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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,
I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for this year. I promise to do my duty to the best of my ability. I will make mistakes, but I ask your forbearance when I do, as my mistakes are not intentional.

As I said in my acceptance speech, the state of our Society is strong. We are a growing, active Society but it will take all of us to continue to be strong. Those of you who attended the convention and annual business meeting know we had a great time and conducted some important business. I was very disappointed that several of our chapters did not have delegates attending. Our chapter leaders should be leading by example. It is only when all of our chapters participate that we can truly represent all of our members and know where the Society needs to go.

We cannot do anything about our convention, it is past, but we have the spring BOM coming in May. The BOM is where the rubber meets the road, so to speak. It is where the real work is done by the leadership of this Society. Every chapter should have delegates to the BOM, know what the issues are and come prepared to participate in your Society.

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Bob Anderson installed as president at ALSSAR convention in Prattville



—Photo by Diane Seales

Outgoing president Hal Thornton, right, listens to newly installed president Bob Anderson.

The Alabama Society’s annual banquet, hosted by the Tennessee Valley chapter, was held at the Legends Marriott in Prattville on Feb. 17.

The 129th event featured remarks by NSSAR Secretary General Warren Alter and included the installation of new president Bob Anderson.

Anderson is the fifth Tennessee Valley chapter compatriot in the last 15 years to serve as ALSSAR president, following in the footsteps of Jim Maples (2005), Jim Alexander (2007), Dave Billings (2011) and Hal Thornton (2017).

The installation also included the rare feat of two compatriots from the same chapter serving consecutive terms as state society president.

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Compatriot proposes SAR link with Scouts

The Sons of the American Revolution is a patriotic organization. The Boy Scouts of America is a patriotic organization. Why not find a way to get the Scouts to promote the ideals and agenda of the SAR?

That’s the thinking behind Gen. John Archer Elmore compatriot Mack Clark’s goal of linking the two organizations through a color guard or fife and drum corps and it certainly has the backing of ALSSAR president Bob Anderson, who attended a chapter meeting in April and heard about the idea.

“I think it’s an outstanding idea,” Anderson said. “You just tell us what you need. We’ll help you any way we can.”

For Clark, it’s a way to breathe some youthful enthusiasm into an organization that is more geared for meetings and genealogical themes. Why not have some hand-picked fu-

ture leaders from the Scouts promoting the goals of the SAR?

“Our objective is to teach people about our heritage,” Clark said, “and I think with the Boy Scouts, that’s part of their makeup so it’s a real good blend.

“We need to tell people why we are what we are.”

Local chapter officials will check with the Boy Scouts’ Tukabatchee Area Council — comprised of 14 counties in central Alabama — to see if the Venturing arm of the Scouts (a separate group of older Scouts ages 14 to 17) would be interested in forming a group that works with the SAR.

There is already interaction between the two organizations. The SAR hands out an Eagle

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ALSSAR needs more George Washington Fellows

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF), established in 1993, was created to provide funding to underfunded or unfunded NSSAR committees and special projects.

This has been expanded to provide financial assistance to projects sponsored by the state societies and is a permanently restricted fund which is dependent upon SAR members and friends to make a contribution to the fund in order for the corpus to grow.

This gift cannot be spent and will continue to provide funding for the society, even after the donor is deceased. Today, the GWEF is valued in excess of 1.8 million dollars with 80 percent of the earnings being used to support its charter.

During the past several years, the Alabama Society has been the recipient of numerous grants from the GWEF for special projects relating to the Revolutionary War. The Alabama Society is currently receiving funds to assist with the printing of the Alabama map and brochure relating to the Revolutionary War.

To become a George Washington Fellow, an individual simply has to commit to a \$1,000 donation to the endowment either as a one-time gift or it can be paid out in \$200 increments over five years.

Once this has been done, the



—Photo by Diane Seales

DAR Regent Nancy Folk receives GW Fellow pin from Nancy Alter as Secretary General Warren Alter looks on.

fellow will never be asked to contribute again to the endowment. With the first payment, the person will receive a gold lapel pin with the bust of George Washington and a distinctive certificate. Within the Alabama Society over 110 members (both living and deceased) are GW fellows, and this includes many wives of members who have also made a financial commitment. Dur-

ing the BOM meeting in October, Carl Bruce Kilgore stepped forward to become a GW Fellow and Bob Anderson stepped forward during the Fall NSSAR Leadership Conference in September.

