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#### President's Message



#### Compatriots,

Our mission is to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country. The fast approaching 250th Anniversary our nation's founding offers new opportunities to fulfill this mission.



The General Philemon Thomas Chapter's Battle of Baton Rouge Commemoration was recently recognized as a National SAR Event, the first in Louisiana. The Oliver Pollock Chapter's Avenue of Flags has been designated a Southern District SAR Event.

In April, 2025, we will commemorate the 250 Anniversary of the Battles at Lexington and Concord. That same month we will hold our Louisiana Society Annual Meeting. We will meet in Alexandria, LA at the Benley Hotel on April 11-12, 2025. All members and their guests are encouraged to register the meeting and related events.

Russ Godwin

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## LA SAR Annual Meeting Registration Form April 11-13, 2025

The Hotel Bentley 200 Desoto Street, Alexandria, LA 71301

Name of Member:	
Name of Spouse/Guest(s):	
Phone Home:	Mobile:
Email:	
State Society:	Office or Position Held:
Chapter:	
HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS  Call 318-442-2226 (Ext. 1). Use room block code "LA SAR".  Room block will only be held until MARCH 20, 2025 DEADLINE.  King \$119 plus taxes and fees  Double Queen \$129 plus taxes and fees  Double Queen Corporate \$139 plus taxes and fees  Room cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to booked date.	
REGISTRATION  *Two separate fees for Registration and for Banquet* REGISTRATION FEE \$60.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES FRIDAY RECEPTION AND SATURDAY MEETING	
<u>Friday, April 11, 2025: Meet-and Greet Reception with Cash Bar</u> (6-8 pm) (Included in Registration Fee)	
Member N	umber of Guests
<u>Saturday, April 12, 2025 Annual Business Meeting with Continental Breakfast</u> , (9 am-12 pm) \$35 per person FOR THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE MEMBERS MEETING	
Member	Number of Guests
Saturday, April 12, 2025 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  10:00 am  No Charge  Number of Ladies Attending Auxiliary Meeting	

## Saturday, April 12, 2025 Afternoon Patriot Burial Marker Dedication Time TBD No Charge Member Number of Guests TOTAL AMOUNT FOR REGISTRATION (MEMBER AND GUESTS) \$ **BANQUET FEE \$55.00 PER PERSON** Saturday, April 12, 2025 Annual Banquet with Cash Bar Cocktails 6:00-7:00 PM Banquet 7:00-10:00 PM \$55 per person Member \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests\_\_\_\_ PLEASE SELECT ENTRÉE FOR EACH ATTENDEE Catfish Jenkins topped with Crawfish Etoufee (Blackened OR Fried) Pork Ribeye with Madeira Mushroom Cream Sauce Shrimp and Grits TOTAL NUMBER Blackened Catfish\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER Fried Catfish\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER Pork TOTAL NUMBER Shrimp and Grits TOTAL AMOUNT FOR BANQUET (MEMBER AND GUESTS) \$ PLEASE SPECIFY ANY DIET RESTRICTIONS OR FOOD ALLERGIES

Please send check or money order, Payable to

"Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter SAR" to:

Brent Morock 3915 Maywood St. Alexandria, LA 71302

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FINAL HEAD COUNTS AND DEADLINE DATE FOR FOOD/MENU IS APRIL 1, 2025, WHICH WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY THE HOTEL.

Thank you so much, We look forward to hosting all of you in April for the LA SAR Annual Event.

In patriotic service,

Jim Morock, MD LA SAR Annual Meeting Co-Chair Surgeon, LA SAR 318-442-5776 jamkma@aol.com

**Brent Morock** LA SAR Annual Meeting Co-Chair Secretary, Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter 318-442-5776 tegrecon@gmail.com

## LASSAR January Board Meeting Monroe, LA January 25, 2025



### LASSAR January Board Meeting Monroe, LA January 25, 2025



State Officers & Board Members met at the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum in Monroe, State President Russ Godwin presiding.



State President Russ Godwin presents Dr. Derrick Spell with the Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal. Other recipients not pictured were Cliff Normand & Brent Morock



General Philemon Thomas President, Paul Bledsoe, presents
Tony Vets with a \$1,000 check
for the SAR Southern District
fund for the 2027 National Sons
of the American Revolution
Conference to be held in New
Orleans.

## LASSAR January Board Meeting Monroe, LA January 25, 2025



The James Huey Chapter of West Monroe hosted the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Winter Board of Directors meeting at the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum in Monroe, Louisiana. Pictured are the attendees of the Louisiana Society where State President Russ Godwin presented a donation to the museum. William Dozier from the museum received the donation on behalf of Nell Calloway, CEO and granddaughter of General Claire Chennault.

## Show your support

for the 2027 SAR Annual Congress, hosted by the Southern District with your purchase of either the Oliver Pollock pin (\$25) or the official 2027 Congress medal (\$45)



You may also purchase a Benefactor bar (\$955) to be added to your Southern District Congress Medal. \$1,000 for Medal with Bar.



Please add \$5 for postage & handling

Checks made to Southern District SAR and mailed to
Tony L. Vets
504 Oak St.
Colfax, LA 71417



# To view the By-Laws of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Check out the following link:

https://www.lassar.org/uploads/3/4/3/434343076/lassar\_bylaws\_april\_2024.pdf





#### Atchafalaya Chapter, LASSAR Thíbodaux, LA



Louisiana's Society of the Sons of The American Revolution's youngest chapter, The Atchafalaya Chapter, was chartered on January 18, 2020, after much organizational work by former General Philemon Thomas Chapter members David Solar, Carol Falcon, and Leo Grazziffi, Sr. These compatriots saw an opportunity to establish a chapter based on the descendants of patriots from the parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. James, St. Mary, and Terrebonne. The members have a mix of lineal descendants of Revolutionary War era patriots who served in the 13 colonies and in the Galvez expeditions which occurred in the Gulf South region.

The chapter is continually attempting to grow its membership through personal contacts, speaking engagements, and public events. The chapter has frequent social events featuring guest speakers whose subjects include events surrounding the American Revolution as well as other U.S. history events.

The chapter's focus in its short history has been on honoring military veterans through multiple Memorial and Veteran's Day services. The chapter has also focused on youth programs including recognition of outstanding JROTC cadets and students committed to attending the service academies. The chapter plans to continue focusing on youth through more promotions to school districts and students about oration, brochure, and poster contests.

The chapter has also communicated with various public service entities including law enforcement, fire and rescue, and emergency medical services and has thus far awarded one medal to an Assumption Parish Fire Chief for outstanding public service.

The chapter also plans to continue its mission of recognizing patriotic acts by persons and entities who follow proper flag etiquette in displaying the U.S. flag.

Atchafalaya Chapter members are strong proponents of the SAR's mission of promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and teaching American history to future generations. The chapter compatriots continually discuss ideas about expanding programs and events to increase its involvement in the SAR's mission.

The chapter currently stands with 16 members.





#### Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR Lafayette, LA

History of the Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR by John François



The idea for establishing an SAR chapter in the Lafayette area was conceived in 1957 by the then LASSAR president, John St. Paul. He requested the help of the local Louisiana DAR chapters for increasing the membership of the LASSAR. The Galvez Chapter of the DAR took on that task as a Special Project. They enlisted the help of three other local DAR chapters; Acadia (Crowley area), Opelousas, and New Iberia. Each chapter responded by providing the names of their male relatives, complete with application papers.

Formal invitations were then issued to the prospective members to attend a reception on 11 January 1958 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Boudousquie, with Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Mayer co-hosting. LASSAR president St. Paul was present to address the men, explaining the requirements for membership and the activities of the SAR. Thirty-eight men signed the petition that day for a chapter charter.

On 27 April 1958, an organizational meeting for the formation of an SAR Lafayette chapter was held in the Civic Room of the First National Bank of Lafayette. Officers were elected and dues established (\$4.00 per year). It was also moved and passed that the chapter be called Attakapas, a name considered inclusive for all the members of the southwestern part of Louisiana.

The name Attakapas (a.k.a. Atakapa) derives from the tribe of Indians who lived along the Vermilion, Mermentau and Calcasieu rivers. The Attakapas family of tribes had certain sub-tribes that were known to be very fierce and even given to cannibalism, but supposedly only for religious purposes. André Pénicaut, a French traveler in early Louisiana, gives this description of a religious ceremony he witnessed by the Assinais, a sub-tribe of the Atakapa.

