



THE ALABAMA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## Report of the President

May 7, 2011 – September 29, 2011

Board of Managers' Meeting, May 14, 2011. The BOM elected a full slate of delegates -20- to the 121<sup>st</sup> NSSAR Congress in Winston-Salem, N. C. The By-Laws Committee asked the BOM to comment on the proposed Ethics By-Law and other proposed changes which will be voted on at the fall BOM meeting. I appointed two committees charging them to act to reduce our general liability exposure. Roy Robertson agreed to chair the Committee on Incorporation. I asked this Committee to move as expeditiously as possible to incorporate the Society. Price Legg agreed to chair the Committee on Insurance. I asked this committee to present a recommendation on the purchase of liability insurance at the fall BOM meeting.

NSSAR Congress. At the 121<sup>st</sup> NSSAR Congress, I moderated an ALSSAR caucus. Compatriots told me the caucus was very helpful for informing delegates about the Congress and for developing collegiality among the delegates. I asked specific members of the delegation to provide articles about different aspects of the Congress for the *SAR Alabama*.

Chapter Visits. I have visited the following chapters as President of the ALSSAR.

- May 10 General John Archer Elmore Chapter, Speaker: "My Perspectives of the Society,"  
Prattville
- May 15 Shoals Area Provisional Chapter, Presiding Officer, Sheffield
- June 12 Shoals Area Provisional Chapter, Presiding Officer, Sheffield
- August 11 Shoals Area Provisional Chapter, "Preparing for Your Charter Banquet,"  
Sheffield
- September 14 Cheaha Chapter, Speaker: "The Financial Crisis of 1772", Anniston
- September 18 Cahaba Coosa Chapter, Speaker: "The 56 Signers of the Declaration of  
Independence," Pelham

Visits are scheduled to other chapters. If your chapter would like for me to speak at one of its functions, please give me a call to schedule a visit.

Representing ALSSAR as President at Events.

- May 15 Revolutionary War Grave Marking of Patriot John Griffin, outside Brundidge, AL  
(Sponsored by Wiregrass Chapter)
- May 16 Speaker: The Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society, "The SAR  
Genealogical Research Library" and "Financial Crises of 1772."
- May 24 Naturalization Ceremony, the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama,  
Birmingham

June 12-17 Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research, student in course: "Virginia: Her Records and Her Laws," Samford University, Birmingham  
June 29–July 1 National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 120<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress, Washington, D. C.  
July 8-11 121st National SAR Congress, Winston-Salem, NC  
September 29 NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference, Louisville  
October 1

Center for Advancing America's Heritage's State Challenge Campaign. The goals are 20 percent of the members participating at an average of \$250 per society member. As of the June 14 report, 18 states have met the 20 percent participation goal. We rank 48<sup>th</sup>. Alabama's performance was 12 percent of the members participating with an average donation of \$80. For all state societies 18 percent of the members participated with an average donation of \$190. The 8 states larger than us have higher participation rates and Tennessee's participation rate is 21%. To be a national leader we must do better to advance America's heritage.

New Chapter Development. Registrar Ron Bearden and I have continued our involvement with the development of the Shoals provisional chapter. It has had monthly meetings since January 9, 2011. Since my last report I have participated in the chapters meetings on May 15, June 12, and August 11. It has elected officers, adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, and applied for a charter from the ALSSAR.

Budget Committee. I worked with members of the Budget Committee to identify ways to raise the amount of the awards for each of the Youth Programs in the budget for 2012.

ALSSAR Website. With Webmaster Ron Diamond, I have updated the ALSSAR Website and provided new content on the ALSSAR Youth Programs and the ALSSAR members serving on NSSAR Committees.

2012 Annual Meeting and Convention and Southern District Meeting. Under the leadership of Tennessee Valley President Conrad Cook, the Committee for the ALSSAR 2012 Annual Meeting and Convention has been working over the summer on arrangements. The enthusiasm of the committee members has been particularly gratifying. The Convention will be Friday and Saturday February 24 and 25 at the Marriott Hotel at 5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville. The Registration form and information about placing advertisements and memorials in the convention booklet are provided in the September issue of *SAR Alabama* and are posted on the <http://www.alssar.org/> website. We hope you will participate in the 2012 Annual Meeting and honor your patriot ancestor with an advertisement or memorial.

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