

# SAR Alabama

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great summer! We did! Since the last newsletter, Linda and I attended the National Congress in Louisville. There were a total of 10 delegates from the Alabama Society.

We were well represented in both the Rumbaugh Oration and Knight Essay contests by Samuel Fortenberry. Samuel made the final round of six in the Oration contest and he placed third in the Essay contest.

It has been exciting to watch this young man mature over the last three years of competition. Samuel is going to a seminary college this fall to begin his studies for the ministry. We wish he the greatest of success.

One of the highlights of the National Congress is the Southern District breakfast. It is always heartwarming to renew old friendships with members of our other Southern District states, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee. They did serve grits at the breakfast, but I'm afraid Louisville grits wouldn't get a passing grade in Alabama!

Nathan White of the Texas Society, and dual member with the Alabama Society, was installed as the Secretary General for 2005 – 2006. The 2006 Congress will be held in Dallas, Texas which is just a few miles from Nathan's home in McKinney.

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## 2005 Congress a rousing success

Ten ALSSAR delegates were among the 272 compatriots and 162 guests that attended the 115th Annual Congress on July 2-6 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

There were optional events on Friday and Saturday with the welcoming reception held on Saturday night.

The Congress got into full swing on Sunday with the Orations Contest, a memorial service at the Cathedral of the Assumption and various committee meetings.

Alabama's representative in the Orations Contest, Samuel Fortenberry, gave an excellent oration and made the final six. Samuel didn't take one of the top three spots but he did place third in the Essay Contest. Our congratulations to Samuel and our best wishes as he goes on to seminary college.

The opening business session of the Congress took place on Monday at 9 a.m.

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—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

### Kings Mountain 225th anniversary ceremony

ALSSAR members (from left) Eddie Boling, Bruce Taylor, John Wallace, Glenn Nivens and Jim Lee (not pictured) were among 200 participants and spectators that waited through fog, mist and intermittent rain for a wreath laying ceremony at the Kings Mountain Memorial in South Carolina on Oct. 7. Wallace presented a wreath on behalf of the state society while the other members participated in a joint color guard. NSSAR Secretary-General Nathan White, dual member with the ALSSAR, was the keynote speaker at the event.

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## Message

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We need a really strong showing from Alabama at the 2006 Congress for Nathan's installation as President General for 2006-2007.

Also, on this page, you will find an article by John Wallace on NSSAR President General Downing's Outreach Task Force which is intended to help educate the SAR membership about the various programs sponsored by the SAR. I hope you will read his message carefully, offer your personal support to the programs of the SAR and make a financial contribution to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The center will be located opposite our current headquarters building.

Accompanying this edition of the newsletter you will find information on the upcoming Alabama Society Annual Convention to be held in Huntsville on February 17-18 at the Holiday Inn Select.

One of the forms is for registration and the other is for the advertisement and memorials that will be part of the convention booklet with the proceeds being used to help fund the convention.

Both of these forms can be downloaded from our state Web site at [www.alssar.org](http://www.alssar.org). I look forward to seeing all of you in Huntsville! I hope we can set a record on attendance at a state function.

If you have access to a computer, be sure to check out our Web site at [www.alssar.org](http://www.alssar.org). Ron Diamond of the General Richard Montgomery chapter is doing a great job with the Web site.

We now have the state newsletters and the current edition of the *Headquarters Dispatch* online. You won't find the *Dispatch* online anywhere else. Our state newsletter editor, Tim Gayle, does an excellent job putting together our newsletter so you really need to check it out on the Web to see all the pictures in color.

Keep our friends in Mississippi, Louisiana, and those in the Mobile area in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from Hurricane Katrina. Don't miss your next chapter meeting. Find a job to volunteer for! And have a great autumn!

—Jim Maples

# Task force focuses on SAR educational opportunities

In his Summer edition of the *Liberty Letter*, Tom Walker, executive director of the American Village Citizenship Trust, noted, "Our founders also believed that a fundamental duty of this nation – arising from the nation's self interest – was to prepare young people as citizens for their roles in self-government, because, as George Washington said, "they are to be the future guardians of the liberties of this country."

Each of us within the ALSSAR is well aware of the outstanding job being accomplished by the American Village in bringing alive American history to students of not only Alabama, but also our neighboring states.

