



**ALABAMA SAR**

**2024 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & CONVENTION**

**FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024**

Embassy Suites  
2960 John Hawkins Parkway  
Hoover, Al. 35244



## **Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America**

I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### **SAR Pledge**

We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

### **SAR Recessional**

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.

*Libertas et Patria*



## Alabama Society – Sons of the American Revolution Annual State Convention

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# Alabama Society – Sons of the American Revolution

## Annual State Convention

### Agenda

**Friday, February 23, 2024**

Event	Location	Time
Registration	Ballroom Hallway	1:00 – 5:30 pm
Genealogy Workshop	Amazon	1:00 – 3:00 pm
DNA – Just the Basics	Amazon	3:15 – 4:00 pm
Basket Display	Rio Grande	3:00 – 8:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	Niles 1 & 2 (During business hours)  Room 217-218 (After-Hours)	1:00 – 5:30 pm  Rooms 217-218 Afterhours – 10:30
Welcome Reception “Coat and Tie”	Rio Grande	6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Event	Location	Time
Breakfast	On your own	Hotel Breakfast Hours: 7:00 – 10:30 am
Registration	Ballroom Hallway	8:00 – 10:00 am
Annual Business Meeting “Business Attire”	Amazon	8:00 – 10:30 am
Hospitality Room	Niles 1 & 2	8:15 – 9:15
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Niles 1 & 2	9:30 – 10:45 am
Rumbaugh Orations Ladies are invited. Please be seated by 10:55 am. Oration	Rio Grande	11:00 am – 11:45 am



Event	Location	Time
awards will be presented during the Youth Awards Luncheon		
Youth Awards Luncheon	Rio Grande	Noon – 2:00 pm
Memorial Service	Rio Grande	2:00 – 2:45 pm
Hospitality Room	Niles 1 & 2	3:00 – 5:00 pm
Charles Carroll – America’s First Catholic Politician – Presented by Bill Dean	Amazon Meeting Room	3:00 – 3:30 pm
Training on Americanism by Benny Hannah	Amazon Meeting Room	3:45 – 4:15 pm
American Revolution Trivia Competition – Hosted by Jim Griffith	Amazon Meeting Room	4:30 – 5:00 pm
Social	Ballroom Hallway	5:30 – 6:30 pm
Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony  State Officers – Black Tie. Others – Black Tie, Dard Suit, or Continental Uniform	Rio Grande	6:30 – 9:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	Rooms 217 - 218	9:00 – 10:30 pm



## **Minutes**

### **ALSSAR Fall 2023 Board of Managers Meeting**

### **September 30, 2023**

The Fall Board of Managers Meeting was called order at 10:00 AM by President Griffith.

Quorum Declaration by Recording Secretary, Dr. Paul Gaston Petznick

Invocation given by Dr. Petznick

Colors presented and posted by State Color Guard led by Randall Jennings

The following Compatriots were in attendance: Eric Alford, Michael Araiza, Robert Anderson, James Armstrong, James Barksdale, Ron Bearden, Jess Brown, E. T. Brown, Arnie Burris, Dudley Burwell, Bill Carter, Ray Cassell, Jeff Coker, Ron Dains, William Dean, Skip Dotherow, Joel Fortson, Dr. John Fulwider, Earl Gillian, Jim Griffith, Benny Hannah, Russ Hare, Daniel Haulman, Jerry Haynes, Stephen Hooks, Jay Howton, Mark Hubbs, Randall Jennings, Rich Johnson, David Jones, William Kirkland, Price Legg, Jay Maples, Jim Maples, Michael Martin, Cade McCool, Kenneth Michel, Will Mooty, Malon Murphy, Dr Fred Olive, Travis Parker, Dr. Paul Petznick, Bruce Pickette, William Rozier, Stephen Sexton, Eric Sloughfy, Hollis Smith, Rob Stone, Roger Vaughn, Walter Vickers, John Wallace

Introduction of Colonel Allen Miller CEO of American Village, Bruce Pickett former President General, Dr. Fred Olive Librarian General, Minute Men introduced: Bruce Pickett, Dr Fred Olive, John Wallace, Jim Maples, Past president of the Mississippi Society Dr. Fulwider. All past State Presidents and new attendees were asked to stand to be recognized.

Colonel Alan Miller gave a warm welcome and thank you to Jim Maples for donating a musket to the American Village. A cherry tree will be planted on the Freedom Trail in Jim's honor.

12 out of 13 chapters represented at the BOM meeting.

Minutes from the Spring Board of Managers Meeting were approved. Joel Fortson made the motion for approval as written and David Jones seconded the motion; minutes are approved by acclamation.

#### **Financial Report**

President Jim Griffith led the discussion of ALSSAR Life Memberships. He stated there would be a discussion and vote at the State Convention in February for requested changes to the State Life membership costs. We have \$8430 in State Life Membership fees. Currently, the Life Membership fees

do not cover the expected expenses, and the Treasurer proposes increasing the base fee from \$500 to \$700. National Congress 2027: There has been \$2500 donated, and we are considering putting this in an 8-month 5% CD. Michael Martin, Treasurer of the Southern District, recognized and stated there is no



timeline for money sent to the Southern District for the 2027 Congress. The Tennessee Society has raised \$3000. Louisiana Society raised \$3,000; no other Society has given to Congress. John Wallace was recognized and discussed money for Congress should be in a checking account, and Ron Barden was recognized and wanted an interest-bearing account for Congress funds from Alabama. We have \$15,000 to raise should this be put in a CD or interest-bearing account motion. Motion made by Ron Bearden: money raised over \$3,000 should go into an eight-month 5% interest CD, seconded by Ron Daines, motion approved by acclamation.

Update on Tri-State and Lamar County Sons of Liberty that requested shuttering: members have moved to at large or affiliated with other chapters, and there is \$2215.02 from the treasury of Tri-State Chapter. President Griffith proposed to keep this in trust for two years to restart the chapter in Dothan. Bruce Pickett was recognized and had a question about earmarking money for future chapters. The motion was offered for money to be set aside for two years and used to restart the Dothan chapter. After two years, it would fund a new chapter elsewhere. The motion was offered by Bill Carter and seconded by Dudley Burwell—the motion was approved by acclamation.

#### ROTC Committee

David Jones presented ROTC medals and certificates.

#### Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee will set goals and specific objectives to track for the future of ALSSAR. Dr. Fred Olive is the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee shall consist of the current State President and two former State Presidents. The Committee is to report back at the State Convention in February.

#### Committees on Committees

Next year's president, Michael Martin, will chair the Committee on Committees. Dr. Fred Olive and Jim Maple will evaluate all committees and consider their viability. We need multiple people to commit to committees, not just one person. Ron Daines was recognized and stated that all chapters need to align with the organization of the State Society. Sometimes, we have committees that run against committees or State leadership. Jim Griffith recognized and spoke that we should follow long-term knowledge; the State Vice President should be responsible for reporting at the State Convention and addressing any inconsistencies.

#### Membership Committee Status

The chairman, David Jones, stated we had reinstated 17 members from all chapters, and some members still need renewal notices. We need to reach out to members and make sure notifications are sent. Chapter secretaries are to report every two weeks to State Secretary Benny Hannah to track down non-renewals, and the goal is 100% renewals this year. Benny Hannah recognized and stated he will have Zoom calls with Chapter Secretaries to follow up. All chapters have received the renewal packets. 30% of dues

are collected through the date of the BOM, and 404 members have renewed for about 38% in two weeks. There will be another call on November 30th, looking to November 30th, to complete all dues





collection. Phone calls will follow up, most chapters are engaged, and dues have been collected. Bruce Pickett recognized and stated that the five-year list of drops from the National Office has duplicates on the list of drop members and members who have died. We have a lower starting number of reinstatements than what we are getting from the national because this list still needs to be updated. President Jim Griffith recognized that yearly drops have been increasing over 10 years. More people dropped in the last ten years than presently in the State Society. One hundred forty-three compatriots dropped last year in Alabama. We have a total membership of 1099 after the drops, and the prediction is to have a membership of 995 for 2024. Jim Griffith stressed the need for everyone's help, the use of recruiting cards, and the need to approach people. He spoke about the five cards, five people over five months, and how we are looking toward a cultural change and should have goals and objectives to increase membership. Ron Bearden was recognized and stated that the genealogists currently work remotely at the National Office, and new application approvals have slowed down.

#### Congress 2027 Committee

Fred Olive, Birmingham Chapter, recognized to discuss the Congress Committee for 2027 in New Orleans. The hotel we are using for 2027 has yet to be used by SAR for Congress. The Southern District Congress structure: Michael Martin serves as Treasurer of the Southern District, Eric Alford heads the State Congress Committee, and David Jones serves on the committee. For fundraising, the leadership of Alabama SAR has stepped up to raise \$15,000. Current officers and past presidents have committed to support to raise this money. The question is, what chapters can do? We might have a recognition program. We need volunteers for Congress in 2027 for registration and other programming. Then, the questions opened. Jim Griffith was recognized and said he would take checks for Congress today. Ron Bearden was recognized and stated he supported the Society and committed five hundred dollars, \$250 now and \$250 convention. He was planning to send a letter to the membership asking for \$50 from chapter members and to challenge all to contribute. We must support Congress, and all 13 chapters should commit to supporting Congress. Bruce Pickett contributed \$250 and \$250 later. A certificate program should be created to promote donations at different levels. We could have \$1000, \$500, \$250, and \$100 recognition levels for the support of the Congress. Jim Maples contributed \$1,000 from him and Linda Maples.

#### Incorporation of Alabama Society

Jay Maples was recognized as Chancellor to lead the discussion. The National Society is incorporated as a tax-exempt organization for its additional legal protection, and why now is the suggestion that the Alabama Society should have been incorporated a while ago? There are ongoing expenses for incorporation and legal fees to set up. The 501(3)C status does not change, and nonprofit liability should protect against lawsuits. Price Legg was recognized and stated we must file annually as an incorporated entity to be in good standing. Jim Griffith was recognized and stated we need to update the ALSSAR bylaws to require a yearly report on the incorporation status. Earl Gilliland was recognized and asked about the general liability policy of the State Society. Jim Griffith was recognized and stated that the legal services of compatriot William Kirkland agreed to the incorporation expenses of \$1500. A discussion followed with questions about the permanent address of the corporate registered agent, why we should

be incorporated, and whether we have current insurance to cover liability and problems. Does this protect individuals from lawsuits? Jim Griffith recognized that the insurance liability cost is about \$300 a



year, with 1,000,000 per occurrence and an aggregate of \$2 million annually. Rob Stone was recognized and stated there is no provision to protect officers. You have the 990 audits and separate employer identification numbers for each incorporated entity. Each chapter has an individual employer identification number. Questions over George Washington War Tent: would this be covered under insurance, and will the trailer be covered? Ron Daines recognized and inquired for more information for incorporation, questions over insurance for the Color Guard, and the firing of muskets by the Honor Guard. Roger Vaughn proposed a motion to table the discussion on incorporation and vote on incorporating the State Society. The issue is to be reintroduced at the February State Convention.

#### George Washington Education Foundation

Eric Alford was recognized and stated the purpose is to fund underfunded projects at the chapter and state level. An example is the flagpole installation on the hill in the American Village. To become a George Washington fellow, you make a financial contribution of \$1000, and you may pledge this over five years. You receive a pin and certificate when you contribute. Children, wives, friends, and grandkids are all eligible to become GW Fellows. He discussed that it is a legacy we leave, and the corpus of the GWEF is never touched. 80% of income is distributed yearly, with 20% reinvested into the fund's corpus, compounding your gift. This year, there was \$40,000 remaining to distribute, and there is a funding board, a fundraising committee, and a distribution committee for the GWEF. Over five years, there has been a 3.3% growth of the fund. GWEF certificate presentation to Joel Fortson by President Jim Griffith.

#### NSSAR Membership Policies

Ron Bearden, State Registrar, was recognized, and there was a discussion about people who identify as transgender and its effects on membership. There is an Application Guide Manual and a Genealogy Policy Manual. Current policy is that you must have a copy of your birth certificate for your application; whatever the gender is on the birth certificate, that is your gender. Any male is eligible for membership, and a birth certificate is required with each application. Suppose overseas birth certificates for US diplomats do not state the gender. In that case, it is at the discretion of the Genealogist General or the President General to determine if the person is eligible for membership.

Genealogist General awards the top three states with the fewest pending applications, and ALSSAR is recognized. It is a terrific honor for our State and chapter registrars. The registrars should use three.com, ancestry.com, and newspaper.com, and local chapters should pay for this for their registrars, usually about \$250 a year. They must have the tools to help prospective members' application process and assist the State Registrar. President Jim Griffith recognized all the chapter registrars.

#### ALSSAR Car Tag

Michael Martin recognized to discuss the ALSSAR car tag initiative and stated that in 2019, the Roy Moore Foundation car tags raised over \$85,000. SAR tag designs in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania differ between these and other states. A discussion about waving state dues for tag purchasers followed if you buy a SAR tag. The recommendation is to form a committee to explore ALSSAR car tags. The requirement

is the purchase of 250 SAR car tags to have a base tag. There was no motion but a committee to assemble with Michael Martin as chairman.



### Alabama Humanities Alliance

Discussion followed about the Alabama Humanities Alliance. Michael Martin recognized. There is a National History Day contest, and he proposed having a special award from SAR presented by the ALSSAR for Junior and Senior winners. He suggested prizes of \$100 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third place. We could present money and certificates. John Fullwider was recognized. He stated there is a national video project for the American Revolution and their Junior and Senior High School Awards for individuals or groups. There is a contest for the Alabama Humanities Alliance, which would be a way to receive publicity and promote education about SAR. For judging, we would need three people from ALSSAR. The contest date is March 8, 2024, and is in Montgomery. Motion made to approve \$350 for Junior and \$350 for Senior High prizes for the National History Day contest sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Alliance. Travis Parker proposed the motion, Rob Stone seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation. Michael Martin is the chairman and presents checks and certificates to winners.

### NSSAR Elections

Discussion followed about endorsing all uncontested national-level offices by the Alabama State Society. A discussion followed concerning several contested races. President Jim Griffin spoke in support of Brooks Lyles for Registrar General. David Jones spoke in support of Lee Popham for Treasurer General. Voting by secret ballot, Brooks Lyles and Lee Popham are to be supported by the ALSSAR. Vice President Michael Martin oversees balloting. The motion made by Eric offered to destroy ballots after voting, and the motion was accepted by acclamation.

### Awards

Jim Maples recognized for presentation of awards from National Congress

1) Presented National Life Membership Certificates to all members that attended the BOM.

