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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,
This spring and early summer has gone quickly. We have had some good times and some sad times. After our convention, Kay and I attended the Alabama CAR State Conference at American Village in Montevallo where I brought greetings from the Alabama Society.

It was thrilling and refreshing to see our youth conducting a state meeting, electing officers and carrying on the meeting. After watching these young people in action, I can say that the future of our country is in good hands. Chapter presidents, be sure to get your CAR kids involved with our youth programs.

The next weekend found us at Spring National Leadership in Louisville where we had a chance to visit old friends and make new ones. As I have said before, the hard work and active participation of our Alabama compatriots have cemented our reputation at the national level such that it is known that if you need to get something done, Alabama delivers. Our compatriots serve at all levels at National from committee members to our own Bruce Pickette, who is our NSSAR Registrar General.

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Spring BOM encourages brochure distribution, revisits convention site

The spring Board of Managers meeting was held on May 12 at the American Village in Montevallo with a focus on serving the state's youth through the distribution of Revolutionary War brochures and by partnering with other youth-oriented organizations.

The historical brochure, a focal point for the past several years, received a boost last year with funding from the Alabama Tourism Department and the NSSAR's George Washington Endowment Fund. ALSSAR past president Fred Olive had 10 boxes of 750 brochures each available for distribution and de-

scribed how 50,000 brochures had been printed and distributed to the tourism department, the American Village, the Catalyst Association Museum in Montgomery and the state's Welcome Centers.

ALSSAR past president Jim Maples suggested the use of foam board for chapters to mount the brochures and distribute them to schools. ALSAR president Bob Anderson encouraged all attendees to distribute the brochures to schools that participate in SAR youth activities.

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HAROLD E. (HAL) THORNTON — July 6, 1938-April 26, 2018



ALSSAR mourns loss of Hal Thornton

SAR officials gathered on what would have been Hal Thornton's 80th birthday in Huntsville to celebrate the life of the immediate past president who passed away on April 26 at his home in Crane Hill.

Harold E. Thornton was a strong supporter of the Color Guard and the SAR youth programs. Whenever there was a call for the Color Guard to present the colors at a grave marking ceremony, a veteran's event or any other

event or to give a program at a school, you could count on Hal being there.

He was born in Plainview, Texas on July 6, 1938. He was a graduate of Plainview

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During Leadership, our own Dr. David Billings of the Tennessee Valley Chapter was honored by being selected as a Minuteman. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a compatriot. Only six are chosen each year. Congratulations Dr. Billings. We are ALABAMA STRONG!

After Leadership, we had the pleasure to attend the Mississippi State Convention in Olive Branch. It is always interesting to see how other states operate. Then, barely two weeks later, we attended the Tennessee Convention. There we saw Colin Wakefield nominated as the candidate for the Southern District Vice President General. Colin is a dual member of both Tennessee and Alabama. From there, it was on to the Louisiana Convention in Baton Rouge. As you can tell, we have been on the road quite a bit.

In March, it was my pleasure to give a presentation to the Birmingham chapter. It was a fun meeting and the chapter is moving in the right direction.

In early April I had the opportunity to give a presentation on "The Forgotten Presidents" to the Decatur Rotary Club. There were almost 100 people present and I had many comments about how they were never taught this in school. Also in April, it was my pleasure to attend a meeting of the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter and give a presentation on "The Battle of Blackstock's Plantation and is a dynamite chapter! They are going and growing.

Unfortunately, April also brought us a great shock and sad times when we were notified of the passing of past president Hal Thornton. Hal was a good friend, mentor and just plain fun to be around. He will be sorely missed by all of us. Please keep his family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

In May, we held our Board of Managers meeting at the American Village in Montevallo. All compatriots of the Alabama Society are invited to the Board of Managers meetings. You need to come to one of these and see how your Society does its work. During this meeting we discussed several pieces of business. We have printed 50,000 new copies of our Alabama Revolutionary War brochures thanks to several grants. These brochures are being distributed to Welcome Centers across Alabama and we are going to get them in as many schools as we can. If your chapter has a need for some of these brochures let me or Dr. Fred Olive know and we will get them to you. We also looked at our immediate past state convention for lessons learned. Unfortunately, we lost money on this convention. We need more attendees and we need for chapters to get active and help sell ads for our convention book. I know we can do better and it is not too early to plan for the upcoming convention in February. We also elected our delegates to the national Congress to be held in July in Houston, Texas. It will be my honor to lead the ALSSAR delegation at this Congress.

