



SAR Alabama



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The fourth quarter of 2025 was a period of significant activity and accomplishment for the Alabama Society. Our chapters across the state participated in commemorative events, educational outreach and community service projects, furthering our mission to honor our patriot ancestors and promote American history.

Membership engagement remained strong, with several new members inducted and ongoing efforts to recruit and retain participants. We also saw increased collaboration with local schools, with SAR members presenting programs that highlighted the importance of the American Revolution in shaping our nation's history.

Financially, the society maintained a stable position, ensuring support for our ongoing initiatives and scholarship awards. Looking ahead, preparations are under way for our annual meeting and continued expansion of our youth programs.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all officers, committee members and volunteers whose dedication made these achievements possible. Together, we remain committed to preserving the legacy of our forefathers and serving the communities of Alabama.

To get into some of the specifics, our Alabama Society brought in 86 new members during 2025.

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ALSSAR state convention moves to March at the Hoover Embassy Suites

The annual ALSSAR convention will be held on March 13-14 at the Hoover Embassy Suites.

The convention is typically held in late February but was pushed back three weeks to accommodate the SAR schedule and hotel availability.

A registration form can be found online and on pages 8-9 of this newsletter.

The convention gets under way on Friday, March 13, with a pair of valuable seminars prior to the welcome reception from 6:30-8 p.m.

The "SAR University" workshop under the direction of past ALSSAR president Jim Griffith will be held from 2-3 p.m., and is the central education portal for all official training offered by the SAR. There is also a workshop entitled "Americanism" by ALSSAR president Benny Hannah that runs from 3-5 p.m., introducing the

Americanism scoresheet that will track and score chapters based on the SAR strategic plan.

On Saturday, the annual business meeting from 9-11 a.m. will be followed by the youth awards luncheon from noon to 2 p.m.

A new officer's meeting for all chapter presidents and vice-presidents chaired by Ron Dains will be held from 2:30-4 p.m.

The annual awards banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. that will include a guest speaker and the installation of ALSSAR officers for 2025-26.

The nominating committee proposed the following slate of officers for 2026-27:

President Ronald N. Dains of the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter; vice-president William

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'Dickens Downtown' in Northport offers recruiting opportunities for SAR, DAR



—Photo courtesy of David Jones

Spreading the word for the Black Warrior River and Elizabeth Knox Elliott chapters were, from left: David Jones, Dawn Crocker, Carol Irving, Buddy Irving and Cade McCool.

The newly created Elizabeth Knox Elliott chapter DAR joined forces with the Black Warrior River chapter recently for a night of celebration and recruitment.

Tuscaloosa County Probate Judge Rob Robertson opened the new Synergic Center for the public to visit while attending the annual "Dickens Downtown" in Northport.

Chapter regent Dawn Crocker and president Cade McCool are building bridges for a long-lasting relationship between DAR and SAR.

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We also reinstated 22 members who had dropped out in previous years. Sadly, we lost nine members who are now deceased during 2025. We had six members who transferred to other societies while bringing in two members through transfer and added one new member through reinstated transfer.

During November, our Color Guard was stretched to their limits with the many veterans activities that they were asked to participate in. We were very active in the Hartselle, Huntsville, Birmingham and Montgomery veterans parades along with supporting the DAR in several national defense luncheons and participating in many veterans school programs.

The cooler weather created a great opportunity to increase our patriot cemetery cleanup activities. We were able to increase the number of volunteers, thus expanding the number of cemeteries that we can work on concurrently. I was able to get started on four new cemeteries.

As we get into 2026, we are preparing to have a record number of grave markings to support our America 250 commitments. During the first week of November, we were excited to have a private school from Marietta, Ga., to come over to Madison and work with us for two days in one of our cemetery renovations.

We are continuing our partnership with the Pomeroy Foundation out of New York. I have four new historic roadside markers in the works now. Two have already been approved, a third one

has made it through the initial approval cycle and the fourth is on hold until we can find some additional proof of burial at that location. I am getting ready to put five new applications in for the spring cycle of applications. The new cost of these beautiful historic markers is \$2,050 each, all of which is covered by a grant from Pomeroy.

We are continuing our efforts to work with other outside groups with common beliefs and goals, especially local historic groups. We are continuing to find additional ways that we can work with DAR. My passion is still to ensure that we do not have a CAR chapter in Alabama that does not have a SAR chapter to support it.

