



THE MUSKET REPORT

*Newsletter of the
Wiregrass Chapter
ALSSAR*

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In Memory of Foy Dominick Anderson

We are saddened to note the passing of Foy Anderson, wife of compatriot Dr. Paul Jackson Anderson. Foy passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at her home. The family has requested that memorials be sent to: American Cancer Society, c/o Linda Andress, P.O. Box 310900, Enterprise, Al. 36331, American Heart Association, 3338-L, Country Club Road, PMB 305, Valdosta, Ga. 31605, or First United Methodist Church Enterprise, 217 South Main Street, Enterprise, Al. 36330.

While there are no words sufficient to express our sorrow and our sense of loss to Dr. Anderson and their family, we pray that Dr. Anderson, Beth, Paul III, Carolyn Foy, Tom, and Will, will be comforted, secure in the knowledge that our thoughts, and especially our prayers are constantly with them.

As members of The National Society Sons of the American Revolution we have taken upon ourselves the tasks of perpetuating the memories, and recognizing the sacrifices of our ancestors. We owe no less than that to Foy for her sacrifices, her devotion to her husband, and to her family. While her tasks were many, her accomplishments were greater. Perhaps the most important one... being a loving mom.

May this gallant fighter be forever cradled in those loving, healing hands of time.

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Membership Dues

It's that time of year again. Our membership dues are due. As we have stated here before there has been an increase of \$5.00 in the state dues. The increase was voted on at the state convention in February, to cover the costs of awards to contest winners. Listed below is a breakdown of total dues.

The amount for Junior Membership remains unchanged at \$5.00.

Let's see if we can get this completed and out of the way before the holiday season gets here. It will be here before we know it. Please make your check payable to Wiregrass Chapter ALSSAR and mail to: John Ray Fuller, 128 Laurel Breeze Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330-7839

Previous dues...National.....\$30.00

State.....15.00

Chapter.....13.00

Total.....\$58.00

Current dues.....National.....\$30.00

State.....20.00

Chapter.....13.00

Total.....\$63.00

Patriots Biographies Database

Several weeks ago compatriot Marvin Vickers sent the *Musket Report* a copy of an e-mail from compatriot Douglas Collins. Douglas is the chairman of the *Patriot Biographies Committee*. The committee was formed by President General Brock in an effort to allow each Society member an opportunity to create a short (approx 500 word) biographical sketch of their patriot ancestor(s), which would then be used to compile a database and attach it to the already existing *Patriot and Grave index*. On page 3 of this newsletter you will find the complete text of his e-mail for your consideration. This would be a great opportunity for us to let other members know the roles played by each of our ancestors in securing our country's freedom and liberty. It is a voluntary program and is well worthy of our consideration.

Constitution Week Awards Luncheon

On Thursday September 18, 2014 we will observe the 14th annual SAR-DAR Constitution Week Awards Luncheon. It is a great time to not only celebrate the signing of our constitution, but to enjoy an excellent speaker. Nell Gilmer has invited Nancy A. Westbrook, Col, USAFR to address the luncheon.

The luncheon is jointly sponsored by the *Wiregrass Chapter*, Sons of the American Revolution and the *John Coffee Chapter*, Daughters of the American Revolution. ALSSAR President Bobby Joe Seales and ASDAR State Regent Connie Grund plan to attend.

The luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church, 217 South Main Street, Enterprise, Alabama.

On page 4 of this newsletter you will find a reservation form that contains complete details. Please fill out and return the form as soon as possible. The completed form should be mailed to Compatriot John Ray Fuller, 128 Laurel Breeze Drive, Enterprise, AL.

This is one of our premier events of the year. We look forward to your presence. You will be glad you came.

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On 09/01/2014 11:01 AM Douglas Collins via sar@iir.rootsweb.com wrote

Compatriots,

As President General Brock outlined in his inauguration address, one of his projects is to establish a patriot biographies database. The purpose of this committee is to perpetuate the memory of our Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors by providing a media for the SAR members to submit biographies of their patriot ancestor(s), which will enhance the recruitment of new members for SAR. As the Committee Chairman of this endeavor, I would ask each SAR member to join us. Additionally, we will need volunteers to review and edit spelling and grammar prior to loading into the database.

In the 1894 Kentucky Society Yearbook, Thomas Page Grant wrote about the establishment of the Sons of the American Revolution, "The men whose forefathers took part in the establishment of the Nation were naturally drawn together, and in some of the older States formed themselves into societies to gather scatter bits of history and save them for coming generations; to preserve alive a memory of the men who gave so much for country and paid so dear a price for liberty; to inculcate in the minds of the rising generations a knowledge of what they fought for, and a love of the principles they held so dear."

One hundred and twenty years later, we can do just what Compatriot Grant described. The Patriot and Grave Index continues to grow by leaps and bounds under the leadership of Committee Chairman Del White. In collaboration with Compatriot White, we will be able to attach a biographical sketch of your ancestor(s), supplied by you, to our database. The Sons of the American Revolution mission is to seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people. The end result will be an immense database that will enable us to gather those scattered bits of history and preserve the memory of the past, for our future, by fulfilling the mission of the SAR.