In June I had the pleasure to attend the Montgomery Region DAR Regents Luncheon and bring greetings from the Alabama Society. It is always a pleasure to work with the ladies. Chapter presidents, use your local DAR Chapters to get contacts for new members.

It is almost time to hit the road for Houston. Stay safe, stay active, stay happy and may God Bless the Alabama Society, each of you and the United States of America.

—Bob Anderson

ALSSAR Endowment Fund receives grant

The ALSSAR Endowment Fund Committee recently received notice that the Julian T. Turner Charitable Trust made a \$7,430 donation to the State Society's Endowment Fund.

The Julian T. Turner Charitable Trust is an independent foundation with the goal of "giving to assist and promote the well-being of the inhabitants of Alabama."

This donation would not have been possible without the assistance of ALSSAR vice president Edmon McKinley who presented the needs of the Alabama Society to the trustees of this charitable trust.

This is the second grant from a charitable trust that has been made to the ALSSAR Endowment Fund in as many years.

Last year the Thomas L. Turner Charitable Trust made a \$10,000 donation to our endowment fund. The support of outside charitable trust organizations reflects a great deal of credit upon the Alabama Society and its goal of educating the youth of the state on the patriotic principles of our patriot ancestors.

Without a doubt state youth activities are among the highest priorities of our state society.

Our society's endowment fund was established to help generate income to support the monetary awards made by the Alabama Society to winners of the various state youth awards. As the value of the endowment fund grows, so do the funds which will be available to support our awards.

These types of awards to the young people of Alabama cannot be supported or increased by dues/fees receipts alone but depend a great deal on a steady stream of revenue from the Endowment Fund.

Several chapters as well as individual members have made contributions to our endowment fund. The state web site provides detailed information on how donations can be made (even via a credit card) to the State Endowment Fund held by the Community Foundation of South Alabama.

Also, this becomes an excellent way to memorialize deceased members and/or friends. When financial contributions to the endowment are made in honor of an individual, the family will be notified of the donation. All donations are gifts that keep on giving as only earnings from the endowment fund are used to help support our youth awards.

The principal is not touched so donations made by a member, chapter or in remembrance of a departed compatriot or friend will continue to generate income for our youth programs through time. The recent charitable trust donation places the value of the ALSSAR Endowment Fund at approximately \$53 – \$ 54,000.

—John Wallace



—Photo courtesy of T. Joseph Hardesty

NSSAR Library grateful for donation

There are several new additions to the SAR Genealogical Research Library, purchased through a financial contribution from the Alabama Society. On behalf of NSSAR Librarian General Doug Collins and the visitors of the SAR Genealogical Research Library, library director Joseph Hardesty sent a note to the Alabama Society expressing his feelings. “I wish to express my sincere thanks for your recent financial contribution to the NSSAR Library,” Hardesty said. “As you see in the attached photo, I have ordered and we have received several new additions to the Library thus helping to make this a truly outstanding collection. Thank you very much! Long live the ALSSAR!”

Spanish, French came to value American cause

Brothers in Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved It. **By Larrie D. Ferreiro.** New York: *W.W. Norton & Company, 2016.*

While a number of fine histories of the American Revolution west of the colonies in rebellion exists, “Brothers in Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved it” broadens the conflict to the east explaining the diplomacy which led to financial aid and, eventually, military cooperation by France and Spain to secure independence for the thirteen colonies. While the French and the Spanish desired revenge on the British Empire for defeats in The War of Austrian Succession and the Seven Years War, other motives moved the Empires ruled by cousins of the Bourbon family.

Plenty of educated Frenchmen admired American colonial calls for liberty and republicanism. The nobility, however, frowned on the revolutionary virtues as encumbrances, hoping only to regain lost status. The Spanish wished to recover Gibraltar and disrupt British interests in Central America while protecting their colonies of Louisiana and Mexico on the Gulf Coast.