At our recent ALSSAR Convention in February the following became GW Fellows: Millard Earl "Mac" Moon, William E. "Bill" Daniel Jr., and Linda J. Doherty, wife of com-

patriot Bob Doherty. As a surprise recognition to current Alabama DAR Regent Nancy Folk, Secretary General Warren M. Alter and wife Nancy made a special presentation in the form of an Alabama SAR Society GW Fellow gift.

The GWEF is overseen by a board of seven members — three appointed by the PG and four members elected by the GW fellows at Congress.

The Alabama Society is well represented with Bill Stone serving as the chairman of the board, Bobby Joe Seales as chairman of the fund raising committee and John Wallace (an elected member) as vice chairman of the board.

Seales has requested that each ALSSAR chapter appoint a GWEF chairman and to furnish him the chapter's chairman name, telephone number and their e-mail address to bjseales@bellsouth.net.

If you are interested in becoming a fellow click on the GWEF brochure link <https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/248/lgAaH6naCRjA.pdf> for more information and an application.

Complete and print the application, return by mail with your check, payable to NSSAR GWEF, to Bobby Joe Seales, P.O. Box 89, Alabaster, AL 35007 or email him at bjseales@bellsouth.net.

—Bobby Joe Seales

Message

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As part of our Education Outreach effort, I announced the kick-off or my "Pennies for Youth" program. I am asking every member in the SAR to donate one penny a day — \$3.65 per year (or more) to help fund our youth programs.

Many of our chapters would participate in at least one youth contest if they could afford to fund it. They can't.

This money is dedicated to fund those chapter contests when the chapter does not have the funds. To access this money, a chapter will have to submit a request to me stating how much they need, what contest it will fund, what it will be used for (i.e., prizes, ribbons, poster board, etc.) and whether or not they have any matching funds.

I would like every chapter to enter one youth contest. If everyone contributes, we can fund every chapter in the Society. Please

help — submit with your dues, put out a jar at meetings, send a donation, whatever you can do. Let's get everyone involved.

We have an excellent slate of officers this year who are eager to help you. We will not do your job for you, but we will assist in every way we can. All you have to do is ask.

I will close with a story I told at the convention. In 1979 Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She said, "When we work hard all day long, we feel as if we are but a drop in the ocean. But if our individual drops were not in the ocean, then the ocean would be dry."

Remember, each of you are a drop in OUR ocean. Without each of you our Society would be empty and dry. Never forget how important you are!

May God bless our Society and God bless the United States of America.

—Bob Anderson



—Photo by Diane Seales

ALSSAR officers for 2018 are installed by Southern District VP General Tony Vets at convention in Prattville.

Convention

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Anderson immediately initiated his “Pennies for Youth” program, urging compatriots at the banquet to donate all of their spare change to helping the new program, which is designed to help underfunded chapters in the state launch youth programs in their area.

“The state of our society is strong,” Anderson said. “We’ve grown this year to over 1,200 members but to remain strong we must continue to grow. I’m asking every chapter to grow at a minimum of 10 percent.”

Anderson added that the ALSSAR would remain strong only if compatriots at the chapter level were involved in promoting the goals of the society.

“Involved members stay members,” he said. “We want to increase our education outreach program, not only in our schools but in our communities.”

Alter, who earlier in the day became a dual member of the Alabama Society, attended the state convention on the same weekend his Arizona Society was holding its convention. In addition, he served as a judge on two youth contests before the banquet.

The state youth awards, which were determined earlier in the day at the business meeting, were awarded at the evening banquet.

“What I do love is the focus you’re giving our youth,” said Alter, whose affection for the state only grew when Anderson announced his campaign later in the evening. “When I heard about the number of (youth) posters you had (for the annual contest), wow. The youth contests take attention, time and focus but the payback in dividends is tremendous.”

Many of the George Washington Fellows were recognized earlier in the day, but Bill Daniel of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter was presented his pin and a special GWEF pin was awarded to DAR Regent Nancy Folk by Alter’s wife Nancy.

The awards’ portion of the banquet followed and certificates of appreciation were awarded to Inge Tingle, Kim Kelly, Lin-

da Maples, Linda Doherty, Beverly Thornton, Susan Crabtree, Larry Crabtree, Rick Wells, Donna Wells, Diane Seales, Bob by Joe Seales, Fred Olive, Rod Hildreth, Bill Stone, Bruce Buehler, Allen Herrod, Bruce Pickette, Arty Burress and Randall Jennings.

