

TO ALL COMPATRIOTS AND
FRIENDS:

AUGUST MEETING:

Summer is rapidly getting by and it is hoped everyone had time for a good vacation. The rain, heat and humidity has certainly made everything grow this year and required a lot of extra work in the yard and garden. So it's time to take a short break and get together with fellow compatriots. Our next meeting will be August 19th at Noon at the Devco Restaurant in Geneva. The restaurant is located on HWY 27S on the left hand side of the road after crossing the Pea River Bridge. Due to several members living in Geneva County, it was decided to hold our April, August and December meeting in Geneva. Saves the folks from down there having to do all the driving to get to meetings. Compatriot Bryan has arranged for Mr. Acie Taylor to speak to the group. Mr. Taylor fought from Utah Beach on D-Day to St. Lo where he was wounded. After recuperating from his wounds he returned to the Continent and fought with General George Patton's Third Army from France into Germany. Should be a good meeting and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend, prospective member or his spouse. The ladies are always welcome whenever we

have a special program. Hope to see everyone there!

DUES:

I know, I know! It is only August and they are already talking about dues. The State Society has a cut off of 30 December to have things reported to National and it makes life much easier if we have our monies and reports to the State Organization before that date. There are at least three good reasons to get your 2000 dues paid prior to December: 1) One less bill to worry with at Christmas, 2) the Chapter Secretary will be gone from 26 December until 11 January and 3) it is not clear if the secretary's computer is Y2K compliant!! He plans to download all the chapter's financial records prior to that date, and we need your name on the list. The Dues for 2000 are \$37.50 and a check payable to the Wiregrass Chapter, SAR can be mailed to John R. Wallace, 200 E. Silver Oak Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330.

MEMBERSHIP:

The newest applicant for chapter membership is Jack Rushing Brunson of Elba, a longtime corporate executive with National Security. Mr. Brunson is a cousin of other Brunson family members. All share the service of

Revolutionary War patriot Joshiah Brunson, a militiaman in Francis Marion's Brigade in South Carolina.

This makes a total of three applications the chapter has pending. The state and national organizations have been slow in acting on these applications. This is in part due to the fact the National Convention was held in June and most efforts were being devoted to making that a successful meeting. It is hoped that by our next newsletter we will have some new members!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

During a recent visit to Pennsylvania, President Kemp obtained an 18 minutes video tape titled: *The Battle of Brandywine - A Battle Lost, A Revolution Sustained*. This will be shown during one of our upcoming meetings in Enterprise. Please feel free to contact the Chapter President with your ideas on possible topics for one of our meetings, or potential speakers for the group.

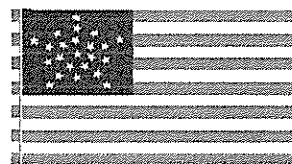
50 STATE QUARTERS:

It is suspected that everyone has seen some of the new quarters which are now in general circulation. Over the next ten years, the Treasury is going to issue a quarter for each of the 50 states - five

per year. The first 13 are being issued in order of the state's ratification of the constitution, then in order of admission to the Union. A mint set of the first five quarters can be ordered from the mint for \$13.95 plus shipping and handling. What a great way to mark our heritage - would make an excellent stocking stuffer for a grandchild! You can call the mint at 1-800-USA-MINT or order directly on line at www.usmint.gov. Orders placed via the Internet, are exempt from the shipping and handling charge.

GREAT STAR FLAGS:

In 1820, two stars were added to the U.S. Flag representing Alabama and Maine, bring the total number of stars to 23.



Although there are no known 23 star flags in existence with this star pattern, there is a description of one used when Maine became a state. From the 1780's until about the Civil War, Great Star Flags - with the stars arranged so they made up one big star- were popular, particularly on ships.

Dick Kemp - Chapter President