

**A Word from our President**

Since our Annual Meeting in West Monroe on April 12, 2014, I have had the honor and privilege of attending several events and functions, at the chapter and state levels and I am pleased to report my activities to you representing our State Society:

- 1 On April 26, I attended and participated as part of the Color Guard at the Grave Marking of Remy Lambre, at the American Cemetery in Natchitoches. I also was given the privilege of inducting new member Robert Lombardino, Jr into the Natchitoches Chapter.
- 2 On May 26, Memorial Day, I attended the Avenue of Flags ceremony in Lake Charles at the Orange Grove Cemetery. There were between 900 and 1,000 casket flags on display throughout the cemetery. Thanks to Jerry Haynes for his hospitality and the pizza party after the event.
- 3 June 5, I attended the General Philemon Thomas Chapter meeting at the Baton Rouge Country Club. Featured speaker was Ms. Yvonne Lewis Day, she presented a program entitled "Death of a Princess". The steamboat Princess that exploded February 1859 near Conrad Plantation, near present day L'Auberge Casino Hotel, 200 people died in this tragic accident.
- 4 June 11, I attended the George Washington chapter meeting at Two Tony's in New Orleans, Tony Vets, LASSAR Trustee, was also present at this meeting. I was given the privilege of inducting new member Nick Funk.
- 5 August 26, I attended the James Huey Chapter meeting at BBQ West in West Monroe. **Jim Morock** Past Vice President General of the Southern District reported on the happenings during the 125th National Congress held in Greenville, South Carolina. The speaker for the evening was Compatriot Ted Brode of West Monroe who presented a program about the Colonial Trade from Old Charles Towne at Charleston, South Carolina.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve as your LASSAR President. And I want to thank all my fellow compatriots for this privilege. And thank you all for all that you do for your chapters and the LASSAR.

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## **A Message from Richard Hollis, Vice-President General, NSSAR Southern District**

Dear Compatriots,

General Andrew Jackson's VICTORY at The Battle of New Orleans solidified the American spirit. On the 8th of January 2015, I hope that every one of our District's Chapters and State Societies will pause to toast The HERO and our brave grandfathers who fearlessly fought to preserve our Independence 200 years ago. Together, we honor their service.

Brave men of courage are needed now as much as in 1776 and 1812, and they are found in the Southern District. I am deeply honored to have your confidence to serve the Southern District SAR in 2014-15 as Vice President General. I look forward to extending our close association and hope to find ways to strengthen our bonds of friendship. We shall all benefit by having the able assistance of our outstanding former Librarian General Mike Wells of Alabama as our District Secretary.

The Color Guard is our Society's greatest asset in terms of establishing recognition in the community and is a foundation for Chapter, State and National Society growth. I encourage my Compatriots of the Southern District to join your chapter color guard, and if you don't have one, to work with your state commander to form one. Some of my favorite SAR trips have been to Louisiana and it is here that I have witnessed the work of several of your fine color guardsmen. I believe an active color guard is essential to chapter growth because it energizes the whole chapter, especially for the members who cannot be in the color guard. My experience is that at meetings, the camaraderie is greater when there is an active color guard. Members enjoy hearing about the activities of the local color guard. It becomes a source of pride for the entire chapter.

During the year, I hope that we can extend our identity within our SAR membership by establishing an emblem that unites us as a District. I have asked Mike Schenk of Mississippi to chair a committee to examine our District and propose a logo or emblem that represents its essence. I am pleased that Tom Jacks of Louisiana, James Stone and Jim Thweatt of Tennessee, Bob Thomas and Mike Wells of Alabama have agreed to serve on this committee. If you have ideas about what a logo or emblem could look like that would represent the Southern District, the committee will welcome them.

It is not a very bright man who does not recognize that ALL of the work of the SAR is performed by members from our local chapters. We must strengthen our chapters and help them grow. Yeats wrote that "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." And, so it is with our chapters. Our role is to ignite the fire with the light of SAR, the light given by Providence to our grandfathers as they fought for and gained Independence, the light that has since been passed on to us. Let us remember that our DUTY is to ensure that we pass that light by illuminating our Nation's sacred founding ideals, principles and values.

