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President's Message



Compatriots,

It has been an honor to serve as your President these past few months. I've had the privilege of witnessing the impressive work being done by each LASSAR chapter.

On Memorial Day, I attended the Avenue of Flags hosted by the Oliver Pollock Chapter. It was a moving display of 1,222 veteran casket flags, with the Color Guard represented by both the James Huey and General Philemon Thomas Chapters. I also had the pleasure of joining the Attakapas Chapter for one of their meetings. I intend to visit every chapter at least once during my term. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the George Washington Ball in Lafayette, though I heard it was an outstanding event.

Looking ahead, the future is bright. The Battle of Baton Rouge program is coming together quickly and will debut this year as an NSSAR National Event. Planning is underway in collaboration with other esteemed historical organizations. A banquet and the Fall LASSAR Board of Directors meeting will be held in conjunction with this celebration.



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Progress is also being made on grave marking projects in St. Landry Parish and St. Martinville, with events expected in Fall 2025. More details to follow.

I recently sent Chapter Mentor Books to Chapter Presidents. These are the same resources I provide to new members once their applications are submitted to NSSAR. The guide, available through the NSSAR main site, is an excellent tool for mentoring new and prospective members. Please make use of it.

Another valuable resource is SAR University, also accessible on the NSSAR site. It offers short courses on Chapter Officer roles, the Blue Database, and Youth Protection. I encourage all members to review these materials.

It is a privilege to serve you, and I look forward to representing LASSAR at the 2025 Annual Congress in Connecticut with pride.

Bill LeJeune
President, LASSAR

**Awards LASSAR received
at the 135th NSSAR Annual Conference
in Uncasville, CT
July, 2025**

- **State Veteran's Service Award**
- **President General's State Society Activities Competition Award**
 - We were third in the NASSAR for States 500-999
- **President General's Education Outreach Streamer Awards**
 - GPT and Oliver Pollock Chapters

Participation credit was received for the following Youth awards Contest:

- Americanism Poster Contest
- SGT Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest
- Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest
- Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest
- George S & Stella M Knight Award
- Marian L Brown Eagle Scout Award



Information & Registration Packet For SAR Compatriots



La Marcha de Gálvez by Augusto Ferrer-Dalmau

Annual Constitution Week Banquet

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1779 Battle of Baton Rouge Commemoration

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LASSAR Fall Board Meeting

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

September 26 – 27, 2025

Information & Registration Packet

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ANNUAL CONSTITUTION WEEK BANQUET 1779 BATTLE OF BATON ROUGE COMMEMORATION LASSAR FALL BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2025
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

PROGRAM SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

NOTE: We have attempted to make these events as economical and cost-competitive as possible. To begin, we selected the weekend of September 26-27, because there is no LSU home football game that weekend. If we do not avoid such weekends, hotel room rates double and you must reserve two nights minimum at all Baton Rouge hotels! The Banquet venue is excellent and is provided at no cost to us, as is the LASSAR Board Meeting location.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26:

HOTEL and RESERVED BLOCK OF ROOMS



Bally's Hotel (formerly Belle of Baton Rouge), 131 France St., Baton Rouge. A block of very nice rooms has been arranged for Friday night at a special LASSAR event rate of **\$139.00/night**. The rate includes seven (7) rooms with Deluxe King and eight (8) rooms with Deluxe Double Queens. The hotel has recently been completely renovated. However, the casino is closed (a shuttle operates from Bally's Hotel to the Queen of Baton Rouge Casino. Construction is well underway to convert to a land-based facility at Bally's (the old casino boat is closed), but will not be completed until 2026..

IMPORTANT! Make your reservations NO LATER THAN September 19, 2025. After that date, all unreserved rooms will be released for general public sale. Reservations made after September 19th will be accepted on a space and rate-available basis. If the block of rooms is sold out, ask if a reservation can be made using the block rate. (Be ready to negotiate at that point.) The current (25 July 2025) regular room rate is \$169.99.

Use this link to make your reservation online:

<https://book.rquest.com/onecart/wbe/offers/2295/belleofbatonrouge/2025-09-26/2025-09-27?offerCode=SAR25> Or call (877) 225-7772. Reference group code **SAR25**.

The fitness room is available.