Likewise, the NSSAR through the society's numerous outreach programs such as the youth contests, historical sites celebrations, grave markings, educational materials for schools and color guard activities, is also providing valuable information to individuals on our nation's history.

President-General Roland Downing has appointed a task force to help educate the SAR membership of these various programs and to encourage more program participation by each member.

All of us will eventually be asked to sign a statement indicating our support of the NSSAR outreach programs while also encouraging non-participating members

to become more actively involved. These support statements will be utilized to demonstrate the "grass root" endorsement of the NSSAR programs to potential donor foundations for our Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Once built, our Center will be the cornerstone of many of the outreach programs. Not only will it house an outstanding genealogical library but also will be involved with the development of new outreach programs and content development for an outreach history web site.

All of us are proud of the sacrifices made by our patriot ancestors in gaining the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today; likewise we should be as equally proud of the role our National Society has taken and is planning to take in order to provide accurate information to students and adults concerning the principles upon which our nation was founded.

Certainly it is in the best interest of our nation for each of us to become more actively involved in assuring our new Center comes to fruition. It is only through the *participation* and *support* of *each* member that the full potential of the NSSAR programs can be realized.

These types of efforts will help assure we have citizens ready, as George Washington said, "to be the future guardians of the liberties of this country."

—John Wallace

## Archives offer state-of-the-art research facility

The newly opened (April 1, 2005) Southeast Regional National Archives in Atlanta offers family history buffs a state of the art research facility. Among its many holdings are Revolutionary War pension records, land bounty claims and census records, all of which can be downloaded to a CD provided free of charge by the federal facility. Located next door to the new Georgia State Archives Building, it provides researchers the unique opportunity to explore not only national records but also check documents relating to the early history of Georgia.

The new archives building is located at 5780 Jonesboro Road in the southern Atlanta suburb of Morrow and both facilities can be easily accessed from Exit 233 (Morrow) off Interstate 75. In order to accommodate researchers both facilities are open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Eastern Time) Tuesday-Saturday.

—John Wallace



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

***NSSAR Secretary General Nathan White, left, ALSSAR president Jim Maples at 2005 Congress.***

***The Color Guard marches in the Sunday afternoon memorial service.***

**Congress**

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This was followed by the youth awards luncheon where the Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, JROTC, Rumbaugh Orations, CAR, and Americanism Poster winners were recognized.

During the Recognition Night ceremony, the new Minuteman awards and various state, chapter, and individual awards were presented.

The Alabama Society was awarded certificates for our participation in the CAR program and the Blue Star Salute.

Tuesday morning began with the Southern District Breakfast followed by the second business session of the Congress.

During this session, candidates were nominated for national officer positions.

The final session of the Congress began Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. The national officers elected for 2005-2006 are President General Roland G. Downing, Secretary General Nathan E. White Jr., (a dual member with the Alabama Society and the Tennessee Valley Chapter), Treasurer General Bruce A. Wilcox, Registrar General Timothy Bennett, Historian General James D. Sympton, Chancellor General David N. Appleby, Chaplain General David Hock-



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

***Alabama delegates, with spouses and dual members, at 2005 Congress.***

ensmith, Genealogist General Edward F. Butler, Librarian General J. Michael Jones and Surgeon General Dan Heller.

“The 115th Congress was a great success,” Downing said in a message on the SAR’s Web site, “and delegates left with a sense of unity and optimism regarding the steps being taken to fulfill the missions set forth in our Constitution.

“Specifically, I am referring to the ones concerning outreach education “to inspire...the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefather.”

The 2006 Congress will be held in Dallas, Texas, on July 8-12.

—Jim Maples



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

***State orations and essay winner Samuel Fortenberry, left, with President General Hank McCarl.***

# In Memory...

## Beasey S. Hendrix Jr.

When **BEASEY S. HENDRIX JR.**, 76, passed away on June 6, 2005, he took much of the history of Tuscaloosa with him but we can be thankful for the amount of history he helped preserve.

Hendrix, a member of the Black Warrior Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Gen. Robert E. Rodes Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Tuscaloosa Genealogy Society, had suffered the past few years with breathing problems but did not let that interfere in doing what he enjoyed most — studying and preserving the history of our area.