May God continue to enrich and bless the United States of America and the Sons of the American Revolution!

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## Tony Vets reports on NSSAR National Conference

It was with great excitement that I pulled out of the driveway, headed to my fourth SAR Annual Congress. This one was special, as my son, Bo, our state Assistant Secretary, would be attending with me.

We pulled in at our host hotel and checked in. SAR registration was closed, but the bar was open, and the host reception was going on in a nearby area. Bo and I dropped our bags in the room, then went down to shake hands with several hundred other



SAR members and their wives. We met up with George Washington Chapter President Norm Umholtz and his wife Mary, as well as our Southern District Vice President General Jim Morock and his wife Cheryl, and visited with many of our Southern District friends, as well as countless others I have met while attending nine leadership meetings in Louisville.

Sunday morning Bo dropped off the LASSAR Poster Contest entry from our budding artist Zachary Moller, then we had the privilege of listening to many outstanding orations, including the LASSAR entry from Mary Francis Johnson.



I also attend the first of several Trustee meetings, then after lunch, we attended the SAR Memorial Service. Later that evening was the conclusion of the orations contest.

Monday was the official opening day of the Annual Congress. Reports of each committee was presented in “the book”, an inch thick publication, and in the interest of time, PG Dooley asked that if no changes were to be made for each committee chairman to just state the page his report was on. Sadly, many of our committee chairmen were not present, and several did not even bother to send a report.

That night, the LASSAR contingent attended the Minuteman Induction ceremony. All Minutemen in attendance are called forward, by year of induction, and seated on stage to witness the induction of those chosen to join their ranks. We were pleasantly surprised to hear the name Edward Overton Cailltoe called, then seeing our friend walk forward to take his rightful place on stage. After the ceremony we learned that he was only able to attend for a brief time and was leaving right after. Our visit was brief, but we were glad he was there.

After a brief intermission, PG Dooley called us all back to our seats for the presentation of awards. Bo, Norm, and I took turns going forward to pick up the seven streamers that LASSAR earned. We were pleasantly surprised that PG Dooley awarded participant streamers to state societies that sponsored each Youth Contest.

Tuesday morning the LASSAR contingent attended the Southern District Breakfast. VPG Morock gave a recap of his successful term in office and made several presentations before calling forward our choice to be our next VPG, Rick Hollis of TNSSAR. Rick laid out his vision for the next year and his hope for the continued close working relationship between the four states that make up the Southern District.

At 9am, the business meeting resumed with the remaining committee reports and several new items of business. Most important to us was the passing of an increase on supplemental applications. This was hotly debated, with the Genealogist General and others calling for a doubling of the fee (from \$40 to \$80) citing a report that it takes equal time and effort to approve supplemental applications. A second proposal was made from the floor to increase fees, but only by half as much. This motion passed and our new supplemental fee, effective immediately, is \$60.

Next came the nomination of candidates for General Officers of the National Society for 2014-2015. Only one office was contested, that of Treasurer General, with Genealogist General Larry Cornewell (AL) and Registrar General Mike Tomme (GA) both running for Treasurer General. Balloting took place, and the winner, Mike Tomme, was announced at the President Generals Banquet that night.

Wednesday began with the election of Vice President Generals, Trustees, and Alternate Trustees. Next was probably the most anticipated event of the congress...the shearing of PG Dooley. As you remember, Dooley had stated at the last congress that if \$1 Million in new money was raised for the CAAH he would shave his head on stage at this congress. With \$1.3 Million raised, Joe was true to his word, and to the enjoyment of all was shorn and shaved. The newly elected trustees held their first meeting immediately after, then many members and their wives traveled to Ninety Six to tour this important battle field.