Two war prisoners brought to the village were suspended naked from a pole laid across the tops of two nine-foot stakes set about four feet apart. The ceremony began when the men were faced toward the rising sun, and that afternoon, they were turned to face the setting sun. The next day incisions were made in their arms, thighs, and legs, and the dripping blood was caught by Indian priests, who then cooked the blood in two kettles. After the cooked blood had been eaten, the bodies of the two dead men were cut up and distributed to the families of the village. While the meat was being cooked, more dances and ceremonies were performed, after which the flesh was eaten."

(Edwin Adams Davis: Louisiana, A Narrative History, page 16.)

Attakapas is now one of the largest chapters in the LASSAR, and among its many activities, it holds the Annual George Washington Ball, a fixture since 1958, in conjunction with the Galvez Chapter, DAR. The purpose of the Ball was originally to introduce the sons and daughters of the membership to polite society. Young ladies and young men are still introduced and recognized at the Ball, which is now a grand, annual affair held in June of each year

As of April, 2025 Attakapas Chapter has 108 members.



### Benjamin Tennille Chapter, LASSAR Monroe, LA

The Northeast Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held an organization meeting on March 7, 1971 at the Lotus Club in downtown Monroe. Austin Smith was elected President and a petition for a charter that would include applicants qualifying for membership by July 1, 1971 was submitted for approval. On May 18, 1971 the charter was granted and was issued on August 16, 1971. Thirty-eight members were deemed Charter Members.

The chapter changed its name to the Benjamin Tennille Chapter after 1984 and has frequently laid wreaths at the grave of Tennille, one of the few known Patriots buried in Northeast Louisiana. His grave is in the Tennille Cemetery, located on DeSiard Street on the east side of Monroe.

#### **Charter Members:**

William L. Alexander Joseph Robert Booles Jacob M. Carter, Jr. Robert P. Carter Thomas W. Carter Chappell Francis Cashman Duncan S. Cook, R. Duncan S. Cook, Jr. John E. Coon William Davis Cotton Louis Crawford Crews Lyndon E. Dawson Seaborn B. DeLee, Jr. Charles Crosby Eby Revnolds Trippett Faulk III Donald B. Fiske E. Bailey Grant Dr. Courtland P. Gray John R. Humble.



Robert Layton, Sr. Robert Layton, Jr. Thomas W. Leigh William E. Leigh Warren B. McGee Jerome H. Moeller James E. Mulhearn Marshall R. Munholland Edwin Holt Myrick William D. Rodriguez Richard Swan Rowan Daniel William Slav Austin Beverly Smith. Dr. Nathaniel R. Spencer Dee A. Strickland, Jr. Gen. George W. Trousdale George W. Trousdale, Jr. Dr. Felix W. Willey, Jr. Thomas Fitzhugh Wilson

#### First Officers:

Austin B. Smith, President
Duncan S. Cook, Sr., Vice-President
Jacob M. Carter, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer
Charles C. Eby, Historian
Thomas F. Wilson, Chaplain,
John R. Humble, Membership Chairman



#### Dr. Enemund Meullíon Chapter, LASSAR Alexandría. LA

The Alexandria LASSAR Chapter was organized on October 29, 1928 and was signed by LASSAR President Edwin Overton Cailleteau in the same room of Cailleteau's grandfather's home, inherited by his aunt, that the Loyalty Chapter LSDAR was formed 75 years earlier. See <a href="https://emclassar.org/who.html">https://emclassar.org/who.html</a>

Originally named the Alexandria Chapter after the city, the name was changed in 1997 to the Enemund Meullion Chapter under Philip Eisenwinter's Chapter Presidency before marking Meullion's grave in the Old Rapides Cemetery on Veteran's Day, November 11, 1997. The Loyalty Chapter LSDAR had marked the grave on Columbus Day, October 12, 1930. The name was changed again in January 2024 to the Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter under Alexander Gervais Compton, Jr.'s Chapter Presidency.

The Charter Members are:

St. John P. Chilton Wilbur W. Blackmon, Sr. Jackson R. Galloway, M.D. Donald S. Kramer Franklin H. Mikell John M. Sleet George Mason Graham Kramer Paul K. Adams Walter Hunter, Jr. Charles T. Tosten III Palmer J. Texada, M.D. Robert H. Pittman, Ed. D. Col. Richard M. Baaker, Sr. Robert D. Parrott Donald G. Edgerton, M.D. Harvey J. Kimble

James A. Morock, M.D.

George H. Sutherlin, Jr. James DeLee, Ed.D. James G. Hair, M.D. Richard G. Moriarty Philip M. Sleet, Sr. John Overton Brazelton James W. Roland Davidson H. Texada, Jr. Malcolm T. Hornsby Edward D. Randolph, Jr. Andrew M. Moore Arnold s. Barker, Jr. Rhorer Texada John K. Parrott

Wilbur W. Blackmon, Jr. Alvin L. Pitts Col. Edgar A. Hendershot James A. White III, M.D. Philip M. Sleet, Jr. Milton E. Ailes III Col. John P. Carlyon William T. Tosten Albert T. Hunter Beverly H. Eversull Bruton T. Dawkins III Webster A. Coon, Jr. E. Otis Edgerton, M.D. Windsor P. Thomas, Jr. John Paul Adams

As of April, 2025 the chapter has 64 members, plus 2 TX SAR dual members.

Benjamin O. Morrison, M.D.



#### Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter, LASSAR Alexandria, LA



During the January
meeting State President
Russ Godwin inducted
the 2025-2026 Chapter
Officers: President, A.
Gervais Compton, Jr. (III);
Chaplain, Clyde
Neck; and Secretary /
Treasurer / Registrar
Brent Morock. Vice
President, Darrell Poole,
Ph.D., not pictured.

Chapter President Gervais
Compton presented LASSAR
President Russ Godwin with a
Certificate of Appreciation for
his presentation at the January
meeting on Oliver Pollock, a
forgotten Patriot, who was
instrumental in brokering
relationships between
American Revolutionaries and
the Governors of Spanish
Louisiana. Pollock's success
as a businessman opened
doors for him and allowed him
to aid the Patriot cause.

At the Chapter November meeting, Dr Jerry Sanson told members how weather influenced various events in Louisiana history. Chapter President Gervais Compton presents Dr. Sanson with a Certificate of Appreciation and a LASSAR mug for his presentation.



## Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter, LASSAR

#### Alexandría, LA

Chapter President Gervais
Compton inducted new
member Lawrence Norlander
(left) into the SAR. Norlander's
Patriot Ancestor Ward Litchfield
served as a private in Capt.
Ensign Otis' Plymouth Co., MA,
Militia Company called "Royal
Americans of the town of
Scituate," which probably
marched in response to the
Lexington Alarm of April 19th,
1775.





Chapter President Gervais Compton presented Jim Smilie, our guest speaker and a prospective member, with a Certificate of Appreciation and a LASSAR mug for his presentation on John Smilie, his Patriot Ancestor.

Aubrey Birinyi won the 2024 Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter Americanism Poster Contest.



#### Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter, LASSAR Alexandría, LA



Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter, LASSAR Alexandría, LA



## Galvez Chapter, LASSAR Shreveport, LA History of the Galvez Chapter



The Louisiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, had existed since May 15, 1890. At the SAR Annual Meeting in New Orleans on Thursday, April 2, 1925, the President General delivered the state charter of the Galvez Chapter to Major J. Fair Hardin, of Shreveport. Well-known Charles Churchill had approved the Charter on March 3, 1925. The Galvez Charter was the first chapter charter Issued in Louisiana.

At large compatriots living in the Shreveport and Caddo area wanted a local organization.
Consequently, a meeting was held on Flag Day, June 4, 1924. The chapter was organized and the name of "Galvez" was given to the chapter in honor of the Spanish Governor of Louisiana who contributed so much to the American cause in the American Revolution.



James F. Hardin

On Flag Day, June 4, 1925, the Galvez Chapter held it's first meeting under the newly issued National Charter.

The chapter's initial membership was fifteen, which had increased to thirty when the charter was issued. The charter members are listed below.