Hendrix had enjoyed a long relationship with our beloved history professor, Matt Clinton. Clinton passed on to Hendrix much of the history, stories and events that were not in any history books. Clinton's father, who was also a historian and in fact had watched the burning of the University of Alabama as a small boy in 1865, had in turn passed a love of history to Matt.

Hendrix was an ardent student of local history as it related to the War Between the States. His hero was Capt. Ben F. Eddins, a captain in the 41<sup>st</sup> Alabama Infantry who was wounded and returned home and was given command of the Home Guards.

Capt. Eddins was in command of the Home Guards when they met Gen. Croxton's forces on River Hill and was mortally wounded in that engagement. Capt. Eddins was carried to a house about two blocks west of Greensboro Avenue on University Blvd,

where he died.

Hendrix often remarked that Capt. Eddins was the only person who gave his life in defense of the City of Tuscaloosa by an invading enemy. His dream was for the city to name a park near the original bridge site in honor of Capt. Eddins.

Hendrix was responsible for replacing a headstone for Eddins. He also marked the unknown Confederate soldiers who were wounded at the Battle of Tryon and died at Squire White's home and were buried at the cemetery on the Old Huntsville Road just west of Vance. He ordered many stones for unmarked Confederate soldiers who would have been lost to history had it not been for him.

He wrote two books on soldiers and units raised in and from the Tuscaloosa County area during the war. He was instrumental in getting the historical marker about Croxton's Raid placed in Vance, Northport, and Romulas and on University Blvd in front of the AmSouth Bank. He was interested in Tuscaloosa County cemeteries and wrote a cemetery book. He knew about family cemeteries in the county and many of the individuals buried there.

Shortly before his death he resigned from the Historical Commission for health reasons. Services were held for Hendrix on June 9 at Evergreen Cemetery in Tuscaloosa. He will be greatly missed and remembered.

—Walter E. Dockery

## Conecuh County cemetery celebration set for Nov. 5

ALSSAR members will join in a grave-marking ceremony at the Ward-Witherington Cemetery and the Witherington Cemetery on Nov. 5 near Fork Sepulga in Conecuh County.

The event will include representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution; the General Society of the War of 1812; the Alabama Society, United States Daughters of 1812; the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The ceremony will include grave-marking ceremonies for Revolutionary War patriots William Witherington and Thomas Ward and for War of 1812 patriots William Witherington Jr., and Daniel E. Witherington.

The ceremony also will honor William H. Ward, a private who served in the War Between the States.

SAR members in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee have been invited to participate in this event and Maj. Gen. Mark Bowen, Adjutant General, State of Alabama, has indicated he plans to attend on behalf of the Army and Air National Guards units as well as Gov. Bob Riley.

A deadline of Oct. 21 was set to order box lunches for a noon break at the Witherington Plantation Home, but persons may still attend the dedication, set for 10:45 a.m. at the Ward-Witherington Cemetery and 2:30 p.m. at the Witherington Cemetery.

Persons should arrive at Bowles Church between 9:30-10 a.m. To get there, take Exit 96 off of I-65 at Evergreen, which will put



—Photo courtesy of Glenn Nivens

### Volunteers placing the headstones at the Ward-Witherington Cemetery for the Nov. 5 ceremony.

you on Highway 83 NW. At the intersection of 83 and County Road 22, you will note the Old Witherington Plantation Home; continue NW beyond that point to the Lyeffion School intersection about 3-4 miles and Bowles Church will be on the left.

For more information contact SAR compatriot Glenn Nivens by e-mail at RNivens2887@charter.net or phone 205-672-2887.

# ***ALSSAR Color Guard shows its colors!***



—Photos courtesy of Glenn Nivens

## ***We Remember ceremony***

*The Color Guard (from left) Jim Alexander, Johnny Curry, Walter Dockery, Glenn Nivens, Eddie Bowling and Kerry Barksdale participate in the “We Remember Ceremony” in Jacksonville on Sept. 11. Earlier in the day, Jim Maples, Hoyt Smith, Ken Carpenter, James Smith, David Milan and Skeet Vaughn donned uniforms to participate in a DAR grave-marking ceremony in Huntsville.*

—Photo by Rachel Clinkscale

## ***Wear grave marking***

*The Color Guard, 10 members strong, participates in the Patriot Samuel Wear memorial grave-marking ceremony. The ceremony took place in the Clay community of Jefferson County on Oct. 1.*



# Richard Montgomery adds compatriot

General Richard Montgomery chapter registrar and ALSSAR senior vice-president Larry Cornwell was the featured speaker at the chapter's September meeting at the Montgomery Country Club.

