



# The Musket Report



Newsletter of the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution

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**SEPTEMBER 2025**

**From the Editor:** Compatriots, in an effort to more effectively inform our Chapter members of current undertakings and forthcoming events, we are pleased to revive the long-standing tradition of issuing a Chapter newsletter. *The Musket Report*, retaining its historic title, shall henceforth appear as a monthly publication.

Furthermore, the Wiregrass Chapter is presently engaged in the development of a Chapter website, which we anticipate will be operational by some time in October. Details concerning the new website will be communicated to the membership by email as well as in the forthcoming issue of this newsletter. Through this medium, we intend to make available all archived copies of *The Musket Report* in our possession, together with additional material of interest and value to our Compatriots and prospective applicants.

The success of this newsletter rests in no small part upon the counsel and participation of our members. Accordingly, suggestions, observations, and constructive criticisms regarding both the re-launch of *The Musket Report* and the debut of the Chapter website are most earnestly solicited. Kindly direct all correspondence to the Editor:

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## Events

**18 SEP:** Wiregrass Chapter meeting. Café Roma in Enterprise begins **11:30 am**.

**27 SEP:** ALSSAR Board of Managers meeting. This meeting will be in the Rotunda at the American Village in Montevallo, Alabama at **10:00 am**. Please check your email inbox for registration details if you wish to attend.

**16 OCT:** Wiregrass Chapter meeting at **11:30 am**, location TBD.

## Dues time is approaching

The Wiregrass Chapter is preparing for the upcoming 2026 dues collection period. This season represents the busiest time of year for both the Chapter Treasurer and Secretary, who bear the responsibility of receiving payments and compiling rosters for submission to the State organization. Your prompt submission of 2026 dues will greatly assist in reducing their workload.

National:	\$50.00
State:	\$20.00
Chapter:	\$15.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>

Option 1: If you are planning to attend the next meeting, you can bring your \$85.00 check made payable to Wiregrass Chapter.

Option 2: Mail your check to the Chapter treasurer  
Compatriot John Cheney  
2019 Stonewood Dr.  
Dothan, AL 36301-2177

\* Lifetime membership at the National and State levels saves you money over time. If you wish to learn more, simply visit the ALSSAR website by clicking the link below:

<https://alssar.org/membership>

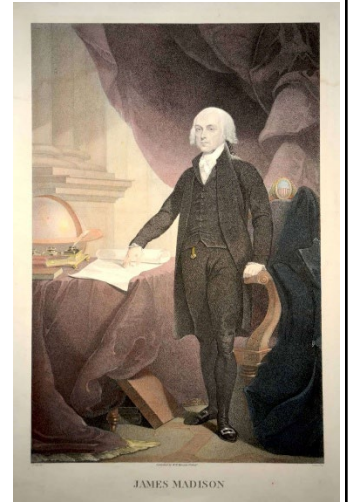


## Flag Raising Ceremony

The Wiregrass Chapter SAR in conjunction with the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College and the Ozark-Dale County Public Library will hold a flag raising ceremony in celebration of Veterans Day. The event will be in front of the Ozark-Dale County Library in Ozark, AL adjacent to the Dale County Revolutionary War veteran's monument on **Friday, 7 November 2025 at 3:00pm**. See you there! Contact Compatriot Phil Kitchens for details. [pkisarwiregrass@gmail.com](mailto:pkisarwiregrass@gmail.com)

The signing of the United States Constitution took place on September 17, 1787, in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall, in Philadelphia. This event marked the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention, which had convened in May to address the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation. Delegates from twelve of the thirteen states—Rhode Island being the only one absent—debated for four months over issues of representation, federal power, and the balance between liberty and order.

The final document reflected a series of hard-fought compromises. The Great Compromise established a bicameral legislature with proportional representation in the House of Representatives and equal representation in the Senate. The Three-Fifths Compromise resolved, though controversially, how enslaved populations would be counted for taxation and representation. Provisions were also made for an independent executive branch headed by a president, a federal judiciary, and a system of checks and balances to prevent the concentration of power.



On the day of signing, thirty-nine of the fifty-five delegates affixed their names to the Constitution. Notable signers included George Washington, who presided over the convention, and Benjamin Franklin, who urged unity despite personal reservations. Several delegates, however, refused to sign, fearing the new government granted too much power to the central authority and lacked a bill of rights.

After signing, the Constitution was sent to the states for ratification, requiring approval from nine of thirteen. The act of signing symbolized both achievement and compromise: it demonstrated the delegates' ability to forge consensus, while also leaving unresolved debates that would continue in American political life. The Constitution's signing remains a landmark in history, laying the foundation for a stronger, enduring framework of government.

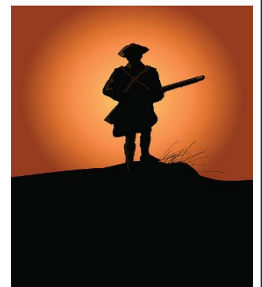
## New Compatriot Inducted!



The Chapter would like to welcome our newest Compatriot **Mr. Riley Oglesby** of Opp. President Olson inducted Mr. Oglesby into the society and chapter at our August meeting. Compatriot Oglesby is the 5<sup>th</sup> great grandson of Sergeant William Cochran of the Virginia Continental Line. Sergeant Cochran moved to Alabama when it was still considered the Mississippi Territory and filed for his soldier pension in what is now Clarke County, Alabama in 1818. Huzzah!

## Registrar's Corner

A little about Supplemental applications. Compatriots who have lineage to more than one Revolutionary War patriot are encouraged to submit Supplemental applications. Lately, the NSSAR Staff Genealogical Section in Louisville, KY has made great efforts in improving wait times. This is encouraging and I suspect the delays from submission to approval to further improve. If you believe you have lineage to another patriot and would like help getting started, please reach out to me. Jason Dallas at: [wiregrassregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:wiregrassregistrar@gmail.com)



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