position concerning their ancestor, Charles Spann.

Recently, Larry Cornwell put an Ohio compatriot who also had Charles Spann as an ancestor in contact with John Kelsoe. To John's total amazement, the Ohio compatriot supplied a picture of an oil painting of Charles Spann (1753-1844).

Spann served as a private for both North and South Carolina and is credited with also providing public service. Certainly this is a "find" that most of us can only dream about!



CHARLES SPANN

Patriot

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marking undertaken by the chapter in the past six years," said Wiregrass chapter president Dr. Jack Oden. "The chapter has set a goal of marking at least one grave a year, as several other Revolutionary War soldiers are known to be buried in the Wiregrass area of the state."

Records indicate that Cadenhead fought with the North Carolina militia but eventually moved to Georgia and then into what was then Pike County. He is listed on the 1840 county census as being 98 years old and a veteran.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance including a large number of descendants with some coming as far as Naples, Fla., and west Georgia.

In addition to floral presentations from local SAR and DAR chapters, the SAR chapter in Mecklenburg County, N.C., along with a Virginia DAR chapter presented wreaths.

ALSSAR vice-president Bruce Pickette brought greetings from the State Society and presented the state wreath while former ALSSAR president Larry Cornwell joined the local color guard and boy scouts in posting the colors. Bottled water labeled with the SAR logo along with the name of the patriot, date and location was provided to attendees courtesy of a 3rd great-grandson.

Dr. Kenneth Cadenhead, retired Auburn University professor and co-author of the book, *Southern Cadenheads*, provided a short family history during the event.

Following the program a reception was held in the home of Mack and Sarah Hixon. Mack is on the cemetery board where the grave dedication was held, and his great-grandfather provided some of the land for the present day Perote cemetery.

—John Wallace

Updating Your Web Site Information

Some chapters have their own Web site and links to them are provided on www.alsar.org. However, whether the site is only on www.alsar.org or separately maintained, key chapter information needs to be kept up-to-date.

This includes a list of at least the primary officers and the dates, times and locations of chapter meetings. Chapters are best served when they submit complete (whole) replacement documents for posting, rather than send single changes to the Webmaster, Compatriot Ron Diamond (magicdiamond@mac.com).

Compatriot Diamond is then able to easily post the document on a one-for-one basis. In addition to sending notice to the State Secretary and President, chapters should specially ensure changes are submitted to Compatriot Diamond after the installation of new officers. Also, all members may establish a user ID and password on the redesigned NSSAR Web site at www.sar.org.

BOM approves 2010 budget, endorses national officers

A total of 29 compatriots attended the fall meeting of the ALSAR Board of Managers in October at the MAX Federal Credit Union building in Montgomery.

During the meeting, ALSSAR secretary Bob Thomas announced to President John Killian that he would be resigning his position immediately for personal reasons. Killian asked vice-president Bruce Pickette to keep the minutes of the meeting and later appointed John Wallace to complete the term.

The registrar, compatriot Ron Bearden, noted his report in the BOM book. In discussing the "Center Check" issue, he noted the outcome of votes, challenges to policy, and Blue Ribbon panels was that there would be no change in current policy; the SAR will NOT accept applications based upon "Center Checked" DAR Record Copies. However, there will be some "grandmothering" allowing admission of sons, grandsons, nephews, etc., of DAR members based upon their DAR Record Copy, provided the record copy is NOT "Center Checked." This will be the same as the current SAR policy which allows for sons, grandsons, nephews, etc. of SAR members to become members based upon an existing SAR Record Copy. The lineage or service of the Patriot cannot be in question by either the SAR or DAR. Basically, this is for new applicants who are using older record copies which are not well documented.

Compatriot Tony Neathery, chairman of the ROTC-JROTC committee, stated that several JROTC High School programs are not covered by the ALSSAR and requested chapters complete a questionnaire that he will have in their package to be handed out at the state convention.

Compatriot John Bryan, chairman of the American History Teacher of the Year committee, requested chapters fax information about the contest to their local school boards.

Compatriot Bruce Pickette, chairman of the Americanism committee, noted the theme for this year's Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest is "The Battle of Bunker Hill."

Compatriot Johnny Curry of the American Village thanked the ALSSAR for its support on Memorial Day and at July 4 activities. He noted this July 4 will be the 10th anniversary of the Village and that a 9-foot reproduction of the Landsdowne portrait of George Washington will be hung in the new ballroom.

Compatriot Curry reported that burials at the new National Cemetery began on June 24 and there are 124 veterans now buried there.