#### **Charter Members of the Galvez Chapter**

Hollingsworth B. Barrett, Attorney
Buford Dean Battle, Accountant
Joseph Blatterman, National Cash Reg.
Ernest Peter Carstans, Merchant
Maurice John Dewey: Engineer, Gulf Oil Co.
Clarence Ellerbe, Planter
John McWilliams Ford, Merchant
Forrest Jones Gaumer, Automobile Dealer
Judson Marion Grimmett, Attorney

Calvin Evans Hardin, Attorney, Leesville, La.
J. Fair Hardin, Attorney & Historian
Clifford Hill Irion, Physician, Benton, La.
Fenn Alvord Leaming, Newspaper Publisher
Stafford Witherspoon Long, Merchant/Planter
William Campbell Marshall, Artist & Company
Thomas Morgan Milling, Attorney
Cecil Morgan, Attorney
Amiss Edward Owens, Accountant

#### **Charter Members of the Galvez Chapter (continued)**

Archibald Preston Perkins, Accountant
Clinton Ardin Prescott, Fire Insurance
Howard Henry Prescott, General Insurance
Aubrey MacKaye Pyburn, Attorney
Edward H. Randolph, Attorney
Claudius Green Rives, Accountant

Thomas Washington Robertson, Attorney Marc Fletcher Sanderson, Southern Railway Henry Rice Scobee, Merchant Jesse Bledworth Stephens, Accountant James William Turner, Texas/Pacific RR

Claudius Green Rives, Accountant, National Number 40177, was an original Charter member. A copy of his S.A.R. membership certificate with Patriots Elijah Carter and Richmond Dedman, dated May 16, 1924.



#### THE INACTIVE YEARS

#### The Galvez Chapter After 1925 and Before 1967

No information is available on the Galvez Chapter during this period. Possibly, the chapter became inactive between the Great Depression and the immediate post-World War II Period.

Some members continued being active in the Louisiana Society at large during the period. They were the ones who organized the activated chapter in 1967.

#### **REACTIVATION 1967**

#### Reactivation of the Galvez Chapter - 1967

On Friday, July 28, 1967, five members of the Louisiana Society, SAR, met at 2225 Fairfield Avenue in Shreveport, Louisiana, to sign a resolution to reactivate the Galvez Chapter and the provisions outlined in the Charter dated August 21, 1925, including Caddo, Desoto, Bossier, Webster, Red River, Claiborne, and Bienville Parishes. The signers were: Christian E. Leaming, Leslie S. Hudson, Sr., Floyd R. Farrar, and Glenn M. Mason.

The reactivated Galvez Chapter, with a Charter making it the oldest chapter in the State, held its first meeting on August 22, 1967. The formal dinner with twenty-two members and guests was held at the Shreveport Club.

#### **GALVEZ CHAPTER 2025**

#### **Galvez Chapter Today**



The Galvez Chapter holds monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Shreveport Club in downtown Shreveport. The Galvez Chapter has a membership of 74 Compatriots. Our attendance averages 20-24 Compatriots and guests per meeting.

The Galvez Chapter was organized on June 14, 1924, at the Shreveport Club in Shreveport. Today, the Galvez Chapter continues to hold monthly meetings at the Shreveport Club.



#### Compatriot Brian Carberry Earns America 250 Bronze Medal

President Jerry Madden is shown presenting the America 250 Bronze Medal Certificate to Compatriot Carberry.

#### Wreaths Across America in Bernice — Bernice Cemetery



#### December 13th

- Compatriot Jon Bullock Participated
- 110 Veteran Graves





#### DAR - SAR at VA Overton-Brooks Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Members served cookies, lemonade, water and coffee to veterans



SAR President Jerry Madden and DAR Regent Cindy Madden



SAR President Jerry Madden, DAR Regent Cindy Madden, Bill Nichols, Regent Tammy Edwards, Regent Paula Roper, and 1st Vice Regent Sheryl Wise

#### Compatriot Alley Spoke at the Wreaths Across America at NWLA Veterans Cemetery



Compatriot Alley speaks at the NWLA Cemetery Wreaths Across America event





#### SAR/DAR John Abney Second Annual Wreath Laying

The SAR compatriots attending were Mike Deeter, Joe Averett, Keith Porter and Bill Nichols. The DAR daughter attending was Jackie Nicols of the DAR Shreve-port chapter.





Patriot John Abney, buried in the Mount Zion Cemetery, Haughton, LA, was born in 1765 in Edgefield County, South Carolina. He joined the Upper 96<sup>th</sup> District Regiment of the South Carolina Militia in 1781 when he was 16 years old. He married after the war and stayed in South Carolina until after 1830. He moved from South Carolina to Alabama then to Bossier Parish just before 1847. John Abney lived in Bossier Parish just a short time before he died in 1847. He provides one of Louisiana's many links to the Revolutionary War.

The headstones shown below were badly weathered, however, President Jerry madden stepped in and restored the headstones to presentable condition.





President Jerry Madden presents new member Joel Gary with his Certificate and SAR Rosette.



Compatriot John Bullock receives America 250 Bronze Certificate





DAR Daughter, Linda Ott, is presented the America 250 Bronze & Silver Certificates.



Compatriot Dr. Nat Richie receives America 250 Silver Certificate

Compatriot Luke Richie receives America 250 Silver Certificate

## Gibsland Bank & Trust Presented Flag Etiquette Certificates

Gibsland Bank & Trust Business
Manager Patromy Morrow and Head
Security and Fraud Ryan Bonnette
were presented Flag Certificates for
proper display of the American flag.
President Jerry Madden & Dar
Regent Cindy Madden presented
the Certificates.



#### DAR/SAR Patriot Day - February 28th

On February 28, 2025, we will hold an interactive program highlighting "The Role of Louisiana in the American Revolution." The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum located at 3015 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport, LA has agreed to host the program.

This interactive program will include learning experiences at activity stations along with history coming to life with characters in period costumes. The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum has a collection of original autographs in various forms from the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Each class will have their own copy of the Declaration of Independence they will sign and bring back to their classrooms.



NWLA DAR Regents hold Patriot day planning session.

February 28, 2025 DAR & SAR presented "Louisiana's Role in the American Revolution" to 6th graders at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport, LA

Five DAR Chapters of the Northwest Louisiana District DAR along with the Galvez Chapter SAR presented the program, which consisted of a "skit" explaining the importance of the Galvez Expedition's contribution to the American Revolutionary War. Students from St. John Berchman, Providence Classical



DAR and SAR members that presented Louisiana in the Revolutionary War.

Academy, & First Baptist Church School participated in the program.



Regent Madden and DAR member present Galvez and Revolutionary War information to the students.





Major Porter and Colonel Madden play parts in the Galvez Expedition skit,

Compatriot Spencer Creech was presented the 2025 DAR Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award at the annual DAR State Conference held on March 14-15 in Lafayette, LA. The award was for his Eagle Scout project (Duffle bags for Homeless Veterans, and for his history of high-level volunteer work, leadership, and serving as a role model for others. Louisiana State DAR Volunteer for Veterans State Chair, Cindy Madden and Louisiana State DAR Regent presented Compatriot Creech with the DAR award.



Fifth Graders with SAR and DAR America 250 Representatives

The forthcoming America 250 Celebration honoring the Bernardo de Galvez Expedition and its contribution to the American Revolutionary War was presented to Minden, LA's Glenbrook School's 5th grade class. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were used to show how the documents provide for a democratic government. Copies of the Constitution printed by Baltimore Postmaster/Printer Mary Goddard's name were shown. Mary Goddard is the only woman's name on the Constitution.

Bernardo de Galvez, governor of Spanish America and his contributions to the Revolutionary War by winning battles along the lower Mississippi and the Gulf Coast were discussed. A Revolutionary War soldier's uniform blouse & tri-corn cover were provided for student picture taking. DAR Regent Cindy Madden told how messages were written with quills during the war. Students were provided with the opportunity of writing with quill pens.



Compatriot Madden presents the Galvez history



Regent Madden explains how quill pens were used.



Student experiences writing with a Quill pen.





The General Philemon Thomas Chapter is comprised of Compatriots from across the Baton Rouge metropolitan region. It is one of eleven chapters in the Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is the successor to the Baton Rouge Chapter, which was originally organized in 1946. The Baton Rouge Chapter held its meetings on the campus of Louisiana State University and remained active until 1955.

On April 7, 1963, twenty-four members and guests gathered at the Baton Rouge Country Club for a reorganizational meeting. Mrs. George M. Wallace, a member of the DAR, addressed the gathering. The late Mr. Wallace, a former Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, was a longtime member of the SAR and was most interested in reorganizing a chapter in Baton Rouge. Following the luncheon, the first election of officers was held. Those elected included President Lewis Sterling Doherty, Jr., Vice-President and Genealogist Dr. J. Sherburne Anderson, Secretary Ben R. Franklin, Jr. and Treasurer Dr. I. Ashton Robins. Louisiana Society President Donald Snider and Past-President Herbert C. Parker, both of New Orleans, installed the new officers. It was agreed that the meetings would be held on the first Tuesday of each month, except August, at noon at the Baton Rouge Country Club.