Later that night was the Installation Banquet, were the newly elected General Officers were sworn in. PG Brock called on us to continue the good works for the society



San Antonio Chapter of the Order of Granaderos y Demas de Galvez donates book to Los Bexarenos Genealogical & Historical Society

A Message from our  
past LASSAR President



Compatriots,

I wanted to thank each of you again for allowing me to be your LASSAR President last year. I had a wonderful time and enjoyed giving the awards to our State's young people for winning their respective contests as well as awarding our own deserving members who each did an amazing amount of work to advance our cause promoting patriotism throughout this great Country of ours. I've included photos of our annual meeting back in April 2014 that include where we marked two local Patriots Grave's in Monroe and West Monroe. I challenge you to support our new LASSAR President Bob Hess and attend our next LASSAR Annual Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lafayette. Hope to see you there.

Stephen "Steve" K. Ray  
LASSAR Past President

## Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez

San Antonio Chapter of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez donated to the Los Bexarenos Genealogical & Historical Society a copy of the book, *Bernardo de Galvex, Services to the American Revolution*, which was published in 1925 by Charles Robert Churchill of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution. The book is a result of the author's exhaustive research of the Archives of the Indies in Seville, Spain.

The book is about General Bernardo de Galvex, his troops and valuable assistance during the American War for Independence. It contains names of troops who fought under Galvez, the names of ships under his command, information on the Gulf Coast Campaign and even translated correspondence to and from Galvez.

Mr. Churchill had 5 copies made of his book, one is located in the Howard Library at Tulane, one to the NSSAR library, one the NSDAR library, and he kept 2. This book is the 5<sup>th</sup> copy and it donated by Mr. Jesse Searles of Baton Rouge with the expressed interest of it being made available to all for public research.

The book is considered the definitive source of proof of service in the American Revolution for men who fought under the command of General Galvez and information has been used by numerous people to join genealogical organizations such as SAR and DAR.

Information submitted by Clifford Normand,  
State Registrar.

## LASSAR Happenings 2014-2015

- 9/13/2014 LASSAR Board Meeting, Lake Charles, LA @ La Quinta Inn, 1201 W. Prien Lake Road. Breakfast @ 8 a.m.; Meeting @ 9 a.m. For more information contact Jerry Haynes, State Secretary -- [jerrhayn@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrhayn@yahoo.com) or 337-477-3755
- 9/1/2014 Chief Tusquahoma Chapter, LSDAR with the aid of the James Huey Chapter, LSSAR will ring in Constitution Week at 4 p.m. at the Bell Tower in Antique Alley, Trenton St., West Monroe, LA.
- 9/19/2014 Constitution Week Banquet, General Philemon Thomas, Baton Rouge Country Club, Former Gov. & Compatriot Edwin Edwards, Speaker.
- 9/20/2014 District VI Chapters, DAR Constitution Week Celebration 11:30 a.m. Frog City Restaurant, 1131 Church Point Hwy, Rayne. Cost \$28.00 payable to Acadia Chapter, LSDAR %Mrs. Barbara de la Houssaye, 216 North Eastern Ave., Crowley, LA 70526 ALL INVITED! Must RSVP by September 8, 2014
- 9/21/2014 General Philemon Thomas Chapter memorial service of the Battle of Baton Rouge at the site of the Fort at Baton Rouge between the Pentagon Barracks & Capitol Park Welcome Center on the state capitol grounds at 2 p.m.
- 9/26-27/2014 NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 11/13-14/2014 Noel Library, LSU-S, Shreveport to host 2 day seminar on War of 1812. It's free & open to the public.
- 2/27-28/2015 NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 3/27-28/2015 Southern District Meeting, Cleveland, TN
- 4/24-25/2015 LASSAR State Convention, Lafayette, LA @ the Hilton Garden Inn, Lafayette, LA -- More details later.
- 6/26-7/11/2015 125<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville, KY

## *2014 Commemorative Events*

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Panama Canal
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "In God We Trust" added to U.S. coins
- 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of the War of 1812
- 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner
- 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bill of Rights
- 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of George Washington elected 1<sup>st</sup> President of the United States of America
- 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Federal Congress



Genealogist General Larry P. Cornwell (Alabama) was the speaker at the 2013 LASSAR State Conference. He and his wife presented a play "The General and Mrs. Wallace" at the Awards Banquet.