Other awards included the SAR Medal of Appreciation, Donna Wells and Kay Anderson; Lydia Darragh Medal, Linda Doherty; SAR Daughters of Libert Medal, Beverly Thornton; Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Rebecca Harris and Bobby Joe Seales; Silver CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation, Joe Thomas; and Bronze Color Guard Medal, Bruce Pickette.

The Silver Roger Sherman Medal was presented to David Jones, Charles Nuckolls, Bob Doherty, Allen Herrod, Ken Brown and Richard Tingle, while the SAR Patriot Medal was awarded to Fred Olive and the SAR State Medal of Distinguished Service was given to Tim Gayle.

Outgoing president Hal Thornton had a pair of special awards, presenting Bruce Buehler and Jim Maples with a pair of homemade knives he designed for extraordinary service, with Buehler stepping in to fill the role of secretary in the middle of the year and Maples handling the society’s web site as well as doing much of the behind-the-scenes work for the convention.

Thornton called his year on the job an “extraordinary experience, one which Beverly and I have thoroughly enjoyed.”

The highlight of the evening was the installation of state officers for 2018 by Vice President General of the Southern District, Tony Vets.

The new officers (and their respective chapters) include Anderson; vice president Edmon McKinley, Gen. Galvez; secretary Bruce Buehler, John A. Elmore; recording secretary Jim Griffith, Tennessee Valley; treasurer John Van Zandt, Gen. Galvez; registrar Ron Bearden, Little River; chancellor Inge Tingle, Birmingham; chaplain Rev. Jeff Coker, Cheaha; genealogist Earl Gillian, Gen. John A. Elmore; historian Bob England, Shoals; and sergeant-at-arms Tom Smith, Gen. Richard Montgomery.

In Memory...

Robert Eugene Stabler Tom Richardson Sr. Donald Lynn Glover

The Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter recently lost a pair of valuable members in Gene Stabler and Tom Richardson, while the Cahaba-Coosa chapter lost a valued compatriot as well in Don Glover.

ROBERT EUGENE STABLER was born June 15, 1936, and passed away on Dec. 28 at the age of 81. A memorial service was held on Jan. 3 at First United Methodist Church.

Stabler was a lifelong employee of the state of Alabama who was honored by the governor upon his retirement and was a longtime member of both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

A graduate of Moore Academy in Pine Apple, he received his bachelor's degree in economics from Auburn University. In addition, he held an accounting certificate from University of Alabama centers.

He was employed with the state of Alabama for 33 years, serving as Assistant State Treasurer for 20 years. He served as president of both the Institute of Management Accountants and Government Finance Officers Association of Alabama; chairman, Board of Management, East YMCA; long-time board member, Alabama State Employees Credit Union; and board member, Alabama Indian Community Loan Fund.

He received the prestigious Governmental Accounting and Auditing Forum award and the Edward and Judith Kamnikar Award of Merit for his work with GFOA. Governor Fob James designated the day of his retirement "Robert E. Stabler Day." After his retirement, he became active in the Service Corps of Retired Executives, serving as its president.

As member of Dalraida United Methodist Church, he served several years as chairman of Finance Committee and member of the chancel choir. Upon joining First United Methodist Church, he became a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class and the Cathedral Choir. He was also a volunteer for the Alabama Department of Archives and History. He pursued his interest in traveling, visiting all 50 state and three territorial capitals; all 59 National Parks and over 100 other National Park sites. As descendant of a pioneer Alabama family, he was a member of the SCV's Cradle of the Confederacy camp and the SAR's Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Julia Hayes Stabler; children Stephanie Stabler Cassell (Timothy), Stephen Ashby Stabler (Susan Strickland), Stanley Eugene Stabler (Susan Kelley), Scott Anthony Stabler (Megan Sutton), and Susan Leigh Stabler; 11 grandchildren; and several extended family members.

THOMAS WESLEY RICHARDSON SR., 95, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 10 in Kennesaw, Ga. A longtime resident of Montgomery, Richardson was born in Knoxville, Tenn., on Dec. 12, 1922, the third of four children of Lois Ethel DeBerry and Leonard Anthony Richardson Sr.