Cornwell, a member of the ALSSAR Color Guard who travels extensively to SAR-sponsored events in the state, discussed the Revolutionary War uniform in great detail and also spoke on Gen. George Washington's relationship with his soldiers.

Chapter vice-president Bruce Pickette, who presided in the absence of president Bradley Sanders, inducted compatriot David Story into the chapter and introduced Buck Newman.

Newman, a past chapter president, discussed two ancestors for which he had received supplemental membership.

Postcards were signed in support of the new NSSAR Outreach Program.

In addition to the regular members on hand, the chapter also welcomed Anne Nieman, a guest of Story, and prospective members Bob Gascock, Gerald Johnson and Willis Michaels.

—Bruce Pickette



—Photo courtesy of Bruce Pickette

*New Richard Montgomery compatriot David Story, center, poses with chapter members (from left) Ron Diamond, Larry Cornwell, Mike Manasco and Jack Caraway at September meeting.*



—Photo courtesy of Charles Howell

## 2005-06 Cheaha chapter officers

*The 2005-06 Cheaha officers are installed by Lee Swart, left, and include (from left): president/registrar Charles Samuel Howell, vice-president William Houston Rozier, secretary Robert Bartlett Folsom; treasurer Albert A. Hollingsworth, chaplain Rev. David U. Bryant and sergeant-at-arms Alexander E. Charleston. Not pictured are historian George Haight Deyo and chancellor Hon. John C. Thomason.*



—Photo courtesy of Charles Howell

## War Service Medal

*ALSSAR Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Lee Swart, right, presents the War Service Medal to Cheaha chapter president and LTC-Retired Charles Samuel Howell in a recent chapter meeting.*

# ALSSAR compatriot Walter Dockery isn't your ordinary 'flag-waving' guy

Walter Dockery of Tuscaloosa isn't just any ordinary "flag-waving" compatriot in the Sons of the American Revolution.

When this Black Warrior River chapter member waves the flag it usually involves 24 of them.

Just a few years ago, his wife Gwen was surfing the Internet when she ran across a company through which you could purchase historical flags. Knowing that this would make a good birthday present for Walter, she ordered a few.

She has been ordering ever since.

Walter and Gwen have been displaying their colorful collection across Alabama on many occasions.

One recent trip was to present his flag program to the Wiregrass chapter in Enterprise. Walter and his flag collection have appeared at state SAR conventions, chapter dinners, Veterans Day events and even made a recent appearance at the Armed Forces Day program at the American Village where all his flags were carried by Color Guard members from several states.

Walter, who is a past president of the Black Warrior chapter, says that he hopes the flag display will draw attention to our history and inspire others to learn more about our country's struggle for independence and freedom.

Naturally, the collection includes *Old Glory*, our 50-star flag. A new star is added to the flag on the Fourth of July following a state's admission to the Union. The two most recent being Alaska on Jan. 3, 1959 (the star added on July 4, 1959) and Hawaii on Aug. 21, 1959 (the star added on July 4, 1960).

It includes *The Star Spangled Banner*, which had 15 stars and 15 stripes and inspired Francis Scott Key to pen what became the National Anthem. This most famous of American flags is on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. where it recently underwent a major cleaning and restoration.

The collection also includes *Washington's Headquarters Flag*. This flag on a field of blue contained 13 six-pointed stars and flew



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

***Walter Dockery's flags are on display as a five-state SAR Color Guard marches in the Blue Star Salute at the American Village on May 21.***

at the General's headquarters at Valley Forge.

You can read about Walter's entire flag collection (including pictures of each) at the Website of the Black Warrior River chapter at <http://bwrcsar.us.flags.htm>.

On his chapter's Web site, Walter points out that carrying the flag into battle was a great honor and suggests that Americans need to have that same reverence for the flag.

"It is my hope that the flag display will draw attention to this period of our history and inspire us to learn more of our country's struggle for independence and freedom," he writes.