John Francoios was presented with the LASSAR Meritorious Award



Henry Wiygul winner of the State Essay Contest



Mary Frances Johnson winner of the State Orations Contest



Norman Umholtz presented with the George Washington Medal for Meritorious Service



Ted Brode presented with the George Washington Medal for Meritorious Service



Karen Vets presented with the Martha Washington Medal for Meritorious Service



Fred & Freida Hamilton presented with the George and Martha Washington Medals for Meritorious Service



Clifford Normand presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & Lynda Normand presented with the Martha Washington Medal for Meritorious Service



Fred Huenefeld presented with the SAR Medal of Appreciation & Jean Huenefeld presented with Martha Washington Medal for Meritorious Service



Tom Williams presented with the Patriot Medal

Sandy McNeely (not pictured) was also presented with the George Washington Medal for Meritorious Service.



James Huey Chapter with LASSAR presented a marker to commemorate the 50th anniversary fo the DAR marker presented by the Chief Tusquahoma Chapter, LSDAR for Don Juan Filhiol in West Monroe, LA The Benjamin Tennille Chapter placed a bronze SAR grave marker on the grave of Benjamin Tennille in Monroe. LA

SAR Decisions Concerning Genealogical Matters  
From Clifford Normand, State Registrar

The SAR Congress in Greenville was the largest SAR Congress ever. You will have special interest in the following decisions.

1. Congress raised the fee for a supplemental fee from \$40 to \$60, and from \$20 to \$30 for additional supplemental applications submitted under the family plan. The proposal was to increase the amounts to \$80 and \$40, but this was amended by a vote of roughly 140 to 110. The fee increase was effective at the close of Congress, which was Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. This morning President General Brock and I discussed when a supplemental application should be considered as submitted. If you have an application signed by the applicant no later than July 23, 2014 with a check for the old National fee signed and dated no later than July 23, 2014, that application will be considered as submitted. If an application and/or check was signed after July 23<sup>rd</sup>, please remit the new amount to National when you transmit the application.
3. Jim Faulkinbury will be the new chairman of the Genealogy Committee. Tim Ward stepped down as chairman due to possible conflicts with the Leadership Meeting schedule this coming year.

There were no nominations for general officer positions from the floor. All unopposed candidates were elected by acclamation. In the one contested race Michael Tomme was elected Treasurer General over Larry Cornwell.

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Congratulations to Compatriot F.W. "Ted" Grant, who is the latest member from our state to join the George Washington Foundation. This Endowment Fund was established by NSSAR to provide permanent restricted funds, the income of which would fund support for unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. For more information see: [www.sar.org/Committees/George\\_Washington\\_Endowment\\_Fund](http://www.sar.org/Committees/George_Washington_Endowment_Fund)

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The Louisiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution was the proud sponsor of three students who entered contest sponsored by the National Society.

Mary Frances Johnson, a student at John Paul the Great High School, Lafayette, LA won the state orations contest. She was sponsored by the Attakapas Chapter, in Lafayette.

Henry Wiygul, a senior at Cedar Creek School in Ruston, LA won the state essay contest. He was sponsored by the James Huey Chapter, West Monroe, LA.

Zach Moller, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Montessori School of Ruston won the state poster contest. He also was sponsored by the James Huey Chapter, West Monroe, LA

These 3 students went on to compete at the National Society meeting in July.

If you have any news you'd like to have included in the next PELICAN PATRIOT, send it to Fred Hamilton at [fredh@suddenlink.net](mailto:fredh@suddenlink.net) .

Thanks!

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*Did You Know?*

Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution is in the NSSAR Southern District.

Other states in this District are: Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Check out the Southern District Webpage at

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