Originally reestablished as the Baton Rouge Chapter, the name was changed to The General Philemon Thomas Chapter in June 1963 at the suggestion of Compatriot Dr. J. Sherburne Anderson. General Thomas served as a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War and led troops against Lord Cornwallis in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. He was also the military leader of the West Florida Rebellion of 1810 and Major General of the Louisiana Militia in the War of 1812.

On April 12, 1964, the formal installation of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter was held at the Baton Rouge Country Club. Those conducting the installation of the thirty-four charter members included National Society President General Robert A. Sonfield of Houston, Texas, Past-President General RADM Arthur Alexander de la Houssaye of New Orleans, Louisiana Society President Donald G. Snider and Vice-President Hugh M. Wilkinson, Sr., both of New Orleans. Since 1964, meetings have also occurred at the City Club and Drusilla Seafood.

In the fall of 1970, Compatriots Bruce A. Royer, Ben R. Franklin, Jr. and their wives traveled to Paris to attend the first SAR meeting ever held outside of the United States. The meeting was a black-tie affair with a formal dinner at the Automobile Club on the Place de la Concorde. Comte Rene de Chambrun, Director of the Baccarat Company, hosted the dinner.

There were fifty-two Compatriots and wives from the United States in attendance, of whom nineteen were from Louisiana. Distinguished guests included Arthur Watson, the U. S. Ambassador to France and Shelby Davis, the U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland.

Spanish Louisiana Governor Bernardo de Gálvez led troops from across the state and captured the British fort in Baton Rouge on September 21, 1779. To commemorate the Bicentennial of the Battle of Baton Rouge, the chapter hosted a luncheon in the Senate Chamber of the Old State Capital. Distinguished guests attending this Bicentennial luncheon

included the Ambassador of Spain to the United States and the Consul-General of Spain at New Orleans.

In 1973, Chapter Past-President John Monroe Ellis, Jr., became the first Compatriot outside of New Orleans to be elected President of the Louisiana Society. Additional Compatriots that have served as President of the Louisiana Society include Edward Overton Cailleteau (1982), Dr. Robert Charles Judice (1998), Robert Simmons Dolese (2001), George Kirby Reech (2002), James Henry Grace (2017) and Christopher Wade Achee (2020). Compatriot Cailleteau was elected Vice-President General of the Southern District in 1985, becoming the first member of the Louisiana Society outside of New Orleans to hold office in the National Society. He was subsequently awarded the Minuteman Award in 2003 for his service to the National Society.

The General Philemon Thomas Chapter was instrumental in the installation of the bronze bust of President George Washington on the grounds of the Louisiana State Capitol in 2007. The statue was designed and sculpted by internationally acclaimed artist Avard T. Fairbanks (1897-1987). The bust is four feet tall and weighs 350 pounds. Its placement was commended by the Louisiana State Legislature and it was the second statue erected on the grounds of the Capitol. The monument cost over \$100,000. Funding was a joint effort of the SAR, the SAR George Washington Endowment Fund, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution. The Chapter hosts an annual celebration of President Washington's birthday beside the bust on the Sunday afternoon before Presidents' Day in February.

The General Philemon Thomas Chapter continues to advance in the twenty-first century. It is now a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It maintains an industrious board of directors that strives for excellence. Membership has grown to include over one hundred active Compatriots of all ages. The Chapter assisted with the formation of the new Atchafalaya Chapter in Houma in 2019. The recent COVID-19 pandemic had a double-edged impact on the chapter. Monthly meetings were moved to the online ZOOM platform and they continued virtually for over a year. However, as the pandemic restrictions relaxed and in-person meetings resumed, chapter functions rapidly expanded. New membership escalated as many families used their extra time at home to research their own history and family tree. Online websites such as <a href="maintended-int

As of April, 2025 the General Philemon Thomas Chapter has 105 members.

## **Battle of Baton Rouge Coins**



## \$15 each, OR 2 for \$25

Please see Derrick Spell if interested

# **General Philemon Thomas Chapter Coins**



\$15 each, OR 2 for \$20

Please see Derrick Spell if interested



Several of **General Philemon Thomas Chapter of Baton** Rouge, La Society **SAR** Compatriots were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal yesterday. Chuck Morgan received it for the first time and Norman Bacon, John Bilisoly and Neil Hohmann received the Oak Leaf Cluster for continued service to the chapter. Steve Kubicek was also surprised with **Derrick Spell** presenting the award on behalf of the board of directors. Congratulations gentlemen!





Congratulations gentlemen!



"On March 1, 2025, Compatriots Steve Estopinal and Paul Bergeron joined members of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution to participate in "The Spanish Gamble", a day-long program conducted by Revolutionary Education 1776 at the Humble Museum in Humble Texas. Steve and Paul portrayed members of the Regimiento Luisiana Fijo and demonstrated marching and firing techniques to approximately 900 attendees. Also in attendance were living historians representing British regulars, American militia, field surgeons, cooks, and Dr. Benjamin Franklin conducting experiments. Additionally, the Sons of the American Revolution dedicated a memorial bench to American patriots at the museum with a two volley salute."



#### George Washington Chapter, LASSAR New Orleans, LA

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Since the beginning of the Louisiana Society, nearly all members were "at-large" members living in the New Orleans area. By the early 1970s, the need for a chapter in the New Orleans area was recognized and in 1985 Former State President Bruce Bair Butler invited prominent at-large members to his home to discuss the forming of a chapter. On November 11, 1985, sixteen at-large members signed the Application for Charter. Later that month, Butler was elected Organizing President and the chapters' first meeting was held at the Pendennis Club on December 12, 1985.





#### James Huey Chapter, LASSAR West Monroe, LA



The West Monroe LASSAR Chapter was organized on April 27, 2010. It chose the name James Huey in honor of a South Carolina Revolutionary Soldier buried in what is known as the Bryan Cemetery #2 in the southwestern corner of Ouachita Parish very near the Jackson Parish line.

The Charter Members were:

Benjamin Carter Campbell Edwin Henry Emory, Jr. Calvin Ted Gibson **Doyle Richard Grant** William Fredrick Hamilton, Jr. James William Miller James Edward Mitchell Harrison Joseph Neese Joseph Scott Neese Christopher Wayne Owens Robert Gregory Owens Wamul Robert Owens Clark Davis Parrott John Kemp Long Parrott Robert Davis Parrott Charles Lionel Rand III Alexander Davidson Ray Stephen Kermitt Ray

As of April 2025 the chapter has 32 members.



The Golden Hinde

Compatriot Rocky
Boudreaux presented a
program on his 4 day
voyage on the replica of Sir
Francis Drake's Golden Hinde
in 1989. Sir Francis Drake
navigated the world 1577-1580
and claimed California for
Queen Elizabeth I in 1579.

#### James Huey Chapter, LASSAR West Monroe, LA



The Chapter judged 39 posters from the 5th grade class at Cedar Creek School in Ruston, LA for the Elementary School Poster Contest. Top three shown here. Members L-R: Rocky Boudreaux, President Ted Brode, Steve Ray, Gerald Graves, Fred Hamilton, & Stephen Hendrick.



## James Huey Chapter, LASSAR West Monroe, LA



President Ted
Brode and
Poster
Chairman Fred
Hamilton
presented
Chapter Poster
Contest
winners awards
to the 5th grade
class at Cedar
Creek School, i
Ruston, LA

L-R: Chapter **President Ted** Brode, 1st place winner in **Chapter Poster** Contest Madeline Boyd, Mrs. Brooke Martin, 5th Class Teacher, 3rd place winner Reid Alexander, and Fred Hamilton; not shown 2nd place winner Andy Slocum.



# James Huey Chapter, LASSAR West Monroe, LA



At the February meeting, Chapter President Ted Brode presented a program on Leslie Retreat's also known as Salem's Gunpowder Raid of February 25, 1775. A standoff between British military and colonists in the town of Salem, Massachusetts, which ended in a compromise agreement.

The Chapter's newest member, Mike Jones, was presented with his Certificate of membership from NASSAR.





# Natchitoches Chapter, LASSAR Natchitoches, LA



At the LASSAR Annual meeting held at New Orleans in April 2009, the LASSAR 2020 – Long Range Stratgic Plan was unveiled. One focus for the state was to increase chapters in underserved areas with special emphasis on towns with colleges and universities.