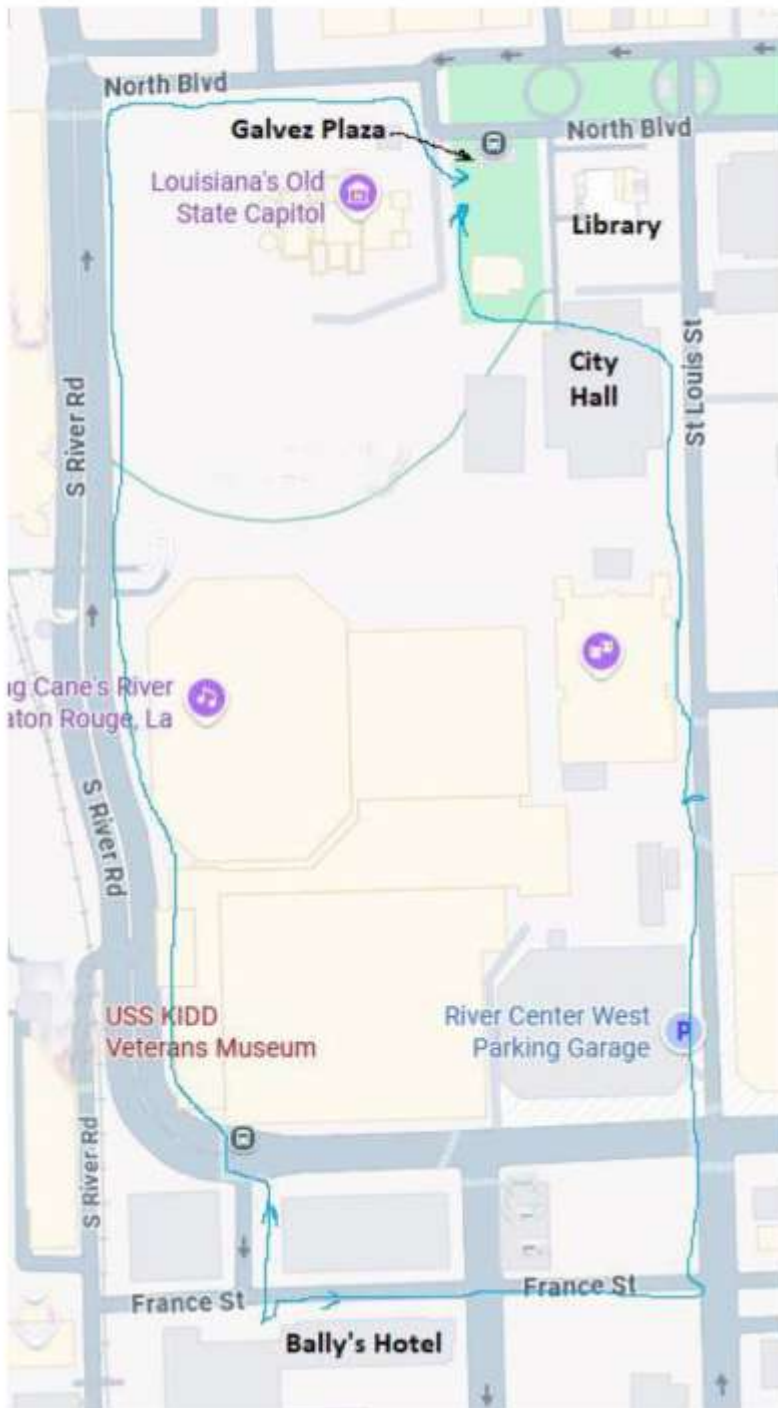
BALLY'S PARKING

It is recommended to use the hotel valet service, available at the main entrance of the hotel on France Street. The Hotel parking garage is on River Road, accessible from the turn-off just north of the USS Kidd Veterans Museum (red arrows on map at right). To access the free surface parking for hotel guests, call the desk prior to checking in.



DESTINATION MAP

This map locates the Bally's Hotel, **Galvez Plaza**, the **Library** (River Center Branch), and **Louisiana Old State Capitol**. Raisin' Can's River Center is between the Old State Capitol and Bally's Hotel.



The hand-drawn blue lines indicate two walking paths from Bally's Hotel.

Parallel parking on the downtown streets is free on the weekends. North Blvd., St. Louis St., and the South River Road by the Old State Capitol are the best locations to find free parking.

For \$10 covered parking is available in the River Center Garages located one block south of Galvez Plaza on both side of St. Louis St.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26:

DINNER SUGGESTIONS:

Attend the **Annual Constitution Week Banquet at the Baton Rouge Country Club**, 5:45pm. The keynote speaker is someone you know! Cost is \$75.00/person.