"The recognition of the hardships, deprivations, tenacity, valor and sacrifices in achieving our country's liberties and freedom should command respect and enough gratitude from each of us to pledge ourselves to see that it is perpetuated.

"Our Patriots are but dust today but their spirit must not fade away. It is present in the voting booth, our freedom of speech, freedom of the press and embodied in the Con-

stitution and Bill of Rights. Our Patriot Forefathers gave all of this to us, but with their gift we were given the responsibility of its defense.

"Past and present generations arose to the challenge again in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the War Between the States, War with Spain, WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and Enduring Freedom Wars and the War on Terrorism.

"When the annals of history are written, in the chapter on freedom, liberty and sacrifice, let it not be said that it was our generation that dropped the torch lit by our Forefathers in 1776."

All the flags in Walter's collection have been among the standards that many brave men and women have fought under to preserve our freedom.

Americans on the battlefields from Lexington and Concord to the beaches at Normandy and places like the deserts in Iraq and Afghanistan have been proud defenders of our flag ever since. May she always fly over a free people. God Bless America.

—Johnny Curry & Kerry Barksdale

## Cahaba chapter dedicates roadside marker

Members of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter joined forces with the Sons of Confederate Veterans on Oct. 8 to dedicate a roadside marker honoring a Saginaw cemetery.

Eddie Bowling, a youth member of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter and chapter registrar Glenn Nivens represented the Sons of the American Revolution and joined forces with the SCV's Fighting Joe Wheeler chapter to dedicate the new marker just south of Alabaster.

The Nabors Historical Cemetery is officially known as the "Ozley-McLane-Nabors Cemetery" and is the final resting place of some of Shelby County's leading citizens during the early years of the county (and the state).

The cemetery was established on Oct. 15, 1868 with the burial of Elizabeth "Betsy" Nabors. The cemetery later became the resting place for many of the area's pioneer families who had a hand in developing this state in the years preceding the War Between the States.

—Glenn Nivens



—Photo by Rachel Clinkscale

*Cahaba-Coosa members Eddie Bowling, left, and Glenn Nivens at dedication.*

## 'Teddy Roosevelt' speaks at Constitution Week luncheon



—Photo courtesy of Jim Maples

*'Roosevelt' entertains Constitution Week luncheon.*

President Teddy Roosevelt (Black Warrior River chapter president Johnny Curry) was the featured guest speaker at the sixth annual SAR-DAR Constitution Week Awards Luncheon jointly sponsored by the SAR's Wiregrass chapter and the DAR's John Coffee chapter.

Approximately 70 guests attended, including ALSSAR president Jim Maples and his wife Linda and ALSDAR regent Jean Vaughan and husband Roger.

Five SAR chapters and four DAR chapters were represented at the joint meeting.

As part of the program, Maples installed two new chapter members, with "President Roosevelt" presenting the individual rosettes.

The Wiregrass chapter utilizes this annual event to present a Law Enforcement Award. This year's recipient was J.R. Ward, a member of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation.

Ward is normally involved in the investigation of serious abuse cases but had just recently returned from South Mississippi where he had been detailed as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

—John Wallace

# Gen. Galvez chapter honors Mobile police officer

The General Galvez chapter held its September meeting at Fire Mountain restaurant in Spanish Fort's East Gate Mall. Twenty-one members gathered to hear guest speaker Donnie Barrett and watch as Mobile police officer John Angle was recognized for heroism.

over the meeting for president Mike Glass.

Compatriot Bud McDonald presented the SAR Heroism Medal to Officer Angle, who apprehended two fleeing felons after a shootout with them.

His courage and exemplary service under fire was in the highest ideals of law enforcement. We owe men of his caliber a huge debt of gratitude for keeping us safe from the criminal element.

Barrett, of Fairhope, is the curator of the Organic Museum in Fairhope, an archeologist and school teacher and owns a commercial tea farm in Fairhope.

He told the group about the location of the original Spanish Fort, built by Gen. Galvez during the Revolutionary War.

This is one of only two sites in Alabama where a Revolutionary War battle occurred and helped our fledgling nation



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

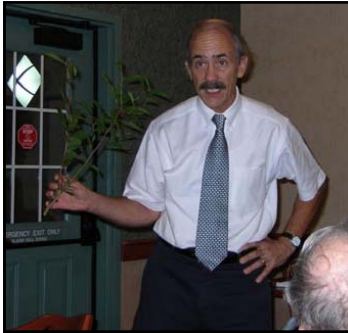
## Laura Bradford pins Heroism Medal on John Angle as compatriot Bud McDonald looks on.

drive the British from our bama and Mississippi shores.