Richardson graduated from Knoxville High School and at-

tended the University of Tennessee from 1940-1942 where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. In 1943, Richardson joined the Army Air Corp, where he was recognized as the outstanding graduate of his cadet class and became the first pilot on the B-17 in the 8th Air Force ("Hell's Angels"), serving in the 303 Bomb Group out of Molesworth, England.

Among his medals were the Air Medal with a bronze cluster, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 bronze stars and the Prisoner of War Medal for being a prisoner of the Russians after his plane was shot down and he crash landed in Poland.

Richardson was known as the "Lucky Pilot" because he never lost a crew member in battle. He knew it was not luck but God's providence and protection of him in all things. He was honorably discharged in October, 1945.

In 1944, Richardson married his dream girl, Adelyn Robbins Lipscomb of Columbia, S.C. Tom and Adelyn were married for 63 years until her death in 2008.

After the war, Richardson began his lifelong devotion to Auburn University, graduating in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and serving as president of the Agricultural Club. Tom and Adelyn then moved to family land near Marion, where they farmed and raised dairy and beef cattle.

After living in Greenville for three years they settled in Montgomery in 1957. Tom was a salesman for several companies before founding Rich-Crest Homes in 1964 and becoming a home builder and a member of the Montgomery Home Builders Association until his retirement.

A longtime member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Richardson served as president of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter before becoming ALSSAR president in 1993.

In addition, he was involved in many Christian and community organizations in the area. He served as chairman of the board for Group Homes; president of Goodwill Industries; on the state board of Associated Industries of Alabama and on the state board of The Business Council of Alabama.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery for more than 57 years at the time of his death and had been thoughtfully elevated to the status of Honorary Life Member.

In 1989, Tom became the first executive director of Neighbors Who Care, the pilot program for the national organization that has become Neighbors in Christ. He was a member of the American Legion; the Eighth Air Force Historical Society where he served as commander of the Central Alabama Wing; and the Order of Daedalians. In 2007, Richardson was recognized as the Alabama Veteran of the Year representing the Eighth Air Force. In 2013, he was honored to be the grand marshal of the Veteran's Day Parade in Montgomery.

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ALSSAR president speaks at John A. Elmore meeting

New ALSSAR president Bob Anderson was the featured speaker at the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter meeting at the Bass Pro Shop's Islamorada Restaurant in Prattville on April 10.

Approximately 30 chapter members and their guests attended the meeting, which included the induction of new compatriot William Thomas Myrick and a few brief comments from Anderson on the state society.

"The Society of Alabama is strong," Anderson said. "You would be absolutely surprised by how strong our reputation is."

Anderson returned to his favorite topic, the youth projects undertaken by the ALSSAR, adding, "I want every single chapter in this state working with our youth."

He renewed the push for his "Pennies for Youth" campaign, asking every compatriot to pledge at least \$3.65 — or a penny per day — over the course of the upcoming year to help the state society's smaller chapters undertake SAR youth projects.

"You'd be amazed at how much they know," Anderson said, "and how much they want to know."

His presentation was on the "Battle of Blackstock's Plantation," a Revolutionary War battle from which scenes in



—Photo by Tim Gayle

New compatriot William Thomas Myrick, right, is inducted into the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter by president Eric Alford at April meeting.

the Mel Gibson movie *The Patriot* were loosely based.

Local South Carolina militia handed Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton and his dragoons their first defeat in the war after Tarleton underestimated the militia and foolishly attacked a superior force at the Blackstock Plantation.

The story held special meaning for Anderson because Blackstock is his ancestor.

In other chapter news, compatriot Larry Caver reported on the progress of the cleanup at the grave site of Revolutionary War patriot Littleton Reese, one of the earliest settlers in the area. Caver is leading a group of chapter volunteers at cleaning the site for a future grave marking ceremony by the chapter.

"I think we've made good progress," Caver said. "We do need to remove more of the debris that we've cut down."

The group plans to return to the site at the end of the month in another cleanup day.

Chapter president Eric Alford also announced the chapter would have a booth at Prattville CityFest on May 12, which presents a scheduling conflict for he and other chapter officers who will be at the spring Board of Managers that day.

Anderson, meanwhile, invited compatriots to attend the Board of Managers meeting that day at the American Village in Montevallo.

"The more you know, the more you'll understand your society," he said.

The chapter will hold its next meeting on May 8.



—Photo by Tim Gayle

Chapter president Eric Alford, left, presents ALSSAR president Bob Anderson with gift following his presentation at April meeting.