Compatriot Tony L. Vets requested permission from State President Bill Allerton to begin the process of organizing a chapter in Natchitoches. Current and former SAR members in the geographic area were contacted and asked if they would transfer or reinstate their membership if a chapter were formed in the area.

Several outreach events, beginning with a meet and greet at the Natchitoches Parish Library in June 2009, followed by manning an information tent at Natchitoches' Celebration on the Cane July 4, 2009 were held. These outreach events led to several new members who were placed "At Large" until the chartering.

Finally, on February 12, 2010, Compatriot Vets notified state president Allerton that he had received notification of the final compatriots needed for chartering and the date was set. The original 18 members were:

James M. Allain

Jeffery L. Allain

Paul C. Hargis

David E. King

Gene H. LaCaze

William "Bob" Lang

John W. Luster

James C. McCrory, Jr

Keith A. McCrory

L. Alan McMurtry

Charles "Sandy" McNeely

Lud McNeely, Jr

Alan T. Rigler

Donald T. Rigler

John A. Rigler

Walter M. Rigler

Tony L. Vets

J. Frederick Webb

# Natchitoches Chapter, LASSAR Natchitoches, LA

The organizing meeting of the chapter was held on March 20, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church Hall in Natchitoches. The By-Laws were approved and three officers were elected, Tony L. Vets was asked to continue as Organizing President, Don Rigler was elected Vice President, and L. Alan McMurtry was elected Treasurer.

It was decided that the Natchitoches Chapter would have an open charter, allowing any new member approved by March 20, 2011 to be known as Charter Members. These new members were:

Jimmy A. Adkins
Mark A. Adkins
Michael L. Adkins
Hunter M. Adkins
Christopher M. Adkins
L. Cole Callihan
William E. Callihan
Andrew C. Cogbill
Jonathan Comeau
Stacy Cole
Steve Horton
Truman Maynard
Walter S. Nolen
M. Joseph Vercher

At the LASSAR annual meeting held May 15th 2010, 120 years to the day that Natchitoches native Col William Houston Jack took to the floor of the state senate and organized the Louisiana Society, Natchitoches Chapter Organizing President Tony L. Vets accepted the signed charter from State President Bill Allerton and VPG Tom Jacks.

As of April, 2025 the Natchitoches Chapter has 18 members.





# Olíver Pollock Chapter, LASSAR Lake Charles, LA



In 1927, twelve members of the Louisiana society met in Lake Charles and organized the Oliver Pollock Chapter. Regular meetings were held quarterly until 1931 when the chapter became inactive during the Great Depression. In the late 1950's interest was rekindled and with the assistance of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) members attempted to reorganize. They were told that the name Oliver Pollock could not be reused, so the "new" chapter was chartered as the Calcasieu Chapter on October 17, 1959. State President Herbert Parker installed Claudius Augustus Mayo as Chapter President. Later the name Oliver Pollock was approved and the name restored but the chapter size dwindled again. In 2020, the Chapter was renamed South West Louisiana Chapter during efforts to increase its size and member participation.

In 1984, the Oliver Pollock chapter began a Lake Charles tradition known as the Avenue of Flags with 50 flags and a handful of volunteers. The Avenue of Flags is now the nation's largest display of veteran casket flags with over 27 historic flags, 1100 donated casket flags from all 50 States, and hundreds of volunteers. On Memorial and Veterans Days, The South West Louisiana Chapter and volunteers from other organizations line the street and entrance to historic Orange Grove / Graceland Cemetery to honor veterans. This event has served the Lake Charles community not only by honoring our veterans, but has served as a platform for other civic and youth organizations to integrate their community patriotic projects. Recently, QR codes were place with the flags that are linked to websites providing information about them.

The chapter's namesake is Oliver Pollock and he is credited for personally funding the Spanish Campaigns and creating the \$ sign. Oliver Pollock sailed to North America at the age of 23 in 1760 from Ireland to Philadelphia where he began his career as a merchant, trading from port-to-port with the Spaniards in the West Indies. He became close with the Spanish Louisiana Governor-General Alejandro O'Reilly. Pollock later became the most successful businessman in New Orleans as a result of the scarcity of provisions at the time. In 1770 he married Margaret O'Brien of New Orleans, with whom he had eight children before her death in 1799.

By the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War, Pollock had become very wealthy and had significant political influence. Pollock stayed in New Orleans and also worked as a plantation owner and selling land in Baton Rouge. Oliver Pollock served in April of 1776 as a secret mediator between Luis de Unzaga and the Founding Fathers Patrick Henry and Robert Morris in order to bring the first secret aids for the birth of the

for the United States of America. In 1777, he was appointed "Commercial Agent of the United States at New Orleans", making him the representative of the colonies in the city. In the same year, he borrowed \$70,000 from Spanish Louisiana's Governor Bernardo de Gálvez, but the financial needs of the country at the time left him with a loss. In September of that year, Pollock introduced Col. David Rogers and Capt. Robert Benham (politician) to the Governor. Rogers was delivering an important letter from Patrick Henry from Virginia. This meeting led to Spain joining the war against England.

Pollock served as Gálvez's aide-de-camp during the Spanish campaign against the British that began with the Spanish declaration of war in June 1779. Gálvez and the Spanish troops swept through the future states of Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida, defeating the British with the capture of Fort Bute and campaigning through the victorious siege of Pensacola in 1781. Pollock's diplomacy assisted in the surrender of Fort Panmure (future Natchez, Mississippi).

Pollock later fell into financial hardships from the debts in incurred from funding the war efforts. Both Congress and the state of Virginia had continually refused to clear his debts from the war, until 1791 when Congress passed an act discharging them.

In 1800 he again found himself in debt, but within a few years had accumulated property. He owned plantation land in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana including Trudeau House. He finally retired in 1819 to Pinckneyville, Mississippi to the home of his daughter Mary, wife of Dr. Samuel Robinson, dying in 1823. His burial site is located in the family cemetery there, although his portraits and personal effects were lost in a fire during the Civil War.



As of April,2025 the Oliver Pollock Chapter has 34 members & 2 Life Members



Sculpture of Oliver Pollock at Public Library in Baton Rouge, LA

# Olíver Pollock Chapter, LASSAR Lake Charles, LA



Congratulations to Compatriot Bill LeJeune. At NASSAR's Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, he received the SGT Joseph Plumb Martin Outstanding Young Member Supporter Medal and SAR Historic Preservation Medal. Congratulations to Dr. Derrick Spell who received the ROTC Endowment Medal



The Covington/Mandeville, LA Chapter was organized 28 February 1998. It was named for the French-born patriot, Pierre Georges Rousseau who served in the Continental Navy during the American Revolution War. In September 1779, Rousseau participated in the "Battle of Lake Pontchartrain," leading the boarding party that captured the British vessel "West Florida." He also served with General Bernardo de Galvez at the battle of Mobile (1780) and Pensacola (1781). Rousseau died in New Orleans in 1810, and is buried in the Saint Louis Cemetery No. 1.

Compatriot Thomas E. Jacks served as LASSAR State President 2004 and was Vice President General of the Southern District 2009-2010. He served on several committees at the national level and is a Minute Man recipient. Compatriot Leonard Rohrbough was State President in 2010.

Charter members were:

President William Sherar

Vice-President Leonard Rohrbough

Secretary/Treasurer Stuart Waterman

Most of the charter members are deceased. The chapter organized with the transfer of 15 members from the George Washington Chapter. Some of these men transferred back to the George Washington a year or two after the chapter was established.

List of known Charter members (D=deceased; ?=possible charter members:

William Sherar D Edward Peak Paul Pennebaker?

William Wellman D Shawn Kirk
Larry Mayne D Warren Apgar
Alan Mayne ? Sam Vreeland D
Rev Ralph Kimball D Leonard Rohrbough

Peter Rowe D Walter Mason?

Stewart Waterman D

As of April 2025 the chapter has 36 members



# Pierre Georges Rousseau Chapter LASSAR Covington —Mandeville, LA



At the chapter Christmas party, December 15th, new officers were elected. L-R: Henry Motty, President; Leonard Rohrbough, Vice-President; and Paul Guidry, Secretary/Treasurer. Not shown Joel Whitehead, Registrar.