December was filled with national Zoom calls and travel. My membership in the Public Service and Heroism Committee, the PRS committee, the Membership Committee, the DAR Legion committee and the Americanism committee have all been rewarding and educational but at times has had me a little stretched out.

I also made the big loop across Alabama in December, swearing in new officers in the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter, the Wiregrass chapter, the Richard Henry Lee chapter and the Shoals chapter all in the same week.

As I am nearing the end of my presidency, I would like to thank all the great people in this organization that have helped me. We are truly a village when it comes to keeping our group afloat and achieving our mission. Many people do many different things. Thank you.

—Benny Hannah

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On Dec. 2, both chapters decorated an area of the Synergic Center for visitors to come by and learn about the DAR and SAR. Black Warrior River youth program coordinator David Jones took advantage of spreading the word about the SAR youth programs.

“Watching their eyes open wide when seeing how much money was available was exciting,” Jones said. “The youth programs were extremely interesting to the parents as well.”

SAR membership recruiting cards were given to every male who entered the building and a good many of women took the cards as well.

“We’re hoping this event will increase membership for both chapters,” McCool said. “This was a great event for our chapters.”

Judge Robertson wanted a QR code for membership to be placed at the entrance of the building for those who did not have time to tour the building. Judge Robertson is now a potential member and absolutely loves what the DAR and SAR are doing in the community.

Compatriot Irving and wife Carol portrayed General Washington and Martha for the event.

—David Jones

Convention

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A. Carter of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter; secretary William I. Sauser Jr., of the Richard Henry Lee chapter; recording secretary Jack D. Tribble, at large; treasurer Scott A. Martin of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter; registrar Ronald A. Bearden of the Little River chapter; genealogist Earl Gillian Jr., of the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter; chancellor Jay G. Maples of the Tennessee Valley chapter; historian William T. Dean III of the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter; chaplain Preston E. “Buddy” Irving of the Black Warrior River chapter; and sergeant-at-arms Joseph D. Barker of the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter.

The nominating committee consisted of ALSSAR past presidents Jim Maples, David Jones and McKinley.

Resolution praises SAR

On Dec. 15, Alabama State Sen. Arthur Orr introduced a resolution “commending the Alabama chapters” of the DAR and SAR. The resolution read, in part:

“WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Legislature of Alabama commend those estimable organizations that diligently strive to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support excellence in education for our Nation’s children; and

“WHEREAS, among such distinguished service organizations working within local communities throughout this state are the Alabama Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (ASDAR), and the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution (ALSSAR); and

“WHEREAS, the ALSSAR is the state-level organization of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, a highly respected national organization whose members are able to document lineage to patriots who supported the cause of American independence during the Revolutionary War; the organization is dedicated to fostering education, inspiration, and reverence for the principals and ideals that guided the Founding Fathers; and

“WHEREAS, the ALSSAR further advances the purposes set forth in the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States...

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the Alabama Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution for their outstanding service to the State of Alabama and the Nation.”



—Photo courtesy of William Rozier

New Cheaha chapter officers installed for 2026 at October chapter meeting

The Cheaha chapter held its installation luncheon on Oct. 8 and installed officers for 2026, from left: chancellor Robert Folsom, sergeant-at-arms Daniel Thomas, vice president Randy Boyer, president Ronald Burson, chaplain Mannon Bankson, secretary Eric Sloughfy, registrar Herbert Morgan, historian Allan Trotter, Rev. Jefferson Coker and treasurer William Rozier.



—Photo courtesy of William Rozier

The Founding Fathers' religion
The Cheaha chapter held its monthly meeting on Oct. 8 in the Ayers Room of the Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library where guest speaker Dr. Bill Lester spoke on "The Religious Views of the Founding Fathers." After the presentation, Dr. Lester, middle, was presented the National Society's Challenge Coin by Cheaha vice president Ron Burson, right, and Cheaha chapter president Eric Sloughfy, left.

In Memory...

Jason Williams Joe Keith Pickett Dallas Malcolm Jones

The Richard Henry Lee chapter lost a valuable compatriot when **JASON HOWARD WILLIAMS** passed away on Oct. 14 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was 52.

Williams was born on March 19, 1973, at Martin Army Hospital in Fort Benning, Ga., and lived a life defined by kindness, service and an unwavering love for his family, friends and community.