Tennessee Valley salutes first responders with awards

The Tennessee Valley chapter normally holds an awards ceremony in December each year to recognize the first responders who are examples of going beyond the high standards normally expected in their professional fields.

This time, there were so many deserving individuals there was a ceremony in December, a second awards ceremony in January and there will be a third in May to allow recognition of all the honorees in a timely way to allow families to attend.

At this point, the chapter has awarded four Heroism Medals.

In August, Deputy Ryan D. Privett was involved in a vehicle pursuit in the early morning hours which reached speeds of nearly 100 miles per hour. The pursuit was terminated by supervisors because of the danger to deputies and the public. When deputies searched the area close to the point where the pursuit was terminated, they found the wreckage of the car that had attempted to elude them. The driver was trapped inside and when the offender's vehicle caught fire, Privett went into the flaming wreckage, extinguished the fire and aided the driver until the Madison County Rescue Squad could arrive.

On the night of Sept. 20, 2017, the Huntsville Police Department received calls about an armed offender who was firing shots in a neighborhood and attempting to force his way into a home.

The man was identified by name by at least one caller and was well known to police. The shooter had a record of 246 contacts with police, with 96 arrests since 2005 for offenses ranging from traffic offenses to first degree robbery.

When officers arrived, the offender had fired into a passing car, tried to force his way into a home, shot one victim in the front yard of a home and shot a second victim in the face. One of the shooting victims died on the scene. Huntsville Police officers Aaron J. Chop, Tory D. Green, Douglas C. Morris and Fernando Fernandez all responded.

The offender was standing over the body of his second shooting victim when officers arrived. The officers ordered him to drop his weapon and the offender pointed the gun at the officers. The police officers employed deadly force in a six-second period and the offender died at the scene.

Chop, Green, and Morris were awarded Heroism Medals by the chapter, while Fernandez will be recognized in May when his family can attend.

The chapter also presented five Law Enforcement Commendation Medals.



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

ALSSAR president Hal Thornton, far left, who awarded Heroism Medals to officers Aaron Chop, Tory Green and Douglas Morris.

Huntsville Police Officer James W. Andrews was recognized for his dedicated service. His proactive approach to law enforcement resulted in his supervisor nominating him and the police department naming him a Field Training Officer.

Huntsville Police Sergeant Richard Nelson was nominated based on a record of service that included stabling the first Crime Analysis Unit, White Collar Crime Unit, Bike Unit, and serving as Director of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Unit. He now supervises the Special Victims Unit.

Madison Police Officer Marcell A. Craft responded to a domestic violence call in August, found an armed suicidal individual who was threatening to kill family members and himself and managed to disarm him after 30 minutes of discussion.

Decatur Police Officer Robert D. Willis answered a call in March concerning a reckless driver and found a woman in a Buick Regal who was suffering a medical emergency. She was unable to stop the car or turn off the engine. She had backed into one vehicle and was pushing it toward a third car. Willis quickly used his baton to knock out the passenger side window. He was able to reach inside the moving vehicle and turn off the ignition.

Morgan County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Joseph P. Shands was nominated for his record in the department. As a

criminal investigator he made a number of high level felony arrests and now that he has returned to patrol duty, his unit is the most productive in the department.

In addition, four Fire Safety Commendation Medals were presented to members of the Decatur Fire and Rescue Department.

Firefighter Steven S. Little has served over 15 years as a paramedic in the busiest stations in his city, working overtime on occasion with no monetary compensation.

Firefighter Brewer K. Widner has, in addition to his regular duties, led physical training for the last two recruit academies and given up time from his part time job to design and prepare special training classes on forcible entry for the department.

Driver Engineer Wesley C. Lenz is able to operate any piece of equipment the Decatur Fire and Rescue has on hand and has served as a company officer on many occasions, often for extended periods, but refuses to pursue a promotion because he loves the total involvement of his current position.

Lieutenant Jason Serrett has been very active in reaching out to community in areas of fire safety education. He has deployed with the Decatur Rescue Team for situations such as Hurricane Katrina, and serves on the Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit as an EMT and Technical Rescue Specialist.

—Mac Moon



—Photo courtesy of William Rozier

Cheaha compatriot inducts son, grandson

The Cheaha chapter held a special meeting on Jan. 3 in the Anniston Room of the Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library to induct two new members into the chapter. Compatriot Henry Smith III, far left, was at the ceremony recognizing his grandson Charles Goodwin Smith and his son James Henry Smith IV, far right. The chapter held its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 10 at the library. Speaker William “Sky” King, past president of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter, spoke on “The Military Badge of Merit.”