# John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, (1777) BrigGen'l. Continental Army; 1\* (VA) Bgde, 1\*, 5th, 9th & 13th VA Rgts; a part of the 1\* Div.ision (MajGen'l. Nathanael Greene)

# Submitted by James Edward Mitchell May 21, 2017 Find a Grave Mem. #8156497

John "Peter" Gabriel Muhlenberg was born 1 Oct 1746, at his parents Trappe, Pennsylvania (PA) parsonage. John Peter was the eldest son of Reverend (Rev) Henry Melchior Muhlenberg D.D. (1711-1787) and Anna Maria Weiser (1727-1802), a daughter of (Col. John) Conrad Weiser, a renown (PA) Indian agent, who had served the Virginia (VA) colonial government in 1750 dealing with the Iroquois; source, *The Virginia Germans (1969)* by Klaus Wust published by University Press of Virginia, pg 76.

Peter's father immigrated (10 Jul 1742) to Philadelphia to establish a Lutheran Ministerium following his education between (1735-42) and ordination from the University of Gottingen, Lower Saxony, Central Europe. Henry settled at Trappe, Pennsylvania (PA) Colony and became the pastor of the Old Trappe Church in Montgomery County, PA.

The Virginia Germans, Klaus Wust noted in his European settlement book that Muhlenberg at age 16, was sent by his father to Halle, Germany, in order to be educated at the same Lutheran institution where the elder received his divinity training. After a 6 year apprenticeship, Peter simply quit! He surprised all by enlisting in a British regiment that was recruiting soldiers for service in America; thereby, paying his way home. Six months in the King's army at Philadelphia completing his necessary obligation for service, Peter age 20 was honorably discharged during Jan 1767. On 6 Nov 1770, age 23 he married Anna Barbara "Hannah" Meyer (1751-1806).

His father agreed to permit Peter to preach upon invitation at area congregations. He enjoyed his theological role and soon traveled abroad for his ordination. Upon returning home, a *call* from Virginia arrived; Peter was asked to serve as a pastor for the *parish of Beckford* in *Shenandoah County*, [formerly Dunmore (1772-1778)] Woodstock, VA.

Piedmont VA welcomed Pastor "Peter" Muhlenberg and the new parson administered services to Lutherans, Anglicans and Reformed -alike, wrote Wust. He rode to preach variously at German congregations from Strasburg, Winchester (Frederick County) and, *Hebron Church (Rev. John Casper Stoever, Jr.) built about 1740*, now Madison County, VA (formed 1792 from Culpeper); ibid, pg 77; also, see (Hebron Church) *A Hornbook of Virginia History (1949)* J.R.V. Daniel, publ. by The Division of History of the VA Department of Conservation and Development, Richmond, VA, pg 53. The "Intolerable Acts" passed in 1774 by the British parliament after the Boston Tea Party aroused strong resentment amongst the Piedmont farmers and Virginia Coastal Planters.

Reverend Muhlenberg presided increasingly over parish freeholder meetings held in Jun 1774, "to consider the best mode to be fallen upon to secure their liberties and properties." He was sent by the *parish of Beckford* and neighboring freeholders at Frederick County, VA, as a representative from Dunmore, in the Convention held at Williamsburg, VA. On 10 Jan 1775, the freeholders chose Muhlenberg to head their Committee (Cmte.) of Safety. Shortly thereafter, when the First Independent Company of Dunmore (militia) formed, the response of the Germans was relatively poor. Only one quarter of the volunteers bore varied German spelled names, wrote Klaus Wust. By the fall of 1775, Muhlenberg planned to enlist many German ancestry inhabitants of the western (VA) counties. He was the only German-speaking delegate to the conventions held at Williamsburg also, attended by Peyton Randolph, Pres. of the VA Conventions in Aug, 1774, Mar & Jul, 1775 and Edmund Pendleton, a Pres., in Dec. 1775 and May, 1776; also, Cmte. of Safety Chmn., which governed the colony for some months; see, *A Hornbook of VA History (1949)* pg 7.

By the day of the announcement of the **Ordinance of Dec. 1, 1775,** providing for the creation of 6 additional VA Rgts., Rev Muhlenberg had discarded his initial hope to join the army as a chaplain. The result was the formation ordained that of the 6 Rgts to be raised, one of them was to be called a German Rgt, designated the 8<sup>th</sup> (VA) Continental Rgt made up of German speaking descendants and other officers and soldiers, as the committees of the counties for Augusta, West Augusta, Berkeley, Culpeper, Dunmore, Fincastle, Frederick, and Hampshire...; see, *The Virginia Germans*, Wust, pg 79. **On Jan 12, 1776, the Convention nominated the field officers for the German or 8<sup>th</sup> (VA) Rgt: "Peter Mulenberg, Colonel; Abraham Bowman, Lieutenant Colonel; and Peter Helvenstone, Major." Ibid. pg 80.** 

Philadelphia 1777 (Campaign) Taking the capital (2007) publ. by Osprey Publ., Midland House, Oxford, UK, 443 Park Ave South, New York, NY 10016, USA, noted a that on 11 Sep 1777 British army Gen'l.(s) William Howe & Charles Cornwallis split their 18,000 force and outflanked **Gen'l. George Washington's Continental army's** 

1<sup>st</sup> Division (MajGen'l. Nathanael Greene) 1<sup>st</sup> (VA) Bgde., (Brig Gen'l. Peter Muhlenberg) 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> VA Rgts, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> (VA) Bgde at Chadd's Ford early during the morning fog in the disastrous battle of Brandywine Creek. The results were a general Continental army retreat and loss of over 1,000 American soldiers captured, killed or wounded. The capital of Philadelphia was surrendered without further Patriot opposition. The Congress had been meeting and its business was interrupted so its members might flee first to Lancaster, then to York, PA.

BrigGen'l. Muhlenberg commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Bgde in Lafayette's Light Division during the Oct 19, 1781 Surrender of Yorktown.

A search of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Application For Membership for George Baer Hiester, a member of the Pennsylvania Society, State No. 2712, approved 18 Mar 1937, Nat'l. No. 55383, related that **John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg was promoted to BrigGen'l on 21 Feb 1776 and served within VA and, promoted to MajGen'l, on 30 Sep 1783. He was elected a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Congress of the [US (U.S.) 1789-1791, as one of the at-large representatives from PA].** 

A search of records found an Abstract of Peter Muhlenberg's will in *Virginia Soldiers of 1776 (1927)* from data compiled at the VA Land Office and Archives Dept. of the VA State Library. One can view a Council Chamber paper dated 29 Aug 1807. It gave power of Atty. To (son) Francis Swaine [Muhlenberg, Esq. (1795-1831)] and John Gras, Executors of the late Gen'l. Peter Muhlenberg, 21 Dec 1807. Signed by them. Abstract of Peter Muhlenberg, Dec'd., will mentioned daughters, Esther (1785-1872) and Mary 1793 b. Phil'a., PA d. 1803 Trappe, Montgomery Co., PA); son Peter [Jr. US Navy (b. 20 Mar 1787 at Phil'a., PA d. 21 Aug 1844 at Grand Ecore, Natchitoches, LA)]; son Henry (1775 b. Woodstock, Shenandoah, VA d. 1808 at Marcus Hook, Delaware, PA); children, to-wit: Henry, Esther, Peter and [Francis (Swaine Muhlenberg, Esq.)]. "My friend and relative, Francis Swaine of Montgomery Co., (PA) and Friend John Grass of Phil'a., Pa. as Extrs." Signed 18 Jul 1807, Probated at Court Phil'a. Witnesses, Geo. Conrad Hass, John Hay, etc.

John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg's granite slab is located next to his wife, Anna Maria *Weiser* at Augustus Lutheran Church Cemetery, 717 West Main Street intersection with East 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Trappe, Montgomery County, PA mapped at Latitude: 40.201944 and Longitude: -75.479706.

Note: **Peter Muhlenberg's father, Reverend Henry Melchior Muhlenberg D.D. (1711-1787)** is also buried here. See, Find A Grave Memorial# 10653159.

## America 250

The United States will celebrate its 250th birthday on July 4, 2026. The organization Louisiana America 250 has been formed to help tell the state's involvement in the American Revolution that led to our country's independence.