Even so, the Spanish furnished material aid to the rebels well before the even-

tual alliance with France and the declaration of war against England. During Willing’s Raid down the Mississippi River, the new governor of Louisiana, Bernardo de Galvez turned a blind eye to the depredations of Willing’s Independent Company of Marines. Military equipment went to George Rogers Clark’s invasion of the Illinois country. When Spain finally declared war Galvez, commanding a highly mobile force, cleaned the British off the Mississippi River, reinforced St. Louis’s garrison against a British advance, and finally, in early 1780, took Mobile. With assistance from Havana, Galvez successfully campaigned against the British capitol of West Florida, Pensacola which surrendered in May of 1781.

French soldiers of fortune, seeking money and glory, pled with American diplomats in Paris for commissions in the Continental Army. While many of these foreign officers caused difficulties, the Marquis de Lafayette and “Baron” Frederick von Steuben proved their worth in different ways. Lafayette was a creature of the French enlightenment and absorbed republicanism and the idea that people could be self-governing. He proved to be valuable in raising funds and promoting the American cause to the French government. In addition, he became a fine combat commander. Von

Steuben, who spoke little English, served as Washington’s inspector general and devised a system to make the Continental Army a professional fighting force, capable of standing up to the best of the British army. In addition, French engineering officers constructed fortifications and siege works. The French navy ensured the victory at Yorktown coupled with direct military assistance from a French army. Ferreiro convincingly argues that the United States could not have achieved independence without assistance from France and Spain. But those diplomats, soldiers, and sailors of France and Spain acted in the interest of their countries. Many of them came to value the American cause.

Despite the incredible research—linking the War with conflicts in India and Africa where French and English soldiers fought—there are several areas which might be difficult for the general reader. Documentation is not by footnote or endnote but listed by page. The organization is not chronological but topical meaning that time appears to repeat itself as chapter contents change. These criticisms should not bother the reader who values new insights and sources of information as well as excellent, narrative writing.

—Bob England
Alabama Society Historian

In Memory...

The Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter recently lost one of its longtime compatriots when Dr. Jack Hataway passed away after an extended illness on May 4 at the age of 69.

CLIFFORD JACKSON HATAWAY was born on March 11, 1949 in Troy. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout and attended the University of Alabama, where he was a member of Theta Xi fraternity.

He worked as the director of Chronic Disease Prevention at the Alabama Department of Public Health from 1990-2011. Prior to that, he attended and worked at the University of Ala-

bama Birmingham School of Medicine.

He also served in the Air Force Reserve for 20 years and retired with the rank of colonel.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Heidi, his daughters Elizabeth Address Hataway Veres (John) and Ann Louise Hataway, his son Clifford Jackson Hataway Jr. (Michelle), his grandson Clifford Jackson Hataway III, his brother Mack Hataway (Linda) and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held on May 8 at First United Methodist Church.

Clifford Jackson Hataway

Chapter posthumously inducts, awards compatriot

Tennessee Valley chapter compatriots were excited about the planned induction of new member Danny Faulk at the chapter's May meeting.

When Faulk unexpectedly passed away in April, the chapter went ahead with its induction ceremony by presenting the membership certificate to his daughter.

Faulk, a longtime resident of Paragould, Ark., had recently relocated to Huntsville to be near his family. He passed away on April 21 while resting at the Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Care, which had followed a short illness due to complications from a previous bout with cancer.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Faulk served with honor as an officer with the Army's 11th Armored Cavalry where he earned the Bronze Star twice and the Purple Heart twice.

A graduate of Arkansas State University, he was a member of the Eta Gamma

chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Baptized into the congregation of Saint Stephens Episcopal Church in 2016, Danny was very active in his church and with his local veterans group.

There were two services held to honor his life, one at Saint Stephens in Huntsville on April 26 and another on April 28 at the Heath Memorial Funeral Home in his hometown of Paragould.

Faulk was survived by his brother Gaylon Faulk, daughter Hallie McOlgan, son-in-law Dave McOlgan and his beloved grandson Manny.

After his death, the chapter invited his daughter Hallie to the May meeting, where she was presented with his membership certificate and an SAR War Service Medal and certificate for his service in Vietnam by chapter veterans' recognition chairman Bob Doherty.

—Bob Doherty



—Photo courtesy of Bob Doherty

Hallie McOlgan receives her father's membership certificate from Bob Doherty at May chapter meeting.



—Photo by Tim Gayle

ALSSAR past president Fred Olive, left, installs officers, from left: Bill Rozier, Henry Smith, Pete Morgan, Bob Folsom, outgoing president Rev. Jeff Coker, Sammy Howell, John Gruenwald and Ed Wilson.