2) 2023 National Congress Awards Presented to the Alabama Society:

Participation Certificate and Streamer for:

Eagle Scout

CAR Activities

Poster Contest

Essay Contest

JROTC Cadet Contest

Orations Contest

Brochure Contest

Officers Streamer Award- Certificate and Streamer

Two PG Education and Outreach Streamer and Certificate) TVC Chapter 2) GJAE Chapter

Four Partners in Patriotism Certificates 1) TVC Chapter 2) GJAE 3) Galvez Chapter 4) Wiregrass Chapter

Two Liberty Medals and Certificates: 1) Edmon McKinley, Esq. 2) Thomas Benjamin Rhodes III

Five Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Clusters: 1) James Barksdale, 2) Ronald Bearden, 3) Ray Cassell III, 4) Earl Gillian, Jr, 5) Harry Dean Sessamen

Gold Presidents Service Award Certificate and Medal: Jim Griffith, Dudley Burwell presented by David Jones



New National life members:

William Emmett Daniel Jr.	Cahaba Coosa
Mark Edward Hubbs	TN Valley
William Morgan Gray	TN Valley
Victor Kenneth Michel	TN Valley
Ray Vaughn Cassell II	TN Valley
David Malcolm Jones	Blk Warrior
James Kerry Barksdale	Blk Warrior
Donald Dale Albee	Gen Galvez
Charles Otis McMurry	TN Valley
Curtis Frederick Bedsole	Gen Galvez
John Charles Meyers	TN Valley
William Stephen Pearce	TN Valley
Leonard Roger Stillson	TN Valley
James Nunley Phillips PE	Cahaba Coosa
Robert LeRoy Benson	TN Valley
William Oliver Stone	Gen J Archer
James Douglas Crawford	B'ham
Gary Michael Rose (Ret.)	TN Valley
Clovis Carl Davis Jr.	TN Valley
Ronald Norman Dains	Gen J Archer
Mark Agee Strickland	TN Valley
Robert Edward Davis Jr.	TN Valley
Robert Jefferson Coker	Cheaha
Robert McLure Coker	Cheaha
Harry Dean Sessamen	Cahaba Coosa
Howard Wayne Hay, Sr. PE	B'ham
Roger Harold Whitesides Jr.	TN Valley
Randal Scot Jennings	TN Valley
Dr. Paul Gaston Petznick	B'ham
Hollis Lee Smith (Ret.)	Gen Galvez
Jerry Lee Smith	Gen Galvez
Stephen Glenn Sexton	Gen Galvez
Arthur Wooten Orr	TN Valley
Barry Neil Miller	TN Valley
Steven M. Brouse U.S. Army (Retired)	
James Kenneth Griffith Jr.	TN Valley
Walter Perry Vickers	Wiregrass



#### George Washington War Tent Update

The War Tent was set up for the 4th of July at the American Village and on the National Peanut Grounds in Dothan. It could be part of a traveling Vet Wall for educational programs. Design the tent's interior with a strong message for kids is planned, and it will have small areas of education with signs, a walk-through, and a General Washington re-enactor answering questions and giving a presentation. The tent is approximately 14 by 24 feet. The tent was set up on the grounds of American Village for the Board of Managers Meeting for all Compatriots to view and walk through. The red lines in the tent represent the flow of visitors. The War Tent website is [gwt.alssar.com](http://gwt.alssar.com). Logistics is a huge part of using the tent. It takes four men one hour to set up the tent, and volunteers are encouraged to have training for proper assembly and disassembly.

#### Revolutionary War Rarities Update

The Revolutionary War Rarities is a podcast, and it is rapidly growing. President Jim Griffith encouraged everyone to tune into the podcast and said that this is a way to drive membership at the state and national levels. It has a broad reach; it is on every continent except Antarctica and covers most European countries. The website blog is [fastfunhistory.com](http://fastfunhistory.com), and it is also on the SAR app; this is a successful outreach for education.

#### Annual state convention update

The annual State Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in Hoover on February 23rd through the 25th. Congressional Medal of Honor winner Gary Mike Rose, a fellow compatriot, will be the speaker at the banquet.

President Griffith thanked everyone for participating and attending the Board of Managers meeting. The Ladies' Auxiliary was recognized, and there was a round of applause; thank you for the lunch for the Board of Managers meeting. Bruce Pickett, past President General, was recognized and passed out the America 250th anniversary pins. Jim Griffith stated that the State Officers were there to help the chapters, and the chapters could overcome the challenges of membership and encouraged as many people as possible to participate and get involved at the state and local levels.

David Jones was recognized and spoke about the Color Guard and Honor Guard and stated that for those who want to join the Honor Guard, he would be glad to provide safety training to anyone interested in joining them. Randall Jennings was recognized and talked about recruitment for the Color Guard and stated that our Color Guard is the best PR that SAR has. Michael Martin and Bill Daniels were recognized for helping put up the George Washington War Tent.

Benediction by Dr. Petznick

Meeting was adjourned by President Griffith.

*Dr. Paul Gaston Petznick*

Recording Secretary - ALSSAR



# OFFICER REPORTS





## 2024 State Convention President's Report

The last year has been one of challenges, but no challenge has been greater or more important than reversing our downward trend in membership across the State. With 2023 being the first year in well over a decade where our membership temporarily dipped below 1,000 members, it was vital to restore our society to a trend of growth. There was significant time and energy focused on this effort by many people. At this point, I am pleased to let the entire Alabama Society know that we have indeed reversed the downward trend in membership and put ourselves back on a path of growth. We have closed out reconciliation at 1,052 members. And remember, that this occurred while losing two chapters within the State as well as an increase in National Dues. I think that we should take a great deal of pride in accomplishing this during such a challenging year. Lessons learned... Sending out dues notices early made absolutely no difference. I do not believe this changed our path toward success or failure at all. Reinstatement notices going out to each chapter along with dues notices made a tremendous difference. This enabled ALSSAR to recover approximately 35 members late in the year. Our Membership Recruitment and Recovery Committee has done a tremendous job this year. Members of that committee include: David Jones (Chair), Benny Hannah, Dudley Burwell, Price Legg, Ron Bearden, Bill Daniel, Paul Petznick, and Scott Martin. This committee stayed on top of our membership challenges and worked hard to put us into a position to succeed. Special thanks go to Benny Hannah who, as State Secretary, worked with all Chapters across the State early in the year to drive this membership initiative.

During my tenure as President, I have had the opportunity to meet with every single Chapter in the State. I had the opportunity to visit with several of those Chapters numerous times. This included opportunities to talk about our statewide membership initiative, the George Washington Tent, and to swear in numerous officers across the State.

I am happy and honored to have served as your President over the last year. There are many additional challenges that we face, but there are also incredible opportunities. As a parting message, I would simply encourage all our members to participate. Find your passion within our organization and focus on that. There has never been a finer example of an organization where you get out of it what you put into it. If you put nothing into SAR, you will get very little out. Our Goals and Objectives are sound, but they cannot be achieved without our members. We need you. We need you to help bring in new members, retain our old members, help reenergize our Society, and we need you to help us achieve our goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your State President. Onward and upward Gentlemen.

*Jim Griffith*

ALSSAR President – 2023 - 2024



## 2024 State Convention Vice Presidents Report

Compatriots,

Since our last Board of Managers meeting, I have been involved with the following to aid the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution:

- *Alabama Society SAR BOM Meeting* - 09/30/2023, American Village, AL - Represented me chapter, the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter, as Past-President. Served in the Alabama Society State Color Guard. Represented the Alabama Society as Vice President and as a member of several committees.
- *Alabama Society Washington Tent Initiative* - Continued to serve on the committee to develop educational programs centered around the use of a full-scale replica of George Washington's command tent which has been donated by President Jim Griffith. At the point, funding options for educational signage and other items are being pursued.
- *Southern District 2027 Congress Planning* - Represented Alabama Society as Vice President and Southern District as Treasurer in ZOOM planning sessions.
- *Alabama Society Membership Committee* - Served on the committee to discuss membership initiatives for 2023. Primary focus during the 4th quarter has been on membership retention.
- *Online Payment* - Continued to support the ALSSAR Online Dues Payment page and to make provisions for online payment for the February 2024 Convention.
- *Alabama Society State Color / Honor Guard Activities*
  - DAR Grave Marking for Kawatha Chapter - Vernon, AL - 10/8/2023
  - Grave Marking for Jacob Beverette - Midland City, AL - 10/15, 2023
  - Patriot Grave Marking Sign Dedication - Pea Ridge Cemetery, Dallas Co - 10/28/2023
  - Alabama National Cemetery Veterans Day Dedication - Montevallo, AL - 11/9/2023
  - Weeks Ceremony for National Veterans Banquet - Birmingham, AL - 11/10/2023
  - Presentation of Colors National Veterans Banquet - Birmingham, AL - 11/10/2023
  - National Veterans Day Parade - Birmingham, AL - 11/11/2023
- *Committee on Committees* - Served as chair for the Alabama Society's Committee on Committees. Focus for the initiative was as follows:
  - Ensure that committees draw strength from the input of a diverse group throughout the Alabama Society.
  - Consolidate committees where necessary to gain an exchange of ideas on similar issues.
  - Simplify committee structure to alleviate duplication of efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. Michael Martin, Jr.*





## 2024 State Convention Secretary Report

Updating all files to provide for clean turnover of all documentation for new State Secretary. The main job though is to keep the Applications and payments to national moving at a rapid pace through the system and the Approved documentation recorded and notification back to the State and Chapters in a timely manner. The pace has slowed down at the National level due to Reconciliation of Dues and Membership.

Our final reconciliation for Alabama will be finalized by mid-February.

Membership as of Dec 31, 2023:	1175
(126 drops reduces our starting 2024 membership to 1049)	
New members since 1/1/2023:	109
Reinstatements:	66
Transfers-in:	10
Transfers-out:	07

Respectfully Yours,

*Benny Hannah,*  
ALSSAR Secretary



## **2024 State Convention Recording Secretary's Report**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your State Recording Secretary for 2023-2024.

I worked with ALSSAR President Griffith and Vice President Martin on our shared ALSSAR Google Drive accounts, submitted minutes from the Fall BOM to be published on the website, sent out the notice of the Annual Convention and Meeting to the General Membership, sent out report forms to Officers, Committee Chairs, Chapters, and Liaisons Chairs, followed up and answered questions regarding the Annual Convention and Meeting, we collected and organized reports with the help of several compatriots using our new [recse@alssar.org](mailto:recse@alssar.org) Google email and Google Drive accounts, I participated in meetings of the State Membership, Acquisition, Recovery, and Sustainment Committee.

Special Thanks to Compatriot Vice President Michael Martin for his continuing technical help in preparing and training me for the State Recording Secretary's many duties and responsibilities of the office. Special Thanks also to Compatriot President Jim Griffith for guiding and encouraging me in the duties of the office and stepping in to help as needed and thanks to all Compatriots who helped collect and organize reports; I am quite humbled and appreciative.

Most Respectfully Submitted,

*Dr. Paul Gaston Petznick*

ALSSAR State Recording Secretary



## **2024 State Convention Treasurer's Report**

Report Contents for the period:  
February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024:

Financial condition of ALSSAR is excellent.

The reconciled cash balance as of January 31, 2024 is \$ 89,227.52.

Member's dues amount collected for 2024 (current year) have been processed, and payment was submitted to NSSAR.

The required non-profit filing with the IRS for the 2023 calendar year is due by May 15, 2024. Reminders will be sent to all ALSSAR Chapters to confirm that their chapter's 2023 IRS E-Postcard filing has been completed.

In patriotic service,  
*Scott A. Martin*  
Treasurer, ALSSAR



## 2024 State Convention Notes to Treasurer's Report

### Item A: Cash

\$ 87,543.63	Bank Balance – Main Operating Account
\$ 1,183.89	Bank Balance – Dues Account
\$ 500.00	Bank Balance – Annual Convention Account
\$00.00	PayPal Balance – Cash Available
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\$89,227.52	Total Reconciled Cash at 1/31/2024

### Item B: Certificates of Deposit

\$ 1,000.00	CD (5.02% Maturity Date 01/13/2025)
\$ 7,430.00	CD (4.40% Maturity Date 01/13/2026)
\$ 3,500.00	CD (4.88% Maturity Date 07/15/2024)
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\$ 11,930.00	Total

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\$101,157.52	Total Assets

For those of you that are not aware, we maintain our accounting on a cash basis. We do not accrue expenses. Typically, all expenses are paid immediately, or within a very short timeframe.

One benefit of cash basis is knowing that except for dues that are sometimes on-hand for future payment upcoming payment to NSSAR, our bank balances show actual cash that will be partly used for youth programs, and otherwise on-hand as our cash balance going forward. An exception that is worth mentioning is when the bank balance is larger for dues that are sometimes on-hand for future upcoming payment to NSSAR.