The website for America 250 is <a href="http://america250.org">http://america250.org</a>





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The State Legislature authorized a new standard issue license plate for Louisiana commemorating America 250. It will be the standard plate issued in 2025 and 2026



Here is the link to this website:

https://revolutionarywarrarities.podbean.com/

	Upcoming Happenings 2025
3/22/2025	Louisiana CAR State Meeting, Natchitoches, LA
4/9/2025	1825 Gala, The Cabildo, La. State Museum, New Orleans, LA
4/10/2025	Lafayette in New Orleans Historical Pageant, Chalmette
	Battlefield, Chalmette, La
4/11/2025	Lafayette Visits Baton Rouge, Magnolia Mound, Baton Rouge, LA
4/11-13/2025	Louisiana SAR State Meeting, Hotel Bentley, Alexandria, LA
4/13/2025	Lafayette Musical & Immersive Bicentennial Tour, Orpheum
	Theater, New Orleans, LA
4/18-19/2025	Two Lights for Tomorrow, Call to Action (See details pp50-51)
5/19/2025	American 250 Louisiana Commission, Old State Capitol,
	Baton Rouge, LA

# Díd you know!

Flag Day, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA

6/14/2025

The current NSSAR approved future Congress locations are:

2025	135th Annual NSSAR Congress, New London, CT
2026	136th Annual NSSAR Congress, Greensboro, NC
2027	137th Annual NSSAR Congress, New Orleans, LA

# And Did You Know?

# Wanted Back issues of the Pelican Patriot prior to July 2012

We are looking for back issues of the Pelican Patriot prior to July 2012.

Compatriot Donald T. Riger began the Pelican Patriot many years ago. He was a member of the Oliver Pollock Chapter in Lake Charles and later in the Natchitoches Chapter in Natchitoches.

Anyone having any of these back issues please let me know.

Thank you.

Fred Hamilton
Editor, Pelican Patriot
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APRIL 18-19, 2025 • A CALL TO ACTION!

#### **Connecting Then To Now**

The events that sparked the War for Independence outside Boston in April of 1775 are immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem, "Paul Revere's Ride" with the famous line about *One if by land, Two if by sea.* 

Written only 90 years after those events (before the last veteran of that conflict had passed on), his words perhaps rang true, "On the 18th of April in '75, hardly a man is now alive that remembers that famous day and year...."

Today, 250 years later, we gather together as state commissions to plan ways to ensure that not only are those events remembered, but more importantly to ensure that not just the "what" of "what happened" is remembered but the "why". We are called not to remember history just for history's sake, but to make it relevant, meaningful, and engaging for the public today.

The famous signal from the North Church's steeple that night in '75, *One if by land, Two if by sea*, was a signal meant to shine across the water to others on the opposite shore so that they could carry the message forward - not just as a back-up for Paul Revere, but to make sure that the message got spread as far and as wide as possible. And just like then, we have that same calling today –

to spread a message calling on everyone in the country to join together in support of one another, to serve each other, our neighbors, and our communities.



On April 18, 2025, we're calling for two lights to be displayed in every statehouse across the country as a reminder that that message of light shining out in the darkness is not just something that mattered back then - it's something that matters today and for tomorrow.

Some commissions are planning a public program for the lighting. This is an opportunity to not only raise public awareness of the upcoming semiquincentenial, but to set the message we want the public to understand about how we'll mark the commemorations: It's not about history just for history's sake; it's about reminding people what it was all for in the first place and how we're called to continue creating that "more perfect union" each and every day, together.

**Two Lights For Tomorrow** is an opportunity to engage our key commission stakeholders by utilizing the program to not only engage the public with a ceremony, performance, or brief remarks, but to provide media coverage illustrating their engagement with the commissions. This is especially useful for

commissions that are part of government agencies - this is a good chance to provide legislators and administrators with an opportunity to encourage bridging political divides and showing the people and the media that we can indeed come together for a common cause.

Some states will follow **Two Lights For Tomorrow** with a day of service on April 19th, with projects ranging from park and cemetery clean-ups, Habitat for Humanity builds, food drives, and card writing to residents of care facilities.

#### A Toolkit Is Coming

A toolkit is being developed with assets such as a common logo, suggestions for media outreach / press releases, proclamation languages, public program ideas, and more.

A national media engagement plan is also coming, with an anticipated initial outreach of January 2025.

#### Who is Participating?

Virginia, Alabama, Colorado, Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Delaware, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, Massachusetts, Arizona, Indiana, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and North Carolina have all indicated support and a desire to participate.

A webpage will host an interactive map where participating entities can submit the location of their two lights, which will then populate the map so that everyone can see the lights spreading across the country.

#### It Is Meant to be Accessible & Scalable

- This event can be large or small from two candles in a window to two spotlights casting two pillars of light into the air. Whatever works for you.
- Everyone can participate. It doesn't just have to be in each state's capitol. It can and should be as many
  locations as possible –community centers, municipal and county administrative buildings, and even
  personal home windows.
  - Some governor's offices are considering issuing executive orders to encourage government department buildings, municipalities, and every citizens to participate.
- There isn't a specific kind of light, duration of display, or location, because it should be approachable and achievable for everyone (especially taking into account that state-level commission planners would need to work within their own state capitol's approval processes for displays factoring in the restrictions and accommodations that each capitol has so each commission is empowered to determine the best way to propose participation in order to achieve the approvals needed within their own systems).

#### In the End, Why Should as Many States Participate as Possible?

What began as a localized effort in Boston meant to ensure that the message calling on support for one another would continue, and not be dependent on just a select few sending the message forward, was a year later pledged in ink by all the fledgling states in the closing line of our Declaration that "we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

It is our duty, responsibility, and honor to ensure that the light which burned so brightly 250 years ago not only still shines just as brightly today – but also stays lit for a better tomorrow.



# Fees for Applications



# LASSAR Application Fees and Dues

Application Type	NSSAR Fees	NSSAR Dues	NSSAR Total	LASSAR Fees	LASSAR Dues	LASSAR Total	Grand Total
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 and Older	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$7.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$219.00
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 to under 25 - Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$7.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$144.00
New Member Regular Application - Family Plan - additional Family Member Applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew of the initial applicant filed with initial application using the same ancestor	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$7.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$144.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to under 18 - Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$5.00	\$80.00	waived	waived	\$0.00	\$80.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to under 18 - New Lineage	\$150.00	\$5.00	\$155.00	waived	waived	\$0.00	\$155.00
Youth Registrant converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	waived	waived	\$0.00	\$5.00
Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member - Age 18 to under 29	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	waived	waived	\$0.00	\$50.00
C.A.R. converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	waived	waived	\$0.00	\$5.00
C.A.R. to SAR Transfer - Age 18 to under 22	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	waived	waived	\$0.00	\$50.00
Supplemental Application - All ages	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$157.00
Supplemental Application - Family Plan - All ages	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$82.00
Memorial Application (One-Time Dues Collected)	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$207.00
Reinstatement (Regular Member)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$62.00
Reinstatement (Junior Member)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
NSSAR Life Membership Dues - Consult NSSAR Life Membership Application locate on NSSAR website							

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### **Life Membership Form for NSSAR**

#### APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NSSAR NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

National Headquarters - 809 West Main Street - Louisville, KY 40202

For Headquarters use only:	
Date Received:	

Name of		Nation	nal	Life Member
Applicant:		Numb	oer:	Number:
Address:			Date of Birth:	
City:	State:		Zip Code:	
Telephone:	Email:			
I,	, age	vears	s, a currently act	ive member of the
	Society, S	tate Society		, hereby apply for
enrollment in the NSSAR National I	ife Membership Plan. My check in the			based upon the chart below
	General, NSSAR," is attached. I acknow			
	ich are not included in the National Lij			e jor mainiaining my annue
Signature of Applicant:			Date of Signa	ature:
We hereby acknowledge receipt of Membership Program and approv	the foregoing Compatriot's application	on for enro	llment in the NS	SSAR National Life
Signature of	State Society:			Date of Signature:
State Secretary:				
	NSSAR National Life Mem	bership D	nes	
In accordance with a motion made a	nd passed by the 133rd Congress in July 2			the National Life
Membership Program were establish	ed per the following chart. In order to	annly the	annlicant must l	he a currently active

member, and this application must be submitted to his (primary) State Society for forwarding to the NSSAR Headquarters.

| Age = \$Cost |
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| 1 = \$1,521  | 16 = \$1,414 | 31 = \$1,262 | 46 = \$1,045 | 61 = \$759   | 76 = \$435   | 91 = \$166   |
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| 3 = \$1,510  | 18 = \$1,397 | 33 = \$1,238 | 48 = \$1,010 | 63 = \$718   | 78 = \$392   | 93 = \$144   |
| 4 = \$1,504  | 19 = \$1,388 | 34 = \$1,225 | 49 = \$992   | 64 = \$697   | 79 = \$371   | 94 = \$134   |
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| 14 = \$1,431 | 29 = \$1,286 | 44 = \$1,078 | 59 = \$800   | 74 = \$478   | 89 = \$192   |              |
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For Headquarters	Signature of	Date of Signature:
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# Life Membership Form for LASSAR

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Medals and Awards (Tony Vets – Program Manager)

### ROTC/JROTC Committee – Chairman & Program Manager, Edwin Chapman







The Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution proudly presents the Galvez Medal, honoring our cherished Patriot and esteemed leader, General Bernardo de Galvez, and his vital contributions, as well as those of Spain, to our War for Independence. The reverse side of the medal memoralizes one of General Galvez's victories at the Battle of Baton Rouge. Among his other victories are Manchac, Natchez, Mobile and Pensacola. The medal may be purchased and worn by members of SAR, DAR, CAR, and Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, and others, who seek to honor him and the Spanish contributions for our precious Independence. The medal is not restricted to members of of LA SAR, nor to descendants of Galvez Patriots. The cost of the medal set (large and mini) is \$45.00 plus \$6.00 postage per set. Payments are by check or money order. All sales proceeds are donated to support the LA SAR Youth Awards Programs.