Cheaha chapter installs new officers for 2018-19

The Cheaha chapter installed their new officers for 2018-2019 at their annual luncheon at Classic on Noble in Anniston on May 9.

The officers were installed by Fred Olive, ALSSAR past president, who also spoke on “Mapping Alabama and Our Revolutionary Patriots.”

Outgoing chapter president Jefferson Coker also installed the chapter’s newest members, Mike Hayes and Vic Chandler.

The chapter officers for 2018-2019 are:
 President — William Houston Rozier
 Vice President — James Henry Smith III
 Secretary — Robert Bartlett Folsom Jr.
 Treasurer — William Houston Rozier
 Registrar — Herbert “Pete” Morgan
 Genealogist — Charles Samuel Howell
 Chaplain — Rev. Robert Jefferson Coker
 Historian — Luther Edward Wilson
 Chancellor — Robert Bartlett Folsom Jr.
 Sergeant-At-Arms — John Marshall Gruenwald

The guest speaker at the chapter’s April meeting was ALSSAR past president Bobby Joe Seales, an Alabama Bicentennial Ambassador. Seales presented an excellent program on Alabama’s upcoming bicentennial. You can find more info on it at <http://www.alabama200.org>.

—William Rozier



—Photo courtesy of William Rozier

New Cheaha compatriots Mike Hayes, left, and Vic Chandler, center, with ALSSAR past president Dr. Fred Olive.

Cahaba-Coosa compatriot graduates from Naval Academy

Ensign David A. Sessamen, a member of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter, graduated from the United States Naval Academy on May 25 and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Sessamen successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training to earn a bachelor's degree in cyber operations.

In addition to the core curriculum, Naval Academy graduates also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a degree in a choice of 26 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of service as commissioned officers.

President Donald Trump delivered the commencement address to the 2018 Naval Academy graduating class, the first appearance at the ceremony by a president since 2013.

The 1,042 graduates and the crowd of approximately 30,000 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md., listened as the president praised the graduating class as well as the country's military.

"Four years ago, each of you made the most important decision in your lives," he said. "You chose the path of hard work, sweat and sacrifice. You chose the life of honor, courage and commitment. You chose to serve the nation and defend our great American flag.

"You are now leaders in the most powerful and righteous force on the face of the planet — the United States military. And we are respected again, I can tell you that."

Among those on hand for the ceremony were Cahaba-Coosa compatriot Harry Sessamen and his wife Leah, who pinned on their son's rank after the ceremony.

Sessamen is a 2014 graduate of Spain Park High School.



—Photos courtesy of Bruce Kilgore

Cahaba-Coosa compatriot David Sessamen receives a congratulatory handshake from the president, above; and gets his rank pinned on by his parents, below.





—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

Wiregrass inducts compatriot
At the May meeting of the Wiregrass chapter, Travis Parker Jr. (left) was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution and the Wiregrass chapter based on his descent from Col. Edward Hampton, S.C. Hampton was killed in October, 1781 by “Bloody Bill” Cunningham and loyalists who had surrounded the family home. Cunningham was an American loyalist infamous for perpetrating a series of bloody massacres in South Carolina’s back country in the fall of 1781 as commander of a Tory militia regiment. Parker is pictured receiving his membership certificate from Wiregrass chapter president Marvin Vickers.

—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

Wiregrass speaker

ALSSAR vice president Edmon McKinley was the guest speaker at the June meeting of the Wiregrass chapter and brought members up to date on actions taken at the recent Board of Managers meeting. This was the vice president’s first visit to the chapter and provided him an opportunity to meet numerous SAR members and their wives. Following the presentation, McKinley (left) was presented a certificate of appreciation by Wiregrass chapter president Marvin Vickers (right).



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ALSSAR secretary Jim Griffith presented information on the Huntsville-based Liberty's Legacy/Liberty's Learning, an organization that focuses on creating quality citizens through education of American History in grades K-8.

The Tennessee Valley chapter is exploring ideas of how to partner with Liberty's Legacy to enhance participation in SAR youth programs, removing the challenge of getting the schools to partner with the ALSSAR and instead working with Liberty's Legacy, which provides classroom materials and instructions to the schools.