He was a proud graduate of Valley High School, Class of 1991. He continued his education at Southern Union State Community College before earning his bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1994, graduating cum laude.

His love of learning and dedication to personal growth led him to complete his MBA at Auburn in 1997 and pursue additional graduate studies and certifications at several universities, including Ohio State University, University of Alabama, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky and the University of Texas.

For more than 25 years, Jason dedicated his professional life to the Georgia Department of Labor – Vocational Rehabilitation Program, where he served as Employment Specialist, Human Resources Training Coordinator, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, and most recently, Counselor 3. He took great pride in helping hundreds of individuals with disabilities across west Georgia achieve meaningful employment and educational opportunities. His compassion and advocacy left a lasting impact on countless lives.

Jason was a lifelong member of Langdale United Methodist Church and an active member and leader in many civic organizations, including the City of Valley Historic Preservation Commission, Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society, Kiwanis Club of Valley, the Sons of the American Revolution's Richard Henry Lee chapter, Georgia Rehabilitation Association, and the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation Advisory Board. His service reflected his deep love for his community and his desire to make it a better place.

Above all, Jason will be remembered for his warm smile, his quick wit and his generous heart. He never met a stranger, loved Auburn football and cherished time spent with family and friends.

A talented genealogist and historian, Jason had a lifelong passion for learning and took great pride in mapping out the family's history, preserving stories and connections that will be treasured for generations to come. He also had a special place in his heart for his canine nephews, whose companionship brought him great joy.

Williams is survived by sister Jennifer Goodwin and brother-in-law Jeff Goodwin along with treasured nieces Jaylin and Jenna Goodwin, who were the light of his life. In addition, he is survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends and

colleagues who loved him deeply.

Services were held on Oct. 19 at Johnson Brown Funeral Home. Burial followed at Langdale Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Messer officiating.

JOE KEITH PICKETT, a past president of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter, passed away on Dec. 21. He was 80.

Pickett, of Union Springs, was born on July 14, 1945 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose life was centered on family and his Christian values. He met the love of his life, Barbara, while they were in college at North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas). That meeting marked the beginning of a lifelong partnership, and Joe and Barbara went on to share 58 years of marriage built on love, commitment and faith.

Joe was a loving husband to Barbara, and proud father to two sons: Steven Pickett and his wife Susan, and Phillip Pickett and his wife Gretchen. He was also "PaPa" to granddaughters Gabi and Peyton and grandsons Reid and John.

After college, Joe served with honor in the United States Army infantry. He completed Officer Candidate School and received his commission as a lieutenant during the height of the Vietnam War. Unlike many of his fellow OCS graduates, Joe received orders to serve in Germany. Joe and Barbara were married and began their life together overseas. Before returning home in 1969, they welcomed their first son, Steven.

Joe later completed his military service as a captain in the Army Reserve in Winston-Salem, N.C. There he began his long and distinguished career as a mortgage banker. During this time, Joe and Barbara welcomed their second son, Phillip.

In 1980, the family moved to Birmingham where Joe continued his career as vice president of Mortgage Corporation of the South. Later, the family relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., following the acquisition of Mortgage Corporation of the South by Bank of Boston. Joe was eventually promoted to president and CEO of BancBoston Mortgage.

In 1997, Joe and his talented team built one of the largest mortgage servicing companies in the country and successfully took it public as HomeSide Lending. In 1998, National Australia Bank acquired HomeSide, and Joe and Barbara's adventure continued as they moved to Melbourne, Australia.

In addition to his role as chairman and CEO of HomeSide, Joe served as president of the Mortgage Bankers Association in 1995 and as a member of the Board of Directors of Fannie Mae from 1996 to 2007. After returning to the United States, he retired in 2001, concluding a remarkable career defined by leadership, vision and integrity.

In 2008, Joe and Barbara moved to their farm in the community of Smuteye, where Joe found deep joy in a simpler rhythm of life.

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SAR Bronze ROTC Medal presentation

Jay Howton, president of the Birmingham chapter, presents the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to cadet Ellison Hicks of Homewood High School. The SAR was well represented with Cahaba-Coosa chapter president Bill Carter, past ALSSAR president Bill Daniel, ALSSAR treasurer Scott Martin and ALSSAR recording secretary Jack Tribble. Cadet Hicks was Homewood High School's top junior cadet and was named commander of their unit for the 2025-2026 school year.