Medal Set Obverse

Note: Ribbon drape is the red Cross of Burgundy on white background. The medal is bronze-colored with 3-D figures and inscriptions.



Medal Set Reverse



**Note:** Medals may be worn by pin mount or by bar mount.

(Detach bottom portion and mail with payment. Please print clearly.)

#### LASSAR Galvez Medal Order Form

Name:	Please make check or money order payable to:
NSSAR Member No.:	Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter SAR
Mailing Address:	Mail order form with payment to:  James A. Morock, Sr. MD
Phone: Home ()	3915 Maywood St.  Alexandria, LA 71302-2526
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Number of Medal Sets ordered:	\$45.00 plus \$6.00 postage or email: jamkma@aol.com
Total payment enclosed	

# **SAR BERNARDO DE GALVEZ Medal Front View**



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# **SAR BERNARDO DE GALVEZ Medal Back View**



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#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT SAR MEMBERSHIP MEDAL



The Southern District SAR Membership Medal was approved, as submitted, by the 2015 SAR Medals and Awards committee at the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville. The VPG will have medals for sale.

The Medal is available, without restriction, to any member of the Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and/or Tennessee societies. As planned, 100 medals were presold and ordered for production. Distribution will begin at the Southern District SAR Meeting at Congress. A new District Logo is a residual benefit.

Proceeds from the sale of the medal will support the Walter Buchanan "Buck" Meek Award Fund that recognizes the state society with the largest numerical increase of George Washington Endowment Fund members. Special thanks are extended to the District Logo/Emblem Committee who made this possible – Michael P. Schenk (MS), Chair, Thomas E. Jacks (LA), James K. Stone (TN), James (Jim) J. Thweatt (TN), Thomas Robert (Bob) Thomas (AL), and Michael (Mike) C. Wells (AL). Also, I am especially appreciative that the Valentine Sevier SAR Chapter and its Treasurer Cleo G. Hogan agreed to serve the Treasury role during initial medals sales.





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### STATE PROJECT AND THEME

Theme: Remember Our Heroes - Let Them Be Heard

**Goal:** Remember our heroes by interviewing veterans, active duty military members and families of veterans to collect stories to create an "L.S.C.A.R. Remembers Book".

Members of each L.S.C.A.R. Society are asked to visit and interview local veterans. Veterans can be members of your family, residents in a local nursing or veterans' homes, or just in your community.

#### Ways to "Remember Our Heroes and Let Them Be Heard"

- Collect stories and pictures from family members of veterans from past conflicts.
- Interview living veterans and submit your notes to be included in the L.S.C.A.R. Remembers Book.
- Partner with a veterans home, local veterans group, or active military member to visit regularly, collect wish list items or send care packages.
- Encourage members to write letters or draw pictures to send to veterans in their community, at an out
  of state base or even abroad.
- Volunteer during local Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and/or Wreaths Across America Day events.
- Visit the National World War II Museum in New Orleans and pay it forward by purchasing tickets for someone else to attend.
- Remember the Greatest Generation during the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy which is June 6, 1944
- Remember forgotten veterans laid to rest in Louisiana cemeteries by sponsoring wreaths as part of your community Wreaths Across America ceremony.

#### What should you ask the veteran?

- First, obtain a signature from the veteran or family member allowing us to use their information and story (see release form)
- Ask for their name, rank and branch of service
- Where did they serve and/or where were they stationed?
- What years did they serve?
- Why did they join?
- Do they have a favorite story to share?
- What was their military history?
- Make sure to get a picture of the veteran with or without the C.A.R. member(s)

#### How do you share the information you collect?

- Once you have the release form, veteran's information, and picture please do one of the following:
  - o Email the release form , notes and picture(s) to LSCARSSP@gmail.com
  - Email only the release form and picture(s) to <u>LSCARSSP@gmail.com</u> then use the Google Form (<a href="https://forms.gle/xhktatAyyiNPMDEk6">https://forms.gle/xhktatAyyiNPMDEk6</a>) to upload the Veteran's interview information.



# C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations

Submitted by Whit M. (16 years), State C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Chairman, Fort Atkinson Society

One way to establish and develop communication and relationships between and among the members of C.A.R., DAR, SAR, and S.R., is to combine or include the participation of C.A.R. members with some planned events.

First, INVITE the DAR/SAR/S.R. chapters to all YOUR meetings and activities! Share your calendar with the local chapter regent and president and ask them if any of THEIR activities and events could include your society's involvement. After seeking approval from a local or state DAR, SAR, or S.R. leader to attend or participate, get as many society members to take part as possible.

Many activities can combine or include the participation of C.A.R. members with the DAR and/or SAR and S.R., such as:

- Grave marking ceremonies
- Naturalization ceremonies and receptions
- C.A.R. presentations at DAR and SAR meetings
- Constitution Week activities
- Veterans Day and Memorial Day activities
- Visits to Veteran Homes
- Wreath-laying events
- Wreaths Across America
- Flag Day
- 9-11 Ceremonies
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades
- Christmas party
- Genealogy Workshops to recruit new members
- Boys in C.A.R. become SAR members (at birth)
- Girls in C.A.R. become DAR members (at 18)
- C.A.R. girls page at State DAR events

Don't forget to take lots of photos and share them with the local DAR regent and SAR/S.R. president so they can print it in their newsletter or show them at their meetings. New friends will be made at these events. When C.A.R. members attend and participate in these activities, the DAR, SAR, and S.R. members may be encouraged to get their children and grandchildren in C.A.R. because of the example you set and the interest you spark!







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# SUPPORT C.A.R.

With your support, C.A.R. continues to develop good citizens and train leaders at all levels of the Society. Your donation supports the development of programs and events aimed at teaching the future leaders of our organization and leaders of our country. Sign up with monthly donations to become a C.A.R. STAR SUPPORTER!



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The Endowment Pins add to the National Endowment Fund, ensuring that N.S.C.A.R. can continue to educate future generations of good citizens. From left to right:
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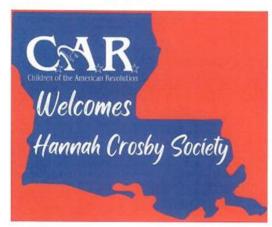




# **MEMBERSHIP**



Here's our State Membership video share this with potential members and parents if they are not sure if C.A.R. is right for them.









# January 25, 2025 Board Meeting Monroe, LA

The Ladies Auxiliary met in Monroe and nominated the following to serve: President Marlene Sawrie, Vice President Teresa Compton, Secretary Cindy Madden, Treasurer Cheryl Morock. These ladies will be sworn in at the April meeting.

We are getting ready for the Silent Auction which will take place at the state meeting. All funds raised go toward the Louisiana SAR Youth Awards Programs.





# The Ladies Auxiliary of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution





Members of the Ladies Auxiliary attending the January Board meeting at the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum in Monroe, LA L-R: Teresa Compton, Marlene Sawrie, Cheryl Morock, Karen Vets, Phyllis Brode, Martha Whitehead, and Freida Hamilton.







# of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution



#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone:	DOB:
E-Mail:	
Husbands Name:	
SAR Member:	
NSSAR Membership #:	
Chapter:	
Relationship:	
Sponsored by (Auxiliary Membe	r)
Annual Dues - \$10.00	-
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Amount Paid	4815 W Shoals Creek Dr Lake Charles, LA 70605
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