Another topic of the BOM was the financial loss suffered at the ALSSAR state convention in Prattville. The BOM made a decision in 2017 to hold the convention at a centralized location and settled on Prattville. Previously, the state convention had been held at the site of the current president's chapter. The experiment of holding the convention at a centralized location took a double financial hit as fewer compatriots attended the event and the annual program failed to sell enough advertisements to make it profitable.

While no decision was made, the members listened to the idea of moving it to the Hoover Embassy Suites, where it was held several years ago at a lower rate, and Anderson encouraged the compatriots to do a better job in selling ads for this year's convention program to bring the program up to the level of surrounding states.

Bylaws concerning the George Washington Endowment Fund were tabled for updates and were not ready for review at the spring meeting. The bylaws should be ready for approval at the fall BOM meeting on Oct. 6.

Cahaba-Coosa chapter president Bruce Kilgore made a presentation on the David Lindsey grave revitalization project that unites the ALSSAR, the DAR and a 17-year-old Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project. A historic information sign will be erected that contains both the logos of the SAR and DAR. The Boy Scout has raised more than \$3,000 for the project, which is 95 percent funded by the Eagle Scout candidate and the DAR.

The project includes new fencing and a new historic sign at the grave site as well as some landscaping work. Upon completion of the project, they are going to have a celebration at the American Village. Kilgore asked for and received \$1,000 from ALSSAR to update the sign partner with the DAR. Anderson will work with George Washington Endowment Fund on this project as well.

The BOM also approved the Alabama delegation for the upcoming Congress in Houston that starts July 13. Alabama is authorized to have 24 delegates but only eight stepped forward at the BOM — Anderson, vice president Edmon

McKinley, secretary Bruce Buehler, past presidents Bill Stone, Olive and Dave Billings, Don Robertson and Bob Jones.

The members of the ALSSAR ladies auxiliary were present for the meeting and Donna Wells presented Iris Hannah, who joined the organization that day, with her pin and embroidered bag, then presented Anderson with a check for \$200.

Anderson gave special recognition to the American Village for hosting the event and presented a check to Pete Walker as a donation to the American Village from the Alabama Society.

In another matter, Anderson started a discussion that followed the chancellor's research around live fire events and concluded the ALSSAR is under a "no fire order." Anderson noted our liability insurance will not cover live fire events in any way. National has changed the rules for live firing and it will impact everyone across the country. National stated that you have to have liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000 and that national has to be part of that liability insurance. There is also a list of new safety rules which are forthcoming, but have not currently been released.

In addition, anyone who participates in a live fire event has to be certified to participate in a live fire event by either the Live Fire Association or the National Park Service. Also, every event would have to have a safety person present to ensure that all safety rules are being followed. Anderson also stated that if we have another organization shoot at one of our events, then we are liable. The VFW and the American Legion carry insurance.

Richard Wells asked questions about live firing at a DAR event. If SAR attends a DAR event and someone else (non-SAR organization) is performing a live fire at the DAR event, then we have no liability associated with that as just attendees. This was confirmed by McKinley.

In old business, Maples joined Anderson up front to present some awards to individuals who were not on hand to receive them at the ALSSAR state convention. The following were recognized: J.W. Posey, Glen Nivens (who resigned as the Blue Star liaison as his health is not good. Don Robertson will take over responsibilities as the Blue Star liaison), Ken Brown, Jack Carraway, John Cheney and Harold Beaty.

Kilgore and Anderson presented additional chapter awards. The Americanism Award was presented to the Tennessee Valley chapter. Cahaba-Coosa was given the Americanism Award for chapters with less than 100 members, while the Black Warrior River chapter received the award for members less than 50.

Thornton

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High School and Baylor University (BA) and also Golden Gate University (MBA). He was a dedicated patriot who proudly served his country for 23 years in the



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

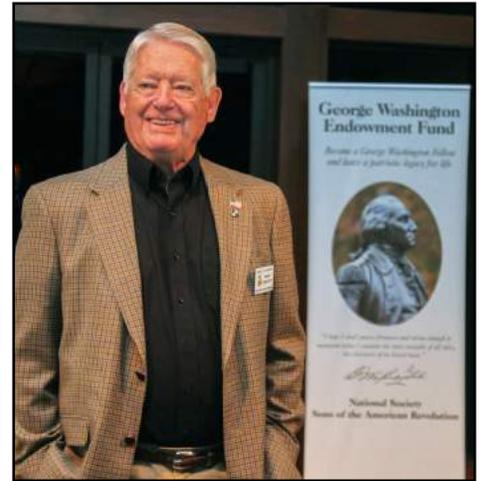
Thornton at grave-marking ceremony.