The NSSAR and ALSSAR have contributed to the hurricane disaster relief effort and several chapter members have been actively distributing relief supplies to the victims in Ala-

Everyone, please keep the victims and the helpers in your prayers as this will be a long time effort. To contact the SAR for information call 947-5077 or 962-2170.

—Mike Glass



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

## Guest speaker Donnie Barrett talks to members.

Chapter vice-president Leroy McGaughy presided

# Local historian tells Galvez members of John Paul Jones

Local historian Dean Mosher was the guest speaker at July's meeting of the Gen. Galvez chapter, held at the Fire Mountain restaurant in Spanish Fort.

There were 33 members and guests in attendance. After dinner the meeting was opened with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the SAR. The minutes from last month were reviewed and amended and committee reports were heard.

The War Service medal was presented to chapter vice-president Leroy McGaughy.

After the presentation, a lively discussion ensued on the use of DNA to assist a candidate in obtaining membership in the SAR. The National Society is formulating strict guidelines and procedures for the use of DNA in proving a person's lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot. When NSSAR completes these guidelines all members will receive this information. Hopefully, this new tool will be a tremendous help to people who lost family records because of courthouse fires, etc.

After the business meeting, McGaughy introduced Mosher, a native of Fairhope. Mosher is a professional artist, historian and storyteller. His subject this night was "The Story of John Paul Jones," commonly referred to as the father of the American Navy.

Mosher gave a brilliant, detailed and historically correct ac-



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

## Dean Mosher entertains Galvez chapter members.

count of the battle of the Bon Homme Richard against the best ship and captain in the British navy. Jones' victory was instrumental in earning the support of many European countries for the American cause.

Mosher personally recreated the battle to the most minute detail including the tides, moon phases and the amount of destruction a cannon ball of that era would do to another ship. One could almost hear the boom of the cannons and smell the powder at this historical battle. Also, his painting of this famous battle is hanging at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

—Mike Glass

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**Send in your chapter's news to be included in the next newsletter**

Hurry up and get your chapter's news in the next newsletter, which has a deadline of Dec. 10 to get it out in time for the state convention. You can mail information to Tim Gayle, 3573 Foxhall Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111 or send photos or stories via e-mail to [timgayle@alltel.net](mailto:timgayle@alltel.net).

## Color Guard helps dedicate new Archives addition

Eight members of the SAR Color Guard participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 8 for the new West wing of the Alabama Department of Archives and History by presenting the colors at the dedication.

Several hundred people attended the event, which included First Lady Patsy Riley, who cut the ceremonial ribbon; Gov. Bob Riley; and Archives director Ed Bridges, for whom the new wing was named.

Color Guard participants included John Kelsoe and Andy Spann of the Wiregrass chapter; Glenn Nivens and his grandson, Eddie Bowling, of the Coosa-Cahaba chapter, where Eddie is a youth member; Kerry Barksdale and Johnny Curry of the Black Warrior River chapter; and Larry Cornwell and Dick Wells of the Richard Montgomery chapter.

In addition to serving in the Color Guard, Wells is the Security/Facility Manager of the Archives so the day had special meaning for him.

—Johnny Curry



—Photo by Rachel Clinkscale

***Participants included, front row from left: John Kelsoe, Andy Spann, Patsy Riley, Bob Riley, Glenn Nivens and Eddie Bowling. Back row from left: Larry Cornwell, Dick Wells, Johnny Curry and Kerry Barksdale.***

**Alabama Society**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Annual Convention Registration**  
**February 17-18, 2006**  
**Huntsville, Alabama**

The Tennessee Valley Chapter invites all compatriots and their guests to the ALSSAR State Convention, February 17-18, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel, located at 401 William Ave. in downtown Huntsville across from the Von Braun Center and the Big Spring Lagoon. A reception will be held on Friday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 pm to give attendees a chance to meet and greet each other. A George Washington Breakfast will be held Saturday morning at 7:00 am. The ALSSAR Annual Business Meeting will follow at 9:00 am and the Orations Contest will be at 11:15 am. We will have activities for you enjoyment on 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 \$85.00 per night plus applicable taxes. You can get a king room for \$95.00 plus taxes. Call the hotel direct at 256-533-1400 or the Holiday Inn toll free reservation line at 888-465-4329. You must mention that you are with the Sons of the American Revolution to get the special rate. The hotel block code is FSA. Hotel reservation deadline is **January 17, 2006**. If you have to cancel a room reservation, you must do so 48 hours prior to your arrival. Make your reservations early to assure that you have a room. There is no charge for parking!