Respectfully submitted,

*Scott A. Martin*  
Treasurer, ALSSAR



## 2024 State Convention

Alabama Society SAR

Profit & Loss

February 2023 - January 2024

	Feb 2023-Jan 2024
<b>Ordinary Income &amp; Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
BOM Meeting	
BOM Registration Fee	2,370.00
<b>Total BOM Meeting</b>	<b>2,370.00</b>
<b>ALSSAR Convention Income</b>	
2023 Convention Registration Fee	2,406.00
2024 Convention Registration Fee	7,640.00
<b>Total Convention Income</b>	<b>10,046.00</b>
<b>Direct Public Support</b>	
State Color Guard	410.00
George Washington Endowment Fund	550.00
George Washington Tent	500.00
SAR Museum Board Special Purpose Fund	5,000.00
Community Foundation of S AL	1,500.00
Ladies Auxiliary ALSSAR	1,200.00
<b>Total Direct Public Support</b>	<b>9,160.00</b>
<b>Dissolution of Tri-State Chapter</b>	<b>2,215.02</b>
<b>AL State Society Medal Set</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>Donation Youth Programs</b>	<b>435.00</b>
<b>2027 National Congress</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>
<b>Membership Income</b>	
AL State Life Membership	1,450.00
Member Reinstatement Dues	1,900.00
New Member Regular Application	12,555.00
Junior Membership Application	470.00
Supplemental Application Fee	4,300.00
Dual Membership	100.00
Transfers	220.00
2023 Renewal Annual Dues	5,415.00
2024 Renewal Annual Dues	64,810.00



## 2024 State Convention

Total Membership Income	91,220.00
Total Income	<u>123,016.02</u>
Expense	
2023 Convention	
Booklets	513.00
Ladies Auxiliary	<u>264.97</u>
Total 2023 Convention	777.97
2024 Convention	1,000.00
Spring 2023 BOM Booklets	513.00
Fall 2023 BOM Booklets	632.81
Ladies Auxiliary	<u>1,059.97</u>
Total Board of Managers Meeting	2,205.78
Certificates of Deposit	11,930.00
Donations	
AL CAR	500.00
Blue Star Salute Foundation	100.00
Community Foundation of S AL	660.00
George Washington Endowment Fund	550.00
Samford University-Special Collections	250.00
NSSAR Museum Board	15,000.00
NSSAR Library	<u>300.00</u>
Total Donations	17,360.00
JROTC & ROTC Awards	<u>957.00</u>
Total JROTC & ROTC Awards	957.00
NSSAR	57,590.00
Chapter Dues	115.00
Refund of Dues	305.00
Officer's Expenses	
Registrar's Expenses	421.38
Treasurer's Expenses	<u>502.06</u>



## 2024 State Convention

Total Officer's Expenses	923.44
Operations	
National Oration - Recording Service	221.45
State Farm - Annual Policy	300.00
Storage Facility - Annual Renewal	869.00
Bereavement	122.99
Web	341.72
Total Operations	1,855.16
Programs & Awards	
Medals, Awards & Recognition	549.26
Total Programs & Awards	549.26
Travel & Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	11,221.83
Total Travel & Meetings	11,221.83
Youth Programs	
Brochure Contest Awards	650.00
Eagle Scout Awards	120.00
Essay Contest Awards	900.00
Oration Contest Awards	2,250.00
Poster Contest Awards	450.00
Total Youth Programs	4,370.00
Total Expense	111,160.44
Net Ordinary Income	11,855.58
Net Income	11,855.58



## 2024 State Convention

### Registrar's Report

1/1/23 – 12/31/23

Applicant	Patriot	Type	Date Approved	Chapter
Prevost, Gary Rene	Thomas Hardcastle	N	1/20/2023	Tennessee Valley
Burgess, James Michael	George Gordon	N	1/20/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Byrd, William Glen	James Tate	N	1/20/2023	Tennessee Valley
Allen, Desmond Paul	Aaron Mills	N	1/20/2023	Richard Henry Lee
Cisco, Nathaniel Clay	Lewis Bobo	N	1/20/2023	Little River
Brown, Marshall David	James Hollis	N	1/20/2023	Little River
Little, Robert Wayne	Jonas Little	N	1/20/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Peacock, Claude Franklin	Levi Harrell	N	1/20/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Evans, Zachery Tyler	Christopher Kehela	N	1/27/2023	Tennessee Valley
Lawrence, Kevin Scott	James Zachary	N	2/24/2023	John A. Elmore
Simmons, John Franklin	Peter Acker, Sr.	N	2/24/2023	Wiregrass
Woodard, Danny Lee	Christopher Kirksey	N	3/3/2023	Little River
Woodard, Michael Ray	Christopher Kirksey	N	3/3/2023	Little River
Woodard, Malik Landen	Christopher Kirksey	N	3/3/2023	Little River
Rose, Gary Michael	Francois Cailhol	N	3/17/2023	Tennessee Valley
Allen, Steven Michael	George Ball	N	3/17/2023	Tennessee Valley
Miller, Alan Benton	Robert Belcher	N	3/17/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Graham, Johnathan Allan	Matthew Graham	N	4/7/2023	At-Large
Graham, John Hugh, Jr.	Matthew Graham	N	4/7/2023	At-Large
Graham, David Michael	Matthew Graham	N	4/7/2023	At-Large
Graham, Matthew Ian	Matthew Graham	N	4/7/2023	At-Large
Graham, Glen Alan	Matthew Graham	N	4/7/2023	At-Large
Buchanan, Steven Thomas	William Womack	N	4/14/2023	Tennessee Valley
Wales, Alvis Fielding, Jr.	Robert Payne	N	4/21/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Wales, Jeffrey Fielding	Robert Payne	N	4/21/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Osborne, Guy James	Jacob Kimmel	N	4/28/2023	Tennessee Valley
Ferguson, Byron Williams, III	Matthew Prior	N	4/28/2023	Tennessee Valley
Magnusson, Ronny Lynn	Thomas Wade	N	4/28/2023	Tennessee Valley
Forsythe, Stephen Paul	Walter Ellis	N	4/28/2023	Tennessee Valley
Preus, Richard Irving, Sr.	Isaac Fowler, Jr.	N	5/5/2023	Richard Henry Lee
Layman, Donald Eugene	John Springer	N	5/19/2023	Shoals Area
Layman, Jonathan David	John Springer	N	5/19/2023	Shoals Area
Halsey, Scott Randall	Malachi Halsey	N	5/19/2023	Tennessee Valley
Rogers, Christopher Ryan	Ambrose Rucker	N	5/19/2023	Little River
Barron, John Thornton	John Byers	N	5/19/2023	Richard Henry Lee
Maijala, Scott Deverell	Terrence Connor	N	5/26/2023	Shoals Area
Compton, Dennon Childers	Jeremiah H. Compton	N	5/26/2023	Tennessee Valley
Howard, Benjamin Arthur	Jacob Caulk	N	5/26/2023	Tennessee Valley
Howard, Kenneth Herman	Jacob Caulk	N	5/26/2023	Tennessee Valley





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Baker, Brian Keith	Jacob Staley	N	6/9/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Crofts, Val Thomas	Joseph Shattuck	N	6/23/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Glidewell, John Neilen	Nash Glidewell	N	6/23/2023	Tennessee Valley
Glidewell, Alex James	Nash Glidewell	N	6/23/2023	Tennessee Valley
Chapman, Garland Edwin	William Woodford	N	6/30/2023	Tennessee Valley
Hooper, Dennis Tillman	Absalom Hooper	N	7/28/2023	Birmingham
Hooper, Stephen Paul	Absalom Hooper	N	7/28/2023	Birmingham
Fanin, Gregory Dale	John Allen	N	7/28/2023	Birmingham
Cobb, William Don, Jr.	Antoine Bordelon	N	7/28/2023	Galvez
Tribble, Jack David	Winburn Summerlin	N	8/11/2023	Birmingham
Lampkin, Brian Evans	Walter Rand	N	8/11/2023	Tennessee Valley
Sifford, Kurt Rogers	Bolling Rogers	N	8/11/2023	Galvez
Hodges, William Jason	John Loving	N	8/18/2023	Tennessee Valley
Myers, Andrew Rodney	Jethro Sumner	N	8/18/2023	Tennessee Valley
Retherford, Jeremy Lowery	Thomas Rutherford	N	8/25/2023	Birmingham
Patterson, William Morrow	Reuben Johnson	N	8/25/2023	Birmingham
Hull, Richard Porterfield	Robert Porterfield	N	8/25/2023	Tennessee Valley
Fondren, Jeffry Paul	Zachariah Simms	N	10/13/2023	John Archer Elmore
Ely, Matthew Coburn	Valentine Sevier	N	10/13/2023	Shoals Area
Ely, Preston William	Valentine Sevier	N	10/13/2023	Shoals Area
Phillips, Harry Shannon, Sr.	Valentine Sevier	N	10/13/2023	Shoals Area
Hodgen, Ronald Lee	Robert Hodgen	N	10/13/2023	Tennessee Valley
Watson, Craig Bassett	Lewis Fielding, Sr.	N	10/13/2023	Tennessee Valley
Blanton, John Berik	Elias Lazenby	N	10/20/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Chesebro, Mark Frederick	Constant Church	N	10/20/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Lazenby, Gordon Richard	Elias Lazenby	N	10/20/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Lazenby-Blanton, Christian Shaw	Elias Lazenby	N	10/20/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Austin, Cecil Wayne	William Gurley	N	10/20/2023	Tennessee Valley
Markowitz, Scott Randal	Elijah Joyce	N	10/20/2023	Tennessee Valley
Taylor, Nathan Vann	William Pace	N	10/20/2023	Tennessee Valley
Simmons, Jack Franklin	Peter Acker	N	10/20/2023	Wiregrass
Simmons, John Franklin, Sr.	Peter Acker	N	10/20/2023	Wiregrass
Dixon, Preston Copeland	John Treutlen	N	10/27/2023	Birmingham
Wright, Andrew Hull	Asa Lay	N	10/27/2023	Shoals Area
Hall, James Louie	Bolling Wright	N	11/2/2023	Cheaha
Hall-Thomas, Daniel Maurice	Bolling Wright	N	11/2/2023	Cheaha
Thomas, James William	Bolling Wright	N	11/2/2023	Cheaha
Thomas, Trayton Daniel	Bolling Wright	N	11/2/2023	Cheaha
Kiser, Charles Franklin	George Gallup	N	11/10/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Sanderson, William Joseph, Jr.	Daniel Dewey	N	11/17/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Wrenn, Daniel Dalton	Roger M. Williams	N	11/17/2023	Tennessee Valley



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Hairston, William Burton, III	Samuel Hairston	N	12/1/2023	Birmingham
Kitchens, Philip Benjamin	Edward Weston	N	12/1/2023	Wiregrass
Burton, Donald Ray	Obadiah Hammond	N	12/5/2023	At-Large
Burton, William Jefferson	Obadiah Hammond	N	12/5/2023	At-Large
Pegues, Michael Edward	Claudius Pegues, Jr.	N	12/8/2023	Galvez
Lee, Casey Dean	John Stanfield	N	12/31/2023	Cheaha
Yarbrough, Jason Lamar	John Stanfield	N	12/31/2023	Cheaha
Yarbrough, Norris Dupree	John Stanfield	N	12/31/2023	Cheaha
Yarbrough, Robert Lamar	John Stanfield	N	12/31/2023	Cheaha
Hatch, Timothy Neal	John Wilcox	N	12/31/2023	Montgomery
Rollan, Victor Lamar	Nicholas Rochester	N	12/31/2023	Montgomery
Wyatt, John Paul	Joseph Richards	N	12/31/2023	Tennessee Valley
Cisco, Clay Crossan	Lewis Bobo	J	1/20/2023	Little River
Cisco, Cooper Layne	Lewis Bobo	J	1/20/2023	Little River
Gant, William Mark	James Hollis	J	1/20/2023	Little River
Gant, Trevor Lee	James Hollis	J	1/20/2023	Little River
Miller, John Ryan	Robert Belcher	J	3/17/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Wales, Charles Gibson	Robert Payne	J	4/21/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Magnusson, Ethan Thomas	Thomas Wade	J	4/28/2023	Tennessee Valley
Forsythe, Austin Paul	Walter Ellis	J	4/28/2023	Tennessee Valley
Layman, Pruitt David	John Springer	J	5/19/2023	Shoals Area
Davis, Garrison Christopher	John Springer	J	5/19/2023	Shoals Area
Baker, Jeffrey Robert Colquhoun	Jacob Staley	J	6/9/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Baker, Peter Alexander Colquhoun	Jacob Staley	J	6/9/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Thomas, Lincoln James	Bolling Wright	J	11/2/2023	Cheaha
Thomas, Lucas William	Bolling Wright	J	11/2/2023	Cheaha
Settoon, Leo Dupree	John Stanfield	J	12/31/2023	Cheaha
Yarbrough, Samuel Raymond	John Stanfield	J	12/31/2023	Cheaha
Hatch, Mason Patrick	John Wilcox	J	12/31/2023	Montgomery
Tucker, Ronnie Wayne	John Hahn	S	2/3/2023	Richard Henry Lee
McMurry, Charles Otis	Thomas Stapler	S	2/24/2023	Tennessee Valley
Castle, Ray Vaughn II	Henry Crowell	S	3/31/2023	Tennessee Valley
Dotherow, James Edward, III	Joseph Coleman	S	3/31/2023	John Archer Elmore
Brouse, Steven Michael	Peter Pontius	S	3/31/2023	Tennessee Valley
Brouse, Steven Michael	John Pontius	S	3/31/2023	Tennessee Valley
Brouse, Steven Michael	Valentine Krug	S	4/14/2023	Tennessee Valley
Tucker, Ronnie Wayne	John Killian	S	4/28/2023	Richard Henry Lee
Wesson, Thomas Jeffery	Reuben McGee	S	4/28/2023	John Archer Elmore



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Phillips, James Nunley	James Waters	S	6/9/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Phillips, James Nunley	William Turner	S	6/9/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Phillips, James Nunley	Hatch Dent	S	6/9/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Sessamen, Harry Dean	Richard Ingram	S	6/23/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Sessamen, Harry Dean	John Ingram	S	6/23/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Little, Thomas Michael	John Hubbard	S	6/23/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Watson, James Robert, Jr.	John McAdoo	S	7/28/2023	Tennessee Valley
Martin, Scott Allen	Charles Clayton	S	8/11/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Pryor, William Holcombe, Jr.	James Clark	S	8/11/2023	Birmingham
Pryor, William Holcombe, Jr.	Eleanor Dunn Green	S	8/11/2023	Birmingham
Pryor, William Holcombe, Jr.	John Rowzee Peyton	S	8/11/2023	Birmingham
Pryor, William Holcombe, Jr.	Howson Hooe	S	8/11/2023	Birmingham
Daniel, William Emmett, Jr.	Isaac Lenoir	S	9/8/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Pryor, William Holcombe, Jr.	Robert Pugh	S	9/22/2023	Birmingham
Pryor, William Holcombe, Jr.	Sylvester Ward	S	9/22/2023	Birmingham
Gillian, Earl, Jr.	Edward McColgan	S	11/10/2023	John Archer Elmore
Owen, Scott Frazier	John Owens	S	11/10/2023	Tennessee Valley
Martin, Scott Allen	Samuel Smith	S	12/1/2023	Cahaba-Coosa
Tucker, Ronnie Wayne	John Yount	S	12/1/2023	Richard Henry Lee

Chapter	New Applications	Junior Applications	Memorial Applications	Supplemental
At-Large	7	0	0	0
Birmingham	8	0	0	6
Black Warrior River	0	0	0	0
Cahaba-Coosa	14	4	0	9
Cheaha	8	4	0	0
Etowah	0	0	0	0
Galvez	3	0	0	0
John Archer Elmore	2	0	0	3
Little River	6	4	0	0
Montgomery	2	1	0	0
Richard Henry Lee	3	0	0	3
Shoals Area	7	2	0	0
Tennessee Valley	28	2	0	8
Wiregrass	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	92	17	0	29



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J-CT = Junior converted from CAR Transfer

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N-CT = New converted from CAR Transfer

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J-YT = Junior converted from Youth Registrant Transfer

