



The Musket Report

Newsletter of the Wiregrass Chapter, ALSSAR
Enterprise, AL

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SEPTEMBER SAR-DAR LUNCHEON

On September 17, 1787, following four hot, difficult and uncertain summer months of vigorous debate, the United States Constitution was signed by twelve participating state delegations to the Federal Convention in Philadelphia. Despite some very divisive issues, a spirit of determination and compromise prevailed at the gathering, which is why the Convention's Chairman, George Washington, referred to the Convention's work—the US Constitution—as "a miracle at Philadelphia."

It is hoped every member of the Wiregrass Chapter will be a part of the chapter's celebration of this "miracle" by attending the Joint SAR—DAR

Constitutional Week Awards Luncheon on **20 September 2001** at **11:30** at the **Rawl's Hotel** in Enterprise. The ALSAR State President will be attending, and members of the DAR chapters in Andalusia, Coffee County, Ozark and Dothan along with members of local chapters of Colonial Dames and Daughters of the American Colonists have been invited plus the Tri-State SAR Chapter. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.50/ person. Reservations must be made by 14 September and a check payable to the Wiregrass Chapter should be mailed to John R. Fuller, 128 Laurel Breeze, Enterprise 36330. Please include the names of all persons for whom you are making reservations.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The Fall Board of Managers meeting of the ALSSAR will be held on Saturday October 13th at the Montgomery Country Club. This is an excellent opportunity to meet SAR members from around the state and learn more about state SAR operations. For more information contact Compatriot John Wallace 347-0661.

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 Sept SAR-DAR Luncheon, Rawl's Hotel
27-29 Sept National SAR Trustees' Meeting, Louisville, KY
13 Oct ALSSAR BOM meeting, Montgomery
18 Oct October Chapter meeting Po'Folks, Stu Waterman to speak on his patriotic family

Jody Creekmore has received a promotion within Civil Service and has accepted a new position in Huntsville, AL. He will be leaving within the next couple of months, and the chapter wants to thank him for all his hard work and wish him every success.

MEMBERSHIP: Since our last newsletter, the membership application for **T. Wilson Luck** has been approved, and Wilson's membership certificate was presented at the Chapter's August meeting in Geneva. On 25 August the Chapter Registrar received notification that **Clifton Ian Boylston's** application was also approved by the National Society. A very warm welcome is extended to our newest Compatriots!! Several other prospective members have been identified and work continues to expand our membership base. If you are aware of a potential member, why not invite him to come to our September Constitution Week Awards Luncheon on the 20th of September?

Genealogists don't die - they just loose their census!

DUES

It is again time to remind everyone that National, State and Chapter dues must be submitted by the 1st of December. This year, based on increases in both State and Chapter dues, the total cost for the year 2002 will be \$45.00. The one exception is for those members who will not be 21 by 1 Jan 2002. Based on a proposal approved at the August meeting, chapter dues for these individuals will be 50% of the regular chapter dues or, a total of \$38.50. A check payable to the Wiregrass Chapter should be sent to Dick Kemp, P.O. Box 311093, Enterprise, AL 36361. Last year our chapter was one of the few within the state with a 100% renewal rate and we would like to continue this tradition. Over this past year the Wiregrass Chapter has grown, and has supported many of the National SAR programs to help keep the *Spirit of 1776* alive. In order to help continue in these endeavors, we need every member to renew their membership in a timely fashion. By renewing our annual memberships we continue our commitment to the principles upon which this great country was founded.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

A Committee of the following compatriots, Lou Kline, Bruce Taylor, Wilson Luck and Dick Kemp, has been formed to plan a possible Veterans Day program on the morning of 9 November at the Revolutionary War Memorial on the grounds of the Ozark-Dale County Library in Ozark. It is hoped to have a small program with the involvement of the local DAR chapter and veterans organizations. It is certainly appropriate that we honor all those veterans who have sacrificed and given their lives to defend all the many freedoms we enjoy today. More details as this event is planned and finalized.

Youth Registration The National Society has a program for the registration of sons and grandsons, under the age of 18, of SAR members. The cost is \$5.00 for the certificate and requires the completion of an application form, along with the applicant's birth certificate and record copy of the member's application. The application is then held until the individual is 18 at which time he will become a full member upon paying the appropriate dues. Contact Compatriot Wallace for more details.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

It is very hard to believe that I have been the President of the Wiregrass Chapter for almost nine months—I really do not know where the time has gone. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the compatriots of the chapter for the help and support you have each provided to help make our chapter grow. No one person can take the credit for the accomplishments the Wiregrass Chapter has made this year; it has been a team effort built upon previous years of hard work. Wearing my other hat as Senior VP of the ALSSAR, I have had the opportunity to visit numerous chapters within the state, and I can assure you, I do not miss an occasion to brag on the Compatriots of the Wiregrass Chapter. We still have a lot of exciting things for the remainder of the year—our joint luncheon with the DAR, a Veterans Day Program and in December the election of new officers. The chapter has a great deal of talent, and I would encourage each of you to consider taking a leadership position within the chapter for the year 2002. Next year promises to be a busy time—a possible grave marking for Jeremiah Dixon, development of a Perpetual Fund, and, of course, another SAR-DAR Awards Luncheon. Again, thanks for all the support you have given to me personally, to the Wiregrass Chapter, and to the goals of the ALSSAR and the NSSAR.

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