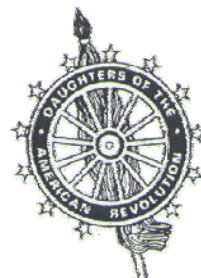
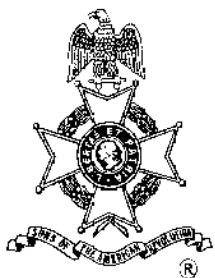
We ask that you send a biographical sketch of your ancestor(s) to patriotbios@sar.org. The information should be provided in a file that is Microsoft WORD compatible. The data will then be merged into the Patriot and Grave Index. If you have a Patriot Number assigned (i.e., P-xxxxxx), please include it with your submission. If not, one will be assigned. Due to the potential volume and limitations on storage, it has been requested that we limit the biographical sketches to approximately 500 words. When you submit your entry, please include your name and SAR Member number. As a point of reference, this document is approximately 550 words.

While this information should be as accurate as possible, it is not intended for use as primary documentation material for SAR or DAR applications, therefore, we are not requiring sourcing of the documentation. We intend for these biographies to encourage prospective applicants and provide a reference point from which to start (or continue) their research. It would also be helpful to identify SAR Compatriots who are descended from each of the patriots referenced. By including a name and SAR Member number, additional research and/or connections may be possible. This is of course, all voluntary, and not a requirement.

We hope that you will join us in celebrating your patriot ancestor with a submission to this database.

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Douglas T. Collins
Chairman,
Patriot Biographies Committee



**14th Annual SAR - DAR
Constitution Week Awards Luncheon**

18 September 2014

11:30 AM

First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

217 South Main Street (Hwy 84)

Enterprise, Alabama

Sponsored by

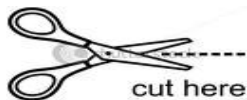
Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

ALSSAR President Bobby Joe Seales and ASDAR State Regent Connie Grund
both plan to be in attendance

Please plan to join us for this patriotic event and help us recognize some of our members and citizens of our local communities while enjoying a special presentation by our guest speaker:

NANCY A. WESTBROOK, COL, USAFR



**SAR / DAR Constitution Week Awards Luncheon
Reservation Form**

NAME:.....

GUEST:.....

Reservations X \$20.00 = _____ Please mail your check payable to Wiregrass Chapter
along with this form to:

Deadline: 15 September 2014
New deadline is 12 September 2014

Mr. John Ray Fuller
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Wiregrass Chapter Picnic

On the following pages are pictures of the Wiregrass Chapter annual picnic. The weather was beautiful, the food was better than excellent, we had some great guests, and everyone seemed to enjoy it all.

When I saw this on the desserts table I knew we were in for a great day. A very thoughtful way to welcome the guests.



At left it looks like Rex may have been one of the first to hear the dinner bell.



John Kelso and Mrs Kelso at right.

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Pictured at far left is CWO 2 Mathew Blodgett. He has recently returned from Afghanistan and is presently attending the Instructor Pilot Course at Fort Rucker. He is a former neighbor and regarded friend of Compatriot Malon Murphy and Claire Murphy. The Wiregrass Chapter wishes him well and offers it's gratitude for his service to our country. Thanks to Malon and Claire for this great guest.

Pictured at right (L-R) is the family of Retired Lt. Col. Christopher Leonard Miller, his son Giovanni Jackson, his wife Lorrie Lynn, and son Ian Christopher. Mr. Miller is the JROTC instructor at Daleville, High School. The family was the guest of Compatriot John Ray Fuller.

Lt. Col. Miller is shown as he prepares to present several knives, as gifts to the chapter. Our thanks to him for his thoughtful gesture. Take a few minutes and go to his school's website, <http://daleville.k12.al.us/>. Read about this fine school, then look at the red box on the left side of the home page and click on "Who We Are". Quite impressive.



Compatriot President Perry Vickers (L) presents a supplemental to Compatriot John Wallace for his fourth- great grandfather, Joseph Wallace. John says of his grandfather, "He was only about 30 when he died in 1781 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He was a blacksmith by trade, but estate papers indicate he had a great deal of corn confiscated at the time of his death- don't know if he was shoeing horses for the patriots, or providing mash whiskey to the troops! A pay voucher is on file in North Carolina for militia service which was signed for by his half brother. He did prepare a will and one of the (cont)...

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executors was a Major in the military who himself drew a pension. At that young age to have a will seems to point to the possibility that it was not a sudden death, but possibly from a wound or serious accident. His son William settled in Autauga County, Alabama.



I don't know what Compatriot Marvin Vickers is talking about, but everyone is listening.

Group picture of most of picnic attendees



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Thank You

On behalf of the members of the ALSSAR Wiregrass Chapter we express our sincere gratitude to Compatriot Perry Vickers and Elizabeth Vickers for doing everything possible to make our August picnic the success that it was. Everyone talked about how much they enjoyed it. Thank you for opening your home to us and providing such a gracious atmosphere in which to fellowship with our fellow compatriots. We know that it was a lot of work and we are grateful.

CBM