S = Supplemental

2024 Applications currently (02/01/2024) on file and Application Status

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Patriot</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
West, Stephen Pierce	Jacob Higginbotham	N	Approved	Cheaha
Miller, Landon Cabell Garland	Nimrod Jones	N	Pending	Black Warrior River
Bridges, Kevin James	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Bridges, Weslet James	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Cox, Randall Lee	Thomas Price	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Quave, Aidan Simpson	Jacque M Ladner	N	Pending	Galvez
Morrison, Randy Todd	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Montgomery, Charles Perry	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Montgomery, Charles Daniel	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Montgomery, Dylan Wayne	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Montgomery, Bryce Richards	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Montgomery, Ethan Perry	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
McGee, Cameron Scott	William Maclin	N	Pending	Little River
Brantley, Thomas Leo	David Mims	N	Pending	Montgomery
Bridges, Christopher Alan	John Morrison	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Radford, Richard	Jacob Fulmer	N	Pending	Richard Henry Lee
Keith, James Cecil	Adam Caperton	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Seale, Bobby Wayne	Charles Seale, Sr.	N	Pending	Galvez
Keepers, Roger Dale	David Newcomb	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Keepers, Kirk Edwin	David Newcomb	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Keepers, Ryan Joseph	David Newcomb	N	Pending	Tennessee Valley
McClary, Danny Joe	Archibald Johnson	N	Pending	Cahaba-Coosa
Bridges, William James	John Morrison	J	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Bridges, Lawson Troup	John Morrison	J	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Keepers, Nolan Keane	David Newcomb	J	Pending	Tennessee Valley
McMurry, Charles Otis	Thomas Clark, Sr.	S	Pending	Tennessee Valley
McMurry, Charles Otis	John Clark, Sr.	S	Pending	Tennessee Valley
McMurry, Charles Otis	William Callahan	S	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Wesson, Thomas Jeffery	Bazil Prather	S	Pending	John Archer Elmore



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Anderson, Rex Winston, Sr.	Samuel Paschall	S	Pending	Cahaba-Coosa
Coleman, William	Hickerson Cosby	S	Pending	Cahaba-Coosa
McMurry, Charles Otis	Samuel McMurry	S	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Swann, Allie Cavett	Moses Cavett	S	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Stone, Charles Roberts	John Middlebrook, Sr.	S	Pending	Little River
Stone, Charles Roberts	Mark Stroud	S	Pending	Little River
Stone, Charles Roberts	Benjamin Haygood	S	Pending	Little River
Stone, Charles Roberts	James Stewart	S	Pending	Little River
Anderson, Rex Winston, Sr.	Nathan Peebles	S	Pending	Cahaba-Coosa
Sorrells, Dan Richard	William McElroy	S	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Albyn, Keith Cosby	Zacheus Cosby	S	Pending	Tennessee Valley
Petznick, Paul Gaston	Hugh Gaston	S	Pending	Birmingham
Petznick, Gaston Lee	Hugh Gaston	S	Pending	Birmingham
Petznick, Paul Gaston	John Gaston, Sr.	S	Pending	Birmingham
Petznick, Gaston Lee	John Gaston, Sr.	S	Pending	Birmingham
Petznick, Paul Gaston	Mary Gaston McClure	S	Pending	Birmingham
Petznick, Gaston Lee	Mary Gaston McClure	S	Pending	Birmingham
Petznick, Paul Gaston	George Fluker	S	Pending	Birmingham
Petznick, Gaston Lee	George Fluker	S	Pending	Birmingham

#### Chapter Statistics

Chapter	New Applications	Junior Applications	Memorial Applications	Supplemental
At-Large	0	0	0	0
Birmingham	0	0	0	8
Black Warrior River	1	0	0	0
Cahaba-Coosa	1	0	0	3
Cheaha	1	0	0	0
Etowah	0	0	0	0
Galvez	2	0	0	0
John Archer Elmore	0	0	0	1
Little River	1	0	0	4
Montgomery	1	0	0	0
Richard Henry Lee	1	0	0	0
Shoals Area	0	0	0	0
Tennessee Valley	14	3	0	7
Wiregrass	0	0	0	0
	22	3	0	23



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### **SAR Policy on the use and acceptability of DAR Record Copies:**

Any DAR RC dated 1/1/1985 or later can be used as proof for an SAR Application, regardless of whether it is individually check marked or center checked, and regardless of whether it cites primary docs or cites previously approved DAR papers, AS LONG AS the service or specific lineage (you are using) on that paper is not RED FLAGGED or IN QUESTION.

We have established that DAR 688702 was the first new member application approved after 1/1/1985, so any new member DAR paper 688702 or later can be used AS LONG AS the service or lineage on that paper is not RED FLAGGED or IN QUESTION.

We have also established that any DAR Supplemental RC with an Add Volume number of 622 or higher may also be used with the same disclaimer as the new member papers.

Some older DAR Papers may meet the current Genealogical Proof Standard, even though they may have been approved prior to 1/1/1985. For information on specific older DAR papers, contact the ALSSAR State Registrar.

### **SAR Policy on the use and acceptability of SAR Record Copies:**

SAR accepts facts on record copies of SAR Applications approved after 1/1/2012 AS LONG AS the service or specific lineage (you are using) on that paper is not RED FLAGGED or IN QUESTION. These applications shall be accepted as evidence of corresponding service, lineage, and related facts on SAR Applications. However, this is not the case should the post 1/1/2012 record copy contain information previously determined to be incorrect by the SAR. The first application approved after 1/1/2012 is 181935.

The use of pre-2012 SAR record copies should be avoided unless it can be verified that the information and documentation on that record copy is acceptable and correct.

There is no straightforward way to determine whether an SAR Supplemental Application was approved after 1/1/2012. One would need to look for a post 1/1/2012 registration date on the Record Copy to determine acceptability.





Some older DAR papers and SAR papers may meet the current Genealogical Proof Standard, even though they may have been approved prior to the acceptable approval dates. For information on specific older DAR or SAR papers, contact the ALSSAR State Registrar.

### Approval Trends Since 2006

Year	New	\$\$	Junior	Youth	Memorial	\$\$	Supplemental	\$\$	Total	\$\$
2023	92	(87)	17	N/A	0		29	(29)	138	(116)
2022	75	(70)	17	N/A	1	(1)	61	(61)	154	(132)
2021	66	(63)	18	N/A	1	(1)	20	(20)	105	(84)
2020	92	(84)	22	N/A	0		29	(29)	143	(113)
2019	128	(117)	20	N/A	1	(1)	23	(23)	172	(140)
2018	92	(89)	21	N/A	0		40	(40)	153	(129)
2017	160	(145)	31	N/A	0		13	(13)	204	(158)
2016	90	(83)	12	N/A	0		12	(12)	114	(95)
2015	90	(80)	21	N/A	0		28	(28)	139	(108)
2014	82	(78)	15	N/A	0		81	(81)	178	(159)
2013	132	(115)	16	N/A	0		32	(32)	180	(147)
2012	135	(120)	46	N/A	0		38	(38)	219	(158)
2011	136	(122)	37	N/A	0		31	(31)	204	(153)
2010	95		25	1	0		47		168	
2009	82		53	3	1		42		181	
2008	136		2	34	2		28		202	
2007	132		---	12	1		20		165	
2006	71		---	7	1		30		109	

Total \$\$ = Produced \$20 Revenue each. \$5 of each Revenue producing application goes into the Endowment Fund.

Submitted by

Ron Bearden  
ALSSAR Registrar



## 2024 State Convention Genealogist's Report

The primary duty of the Genealogist is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Registrar and assist in the preparation of applications for membership when called upon to do so. I am available to assist our Chapters, as needed, with applications and research questions. Being located near Montgomery, I am convenient to the Alabama State Archives. I have subscriptions to ancestry.com and fold3.com, and use the current version of the Cox Software. I have used the online application form this last year and prefer the data input process of this form.

I also participated in the ZOOM application training sessions conducted by the NSSAR, and have sat in on a recent NSSAR Genealogy Committee Meeting. While these sessions were most helpful, the process of drafting applications is still being updated and changed as we begin the journey toward an electronic application process.

I have assisted with presentations at our State Convention concerning use of DNA in applications. How we use DNA in applications is evolving in the SAR and new guidelines should make this a better option for some applicants.

While my primary focus as Genealogist is the application process, once an application has been approved, I believe we need to focus on getting our new members involved. While the coronavirus pandemic has limited our chapter and state activities, our goal for each new member should not merely be to have an additional name on the roster, but to get each new member involved in Chapter activities. By getting new members involved, we are more likely to not only retain the new member, but also give our chapters an increased ability to better serve our community.

In Patriot Service,

*Earl Gillian, Jr.*

Genealogist,  
Alabama Society, SAR





## 2024 State Convention National Trustee's Report

13 January 2024, the Trustees met via an on-line Zoom meeting, the following motion passed:

### MOTION

- The Executive Committee recommends that the Trustees approve up to \$3,600,000 for the construction of the building and building systems modifications to accommodate the addition of the Education Center and Museum exhibits, funded by the SAR Foundation. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the contract with A.L. Post once the funding source is confirmed by the Executive Committee. This to include:
  - Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for construction with A. L. Post, in the amount of \$3,244,929, and estimated Allowances for:
    - Commissioning, communications distribution cabling for exhibits and CCTV additions of \$85,000;
    - Door Etching, window film treatment and Theater Floor emblem of \$15,000;
    - Owners Contingency of \$59,455; and,
  - Construction Management (PLC) - \$195,616

Next scheduled meeting is during the Spring Leadership meeting, 1st & 2nd of March, 2004 in Louisville, Ky.

134th National Congress will be held in Lancaster, PA. 11th -16th 2024.

Congress Master Schedule Web Link:

<https://www.passar.org/2024%20Congress/2024%20SAR%20National%20Congress.html>

Congress SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday, Jul 10 ExCom/SARF
- Thursday, Jul 11 Tours, and Host Reception
- Friday, Jul 12 CG Breakfast, Trustees Meeting, Memorial Service, First Lady's Tea, Rumbaugh Finals
- Saturday, Jul 13 CoSP Breakfast, Opening Session, Youth Luncheon, Minuteman/Awards Session
- Sunday, Jul 14 District Breakfasts, 2d Session, GWEF/VPGs Luncheon, Ladies Luncheon, Balloting, PGs Banquet
- Monday, Jul 15 Donors Recognition, Final Session of Congress, Short Tours, Installation Banquet

*Bill Daniel*

National Trustee – ALSSAR



## 2024 State Convention

# COMMITTEE REPORTS



**2024 State Convention.**  
**ALSSAR Endowment Fund Committee Report**  
**2024 Annual Meeting**  
February 24, 2024

**Membership:**

The membership of the Endowment Fund Committee is made up of three voting members who are elected for staggered three years terms while the State Treasurer serves as a non-voting member. (This membership structure is determined by State By-Laws.)

1. John R. Wallace (Chairman)
2. Stephens Hooks, II
3. David M. Jones
4. Scott Martin (State Treasurer) – non-voting

John Wallace will be rolling off the committee at the end of the meeting, and a new member will be elected for a full three-year term by ALSSAR members present. Stephen Hooks, II will then assume the chairmanship given he is the senior member of the committee. A member can only serve one year as chairman of the committee during his three-year term.

The committee has not generated any expenses and work is primarily conducted via electronic messaging. Contact with the Community Foundation of South Alabama (CFSA) by the committee is via emails and telephone.

**Progress and History:**

Many of our members probably do not realize that the ALSSAR has had an Endowment Fund for over twenty years with the established goal of generating funds for Youth Awards using a legacy of approximately \$7,000.00 from a SAR member. In the very early years these monies were maintained in CDs and Money Market Accounts but never actually returned any earnings back to the Society. (This was back in the day when interest rates were essentially zero.)

In August 2015, The Endowment Fund Committee and the ALSSAR gave \$27,500 (value of the ALSSAR self-administered endowment) to the Community Foundation of South Alabama to manage. This was reviewed by two ALSSAR chancellors and found to meet the established by-laws. At the same time, the then President Hal Thornton along with the BOM established an Ad Hoc committee composed of the three Endowment Fund Committee members and four other ALSSAR members appointed by the president. This Committee determined such a move of state funds to the CFSA was to the benefit of the ALSSAR and recommend that any future by-law changes relating to the



Endowment Fund should emanate from the Endowment Fund Committee. This report was approved by the BOM.

Since that time, the Endowment Fund Committee has encouraged the consideration of contributing to our endowment fund. These efforts have been most successful with the fund reporting a value of almost **\$146,000.00** at the time of this writing. This does not include the **\$1,700.00** that is being returned to the state at this meeting toward the costs of youth awards. Since our account was established with CFSA in 2015 contributions have come from individual members, chapters (two chapters have each made a onetime donation of \$5,000.00), donations in memory of past members or first ladies, and the endowment even received a \$1,000.00 donation in honor of another member of the society. The endowment has also been in receipt of donations totaling **\$64,375.00** from outside charitable trusts. This is certainly a tremendous recognition of the Alabama Society for the work the ALSSAR does in trying to inspire young people from grade school age to high school students to learn about the principles upon which our nation was founded.

#### **Financial Return to the State Society:**

It is often asked, how much does the endowment fund earn, or how is the return to the state society determined? The Community Foundation of South Alabama make the determination of the amount of funds the Endowment Fund Committee can spend along with the current state bylaws.

The CFSA uses a system based on a twenty-quarter rolling average of the value of the endowment fund and 5% of that value may then be used by the state endowment fund committee. This determination on the amount that can be expended is calculated by CFSA once a year at the end of September which is the end of their fiscal year and the data forwarded to the Endowment Fund Committee. Now, under the society's by-laws the committee may return up to 50% on this amount back to the state society for youth awards. Consideration is also given to losses the fund may have incurred, the amount of donations to the fund and the need for the endowment to grow. The following is a breakdown of how much has been returned to the state society:

2017 - \$700.00  
2018 - \$800.00  
2019 - \$900.00  
2020 - \$1000.00  
2021 - \$1200.00  
2022 - \$1400.00  
2023 - \$1500.00  
2024 - \$1700.00

**Total in eight years: \$9,200.00**

We all recognize that one of the major cornerstones of the SAR is education and getting our youth involved in learning about American History and how and why our country was founded by our patriot ancestors. The youth programs are one of many routes that can be taken to achieve this goal. It has long been known that in our current economy and inflation these cannot be solely



supported by dues and contributions from the women's auxiliary. This is why the ALSSAR Endowment Fund is so important in providing an outside source of income. One of the financial principles that my father taught me was, *"The easiest money there is, is the money that money makes for you!"* For the fund to grow, we need to encourage an increased number of donations which in turn will provide a larger base upon which expendable money may be calculated. In my 25 years of membership in the ALSSAR I have never heard anyone say they did not support the youth programs, but in 2023 only **two** ALSSAR members made contributions to the Endowment Fund totaling **\$1,175.00**. ***Two out of a 1000 +? That averages to slightly over a \$1.00 per member..... To add insult to injury – only 12 members have donated since the inception of the fund in 2015! Most multiple times.***

We cannot simply depend on outside organizations or our chapters to carry the load, our membership must step forward if we want to expand our programs and reward the students!

