



# The Musket Report

Newsletter of the Wiregrass Chapter, ALSSAR  
Enterprise, Alabama  
"Home of the Boll Weevil Monument"



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## PICNIC



The Chapter's Annual August Family Picnic will be held **Saturday, 22 August at 11:30** at the **Enterprise Welcome Center** on the Circle. We will be having the traditional Larry's B-B-Q along with

beans and cold slaw. Each adult attendee is asked to chip in three bucks to help defray some of the costs. At the same time, everyone is asked to bring along a salad or desert for the pot luck meal. It is vitally important you contact Chapter President Jack Oden **NLT Wednesday 19 August.**, with the number planning to attend, and if your are bringing a salad or desert. The August Family Picnic has become a real tradition for the chapter, and it is hoped that everyone will be able to join in the fun. Word on the street is that John Ray is already lookin' forward to seconds of Rex's Banana Puddin'! The chapter will be providing drinks and buns.

## Dues Time is Approaching

The Wiregrass Chapter is in the process of gearing up for the 2010 dues collection period. This is the busiest times of year for both our chapter treasurer and secretary, as they are charged with receiving funds and preparing rosters for submission to the state organization. Your timely response in submitting your 2010 dues greatly reduces their work.

This year, we are each going to have to dig just a little bit deeper into our pockets as both the state and the national have raised dues for 2010. The following is a breakdown of the dues for the coming year:

National: \$30.00 (five dollar increase)  
State: 15.00 (three dollar increase)  
Chapter: 13.00 - no change  
**Total: \$58.00**

If you are planning to come to the August Family Picnic, just bring your \$58.00 check payable to the Wiregrass Chapter, and beat the Christmas Rush plus save 44 cents in postage!

If you cannot make it to the picnic, please get your \$58.00 check into the mail as soon as possible to **John Kelsoe, 1654 County Road 606, Enterprise, AL 36330-5488**

At the same time, Youth Member dues were increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The chapter will also be collecting these dues for submission. Youth Members pay no state or chapter dues.

The chapter is saddened to report the passing of Sarah Kline on 11 July 2009. Sarah, of course, was Lou Kline's widow and she was always supportive of Lou and the SAR during his lifetime. The chapter wishes to express its condolences to her family.

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The chapter's five youth registrants have all now converted over to Youth Member status. These young men have a national and state number, and are carried on the roles of the NSSAR. They cannot hold office or vote and their dues are \$10.00 annually as a result of actions taken at the 119th Congress. A supplemental application for Ken Chancey and Frank Killebrew have been submitted; one new member application is being researched, and numerous other supplementals are being developed. The chapter has 51 members plus our five youth members!

## 119th Congress



Some 301 delegates and over 200 guests were on hand for the recent 119th NSSAR Congress in Atlanta. The Hon Edward Butler (TX) was installed as our new President General while J. David Sympson (KY) was elected Secretary-General along with Larry Magerkurth (CA) as Treasurer-General. The ALSSAR was well represented with 18 delegates and several wives at the meeting.

At the Recognition Night Program, the ALSSAR was recognized for its activities with presenting Flag Certificates and also working with the Children of the American Revolution. Larry Cornwell received the Florence Kendall Award for sponsoring the most new members during 2008. At the same time, *The Musket Report*, received honorable mention, as the 2nd place winner of the Bessent Award for chapter single sheet newsletters. This award came with a \$25.00 check to the chapter. Over the years the chapter newsletter has received four national awards.

Tom Jacks (LASSAR) was installed as the new Southern District Vice-President General, and will serve as the Chairman, of the Council of VPGs. He was also appointed to a voting seat on the National Executive Committee

## Ward Family



Pictured at the left are Jonas (1790-1873) and Elizabeth Deweese (1805-1882) Ward, Jr. Elizabeth's grandfather was with Washington at Valley Forge while Jonas' father also served in the Revolutionary War. Jonas himself served in the War of 1812. These are the 3rd great grand parents of Frank Killebrew and Frank is working on a

supplemental application for each of these lines.

**ARCHIBALD BULLOCH** - "This is no time to talk of moderation; in the present instance it ceases to be a virtue." SPEECH TO PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, JUNE 1776.

Bulloch was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1730 where his father, James Bulloch, had immigrated in the 1720s from Scotland. Bulloch was educated in Charleston and began his political career in South Carolina while he practiced law. He was commissioned lieutenant in a South Carolina regiment in 1757. In 1758 the Bulloch family relocated to Georgia. In October 1764, after Bulloch moved to Savannah, he married Mary De Veaux, daughter of Judge James De Veaux, a prominent Savannah landowner. Bulloch resumed his political career in his new state and quickly became a leader of the Liberty Party, guiding it during the resistance to the oppressive measures of the British colonial government.



Bulloch was one of the signers of the invitation to meet at Tondee's Tavern in Savannah on July 27, 1774, to discuss the "critical situation" resulting from the recent acts of the British Parliament to tax the colonies "without the consent of the people." The 1775 Provincial Congress of Georgia, meeting at Tondee's Tavern, elected Bulloch to be its president, thus formalizing the leadership role that he had thus far assumed in the conflict with Britain.

He would be elected a delegate in 1775 to the Continental Congress where he won John Adams' praise for his "abilities and fortitude." In the Continental Congress, he was a member of the Secret Committee, which was responsible for gathering war supplies. Bulloch would have been a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but decided to return to Georgia to aid the revolution there. In 1776, he fought under the command of Colonel Lachlan McIntosh in the Battle of the Rice Boats and the Battle of Tybee Island.

On June 20, 1776, he was chosen to be the first President and Commander-in-Chief of Georgia under the state's temporary republican government. On February 22, 1777, in the face of an invasion by the British from Florida, Georgia's Council of Safety requested that Bulloch "take upon himself the whole Executive Powers of Government."

A few hours later, after being handed what amounted to dictatorial powers, Bulloch was dead. The cause of his death remains unknown but unsubstantiated rumors of his poisoning still persist.

Archibald Bulloch has gone down in history as one of the American Revolution's great leaders; he is also known as the great-great-grandfather of America's 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt. Theodore Roosevelt's son, Archibald, and Bulloch County, Georgia, were both named in the Georgia Patriot's honor

At left is the grave site of Archibald Bulloch in the Colonial Park Cemetery, Savannah, GA. Inscription : " First President of Georgia 1776-1777 Archibald Bulloch Born in So. Carolina 1730 Died in Savh 1777 "



## SAR/DAR Constitutional Week Awards Luncheon:

*We the People*

The Wiregrass SAR Chapter and the John Coffee DAR Chapter will host the annual SAR / DAR Constitutional Week Awards luncheon on **Thursday 17 September at 11:30 AM** at the **Enterprise Country Club**. As in years past this will be a **"By Reservation Only"** event and a registration form is enclosed, or will be sent electronically. A copy will also be available on the Wiregrass Website at [www.wiregrasssar.org](http://www.wiregrasssar.org) Cost for this year's luncheon will be \$18.00 per person. Reservation forms must be received by Dr. Jack Oden NLT **Monday 14 September**. The Chapter will be presenting both a Law Enforcement Medal and a Fire Safety Medal and the guest speaker will be the Rev. John Killian, ALSSAR State President.

DAR ladies and SAR members from several different chapters in the area are being invited. Door Prizes will also be presented. It is planned to have elements of the State Color Guard on hand to present the colors. Please get your reservations in early! Over the years this has become an extremely popular event - why several years ago, Hurricane Ivan even came to town on the exact same day !!

*" The budget should be balanced, the treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt, the mobs should be forced to work, and not depend on government for subsistence." - Cicero 55 BC*