



The Musket Report



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Dues time is here again!

Paying your SAR dues is more than simply keeping your membership current. Your dues help support the work of the Sons of the American Revolution at the chapter, state, and national levels. They help fund programs that preserve our Revolutionary War heritage, recognize patriotic service, support youth and educational programs, maintain genealogical resources, and promote the values for which our patriot ancestors fought. When you pay your dues, you help ensure that the SAR can continue to honor our patriots' legacy and educate future generations about America's founding. Every member's contribution helps strengthen the entire SAR organization. Please check your email inbox for your invoice.

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Important Dates

Fall ALSSAR Board of Managers Meeting: Saturday, 10 October, 10:00 am. The American Village Rotunda, 3727 Highway 119 S., Montevallo, AL 35115.

October Chapter Meeting. Thursday, 15 October, 11:30 am. Enterprise Country Club. Following this meeting, the nomination committee will meet to discuss candidates for next year's officer slate. If you would like to increase your involvement in the SAR by serving in an officer position, please get in touch with President Kitchens.

Dale County Revolutionary War soldiers Pomoroy sign dedication: Tuesday, November 10th, 4:00 pm. Ozark-Dale County Public Library. (Info will be provided at the next meeting.)

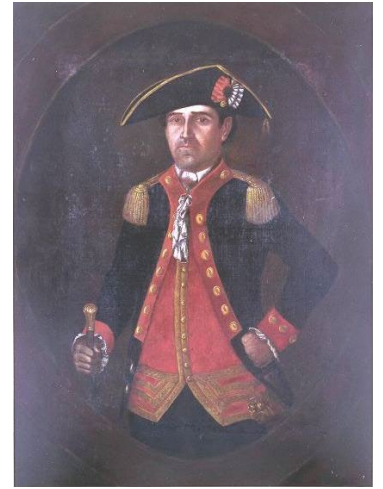
November Chapter Meeting: Thursday, 19 November, 11:30 am. Enterprise Country Club. Officer elections will take place. All compatriots are strongly encouraged to vote.

Annual Chartering and Officer Installation Banquet: Wednesday, 9 December, 6:00 pm. Enterprise Country Club. We would love to have all of us there for an entire Wiregrass Chapter 2026 photo. Reservations will be sent to all as we get closer. We have had a great year; let's celebrate!



Captain Pierre Georges Rousseau

Pierre Georges Rousseau was born June 3, 1751, in La Tremblade, in the province of Saintonge, France, son of Pierre Georges Rousseau—a sea captain—and Marie Estelle Daniaud. Pierre's mother died when he was quite young, and his father, Captain Rousseau, brought his sons to America—probably to Virginia or South Carolina, where Rousseau had relatives. As a teenager, Rousseau moved with his father to New Orleans, where he was living at the outbreak of the American Revolution. Early in the Revolution, Pierre Rousseau—then only 25—sought and received a commission as Lieutenant in the Continental Navy.



In 1779, General Washington ordered Lt. Rousseau to go to Louisiana. Anglo-American businessman Oliver Pollock had been working with the Continental Congress to build an American force in New Orleans. Pollock had been working with the Governor of Louisiana, Bernardo de Galvez, to supply American troops through the port of New Orleans and to build ships for the American Navy. Spain had been secretly assisting the American cause since 1776 and declared war on Britain in 1779. In Louisiana, Lt. Rousseau joined Captain William Pickles on an assignment to capture the British vessel *West Florida*, which was creating havoc with coastal shipping and in Lake Pontchartrain. On September 10, 1779, the *West Florida* was sighted in Lake Pontchartrain off the coast of present-day Mandeville. At one in the afternoon, Pickles engaged the *West Florida*, and Lt. Rousseau and his men boarded the vessel. After the ensuing fight, the British surrendered to Rousseau, who took the captured boat to a fort at the mouth of Bayou St. John.



In early 1780, Rousseau, now promoted to Captain, commanded the *Galveztown*, which was part of the Spanish fleet that attacked Mobile. In 1781, the *Galveztown*, still under Rousseau's command, sailed into the bay at Pensacola with Galvez and his army on board. The subsequent defeat of the British fort there ended British control of Florida.

Following the Revolution, Rousseau settled in New Orleans, where he married and raised a large family. He died there on August 8, 1810. There is a historical marker in Mandeville, LA, noting the capture of the *West Florida*.

**Article courteously provided by the Pierre Georges Rousseau Chapter, LASSAR, Mandeville, LA.*

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