#### **How to Donate:**

One of the easiest ways is to simply go to the Community Foundation of South Alabama Website: [www.communityfoundationsa.org](http://www.communityfoundationsa.org) In the upper right-hand corner is a DONATE NOW button. When you click on that button you will be taken to a page where you can list all the funds – when this is clicked you will find the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution Fund. Click on that and it will take you to a page where you can donate via your credit card. You can do this in honor or memorial of an individual or simply donate. (Be prepared to include the name and address of the person to whom a letter should be sent to inform that individual that a donation has been made in someone's memory or honor.) All you must do is follow the prompts. Use a credit card that gives you air miles, hotel points, or cash back – will be win-win situation for you and the ALSSAR! Once a donation is made you will receive an electronic tax letter – print and file with your tax forms.

(The Community Foundation is working on developing a link whereby direct access to our fund's donation page can be made. It is hoped that this link will be ready by the annual meeting)

The other way is simple send a check payable to *Community Foundation of South Alabama* with a cover letter indicating the check is designated for the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution Fund. If in honor or memory of an individual simply include that information and to whom a notification letter should be sent. You will receive a tax letter for your donation.

Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990

*John R. Wallace*

John R. Wallace  
Chairman, ALSSAR Endowment Fund Committee



## **2024 State Convention**

### ***DRAFT* Alabama SAR Strategic Goals & Objectives**

#### **Goal 1: Grow the State Membership to 1250 members by 2030 (Recruit, Retain, Reinstate)**

- Objective 1: Increase State membership by 85 new members annually through recruitment activities at commemorations, events, DAR collaboration, and advertising in various media
- Objective 2: Strengthen existing chapters and grow chapters in geographic areas in which we need chapters. (This may include establishing chapters which are in the same general area but meet at different times/days.)
- Objective 3: Establish two new chapters by 2030
- Objective 4: Engage members who are not coming to meetings, throughout the year to keep them involved, rather than waiting to dues collection time for the first engagement
- Objective 5: Receive paid membership renewals from at least 95% of members with only 1 contact by the chapter officers
- Objective 6: Reduce the number of members who require additional contacts when dues cards are sent out to less than 1%
- Objective 7: Conduct a reinstatement campaign to reinstate at least 15 former members (inactive from 2 to 10 years) to active chapter membership status
- Objective 8: Conduct membership development through training and engagement
- Objective 9: Recognize members who complete/approved supplementals to involve members new and old
- Investigate new methods to recruit members, involve NEW members in leadership positions, get new chairs, and vice presidents etc., new ideas. New members are set



up as greeters for the next 10 meetings. That we the current members know the greeters are new and are good candidates for your committees. Have new members do certain tasks to get "BLUE RIBBON." Responsibility

## **Goal 2: Enhance our SAR-DAR Partnership**

- Objective 1: Provide Color Guard support to DAR activities
- Objective 2: Reciprocate with DAR to recruit new members
- Objective 3: Collaborate with DAR chapters at local schools
- Objective 4: Participate in Constitution Week activities
- Objective 5: Invite DAR to Chapter grave markings

## **Goal 3: Prepare for the 250th Anniversary and related events during the National SAR's "Decade of the American Revolution"**

- Objective 1: engage in the La Fayette trail through Alabama or other National SAR recognized revolutionary war events/ battles such as Spanish Fort and Charlotte
- Objective 2: Each chapter conduct at least one Revolutionary War presentation/event to the public annually
- Objective 3: Increase Color Guard members by 10% annually
- Objective 4: Each chapter should have at least 1 Color guard member who is involved at the State Society level.
- Objective 5: Conduct at least one patriot grave making and/or a grave marking for a patriot's child by each Chapter annually. [Notes: Work with the Order of The First Families of Alabama Territory and the Alabama Genealogical Society's First Families of Alabama programs to recruit members who share common ancestors]
- Objective 6: Each chapter Conduct at least one Compatriot grave marking per year (with could include early Alabama SAR State Society Presidents)





- Objective 7: Each chapter/Alabama Society should join forces with other SAR state societies in the Southern District & other Districts
- Objective 8: Each chapter adopt a cemetery where a Pomeroy marker could be placed
- Objective 9: Award 250th Medals and pins to non-SAR members





## 2024 State Convention Americanism Report

THE ALABAMA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Filing Date: February 11, 2024

Committee Name: Americanism Chairman Name: Benny Hannah  
Chairman Address: 105 Finsbury Cir. Madison, AL 35758 Telephone No.: 256-724-0359  
Meeting Dates & Location: Zoom Call 2/7/24  
Committee Communications by Mail (Email), Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Polling Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBERS:

1. <u>Walker Jackson</u>	2. <u>Roger Vaughan</u>	3. <u>Skip Dothrow</u>
4. <u>Charles Atchley</u>	5. <u>Bill Rozier</u>	6. <u>Scott Martin</u>
7. <u>Hollis Smith</u>	8. <u>Bill Carter</u>	9. <u>Ron Dains</u>
10. <u>Eric Alford</u>	11. <u>Bruce Kilgore</u>	12. <u>Ron Bearden</u>
13. <u>Malon Murphy</u>	14. _____	15. _____
16. _____	17. _____	18. _____

NOTE: After the Chairman, the committee members consist usually of each chapter president or his designee.

EXPENSES: No Cost

#### PARTICIPATION (Identify Member by Number):

Attendance at Meetings: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 12,

Correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: 256-724-0359

#### REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS:



## 2024 State Convention

### George Washington Endowment Fund

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Filing Date: February 5, 2023

Committee Name: George Washington Endowment Fund

Chairman Address: 132 Oakhurst Drive

Chairman Name: Jim Griffith

Telephone No.: (256) 656-8761

E-Mail: jgriffith1963@outlook.com

Other ALSSAR GWEF Committee Members:

- (1) Edmon McKinley
- (2) Eric Alford

So far this year (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024), Alabama has 5 new GWEF Fellows:

For the current calendar year [01 April 2023 through 31 March 2024], there are 97 total new GWEF fellows across the nation. In Alabama, we have 6 new fellows. Alabama new fellows this year include:

- Mary Griffith
- Mark Hubbs
- Skip Dotherow
- Joel Fortson
- Mike Little
- Eric Sloughfy

It is critical to understand that the GWEF is truly where the rubber meets the road for the SAR. This fund supports projects across the nation that further the objectives of the SAR. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining. If your Chapter does not have someone as the GWEF Contact for your local members to speak with, please consider appointing that position. If you have time and can schedule a presentation from the GWEF Committee, then we would like to do that. If you prefer to give the presentation yourself, one is available. If you would to show your membership a GWEF video, that is also available.

What is the George Washington Endowment Fund? It is the gift that keeps on giving. Your donation is a perpetual gift which never dies. This permanent restricted fund was established on 27 February 1993. 80% of the *annual interest and earnings* are used to support funded and underfunded National Committees and Special Projects by State Societies. The corpus of the fund is never touched. 20% of the annual income generated remains in the corpus, so it is constantly growing. Earnings from these contributions over the years have helped to finance a wide variety of programs and projects; including the most recent Alabama Society project at The American Village.



**Would you like to  
become a George  
Washington Fellow  
and join over 120 Alabama Fellows?**

Becoming a GW Fellow is not limited to SAR members [spouses, children, grandchildren, and others are all eligible]. Each person recognized as a GW Fellow shall receive a distinctive lapel pin and a certificate denoting their status. The name of each GW Fellow will be displayed in the Center for Advancing America's Heritage building. All gifts are important. The SAR Foundation is classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) Educational Foundation and all contributions and gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

There are several ways to contribute:

- (1) By making a one-time gift of \$1,000 or more. If paying by check please mail application and check to: Jim Griffith at 132 Oakhurst Drive, Madison, AL 35758.
- (2) By making a gift of \$1,000 or more, with an initial payment of \$200 or more, and a pledge to pay the remaining balance in equal annual payments over the next 5 years. If paying by check please mail application and check to: Jim Griffith, 132 Oakhurst Drive, Madison, AL 35758.
- (3) By making an initial gift of \$100, followed by equal monthly payments until the total amount of pledge has been reached. This \$100 monthly payment can only be made through credit card ... go to main website <https://www.sar.org> ... in the upper right corner click "GIVE" – Click on \$100 and you will go to another page. Click "Recurring Donation" ... Then, be sure to change the box "I would like my donation to support" to George Washington Endowment Fund [or it will not go to the GWEF]. Finally, give a set amount you would like to pay in total payments of \$100 monthly. The same can be done on \$1000 [one-time donation] or \$200 contributions, etc. Be sure to complete all the steps and wait for a final confirmation number before closing the website payment – or it will not go through as a payment at all. Complete the GWEF Application [found on the ALSSAR's website ... <https://www.alssar.org/gwef.html>] to match your initial payment information and note the confirmation number and amount on the signed application. E-mail completed application to Jim Griffith at [jgriffith1963@outlook.com](mailto:jgriffith1963@outlook.com) and note that the initial payment was made through the website.

Should you have any questions concerning the George Washington Endowment Fund please contact Jim Griffith at [jgriffith1963@outlook.com](mailto:jgriffith1963@outlook.com), Edmon McKinley at [edmonhmckinley@bellsouth.net](mailto:edmonhmckinley@bellsouth.net) or Eric Alford at [eric.alford.sar@gmail.com](mailto:eric.alford.sar@gmail.com).



## 2024 State Convention

### Financial Forecast

Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution						
Financial Forecast						
2024						
Income Dollars		ALSSAR	Number	ALSSAR	NSSAR	NSSAR
<b>Income</b>		\$17,700	885	\$20	\$50	\$44,250
Annual Dues - Adults		\$0	90	\$0	\$5	\$450
Annual Dues - Juniors		\$400	20	\$20	\$10	\$1,000
Membership Refund amount		\$0	25	\$20	\$0	\$0
Supplemental Application		\$2,200	110	\$20	\$50	\$5,400
New Member Applications Adult (Approved and Pending)		\$6	10	\$0	\$5	\$50
Junior New Member Applications (Approved and Pending)		\$50	5	\$10	\$0	\$0
Transfer-In to ALSSAR		\$20,850				\$51,250
<b>Sub-Total Dues &amp; Fees</b>						
			Number	ALSSAR		
BOM Registration Fee		\$1,800	90	\$20		
Annual Meeting Fees and Meals		\$14,500				
Ladies Aux. Donation (Only for Youth Program Awards)		\$1,200				
Ladies Auxiliary Payment for Half of the storage unit cost		\$435				
ALSSAR Medal Sales		\$100				
Miscellaneous Income and Donations		\$250				
(Community Foundation of S.A.I (Endowment Income))		\$1,700				
<b>Sub-Total</b>		\$10,685				
<b>Total Income</b>		\$92,085				
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Printing for Meetings		\$500				
Facility Use (American Village Donation)		\$500				
Meals at BOM		\$1,600				
Noisemaker Printing		\$0				
Newsletter Mailing		\$0				
Membership Cards & Printing		\$244				
Membership Cards Postage		\$140				
ALSSAR Brochure		\$0				
ALSSAR Historical Brochures		\$0				
Mail-Chimp (12 months x \$26.50)		\$318				
Website Linkage to the Jack Manning History Blog link through GoDaddy		\$250				
ALSSAR Domain (5 Years all paid in 2024)		\$115				
Annual Meeting Expense		\$17,000				
Medals and Awards given by ALSSAR		\$1,500.00				
<b>Sub-Total</b>		\$22,067				
<b>Officer Expenses</b>						
President		\$150				
Secretary		\$100				
Treasurer		\$150				
Registrar		\$500				
Other		\$80				
<b>Sub-Total</b>		\$1,070				
<b>Summary Information</b>						
<b>Gross Revenue Collected</b>		\$				\$2,085
<b>ALSSAR Expenses</b>		\$				\$40,607
<b>Payment to NSSAR: Dues</b>		\$				\$1,250
<b>Profit/Loss</b>		\$				\$248
<b>Current Bank Account Information as of 11/20/2023</b>						
<b>Balance as of 11/20/2023</b>		\$				\$9,311.36
<b>Subtract Dues</b>		\$				\$(2,275.00)
<b>Congress Cash on Hand</b>		\$				\$(3,000.00)
<b>Total Available</b>		\$				\$4,036.36



## **2024 State Convention MEDALS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

02/24/2024

Jim Maples – Chairman  
Fred Olive – Vice Chairman  
Edmon McKinley

The Medals and Awards Committee accepts and reviews recommendations for medals to be awarded and reports to the State Society President. There is a form and instructions on the ALSSAR.org website. Under the new website the form and instructions are located on the “Members Only” page. You will have to create your own unique username and password for the “Members Only” page. I try to keep an eye on the request for access, but it will help if you email me and let me know that you have created a username and password.

The Alabama Medal sets are available at \$35/set. There is an online order form at the ALSSAR.org website also on the “Members Only” page.

I maintain a spreadsheet of all State medals given to Alabama members over the years and a spreadsheet for State medals given to the ladies. This work is a combination of work done by the late Bob Doherty, Bruce Pickette, and the Medals & Awards scripts from the last several years of the ALSSAR conventions. If you would like to know what awards that I have for you on the spreadsheet, please contact me.

*James H. Maples*  
Chairman, Medals & Awards  
Cell phone - 256-656-9898  
Email - [jhmaples@gmail.com](mailto:jhmaples@gmail.com)



## 2024 State Convention Membership Committee

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Filing Date: January 2024

Report Period: Sep 2023 thru Jan 2024

Name of committee: Membership Chairman Name: David M Jones

Chairman address: 14301 Countryside Dr., Northport, AL 35475 Telephone: 205-310-1356

E-mail: [djones36@aol.com](mailto:djones36@aol.com)

Meeting dates and location: Multiple-via e-mail and telephone Communication by mail: e-mail only

1. Benny Hannah 2. Ron Bearden 3. Price Legg 4. Michael Martin  
5. Scott Martin 6. Bill Daniel 7. Dudley Burwell 8. Paul Petznick

Expenses: None for this reporting period

Participation: All

Attendance at meetings: 1 Jun, 7 Aug via Zoom

E-mail to members: \_\_\_\_\_

### REPORT

Our plan was implemented with bi-weekly reports sent to Secretary Hannah. Getting renewals out early is something that we should continue each year. Recommend that we continue to contact 5-year drops to keep accurate records for ALSSAR and National. See the Reconciliation report on the success rate of this effort to renew current and dropped members.





