

NEWSLETTER

Enterprise, Alabama

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TO ALL COMPATRIOTS AND
FRIENDS

JANUARY MEETING

If it seems you just received a newsletter, you did! Due to the early date of the January meeting it was necessary to get another newsletter out in order to notify everyone of the upcoming meeting. Our next meeting will be held at **11:30 January 8, 2000** at the **Dothan Rehabilitation Center** on the Ross Clark Circle. This will be a joint meeting with the Tri-State Chapter and will consist of a luncheon followed by the installation of officers of both chapters. ALSSAR President Hoyt O. Smith will be joining us to conduct the installation ceremony. The cost of the luncheon is \$11.00 per person and a check payable to the Tri-State Chapter should be sent **NLT 28 Dec** to Carlos Lee, 907 Selkirk, Dothan, AL 36303 along with the names of those attending. For more information please contact President Dick Kemp (774-9965) This affords an excellent opportunity to take your wife to lunch and meet the State President of the SAR.

STATE CONVENTION

With February comes the State Convention of the ALSAR. This year it will be held in Huntsville on the at the Hilton Hotel. More information

will be made available as soon as possible.

JROTC

This year the Wiregrass Chapter is supporting the JROTC units at the following high schools: Enterprise, Carroll (Ozark), Pike County (Troy) and Daleville. John Ray Fuller is again serving as the Chairman of our JROTC Committee, and we need to offer him a special '**thank you**' for his efforts in this area, along with his work on the Veterans Committee.

JOHN PAUL JONES PARDONED

John Paul Jones, the father of the US Navy, is no longer a traitor in the eyes of the people from Whitehaven, England. At the first Whitehaven Maritime Festival, Jones was pardoned of all charges and grievances levied against him by the British government for his 1778 raid on Whitehaven. Jones started his naval career in Whitehaven at the age of 12 and later became a commissioned officer in the newly formed Congressional Navy. During the Revolution, Jones wreaked havoc on British merchant ships. At the time, this kind of attack was considered an act of piracy. Jones' assault also marked the last time England was invaded by a naval force.

WASHINGTON'S PRAYER FOR HIS COUNTRY

The following has been adapted from Washington's *Circular to the States*, written from his headquarters as commander in chief at Newburgh, New York, on June 8, 1783. The circular was directed to the Governors and States of the new nation; his reference to them has been replaced by the words "the United States". Otherwise the words and spelling are those of General Washington.

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Fields, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristicks of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation." Amen

As we close the Bicentennial Year of George Washington's death and enter into a new year and a new millennium, his words are still appropriate for our country.

OZARK-DALE COUNTY LIBRARY

Several years ago, the Sons of the American Revolution sponsored the installation of a lighted flag pole at the Ozark-Dale County Library. Recently President Kemp was approached about a new flag for the facility. Out of his own pocket he purchased a new U.S. flag at a cost of \$50.00 and presented it to the library on behalf of the SAR. If anyone would like to help defray some of his costs, you can send him a few bucks at: P.O. Box 2253, Ozark, AL 36361.

The officers of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution wish to extend to all members and their families, a special "thanks" for the support given the Chapter over the past year, and to wish each one a very happy and prosperous New Year!!

Richard Kemp - President
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