—Photo courtesy of William Rozier

Cheaha speaker helps in ancestor search

Dr. Phillip Koerper, right, pictured with Cheaha chapter treasurer William Rozier, was the guest speaker at the chapter’s March meeting. Koerper, professor of history at Jacksonville State University, spoke on “How to Search for Revolutionary War Ancestors with an Emphasis on Pension Records.”

Scouts

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Scout Award and can award a Robert Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award to members of the SAR who assist the Scouts.

Now, Clark hopes to reach out to the Scouts to make it more of an active interaction, where Venturers can march in Fourth of July or Veterans Days parades while handing out flags to spectators as a “branch” of the SAR while learning about the SAR in Scouting activities.

The Scouts, meanwhile, can use the leadership of the SAR to earn their American Heritage or Genealogy merit badges after chapter compatriots spent time discussing those topics at Scout meetings.

“We want to grow,” Clark said. “We would need to draw up bylaws, we will need a board, we will need a finance committee, uniforms, all of its jointly with (Boy Scouts). We want them to be like their (Venturers), except ... when they have meetings it would be Boy Scout meetings but they would talk about the (American) Revolution. The main thing is for them to be seen.”

The Utah Society (utahsociety.org) works with the Scouts to get the younger organization to participate as a fife and drum corps at some events, but Clark is more interested in the education of Revolutionary War-era heritage through the Scouts to keep alive the patriotic interests of both organizations.

Glover

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Richardson, a member of Young Meadows Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, taught Sunday School and Bible studies through the years and served on mission boards and as a deacon.

Services were held on Jan. 27 at the Alabama Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. James Simoneau officiating. Burial followed in the Alabama Heritage Cemetery with military honors.

DONALD LYNN GLOVER, of Pleasant Grove, passed away suddenly on Feb. 3. He was 68.

Glover was a loving father and grandfather and enjoyed many years watching his sons and grandchildren at the ballpark. He

loved cruise ins with his Mustang Club, dancing on Tuesday nights with his beloved girlfriend, and any yard sale he could find.

Glover graduated from Phillips High in 1968 and Birmingham Southern College in 1972 and worked as a electronic switch technician for BellSouth for 35 years before retiring in 2002.

Glover, a member of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter, is survived by his sons Jeff and Doug, grandchildren, Addison, Easton and Ellie Rose, brother Ron, sisters Linda Knaffl and Kathy Kinsley, girlfriend Judy Franklin and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Feb. 6 at Patterson-Forest Grove Funeral Home in Pleasant Grove with burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Gen. Galvez chapter selects new officers for 2018

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the Gen. Galvez chapter's annual banquet in January at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley, including ALSSAR secretary Bruce Buehler, past president Bill Stone and Congressman Steve McMillan.

Other guests included Joe Webb, Fred Crawford, Bill Elwell, Michael Ludvigsen, Bernard and Worth Van Zandt, Suzanne McGaughy, Jean Legg, Barbara Glass, Donna Parker, Clare Wells, Lilian Woods, Martha Stevens and Elizabeth Britton.

Chapter president John Goss inducted Chad Michael Jones into the chapter before medals and awards were presented to chapter compatriots.

Suzanne McGaughy received the Lydia Darragh medal for her outstanding contributions to the chapter, Stewart Wier was awarded the chapter's Good Citizenship medal, Robert Holliman received the chapter's Roger Sherman medal and Mike Glass received the Oak Leaf Cluster for the National Liberty medal.

Outgoing president Goss received the chapter's highest award, the Meritorious Service medal, from chapter vice-president John Van Zandt.

Buehler then inducted the new chapter officers for 2018: John Van Zandt, president; Joe Booker, vice president; Bob Holliman, secretary; Leroy McGaughy, treasurer; and Edmon McKinley, chancellor.

Buehler discussed the many assets and contributions the chapter has given to the state society, We will have two chapter members serving as ALSSAR officers in 2018 and the chapter has had three ALSAR presidents in recent years. We are extremely proud of our chapter members stepping forward to lead the ALSSAR in



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Veterans committee chairman Edmon McKinley, right, receives certificate from John Van Zandt.

upholding the values, goals and contributions to society.