## 2024 State Convention Public Relations Committee

Filing Date: January 2024

Committee Name: Public Relations Committee Chairman Name: Bill Daniel

Email Address: [wed0057@gmail.com](mailto:wed0057@gmail.com) Telephone Number: 205-332-7487

Members: Jess Brown, Duncan Black, John Ziegler, Travis Parker, Jim Griffith, and Michael Martin

Meeting Dates and Location: Trimester Meetings

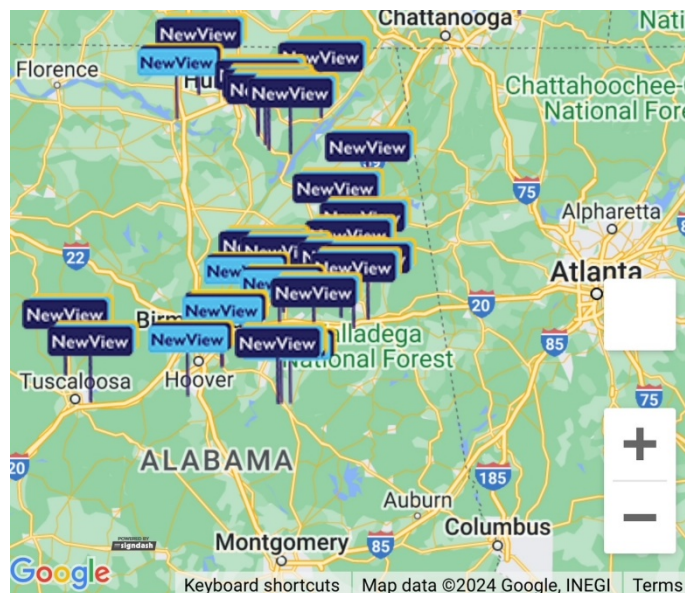
Committee Communications by Email & Zoom), Dates: As needed

We would like to increase the public awareness of ALSSAR in Alabama.

### Social Media footprint:

- Internet: The website continues to evolve; Jim Maples has done a fantastic job!
  - Check it out: <https://alssar.org/>
- Facebook: Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution
- **Twitter**, yes, we can also be found on Twitter (follow us @ALSSAR2023).

**NEWVIEW** Outdoor Advertising (digital highway billboards) has agreed to run our add as space permits. Focus Holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.







**Your help is needed!**

- a. We would like to post all announcements of all future events on Twitter, Facebook and ALSSAR.org well in advance. Please send me you Public Service Announcements to post, my email address is listed below.
- b. We would like to have a member from each chapter on the ALSSAR Public Relations Team. I hope you will join us.

Respectfully,

Your PR Team



**2024 STATE CONVENTION**  
**GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Filing Date: 2-12-2024

Committee Name: George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Chairman Name: Edmon H. McKinley  
Chairman Address: PO Box 847 Telephone No.: 334-636-4882  
Meeting Dates & Location: NONE  
Committee Communications by Mail (Email), Dates: NONE  
Telephone Polling Dates: NONE

**MEMBERS:**

1. <u>NONE</u>	2. _____	3. _____
4. _____	5. _____	6. _____
7. _____	8. _____	9. _____
10. _____	11. _____	12. _____
13. _____	14. _____	15. _____
16. _____	17. _____	18. _____

NOTE: After the Chairman, the committee members consist usually of each chapter president or his designee.

EXPENSES: NONE

**PARTICIPATION (Identify Member by Number):**

Attendance at Meetings: \_\_\_\_\_  
Correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS:**

Each chapter is supposed to have a Knight Essay Chairman. However, many do not. Twice in the fall of each year, I send the Chapter Presidents and Secretaries an email urging them to have Knight Essay contestants and provide them with the websites regarding the essay contest rules and regulations. Additionally, I correspond through emails and phone calls with different Compatriots and potential applicants regarding the contest. This year we had only 4 essays submitted representing the Birmingham Chapter, Black Warrior River Chapter, Cahaba Goose Chapter and one at large. The parents and the winner will be invited to the Youth Awards Luncheon at the ALSSAR Convention.

I encourage every chapter to try to have at least one entry next year. I understand the difficulty when dealing with the public school system, but fertile grounds lie in the church school and homeschool networks. Some societies have found it is much more rewarding to contact English and History teachers directly.

Respectively Submitted,  
Edmon H. McKinley  
Chairman



## 2024 State Convention Youth Programs Orations Contest

Filing Date: January 12, 2024

Committee Name: Joseph Rumbaugh Orator Contest Chairman Name: Skip Dotherow  
Chairman Address: 3618 Bankhead Ave, Montgomery AL 36111 Telephone No.: 334-313-1543  
Meeting Dates & Location: Feb 24, 2024 (State Convention)  
Committee Communications by Mail (Email), Dates: Numerous  
Telephone Polling Dates: None

### MEMBERS:

1. <u>Joel Fortson</u>	2. <u>Eric James Sloughfy</u>	3. <u>Stephen Hooks</u>
4. <u>Ron Dains</u>	5. <u>Mack Hataway</u>	6. <u>Tyler Edgeworth</u>
7. <u>Jerry Haynew</u>	8. <u>Rober Harris</u>	9. <u>Robert Stanford</u>
10. <u>Mark Hubb</u>	11. <u>John Cheney</u>	12. <u>Walter Vickers</u>
13. _____	14. _____	15. _____
16. _____	17. _____	18. _____

NOTE: After the Chairman, the committee members consist usually of each chapter president or his designee.

EXPENSES: None

### PARTICIPATION (Identify Member by Number):

Attendance at Meetings: N/A  
Correspondence: N/A Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS:



## 2024 State Convention COMMITTEE REPORT

Filing Date: January 27, 2024

Report Period: Sep 2023 thru Jan 2024

Name of committee: ROTC/JROTC Chairman Name: David M Jones, MSG (Ret)

Chairman address: 14301 Countryside Dr., Northport, AL 35475 Telephone: 205-310-1356

E-mail: [djones36@aol.com](mailto:djones36@aol.com)

Meeting dates and location: Multiple-via e-mail and telephone Communication by mail: e-mail only

1. B'ham: William Clemen
2. BWRiv: David Jones
3. CC: Bruce Kilgore
4. Chea: Eric Sloughfy
5. Etowah: Leon Young
6. Gen. Galvez: Richard Britton
7. Gen JAE: Kevin Lawrence
8. Gen R. Mont:
9. L-Riv: Ron Bearden
10. R.H. Lee: Walker Jackson
11. Shoals: Joel Mize
12. TVC: Ray Livingston
13. Wrgs: Paul Olson

Expenses: None for this reporting period

Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance at meetings: BOM

E-mail to Chapter Chairmen and Presidents: All

### REPORT

ROTC Silver Awards were issued to Chapters at the Fall BOM

Please be reminded that when you order the bronze JROTC award for the schools in your area, send your invoice to the State Treasurer for 50% reimbursement.

Only two JROTC packets were submitted for the Enhanced program for SY 2023-24. 1<sup>st</sup> place is Cadet York from Paul W. Bryant H.S. 2nd place is Cadet Wright from A.P. Brewer H.S.



## 2024 State Convention Youth Protection

Filing Date: January 2024

Committee Name: Youth Protection Chairman Name: David Jones  
Chairman Address: 14301 Countryside Dr, Northport, AL 35475 Telephone Number: 205-310-1356  
Meeting Dates and Location: 2023 Fall Meeting  
Committee Communications by Mail (Email), Dates: Quarterly  
Telephone Polling Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

### Members:

1: <u>Chapter Presidents</u>	2: <u>Bill Daniel</u>	3: <u>Jim Griffith</u>
4: <u>Bob Anderson</u>	5: <u>Michael Martin</u>	6: _____
7: _____	8: _____	9: _____
10: _____	11: _____	12: _____
13: _____	14: _____	15: _____
16: _____	17: _____	18: _____

NOTE: After the Chairman, the committee members consist usually of each chapter president or his designee.

Expenses: None

### Participation (Identify Member by Number):

Attendance at Meetings: Fall Leadership (National) 1-4  
Correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Report and Recommendations: 69 members of the Alabama Society have completed YPT. Please check your certificate for renewal. 2023 is a renewal year for several members. SAR YPT certificates are valid for three years.

The following Compatriots need to renew YPT in 2023: Fred Olive, Jim Maples, Eric Alford, and Jim Alexander.

2024 will be the largest group of members up for renewal. Please check your certificate for the month it expires and renew in plenty of time. All new Chapter officers need to take the SAR YPT course.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR CERTIFICATE!**



## **2024 State Convention WEBSITE REPORT 02/24/2024**

Jim Maples – Website Administrator

Michael Martin – Co-Administrator

As of December 2022, we have a new website. It is still located at [alssar.org](http://alssar.org). We also own the domains [alabamasocietysar.com](http://alabamasocietysar.com) and [alabamasocietysar.org](http://alabamasocietysar.org). If you go to either one of those sites, it will redirect you to [alssar.org](http://alssar.org). I encourage Chapters and Committee Chairmen to review your information and let me or Michael know what changes need to be made. This is especially true when Chapters change officers or Chapters change meeting locations.

We have a “Members Only” page on the website. You will have to create your own unique username and password for the “Members Only” page. I try to keep an eye on the request for access, but it will help if you email me and let me know that you have created a username and password. Also, you can let me know through the “Contact Us” link.

You can now pay your dues or begin the reinstatement process online if your dues have lapsed. Thanks to Michael for setting this up for the Alabama Society. Dues are processed through PayPal, but you do not have to have a PayPal account to pay with your credit card. Also, some of you may have paid for this Annual Meeting through the online payment system. Online payments will continue to grow.

The following is some history of our website:

- The Alabama Society purchased the domain [alssar.org](http://alssar.org) from GoDaddy in February 2005.
- We had several iterations of our website for the next 10 years.
- I took over the website in April/May 2015.
- Shortly after April/May 2015 the website was completely rebuilt using GoDaddy Website Builder.
- [Blog.alssar.org](http://Blog.alssar.org) was built in September 2015 in Word Press to capture Jack Manning’s daily history lesson.
- Due to changes in website technology we changed to GoDaddy Website +Marketing Premium website template in Sep/Oct 2022 and I began building a new website.
- The new website went live in early December 2022.
- In September 2023 a page was added for the Southern District (Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana) and the NSSAR website now redirects traffic for the Southern District to our website.

*James H. Maples*  
Website Administrator

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## 2024 State Convention

# Liaison Report





## **2024 State Convention**

### ***Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance***

### ***Liaison Report – 2024 Annual Convention***

The Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance (ACPA) is a nonprofit organization established to combine the efforts of cemetery preservation advocates, interested historical, genealogical, and civic organizations, county groups and societies, and concerned individuals striving to increase public awareness and legislative protection in preserving, protecting, and restoring all cemeteries throughout the State of Alabama. The ACPA is especially concerned in the location and preservation of endangered, forgotten, and neglected cemeteries.

The ACPA works with the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), and other cemetery groups and individuals in the mutual effort of preserving Alabama's cemetery heritage. The ACPA provides information and guidance on how to preserve and restore cemeteries and markers. The ACPA sponsors an Annual Cemetery Conference each year, publicizes and attends preservation efforts and dedications around the state, hosts the ACPA web site, and provides a means to register individual cemeteries in the ACPA Cemetery Register located on the ACPA website.

As your representative to this organization, I serve as an ex-officio member of the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance (ACPA) Board of Directors along with representatives of the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), the University of Alabama Cartographic Research Lab, and the Alabama Black Heritage Council. The Board of Directors meets quarterly at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. In addition, an Annual Workshop and Membership meeting is held each year.

**The 2024 ACPA Annual Meeting and Cemetery Workshop are scheduled to be in Scottsboro, Jackson County on April 26-27, 2024. The morning sessions in the Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center and the Cedar Hill Cemetery will serve as the hands-on and demonstration sessions. 57 cemeteries were registered during the third quarter of the 2023 for a total of 4,616 registrations as of Sep 30, 2023.**

The ACPA website contains other information to assist individuals and groups in maintaining and preserving their community and family cemeteries. You can find information on repairing headstones, fences, and landscaping; setting up a non-profit association to support the perpetual care of your cemetery; and much more information to help in this endeavor. The ACPA is comprised of a network of volunteer County Representatives, throughout the state of Alabama, who are available for contact via the ACPA website, and a membership comprised of dedicated and concerned people across the United States. Obviously, members of the Sons of the American Revolution are invited to join the ACPA and help support their mission, volunteer as an ACPA County Representative and to register any cemetery that is located within the state of Alabama in the ACPA Cemetery Register. Please visit <https://www.alabama-cemetery-preservation.com> for additional information.



It is the goal of the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance to locate, confirm, and register EVERY cemetery in the state of Alabama, regardless of its age, location, or religious and ethnic background. The ACPA Cemetery Register is a free service and the value and worth of the information that you provide is priceless.

I would especially encourage each compatriot to check the ACPA Register to assure that all known cemeteries where Patriots of the American Revolution are buried have been registered.

The Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance is a non-profit organization managed and operated totally by volunteers. All proceeds from membership dues and donations help to fund cemetery workshops, conferences, educational materials, web site support and basic operational needs. Your support is highly valued in this worth endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald (Don) Roberson  
ALSSAR Liaison to the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance  
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## 2024 State Convention

### ***Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. Liaison Report – 2024 Annual Convention***

The Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. (BSSF) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded on December 15, 2005. The BSSF mission is to Honor Those Who Are Serving, Those Who Have Served, and Those Who Have Fallen, as well as their Family Members. The organization sets aside a day each year to honor and show appreciation for America's military, including active, reserves and National Guard, of all branches: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and the historic US Merchant Marines. The Blue Star Salute Foundation seeks to provide families of all military service members a Blue Star Service Banner to prominently display in their Honor. At each Deployment Service of Alabama National Guard and Reserve Units who are called to active duty, a Banner is presented to each deploying soldier for their family members to display in their honor. The Blue Star Salute Foundation also actively supports and participates in the Annual Wreaths Across America program on the second or third Saturday of each December at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo.

The Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. seeks every opportunity to display for the public the "Faces of the Price of Freedom" photo boards of Alabama's Fallen Heroes since 9/11/2001 to honor them and keep the memories of these Defenders of American Freedom alive.