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT ALL FUNCTIONS**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHAPTER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE HELD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME OF GUEST(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE:** SAR MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 AFTER January 17th: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 AFTER January 17th: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GEORGE WASHINGTON BREAKFAST:**  
 7:00 am Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$17 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (open to all)

**SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:**  
 (Black tie for head table and new officers. Others: black tie, uniform, or coat and tie; appropriate dress for ladies.)  
 7:00 pm Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENTER THE NUMBER FOR EACH ENTRÉE SELECTION(s)**

Huntsville Broil (tender sliced beef) \_\_\_\_\_ Black Forest Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration form along with you check payable to: Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR to:  
**James G. Alexander**  
**Chairman, 2006 ALSSAR Convention**  
**271 Rainbow Dr.**  
**Madison, AL 35758-8776**

Indicate how many in your party will attend the Friday night reception \_\_\_\_\_

To help cover a portion of the expenses that we will incur with the 2006 Alabama Society, SAR State Convention, the Tennessee Valley Chapter is soliciting donations for advertisements, memorials and honorariums that will be printed in the convention booklet.

The memorial to the right and below are samples from last year's book. The sizes and associated costs are as follows:

1/4 page	\$25.00
1/2 page	\$50.00
Full page	\$100.00

The information that you include in your memorial or advertisement is up to you. You can honor you patriot ancestor, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, children, past chapter president, or anyone else that you choose. Please send camera ready copy if possible, or supply the information that you want included in your memorial.

Please include a check made out to; Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR for your total donation and mail it to:

Jim Alexander, Chairman  
2006 ALSSAR Convention  
271 Rainbow Dr.  
Madison, AL 35758-8776

**Deadline for donations is 17 January 2006**



## In Memory of

William Cordra Maples  
Josiah Maples  
William Pace  
Henry Hastings  
Joseph Hastings  
James Billingsley  
Walter Billingsley

## Patriot Ancestors of

*James H. Maples and Jay G. Maples*

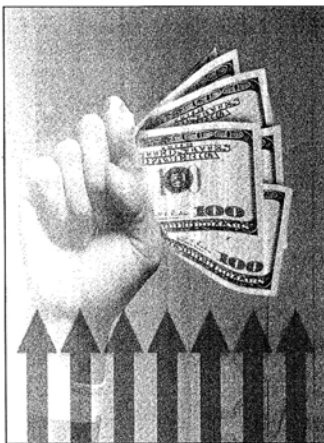
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## Patriot Ancestor of

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## Alabama Central Credit Union



APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP  
AT ANY ACCU BRANCH

### Employee Benefits That Add Up To Big Savings!

#### How can you benefit from us?

- Credit Union membership is the third most requested benefit by employees after major medical and retirement.
- Due to the non-profit nature of credit unions, the following benefits are available at ACCU:
  - No monthly fee checking
  - Lower rates for consumer loans
  - Higher dividend rates on savings
  - Group rate insurance products

Through the course of a year, these benefits could equal one full week's pay or more!

#### ACCU Services

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| • Savings                        | • Christmas Club                   |
| • Checking                       | • Vacation Club                    |
| • Check & Debit Cards            | • Direct Deposit                   |
| • CD & IRA Accounts              | • Payroll Deduction                |
| • VISA & MasterCard              | • Safety Deposit Boxes             |
| • Loans (Auto, Mortgages & More) | • Family Membership                |
| • Money Management Accounts      | • Insurance Products (group rates) |
| • 24-Hour Telephone Teller       | • Traveler's & Cashier's Checks    |

**Be Sure to Join Our Credit Union Family and Use It  
as Your Primary Financial Resource.**

**You'll Be Glad You Did!!**



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