—Photos courtesy of Benny Hannah

Students help with cemetery cleanup

A very special group of more than 20 high school students from Stonehaven Christian School in Marietta, Ga., traveled to Gray Cemetery in Madison and helped the Tennessee Valley chapter with cemetery cleanup. The group arrived at noon on Wednesday (Nov. 5) and returned to the cemetery the following day to work a full day at the cemetery.



Pickett

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Throughout their marriage, Joe and Barbara were active members of their church communities wherever they lived. Joe served faithfully as a deacon and as a Sunday School teacher for 55 years, living out his faith through service, teaching and quiet leadership.

Services were held on Jan. 9 at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo.

DALLAS MALCOLM JONES of Decatur, a dedicated SAR member since 2014, passed away on Dec. 11 at Madison Hospital. He was 88.

Jones was born on July 13, 1937 to Euble Dallas Jones and Ruby Vena Roberts Jones in Morgan County. He was a gradu-

ate of Danville High School, Class of 1955. He retired from Monsanto after 36.5 years of service. He was a member of the Decatur Church of Christ where he served as elder and a proud Alabama and Atlanta Braves fan.

Jones was survived by his wife of 67 years, Lorene Jones, along with sons Jeffery (Denetiza) and David (Penelope), a past president of the Alabama Society, daughter Leigh Ann Adcock (Chris); grandsons Lane Adcock (Morgan) and Wyatt Adcock, granddaughter Libby Tenney (Chad), great grandson Beckett Lane Adcock and sister Carolyn Way.

Services were held Dec. 15 at Decatur Church of Christ with Mark Posey, Alan Watkins and Reed Swindell officiating and Shelton Funeral Home directing. Burial followed at Johnson Chapel Cemetery.

Tennessee Valley honors first responders with awards

The Tennessee Valley chapter presented certificates and medals to first responders from throughout the area on Dec. 9.

Tennessee Valley chapter president Don Wolfe and ALSSAR president Benny Hannah made the presentations.

The SAR Life Saving Medal was presented to officer Bethany Glazier of the Huntsville Police Department.

On Jan. 24, Glazier responded to a shots fired call and immediately discovered a male victim lying in a pool of blood. After confirming the offender was no longer present, she began administering life saving medical aid. She managed the victim's severe bleeding from three separate gunshot wounds until she was relieved by emergency medical personnel 10 minutes after her arrival.

Her decisive actions and advanced medical care directly contributed to the victim's survival.

The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to deputy Tony Vest of the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

In his recommendation, Vest's sergeant noted "over the past year Deputy Vest has shown tremendous growth and initiative in his role. He actively seeks training opportunities, welcomes feedback and remains committed to professional development. His willingness to respond to the most challenging situations while remaining calm, composed and decisive has directly contributed to safer outcomes for citizens, victims and fellow deputies."

The SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal was presented to Ryan Ledford of Madison Fire and Rescue.

Ledford, a captain/paramedic with Madison Fire and Rescue, was selected as the 2025 Firefighter of the Year for the city of Madison. He has headed several projects and committees within the department and is part of the training team that prepares new hires. He is also a member of the water rescue team and was deployed to Baldwin County to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He is a graduate of the Alabama Public Safety Leadership Academy.

The SAR Emergency Medical Services Medal was presented to Seanna Estes of the Madison County 911 Center.

Estes has been a 911 call taker for three years, recently completing a criminal justice and psychology degree.



—Photo courtesy of Benny Hannah

Tennessee Valley chapter president Don Wolfe, left, ALSSAR president Benny Hannah, center, present officer Bethany Glazier with the SAR Life Saving Medal in December.



—Photo courtesy of Benny Hannah

Tennessee Valley chapter president Don Wolfe, left, ALSSAR president Benny Hannah, center, present deputy Tony Vest with SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in December.



—Photo courtesy of Benny Hannah

Tennessee Valley president Don Wolfe, left, and ALSSAR president Benny Hannah, right, present 911 call taker Seanna Estes with the SAR Emergency Medical Services Medal.



—Photo courtesy of Benny Hannah

Tennessee Valley chapter president Don Wolfe, left, and ALSSAR president Benny Hannah, center, present Ryan Ledford with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal in December.

Awards

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On Jan. 1, she took a call from a 7-year-old boy reporting that his mother had fallen and was unconscious. Recognizing she was speaking to a child, she adjusted her questioning techniques, effectively collecting the critical emergency information.