Compatriot Jim Wardlaw of the Public Services and Heroism committee, said he had sent a letter to all chapters requesting he be informed of recognitions given but he had had no response. He remarked that the Gen. Galvez chapter recognizes local citizens at all opportunities and surely some chapters have awarded medals or certificates to report.

President Killian recognized ladies auxiliary president Abby Alexander who requested the ladies in the chapters put together a basket to be used as door prizes at the state convention in Birmingham. She reported that the auxiliary had presented a \$250 check to add to their donation to the Center of Advancing America's Heritage.



—Photo courtesy of Bruce Pickette

Ladies auxiliary president Abby Alexander, right, presents a plaque to former president Leanne Cornwell at BOM meeting in October.

Compatriot Rod Hildreth presented the 2010 budget forecast and stated his opinion that every time national or state dues and fees are raised the result is a loss of membership. The attendees voted to change some of the recommendations of the committee. The budget forecast was unanimously accepted. The final forecast included \$509 designated as a "contingency fund."

President Killian asked compatriot Johnny Curry for an update on the "Revolutionary War in Alabama" brochure that the committee has been working on. Curry presented a "mock-up" of a proposal for one side of the brochure which can be also used as a school classroom poster that could be distributed to schools near each SAR chapter. Anyone with suggestions for the brochure should contact one of the committee members.

Compatriot Pickette explained there were several changes to both the Constitution and By-Laws proposed by the appointed committee, chaired by Wallace. Those changes approved by the BOM were to be forwarded to the general membership to be voted upon during the annual meeting. Those changes are included in this newsletter.

As a result of discussions during the business of the 2010 budget forecast, compatriot Lee Swart moved the ALSASR donate \$250 for a flag pole on the Avenue of Flags being constructed at the Alabama National Cemetery located next to the American Village. Donations to the Flag Pole Project should be mailed to the Cemetery Support Committee, Alabama National Cemetery, P. O. Box 648, Montevallo, Alabama 35115.

The Board of Managers also voted to endorse all unopposed candidates for national office, as well as Joe Dooley as Genealogist General.

--Bruce Pickette

ALSSAR aids in Veterans Day celebration

The Birmingham National Veterans Day observance was another rousing success, with approximately 800 people attending the award dinner on Nov. 10.

ALSSAR compatriots enthusiastically lend their support to the event, with Cahaba-Coosa compatriots John Walker and Glenn Nivens leading the charge.

The 62nd annual event included the dinner at Boutwell Auditorium, a memorial service at Cathedral Church of the Advent, a World Peace luncheon at Boutwell and the Veterans Day parade in downtown Birmingham.

The annual National Veterans Award was presented to Admiral Frank B. Kelso II, chief of naval operations, U.S. Navy-Retired.

The guest speaker for the World Peace luncheon was Judson E. Bennett Jr., director of the National Museum of the United States Army. The guest speaker for the awards dinner was Thomas J. Tradewell, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Birmingham event is considered one of the finest — and largest — in America and organizers are hoping the ALSSAR will provide an event coordinator to assist in the ALSSAR's involvement and support of the event. If you are interested in serving in that role, contact ALSSAR vice-president Bruce Pickette or Cahaba-Coosa compatriot Glenn Nivens.



—Photos by Jessi Bowling

ALSSAR compatriots attending the Veterans Day celebration included, from left, ALSSAR vice-president Bruce Pickette, Black Warrior chapter president John Graham and Cahaba-Coosa compatriots John Walker and Glenn Nivens.

Gen. Galvez nominates 2010 officers at November meeting

The November meeting of Gen. Galvez Chapter was held at Ryan's Steak House in Spanish Fort on Nov. 12 and the guest speaker was ALSSAR vice-president Bruce Pickette.

President Stan Virden welcomed back Troy Smith and George Kirchoff, who previously were members of the chapter and renewed their membership for 2010. Leroy McGaughy reported that the 2010 SAR dues were coming in well, with 50 of the current 54 members renewing their membership at the date of this meeting.

Compatriot Harold Wells reminded the members that he would accept any Christmas gifts they had ready for the Vets at the Bay Minette Veterans Home and deliver them.

John Goss announced that the recognition ceremony for Deonte Albert was held on Oct. 29 at his school Calloway-Smith Middle School. Albert, 13, was awarded the SAR Outstanding Citizenship pin and certificate for defending a woman being mistreated, which resulted in Deonte being stabbed by her assailant.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

ALSSAR vice-president Bruce Pickette was the guest speaker at the Gen. Galvez November meeting.

Virden reminded the members that the annual installation banquet for 2010 officers will be held Jan. 16 at the Heron Lakes Country Club, where ALSSAR president John Killian will officially install the officers.