United States Army. Hal enjoyed genealogy, traveling, Sons of the American Revolution and most of all his family — his wife of 30 years, Beverly; children Shawn Thornton, Jason Thornton, Dee-dee Coley, Bruce Townsend and Russel Townsend; their spouses; grandchildren Karenina Coley, Justin Coley, Tyler Thornton, Daniel Thornton, Kevin Thornton, Layne Thornton and Jesse Coley; and great-grandchildren Adeline Thornton and Jackson Thornton.

A Celebration of Life with Rev. Coy Hallmark officiating was held on July 6 at First United Methodist Church in downtown Huntsville.

Current NSSAR President General Larry Guzy, President General Steve Leishman (2012-13), Secretary General Warren Alter and Vice-President General Tony Vets were among the distinguished guests, along with ALSSAR past president and NSSAR Registrar General Bruce Pickette.

Others dignitaries included ALSSAR president Bob Anderson, Executive Committee member Rick Hollis, Tennessee State President Johnny Head and Alabama DAR State Regent Tammy Clemons, along with many friends, SAR



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

Thornton was a tireless promoter of ALSSAR events.

members, and ALSSAR past presidents.

It was a very moving tribute to Hal's life with family members Shawn Thornton, Tyler Thornton, Secretary General Warren Alter, ALSSAR past president David Billings and ALSSAR president Bob Anderson sharing their thoughts about Hal.

Galvez compatriot educates chapter on Constitution

Gen. Galvez compatriot Art Dillman was the chapter's speaker at its April meeting at the Bass Pro Shop.

Dillman is a retired US Army Warrant Officer (Electronics) who also served eight years in the U.S. Air Force and six years in the USNR as a computer maintenance technician.

After leaving the Air Force he worked as a digital interface technician for NASA, taught electronics for two years and worked as a field engineer in Scientific Instrument repair and as a laboratory information management trainer for more than 30 years. After retiring, he worked for five years as a volunteer for the National Aviation Museum. The last three years he has worked as a volunteer for the Convention of States program in Information Analysis.

Dillman is also a past president of the chapter.

His topic was "The Convention of States Project, its goals, its success to date and the role of Alabama in the project." The COS Action team was

formed to enlist the 50 states in support of Article V of the US Constitution to call a national convention of states to "limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose fiscal restraints and place term limits on federal officials." The discussion will explain the purpose and goals of the COS Action team and the role of Alabama in that project.

Most Americans do not realize the original U.S. Constitution is only four pages long. Today it exceeds 3,500 pages and continues to grow. The original intent was for the federal government to protect its citizens from foreign adversaries and to ensure free competitive commerce.

A lively discussion ensued after his presentation. Our chapter is extremely proud Dillman is a member of our group. He is a very talented individual. He was presented the SAR "Certificate of Appreciation" for his presentation by chapter president John Van Zandt.

—Mike Glass



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Chapter president John Van Zandt, left, presents Dillman with certificate.

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ALSSAR-sponsored cadet places sixth nationally

Cadet Major Ayiana McDow recently represented the ALSSAR at the NSSAR competition and finished sixth among the field of 29 cadets representing state societies.

McDow, representing the Mae Jemison High School Air Force JROTC, was sponsored by the Tennessee Valley chapter at the annual state convention in February, where she won the ALSSAR Outstanding Cadet Award. In national competition, her sixth-place finish was the highest for an Alabama Society representative since Victoria Offei-Dua, a Huntsville High cadet who also was sponsored by the Tennessee Valley chapter, was the national winner.

The Outstanding Cadet program is judged on the overall packet of the cadet consisting of an essay, two endorsements (senior instructor and principal), academic standing, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and future leadership potential.

Because this is not an in-person contest, the written packet is scrutinized to the smallest of details for accuracy. Each chapter judges their cadet entries to determine who will represent them at the state society and in turn ALSSAR uses the same process by which the national committee uses to determine the society winner.

New JROTC chairman David Jones said his goal is to continue the work of compatriot Rick Wells and strive to increase the number of applicants for the ALSSAR contest.



—Photo by Diane Seales

McDow receives award from Rick Wells at state convention.