Please visit our website at <https://bluestarsalute.org/> for the latest information.

#### **Recent Blue Star Salute Foundation Activities:**

**America 250 Focus:** Our America250 focus is to honor our Alabamian military from the American Revolution to the War on Terror. To fulfil this goal, the BSSF will be highlighting 10 Alabama Veterans from each of 8 major conflicts, focusing on Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, and Silver Star recipients and filling in with other heroes who served honorably and with valor. Plans are underway for poster boards honoring these Alabama Heroes that can be displayed at events before the 250th Anniversary of Lexington and Concord, which is April 19, 2025.

Here is a link for more information: [America250 | Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. America250 \(https://bluestarsalute.org/americas250\)](https://bluestarsalute.org/americas250)

**Wreaths Across America State House Ceremony Report –** The 15th Annual Event went off without a hitch. We had the Governor, Major General Gordon, Jeff Newton, Alabama Wing Civil Air Patrol Color Guard along with numerous Blue Star Salute Members. See the website for photos. There was better attendance this year, but there were still many empty seats. 15th Annual Wreaths Across America Day at the ALNC - Once again, every grave received a wreath, 9,825 to be exact. The Support Committee conducted a very good ceremony.



**Alabama Fallen Warriors Project at the Veterans Park in Trussville. BSSF donated all the non-KIA pavers for that project.**

**Alabama Veterans Homes - BSSF continued their annual tradition of donating \$500 to each of the four Homes for use in support of resident events.**

**Upcoming Blue Star Salute Foundation Activities:**

**18 May 2024 Armed Forces Day & 19th Annual Blue Star Salute in Mobile.**

**2-4 June 2024 Alabama Healthcare Finance Management Association (HFMA) 2024 Annual Conference at Gulf States Park Lodge in Gulf Shores, Alabama**

**20-23 June 2024 American Legion Convention – Montgomery**

**21 Sep 2024 POW/MIA Recognition Day – Alabama State Capitol Lawn.**

**10 Nov 2024 National Veterans Award Dinner – 6:00 PM.**

**11 Nov 2024 National Veterans Day Parade.**

**10 Dec 2024 Wreaths Across America State House Ceremony – 11:00 AM. (Tentative)**

**14 Dec 2024 Wreaths Across America Ceremony – Alabama National Cemetery – 11:00 AM**

The Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. EIN: 02-0763282. Receipts are furnished upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

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## 2024 State Convention

# CHAPTER REPORTS



## 2024 State Convention BIRMINGHAM CHAPTER

Date of report: 1/16/2024 Name of chapter: Birmingham

\_\_\_\_\_ **Officers** \_\_\_\_\_

President: Dr. Paul Petznick Vice President: Donald Jay Howton

Secretary: Roger Vaughan Treasurer: Roger Vaughan

Registrar: John Love Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter website updated: ☐ Chapter IRS N-990-N filed for previous year: Yes ☐

\_\_\_\_\_ **List chapter membership information since your last report:** \_\_\_\_\_

Current chapter membership: 105 Number of applications pending: 1

Number of prospective members: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members inducted: 1

Names of New Members: Hairston

Member(s) of deceased: 0

\_\_\_\_\_ **List SAR certificates, medals, and awards presented by the chapter since your last report:** \_\_\_\_\_

Award: Life Saving Medal Recipient: Michael Waid Date: 12/19/2023

Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Provide a summary of SAR programs or Memorial programs in which the chapter participated since your last report, including the date of the program:

ROTC: \_\_\_\_\_

JROTC: \_\_\_\_\_

Knight Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Rumbaugh Oration: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ List chapter meeting information since your last report: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular meeting location: The Club Regular meeting date: 3rd Tuesday

Regular meeting time: 12 noon Number of members attend: 25 Number of guest attending: 1

Average number prospective members attending 1 Meeting dates since last BOM: 10/17,11/21,12/19

Special guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Speakers and Programs:	Speaker's Name	<u>Prof. Jim Day</u>	Topic of speech	_____
	Speaker's Name	<u>Dr. Jonathan Hartog</u>	Topic of speech	<u>John Jay and the Treaty of Paris</u>
	Program:	<u>Laura Murray</u>		<u>Colonial Christmas</u>

Date of next meeting: 2/20/2024 Place of next meeting (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other items or comments not included above: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Signature/Submitted by: Roger Vaughan Date: 1/16/2024





**2024 State Convention  
CAHABA COOSA CHAPTER**

**Date of Report:** Jan. 20, 2024 **Chapter:** Cahaba Coosa

—Officers—			
President:	William (Bill) Carter	Vice President:	Brent Goodwin
Secretary:	Mike Little	Treasurer:	Scott Martin
Registrar:	Registrar - Jim Phillips Genealogist - Conrad Ponder	Historian:	William (Bill) Daniel
Chaplain:	Joel Fortson	Sergeant-at-Arms:	D. Michael Martin
Chapter Website Updated:	At least Monthly (+)	Chapter IRS N-990-N filed for previous year:	Yes

—Chapter Membership Information since last report—			
Current Membership:	97	Applications Pending:	1
Prospective Members:	4	Members Inducted:	5
New Member(s):	3		
Inducted Member(s):	William Joseph Sanderson, Christian Shaw Lazenby-Blanton John Barek Blanton, Gordon Richard Lazenby, Charles Franklin Kiser, Mark Fredrick Chesebro		
Deceased Member(s):			
Supplementals Pending:	3		
Supplementals Awarded:	3		

—SAR Certificates, Medals, and Awards presented since last report—		
Award	Recipient	Date
See below	see below	4th qtr, 2023



–Summary of SAR and Memorial Program Participation since last report–	
ROTC:	No activity this period
JROTC:	No Activity this period
Knight Essay:	1 entry
Rumbaugh Oration:	No entry
Eagle Scout:	No Activity this period
Middle School Brochure:	No Activity this period
Veterans:	Veteran Day Parade - Birmingham, Veterans Program @ Somerby Sr. Living
Other:	see below for additional information.

–Regular Chapter Meeting Information since last report–							
Location:	N. Shelby Lib.	Date:	3rd Sun.	Time:	2:30	# of Meetings since last report:	5
Members:		Guests:			Avg Prospective Members:		
Special Guests:	(2)	Jim Griffith, President of ALSSAR; Mark Hubbs, President of TN Valley Chapter					

#### Speakers and Programs

Date	Speaker Name	Topic	
9/17/2023	Bill Daniel	Lafayette and his contribution to the Revolutionary War	
10/15/2023	Mark Hubbs	Revolutionary War Artillery	
11/19/2023	Dr. Fred Olive	Genealogy and how to find resources	
12/8/2023	Jim Griffith	At American Village - Christmas; New officer induction	
Next Meeting:	Sun.; 2/18,2024	Next Meeting Location: (if different than usual)	N. Shelby Cnty. Lib.

–COMMENTS–			
William A. Carter			
Signature / Submitted By:	William Carter (Bill)/ President	Date:	1/20,2024



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Additional Information

–SAR Certificates, Medals, and Awards presented since last report–

Liberty Medal (8th) - Harry Sessamen  
National Life Membership - Bill Daniel, Harry Sessamen  
Supplemental Certificate - Bill Daniel  
New Member Certificate - Mark Frederick Chesebro  
Lifetime Membership - Jim Phillips  
Sergeant at Arms Saber - Michael Martin  
Distinguished Service Medal - Bill Carter  
Meritorious Service Medal - Bill Daniel  
Certificate of Appreciation for Service - Bill Carter  
Roger Sherman Medal, Bronze - Mike Little  
Distinguished Service Medal - Joel Fortson  
Supplemental Certificate - Scott Allen Martin

–Summary of SAR and Memorial Program Participation since last report–

SAR Projects Currently in Process

- Working with Alabama Society Public Relations Committee
- Working with the Alabama Society MAR Committee
- Educational development plan for Alabama Society Washington Tent
- Color Guard equipment manual with pictures, estimated prices, vendor listings, and other information for those interested in joining the Color Guard
- 2 skits with The Oak Mountain Chapter DAR doing skits for George Washington and Betsy Ross and how the first flag came about. These will be occurring at North Shelby Library on OCT 16 and 18.
- Flag ceremony with The Oak Mountain Chapter DAR at Somerby Senior Living in November for Veterans in Assisted Living
- Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham, AL. Entered a Parade Float for SAR
- North Shelby Library, Boston Tea Party Celebration

9/21/2023 – Battle of Baton Rouge 1779 (Part 2), Baton Rouge, LA.  
9/24/2023 – Constitution Day, Chelsea Museum, Chelsea, AL.  
9/30/2023 - State BOM at American Village Rotunda, Montevallo, AL.  
9/2023 - State American Legion Meeting  
10/08/2023 – Grave Marking, Daughter Kawatha Chandler, Vernon, AL.  
10/15/2023 – Living History “STROLL”, Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, AL.  
10/15/2023 – Grave Marking, Patriot Jacob Beverette, Mt. Enon Cemetery  
10/22/2023 - Patriot John P. Powell Historic Marker, Eldridge Cemetery, Huntsville  
11/2023 - Entered Float for Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham  
11/19/2023 - Nat'l Veteran's Day Banquet  
8/12/2023 - AGS Seminar Live Montgomery AL  
10/22/2023 - Patriot John P Powell Historic Sign, Huntsville  
10/28/2023 - Pea Ridge Cemetery Historical Patriot Marker, Jones, Alabama/VA Hosp.  
12/2023 - Montevallo Cemetery Wreaths Across America  
November/ 2023 Blue Star Salute meeting  
January/2024 - Visited Hoover HS to discuss SAR and American Legion Essay Contest  
January/ 2024 - American Legion Meeting, Montgomery, AL

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## 2024 State Convention CHEAHA CHAPTER

Date of Report: 01 February 2024

Chapter: Cheaha

—Officers—			
President:	Eric J. Sloughfy	Vice President:	Ronald D. Burson
Secretary:	John M. Gruenwald	Treasurer:	William Houston Rozier
Registrar:	Herbert C. "Pete" Morgan	Historian:	Mannon Bankson
Chaplain:	Rev. R. Jefferson Coker, III	Sergeant-at-Arms:	John M. Gruenwald
Chapter Website Updated:	Yes	Chapter IRS N-990-N filed for previous year:	Yes

—Chapter Membership Information since last report—			
Current Membership:	57	Applications Pending:	0
Prospective Members:	1	Members Inducted:	14
New Member(s):	Edward Clark; James Hall; Lee Casey; Leo Settoon; Daniel Thomas; James Thomas; Lincoln Thomas; Lucas Thomas; Trayton Thomas; Steve West; Jason Yarbrough; Norris Yarbrough; Robert Yarbrough; and Samuel Yarbrough		
Inducted Member(s):			
Deceased Member(s):	Mr Luther Edward Wilson (25Jan24)		
Supplementals Pending:			
Supplementals Awarded:			

—SAR Certificates, Medals, and Awards presented since last report—		
Award	Recipient	Date
George Washington Endowment Fund Member	Eric Sloughfy	06 MAY 23



-Summary of SAR and Memorial Program Participation since last report-	
ROTC:	
JROTC:	
Knight Essay:	
Rumbaugh Oration:	
Eagle Scout:	
Middle School Brochure:	
Veterans:	
Other:	

-Regular Chapter Meeting Information since last report-							
Location:	Anniston/Calhoun County Public Library	Date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> WED of Month (except for JUN, JUL, AUG & DEC)	Time:	12:30 pm	# of Meetings since last report:	4
Members:	15	Guests:	2	Avg Prospective Members:		1	
Special Guests:							

#### Speakers and Programs

Date	Speaker Name	Topic	
13 SEP 23	Jim Griffith, Pres, ALSSAR	"ALSSAR Update"	
11 OCT 23	Benny Hannah, Sec, ALSSAR	"Americanism"	
08 NOV 23	Dr Mike Ingram	"More Songs of the American Revolution"	
10 JAN 24	Revolutionary War Rarities Podcast	Two Episodes	
Next Meeting:	14 FEB 24: Peter the Patriot; Patriotism and the American Revolution	Next Meeting Location:	Anniston / Calhoun County Library

-COMMENTS-			
Signature / Submitted By:	Eric J. Sloughfy / President	Date:	01 February 2024



## 2024 State Convention GALVEZ CHAPTER

**Date of Report:**

**Chapter:** General Galvez

—Officers—			
President:	Donald Potter	Vice President:	Dan Armstrong
Secretary:	Hollis Smith	Treasurer:	Larry Lilles
Registrar:	Stephen Sexton	Historian:	John Van Zandt
Chaplain:	William Morgan	Sergeant-at-Arms:	Richard Washburn
Chapter Website Updated:		Chapter IRS N-990-N filed for previous year:	Yes

—Chapter Membership Information since last report—			
Current Membership:	86	Applications Pending:	
Prospective Members:	2	Members Inducted:	
New Member(s):	Michael E Pegues		
Inducted Member(s):			
Deceased Member(s):			
Supplementals Pending:	0		
Supplementals Awarded:			

—SAR Certificates, Medals, and Awards presented since last report—		
Award	Recipient	Date
Certificate of Appreciation	Dr. Richard Marksbury	( Nov 23



–Summary of SAR and Memorial Program Participation since last report–	
ROTC:	
JROTC:	
Knight Essay:	
Rumbaugh Oration:	
Eagle Scout:	
Middle School Brochure:	
Veterans:	
Other:	

–Regular Chapter Meeting Information since last report–							
Location:	Various	Date:	2nd Thur	Time:	6:30	# of Meetings since last report:	3
Members:	18	Guests:	8		Avg Prospective Members:		3
Special Guests:							

#### Speakers and Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
12 Oct 23	Dr. Jim Corum	Christopher Columbus - Great America
9 Nov 23	Dr. Richard Marksbury	Patrick Henry - A Great Patriot of the Revolution.
13 Jan	Jim Griffin	SAR Growth
Next Meeting:	8 Feb 2023	Next Meeting Location: (if different than usual)

–COMMENTS–			
Signature / Submitted By:	/ President	Date:	





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Additional Information

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Assistant Registrar - Mike Brokowsky

Genealogist - Mike Glass

Chancellor - Edmon McKinley

BOM at Large - Price Legg, Tommy Rhodes, Stephen Sexton

Additional Certificates:

Compatriot Jerry Marshall Threadgill was presented The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate in recognition for his service in the defense of America.

Compatriot William Don Cobb, Jr. was awarded The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate in recognition for his service in the defense of America.