Richard Britton, chairman of the Nomi-

nating Committee, placed the 2010 slate before the chapter: Clarence "Art" Dillman, president; Wayne Ervin Sirmon, vice-president; Leroy McGaughy, secretary-treasurer; Howard Schramm and Price Legg, elected members of the BOM; Stan Virden, nominating committee; and Mack Matthews, auditing committee. The motion was made by Burt Blackmon and seconded by Jim Wardlaw to accept the nominating committee's slate of officers.

Pickette spoke on the Battle of Kettle Creek. His talk centered on the Revolutionary War battle that took place near the town of Washington, Ga. He noted that even though the British had the larger force, they were routed by the smaller Patriot assembly which was a combination of three small bands. His talk was enjoyed by all present.

Price Legg announced an opportunity for the SAR to participate in the Baldwin County Bicentennial Veterans Appreciation Day on Nov. 21 at the Baldwin County Coliseum in Robertsedale.

—Mike Glass

Montgomery chapter installs officers at winter banquet

The Gen. Richard Montgomery and Gen. John Archer Elmore chapters combined forces to hold their winter banquet and install 2010 officers at the Montgomery Country Club on Dec. 8.

The highlight of the annual meeting was a presentation by ALSSAR president John Killian.

Killian praised the community efforts of the Montgomery and Prattville chapters and others throughout the state, observing “you’re causing the citizens of this country to realize they are stakeholders in what made this country. Patriotism rises above politics, but what we need to do is remind people of where we come from.”

The chapters presented Jordan Halloran, a 4.0 grade-point student at Marbury High, with the Eagle Scout Award.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Color Guard members Jack Caraway, Larry Cornwell, Mike McCreedy and Dick Wells. A Meritorious Service medal was presented to Justin Rojek for organizing a Memorial Day service at his church and a Bronze Good Citizenship medal was presented to long-time treasurer George Gayle, who has been an officer in the Richard Montgomery chapter for 13 years and attended 150 consecutive meetings.

The Sustained Superior Performance Award was presented to Cornwell, the winner of the NSSAR Florence Kendall Award.



—Photos courtesy of Bruce Pickette

Montgomery officers are installed, above, after outgoing president Stan Phillips presents Eagle Scout Award to Jordan Halloran, below.

Richard Montgomery officers for 2010 are Richard Erickson, president; Walter Stevenson, vice president; Rich Hobson, secretary; George Gayle, treasurer; Larry Cornwell, registrar; Kenneth Mahan, genealogist; Brad Sanders, chaplain; Ron Davis, sergeant-at-arms; and Justin Rojek, historian.

John A. Elmore officers for 2010 are Bill Stone, president; Benny Harris, vice president; Prentiss Booth, secretary; Alfred Booth, treasurer; Larry Cornwell, registrar; William Branch, chaplain; and Billy Wayne Spears, sergeant-at-arms.



—Photo courtesy of Dr. Jack Oden

Wiregrass chapter installs 2010 officers

The Wiregrass chapter recently installed its officers for 2010, from left: president John Kelsoe, historian Charles Dye, vice-president Marvin Vickers, treasurer John Ray Fuller, secretary Jim Gilmer and chaplain Rex Everage. Not pictured are sergeant-at-arms Perry Vickers and registrar John Wallace. Wallace, who installed the officers in his role as ALSSAR secretary, received a gift (above, right) from outgoing president Dr. Jack Oden for his exceptional service to the chapter over the last 10 years.

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New addresses to send in your chapter's news for newsletter

Please submit any information about your chapter's activities or upcoming events concerning your chapter by March 10 to Tim Gayle at 3104 Cabot Street, Montgomery, AL 36110, or you can send photos or stories via e-mail to timgayle@gmail.com.

Congressman Bobby Bright special guest at Tri-State meeting

The Tri-State chapter had a special guest at a recent meeting attended by DAR and SAR members from Florida and Alabama.

U.S. Congressman Bobby Bright, a member of the Richard Montgomery chapter, was presented with a grammar school yearbook from the school attended by his brothers and sister.

Bright is from Echo and Tri-State chapter president Jerome Richardson's father was principal of the Echo school. Congressman Bright moved before he could attend the school.

The meeting included members of the Dunaway chapter in Marianna, Fla., including chapter president Kenny Dunaway, as well as members of the Tri-State chapter.

—Mark Steetle



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Congressman Bobby Bright with compatriot Kenny Dunaway, far left, Tri-State president Jerome Richardson, second from left, and Tri-State compatriot Mark Steetle, far right, at recent Tri-State gathering.