In nominating Estes for the award, her supervisor praised the Tennessee Valley chapter, noting that "typically, the responders who arrive on the scene receive appreciation while those who initiate the emergency response go mostly unnoticed."

"Seanna Estes acted above and beyond her role as a 9-1-1 Calltaker in effectively relating to the young caller while obtaining all needed information for the other first responders. Seanna's skilled actions, in that initial step in the first responder process, contributed greatly to saving the life of the child caller's mother."

The chapter also awarded an SAR Life Saving Medal to Thomas Frederick and Rosalyn Leavell-Rice in recognition of their heroic actions in saving the life of a drowned toddler.

On Sept. 25, a toddler managed to open a door leading from an apartment clubhouse and entered the swimming pool, where he struggled to stay afloat before ultimately submerging.

Frederick stepped outside and noticed the unresponsive child in the pool. With hesitation, he ran to the pool, pulled the toddler from the water and began administering CPR. A short time later, Leavell-Rice and the child's mother arrived. Leavell-Rice took over CPR efforts while Frederick ran to flag down the responding emergency medical personnel.

Due to the quick, decisive and coordinated actions of Frederick and Leavell-Rice, the toddler regained consciousness and began breathing just before emergency personnel arrived.

—Benny Hannah



—Photo courtesy of Benny Hannah

Tennessee Valley president Don Wolfe, left, and ALSSAR president Benny Hannah, right, present Rosalyn Leavell-Rice and Thomas Frederick with the SAR Life Saving Medal in December.

**Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Annual Business Meeting and Convention Registration
March 13 - 14, 2026 - Hoover, Alabama**



Hotel Reservation Information

**Hoover Embassy Suites
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<u>FRIDAY - 13 March 2026</u>							
SAR University - 2:00 - 3:00 pm - NO COST <i>Leadership training, membership data, and lots more await you on the SAR website. Presented by ALSSAR Past President, Jim Griffith</i>						# attending =	
Americanism - The new SMART Report - 3:00 - 5:00 pm- NO COST <i>Presented by ALSSAR President, Benny Hannah</i>						# attending =	
RECEPTION (Business Casual - Jacket Preferred) <i>Friday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Cash Bar)</i>						#	x \$35.00 =
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<u>SATURDAY - 14 March 2026</u>			
SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING (<i>Coat and Tie</i>) - 8:30 am - NO COST ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (<i>Coat and Tie</i>) - 9:00 am - NO COST ORATIONS CONTEST (<i>Coat and Tie</i>) - 11:00 am - NO COST <i>Select your meal choice below...</i>			
YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON (<i>Coat and Tie</i>) - 12:00 - 2:00 pm			
• Option 1 - CHARDONNAY CHICKEN	#		x \$45.00 = \$
• Option 2 - FETTUCCINE PASTA with SHRIMP SCALLOPS	#		x \$45.00 = \$
• Option 3 - EGGPLANT PARMESAN	#		x \$45.00 = \$
NEW OFFICERS MEETING - All Chapter Presidents and VPs - Chaired by Ron Dains <i>NO COST</i> - Saturday - 2:30 - 4:00 pm			
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET (<i>with special historical guest</i>) Social / Cash Bar - 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Dinner - 6:30 pm - til <i>Men - Black Tie for head table and new officers; Others, Black Tie, Uniform, or Coat and Tie</i> <i>Ladies - Dress as appropriate.</i> <i>Select your meal choice below...</i>			
• Option 1 - CHICKEN PICATTA	#		x \$50.00 = \$
• Option 2 - GRILLED ATLANTIC SALMON	#		x \$50.00 = \$
• Option 3 - ROASTED EGGPLANT	#		x \$50.00 = \$
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SAR, DAR combine forces to help Kate Smith DAR School

The Black Warrior River and the Elizabeth Knox Elliott chapters joined forces to support the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Grant. Black Warrior River compatriot Buddy Irving and Elizabeth Knox Elliott's Carol Irving presented Jason Hodge, center, with \$250 from each chapter to help the school make a difference for underprivileged students in the Grant community. In 1924, the Daughters of the American Revolution established a private school for the community at large in Grant. Kate Duncan Smith DAR School is now a public-private school in conjunction with the Marshall County School System. "Carol and I have attended numerous events at KDS and have enjoyed every single one," noted Black Warrior River compatriot Buddy Irving.