Compatriot Donald Dale Albee was awarded The National Society Sons of the American Revolution Certificate for being duly enrolled in the National Life Membership Program of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriot Curtis Frederick Bedsole was awarded The National Society Sons of the American Revolution Certificate for being duly enrolled in the National Life Membership Program of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriot Jerry Lee Smith was awarded The National Society Sons of the American Revolution Certificate for being duly enrolled in the National Life Membership Program of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Stephen Sexton presented the Meritorious Service Medal

Dr. James Corum presented the Roger Sherman Medal

Hollis Smith presented the Roger Sherman Medal

Tommy Rhodes presented the Roger Sherman Medal

John Goss presented the Meritorious Service Medal



**2024 STATE CONVENTION  
GENERAL JOHN ARCHER ELMORE CHAPTER**

Date of Report: 2/11/2024 Name of Chapter: General John Archer Elmore

**Officers**

President: Skip Dotherow Vice President: Gary Backus  
Secretary: Eric Alford Treasurer: Mike Winstead  
Registrar: Earl Gillian, Jr. Other: Alan Davis—Chaplain  
Other: Kevin Lawrence—Sgt-at-Arms Other: Chuck Cartwright—Strategic Communications  
Chapter Website Updated? Yes Chapter IRS N-990-N filed for previous year: Yes

**----- List chapter membership information since your last report -----**

Current Chapter Membership: 59 Number of Applications Pending: 0  
Number of Prospective Members: 4 Number of Members Inducted: 1  
Names of New Members: Jeffry Paul Fondren  
Deceased Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**List SAR certificates, medals, awards presented by the chapter since last report**

Award: <u>Chapter Distinguished Svc</u>	Recipient: <u>Carl "Arnie" Burnis</u>	Date: <u>12/12/23</u>
Award: <u>Bronze Meritorious Svc</u>	Recipient: <u>Skip Dotherow</u>	Date: <u>12/12/23</u>
Award: <u>Bronze Meritorious Svc</u>	Recipient: <u>Skip Dotherow</u>	Date: <u>12/12/23</u>
Award: <u>Bronze Meritorious Svc</u>	Recipient: <u>Ron Dains</u>	Date: <u>12/12/23</u>
Award: <u>Past President Pin/Cert.</u>	Recipient: <u>Ron Dains</u>	Date: <u>12/12/23</u>



Provide a summary of SAR programs or Memorial programs in which the chapter participated since your last report, including the date of the program:

ROTC: \_\_\_\_\_

JROTC: \_\_\_\_\_

Knight Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Rumbaugh Oration: Matthew Meadow-Rumbaugh Orations Chapter winner

Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans: November meeting collected goods Safe Haven Veterans Residence

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

----- List chapter meeting information since your last report -----

Regular meeting location: Epicure & Jack's Tavern Millbrook, AL Regular meeting date: 2nd Tues

Regular meeting time: 5:30pm, Number of members attend: 28, Number of guest attending: 5

Average number of prospective members attending: 3, Meeting dates since last BOM: 10/10; 11/14; 12/12; 1/9

Special Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Speakers and Programs

Speaker's Name: Jim Parker Topic of Speech: Antique weapons and equipment

Speaker's Name: Earli Gillain Topic of Speech: Supplemental and research

Speaker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Topic of Speech: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next meeting: 2/13 Place of next meeting (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

----- Other items or comments not included above: -----

Comments: Bronze Roger Sherman Medal: Chuck Cartwright; Bronze Henry Knox Achievement Medal: Joe Barker, Alan Davis, Earl Gillian, Allen Herrod, Mike Winstead; Lydia Darragh Medal: Susan Dains; Certificate of Appreciation: Jim Griffith, Jim Parker

Signature / Submitted By: /s/ Eric D. Alford Date: 2/11/2024

Note: Please report anything that the ALSSAR could do to improve your chapter's ability to continue to grow and continue to prosper within the Comments section.



**2024 STATE CONVENTION**  
**Little River Chapter**  
Fort Payne, Alabama  
Feb 2024

Our chapter has a membership of 97 plus a dual member from Georgia and 17 Jr. members. We also have one member awaiting approval from National Headquarters. We hold our meetings on the third of each month at the Cattle Stampede at 6 PM.

Patrick Gifford and Dale Crawford attended Mayberry Days in Valley Head and Dressed as Revolutionary soldiers. They had material for information on SAR membership. All that attended enjoyed local Barney and Floyd impersonators of Andy

We always have a great speaker each month and welcome all to our meeting. In October our speaker was our newest member Christopher Rogers who had an impressive display of American Revolution flags. Christopher gave a history of each flag that he presented.

Our November Speaker was Lt. Col. John Coffindaffer USAF retired as our veteran speaker. His was a very interesting information on life and times for Air Force life.

Our speaker for our December dual meeting with our DAR chapters Hannah White Arnett and the Phillip Hamman. We were pleased to have chapter president Evelyn Newsome and Regent Lynn Hixson in attendance. Our guest speaker was local born Neal Wooten, a published author and cartoonist. He gave a very informative talk on a colorful local early citizen Granny Dollar. In the business we approved a \$250 to be sent to the Wreaths Across America.

January speaker was Dr. Crag Shelton a retired anthropologist of Auburn University. He gave a very interesting history of our area from early history prior and after the European colonization.

Jerry Haynes  
Little River Chapter President



## 2024 STATE CONVENTION TENNESSEE VALLEY CHAPTER

**Date of Report:** January 31, 2023      **Chapter:** Tennessee Valley Chapter

—Officers—			
President:	Mark Hubbs	Vice President:	Chip Pharr
Recording Secretary:	Bill Sommers	Corresponding Secretary	Jim Maples
Registrar:	Ray Cassell	Treasurer:	Gene Bryson
Chaplain:	James Henderson	Historian:	Jim Alexander
Genealogists	Mark Icenogle	Chancellor:	Richard Tingle
Chapter Website Updated:	Yes	Chapter IRS N-990-N filed for previous year:	Yes

—Chapter Membership Information since last report—			
Current Membership:	219	Applications Pending:	20
Prospective Members:	29	Members Inducted:	7
New Member(s):	(7) Craig Watson, Nathan Taylor, Daniel Wrenn, Cecil Austin Ronald Hodgen, Scott Markowitz, John Wyatt		
Inducted Member(s):	(7) Brian Lampkin, Andrew Myers, Richard Hull, Craig Watson, Jason Hodges, Daniel Wrenn, Cecil Austin		
Deceased Member(s):	0		
Supplementals Pending:	10		
Supplementals Awarded:	(1) Scott Owen		



-SAR Certificates, Medals, and Awards presented since last report-		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Skeet Vaughn	Sep 11, 2023
Knox Award and Certificate	Jim Maples	Oct 11, 2023
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Steve Brouse	Oct 11, 2023
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Spike Field	Oct 11, 2023
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Charles McMurry	Nov 13, 2023
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Harold Whitesides	Nov 13, 2023
Certificate of Appreciation	Benny Hannah	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Community Service Award	Randal Jennings	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Community Service Award	Bob Anderson	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Community Service Award	Chip Pharr	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Bob Baccus	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Ray Cassell	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Smokery Ferguson	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Keegan Hembree	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Lawrence Hillis	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Mark Hubbs	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Bill Sommers	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Don Wolfe	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Harold Whitesides	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Outstanding Service Award	Skeet Vaughn	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction	Bob Anderson	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction	Benny Hannah	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction	Jim Maples	Nov 13, 2023
DAR Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction	Randal Jennings	Nov 13, 2023



-SAR Certificates, Medals, and Awards presented since last report-		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Date</u>
Life Saving Award	Cole Edwards	Dec 11, 2023
Public Service Award	Clay Warmbrod	Dec 11, 2023
Public Service Award	Josh Moseley	Dec 11, 2023
Public Service Award	Miranda Pitts	Dec 11, 2023
Public Service Award	Luke Alexander	Dec 11, 2023
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Ray Cassell	Dec 11, 2023
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Clovis Davis	Dec 11, 2023
Lifetime Membership Certificate	Robert Benson	Dec 11, 2023
Certificate of Appreciation	David Canupp	Jan 08, 2024

-Summary of SAR and Memorial Program Participation since last report-	
Competition:	None

Veterans:	Chaplain James Henderson conducted weekly ministries and signed Christmas cards at the Tut Fann Veterans Home
Other:	None

-Regular Chapter Meeting Information since last report-							
Location:	Huntsville Public Library	Date:	Sep 11, Oct 11, Nov 13, Dec 11, 2023, Jan 08, 2024	Time:	11 AM	# of Meetings since last report:	5
Members:	35 (avg)	Guests:		13 (avg)	Avg Prospective Members:		2
Special Guests:	ALSSAR President Jim Griffith, Southern District Vice President General Steve Gaines, Madison County Sheriff Kevin Turner						





### Speakers and Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sep 11, 2023	Bob Anderson	"Bloody Bill" Cunningham and the Bloody Scout: Murder and Plunder in the Back Country
Oct 11, 2023	Robert Reeves	John Paul Jones
Nov 13, 2023	Ken Carpenter	Notoriety of Ethan Allen
Jan 08, 2024	David Canupp	The First Amendment
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Feb 12, 2024	<b>Next Meeting Location:</b> (If different than usual)

### —COMMENTS—

<b>Signature / Submitted By:</b>	<b>Bill Sommers</b> Digitally signed by Bill Sommers Date: 2024.01.31 22:41:24 +00'00' Bill Sommers, Recording Secretary, 2024-01-31-RS1A	<b>Date:</b>	Jan 31, 2024
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Additional Information

**CHAPTER PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES:**

Sep, 2023 New TVCSAR radio spot on WLRH.  
 Oct, 2023 Donation of US flag and pole with TVCSAR inscription to Huntsville Public Library.  
 Nov, 2023 Benediction at Veterans Day Dinner at VBC by TVCSAR Chaplain.  
 Jan, 2024 TVCSAR Donation to KDS DAR School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Building Project.

<u>COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES</u>			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPONSOR
Sep 15, 2023	DAR Constitution Day	Athens, AL	STATE
Sep 16, 2023	Battle of Baton Rouge Commemoration	Baton Rouge, LA	STATE
Sep 17, 2023	DAR Bells Across America	Huntsville, AL	CHAPTER
Sep 23, 2023	DAR Constitution Ratification	Fort Payne, AL	STATE
Sep 27, 2023	Daughters of American Colonists Marking	Huntsville, AL	CHAPTER
Sep 30, 2023	2-Grave Marking	Hendersonville, TN	DISTRICT
Sep 30, 2023	ALSSAR Fall BOM	Montevallo, AL	STATE
Oct 07, 2023	Kings Mountain Commemoration	Kings Mountain, NC	NATIONAL
Oct 08, 2023	DAR Daughter Memorial	Vernon, AL	STATE
Oct 15, 2023	Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll	Huntsville, AL	STATE
Oct 21, 2023	5-Grave Marking	Giles County, TN	STATE
Oct 22, 2023	Powell Grave Marking	Huntsville, AL	STATE
Oct 28, 2023	Kirkland Grave Marking	Selma, AL	STATE
Nov 02, 2023	DAR Patriot Luncheon	Huntsville, AL	CHAPTER
Nov 08, 2023	Monrovia Middle School Veterans Salute	Huntsville, AL	CHAPTER
Nov 08, 2023	DAR National Defense Luncheon	Huntsville, AL	CHAPTER
Nov 11, 2023	Veterans Parade	Huntsville, AL	NATIONAL
Dec 03, 2023	Sivley Grave Marking	Huntsville, AL	STATE
Dec 16, 2023	Wreaths Across America	Decatur, AL	NATIONAL



<u>COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES</u>			
Dec 16, 2023	Wreaths Across America	Springville, AL	NATIONAL
Jan 30, 2024	Sparkman High School JROTC Award Ceremony	Harvest, AL	CHAPTER



**2024 State Convention  
WIREGRASS CHAPTER**

<b>Date of Report:</b>	January 29, 2024	<b>Chapter:</b>	Wiregrass Chapter
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—Officers—			
President:	W. Perry Vickers	Vice President:	Paul Olson
Secretary:	John Wallace	Treasurer:	Malon Murphy
Registrar:	John Wallace	Historian:Genealogist	Jason Dallas
Chaplain:	Dr. Anderson	Sergeant-at-Arms:	Dr. Jack Anderson
Chapter Website Updated:	No	Chapter IRS NI-990-N filed for previous year:	yes

—Chapter Membership Information since last report—			
Current Membership:	36	Applications Pending:	0
Prospective Members:	1	Members Inducted:	2
New Member(s):	Dr. John Simmons, Phillip Kitchens		
Inducted Member(s):	Dr. John Simmons, Phillip Kitchens		
Deceased Member(s):			
Supplementals Pending:	0		
Supplementals Awarded:	0		

—SAR Certificates, Medals, and Awards presented since last report—		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Date</u>
Certificate of Appreciation	Mrs. Claire Murphy, Mrs. Elizabeth Vickers	12/13/23



–Summary of SAR and Memorial Program Participation since last report–	
ROTC:	0
JROTC:	0
Knight Essay:	0
Rumbaugh Oration:	0
Eagle Scout:	0
Middle School Brochure:	0
Veterans:	0
Other:	0

–Regular Chapter Meeting Information since last report–						
Location:	Beef O'Brady's	Date: 3rd. Thurs. of Month	Time: 11:30		# of Meetings since last report:	3
Members:	10 av.	Guests:		Avg Prospective Members:		1
Special Guests:	3	DAR Members: Claire Murphy, Elizabeth Vickers, Mrs. Jason Dallas				

#### Speakers and Programs

Date	Speaker Name	Topic
10/19/23	Mr. David Fretz	Veteran's Administration Experience
11/16/23	Mrs. Claire Murphy	The Games People Played.
12/13/23	Mr. Edmon McKinley	ALSSAR and NSSAR Update and National Endowment Fund Orientation
Next Meeting:	February 13, 2024	Next Meeting Location: (if different than usual)

–COMMENTS–			
Signature / Submitted By:	W. Perry Vickers/ President	Date:	1/27/24



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At our Annual Christmas Dinner the Wiregrass Chapter had the pleasure of recognizing several of its members for their contributions to our society and nation. Those recognized are as follows:

Mr. Jason Dallas - War Service Medal  
Mr. Paul Olson - War Service Medal

Mr. Malon Murphy - Chapter Meritorious Medal

Mr. Edmond McKinley -Certificate of Appreciation

Mr. John Wallace - Longevity Certificate  
Mr. Perry Vickers - Longevity Certificate  
Mr. Malon Murphy - Longevity Certificate



## **Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America**

I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### **SAR Pledge**

We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

### **SAR Recessional**

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.

*Libertas et Patria*