Buehler gave a detailed description of the SAR organization and how we function at each level. Several new members were astonished at the organization and globalization of the SAR. Our ancestors started a movement of freedom and liberty that no one can stop.

The chapter's February meeting was held at the Bass Pro Shop in Daphne.

The featured speaker for the meeting was Shelby Glover, the project manager in the Economic Development Department at the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. Her primary role is to help new industry locate and existing industry expand in Mobile County.

Glover has been with Mobile chamber just under two years and was the lead project manager on the recent Amazon Sortation Center that located in Mobile County. A Baldwin County native, she has a passion for helping shape communities. Her professional motto is that a job changes a life and that is what drives her interest and love for economic development.

Her topic was "ED 2.0," the new wave of economic development projects. The main topic was "Mobile's Pulse" and "What have you done for me today?" The first part discussed was the current happenings of Mobile and the second part of the talk was the landscape of economic development projects today (specifically Toyota-Mazda and Amazon HQ2).

Her presentation was a complete, informative and enlightening discussion. She was presented a certificate of appreciation.

President Van Zandt then inducted Joe Webb into the chapter. Webb gave a good account of his several patriot ancestors

who served in the American Revolution.

Compatriot Edmon McKinley, chairman of the veterans committee, was asked to give a report on the Christmas Angel Tree Project at the Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette. The chapter has been very active in this project since its inception and McKinley has done an exemplary job as chairman.

This past year chapter participation reached new heights and he thanked all compatriots for being so generous. The veterans really look forward to being remembered during this holiday. Van Zandt presented McKinley a much deserved SAR certificate of appreciation for his outstanding work with veterans.

The featured speaker at the March meeting at the Bass Pro Shop was John S. Sledge, senior architectural historian with the Mobile Historic Development Commission and a member of the National Book Critics Circle. He is the author of six books—three on Mobile's historic architecture, a volume of literary criticism, *The Mobile River* (winner of the Clinton Jackson Coley Award from the Alabama Historical Association) and *These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War*. He is presently at work on a maritime history of the Gulf of Mexico for the University of South Carolina Press. He and his wife Lynn live in Fairhope.

His topic for this evening was about his new book *These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War*. This covers the many Civil War battles in Alabama. After his presentation a lively exchange was enjoyed by all.

Van Zandt presented Sledge the SAR certificate of appreciation for his talk.

—Mike Glass



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Shelby Glover spoke on Mobile's economic development in February.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

John Sledge receives certificate from Van Zandt after March presentation.



—Photo courtesy of Bob Doherty

Tennessee Valley chapter president Bob Doherty, left, and ALSSAR president Bob Anderson, right, present awards to Kimberly Powell, second from left, and Amanda Godsey.

Hartselle teachers present patriotic theme in reading class

The Tennessee Valley Chapter presented Bronze Good Citizenship medals and certificates to second-grade teachers at Barkley Bridge Elementary School in Hartselle.

The teachers, Ms. Kimberley Powell and Ms. Amanda Godsey, were recognized for teaching Revolutionary War history to their classes. They teach it not in their history class but in their reading class.

The students learned about Deborah Sampson, the young girl who enlisted in the army as a man, and about Gen. George Washington and his troops' hardships at Valley Forge.

Revolutionary War history is usually taught in the fifth grade in Alabama but these teachers teach about the founding of our country along with reading and spelling.

Who knows? Maybe they are developing future Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

—Bob Doherty



—Photo courtesy of Jason Williams

Richard Henry Lee speaker

Teresa Paglione presented a very informative talk on “Southeastern Indians and the American Revolution” at the Richard Henry Lee chapter’s February meeting. Paglione is pictured with chapter president Wilson Lee, right, and vice-president Bob Harris, left.



—Photo courtesy of Bob Doherty

Tennessee Valley awards flag certificate

Tennessee Valley chapter flag chairman Jim Griffith presents a flag certificate to Ellen Raby, who proudly displays the American flag at her home in Madison with proper lighting and continually replaces the flag when it becomes worn or faded.

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Tennessee Valley chapter presents military awards

The Tennessee Valley chapter presented several military awards to compatriots at its January meeting. Veterans Recognition Chairman Bob Doherty, far left, presented a Certificate of Patriotism (Vietnam) to Peter Booher, a War Service Medal to Richard Raleigh, a Military Service Medal to George McCanless and a Certificate of Patriotism (Korea) to Joe Jones.