Otherwise, some restaurants near Bally's: Capitol City Grill, 100 Lafayette (225) 381-8140; Pastime Restaurant, 252 South Blvd., (225) 343-5490; Stroubes Seafood & Steaks, 107 3rd St. (225) 448-2830.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Louisiana Old State Capitol Museum, Louisiana Art & Science Museum, USS Kidd Veterans Museum (note the Kidd is at dry dock in Mississippi), Louisiana State Capitol, Capitol Park Museum (Louisiana History theme), Pentagon Barracks Museum, Mike the Tiger Habitat (LSU Campus).



PRESCRIPTIONS: Albertson's Pharmacy, 4857 Government St. (Open Fridays to 8:00pm; Saturdays 9am – 6pm, and Sundays 10 am-5pm), (225) 216-2309

NEAREST HOSPITAL: Baton Rouge General, Mid City, 3600 Florida Blvd., (225) 387-7000; Alternate: Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, 5000 Hennessy Blvd., (225) 765-6565.

EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26:



**The General Philemon Thomas Chapter
Louisiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution**

Cordially invites you to attend the

ANNUAL CONSTITUTION WEEK BANQUET

**On Friday Evening
September 26, 2025**

**Baton Rouge Country Club
8551 Jefferson Highway
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Jay Dardenne
Former Louisiana Commissioner of Administration,
Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State**

**Cash Bar at *Five Forty-Five*
Proceedings begin at *Six Thirty*
Coat and Tie required
Black Tie or Uniforms optional**

**Please R.S.V.P. using the accompanying form, by
Thursday, September 12, 2025**



RESERVATION FORM
2025 Annual GPT-SAR Constitution Week Banquet



Yes, I / we will attend the Annual Constitution Week banquet
Friday, September 26, 2025
Baton Rouge Country Club
8551 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA.

Three Course Prix Fixe Menu

First Course:
Sensation Salad

Second Course:
PETIT FILET MIGNON OF BEEF (Broiled Medium and finished with Red Wine Veal Jus) **and**
PAN ROASTED GULF FISH MEUNIERE (with Creole Meuniere Sauce)
Seasonal Starch, Vegetable

Third Course:
Pecan Ice Cream Ball

Compatriot Name: _____

Guest Names: _____

My check is enclosed for _____ persons X \$75.00/ea. = _____

RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Make check payable to: GPT-SAR
Chapter

Return this form and check to:
Compatriot Norman Bacon
5345 Halls Ferry Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70817-2424
[Email: zodiacnfb@aol.com]

Use the QR Code to pay with a
debit or credit card or PayPal.
The app says “donation”, but the
one-time payment will be
channeled to the GPT Chapter
bank account and handled
properly.



1779 BATTLE OF BATON ROUGE COMMEMORATION

COLOR GUARD MUSTER

7:30 a.m. Color Guard Muster Galvez Plaza, North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

- A SAR National Event!
- Contact Commander **Paul Bergeron** to convey your intent to join the Color Guard for this event.[Email: louisianais@yahoo.com]
- Bring your state flag! We have several poles and stands and will mount your state flag for you to carry. If you bring a pole and spike stand, that is great! Let Paul Bergeron know what you're bringing by September 12th.
- Galvez Plaza is a 15 minute walk from Bally's Hotel. See walking map, page 5, below.
- Please allow time for parking, if you are staying at a hotel other than Bally's, or simply driving in. See the Destination Map, page 6.



COMMEMORATION / WREATH CEREMONY

8:00 a.m. Battle of Baton Rouge Commemoration: Galvez Plaza, North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

- Open to the public
- National SAR Event
- SAR Color Guard
- Wreath Layings (Registration required – see registration form in this packet, page 11)
- Several lineage & historical organizations
- Estimated length: 45 minutes
- Be mindful that the weather will still be warm. Bring water for hydration!
- Please help keep the Plaza litter-free!



SEMINAR: *THE 1779 HOUR*

9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.: Three noted speakers: Eddie Vaughn, Stephen Estopinal, and Bradford Waters! Louisiana Old State Capitol Museum, North Blvd., adjacent to Galvez Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA. Enter through north doors. Sixty insightful minutes via three perspectives of the Battle of Baton Rouge and its effect on the Revolutionary War.

- Enter through the North doors of the museum and proceed to the second floor
- Seminar will be held in the House Chamber.
- Open to the public

The 1779 Battle of Baton Rouge

The Control of the Gulf and Mississippi River

by General Bernardo Galvez

for the cause of the American Revolution



Save the Date!

The 246th Anniversary Remembrance of the Battle will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, 8:00am at Galvez Plaza
Downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Hosted by

**General Philemon Thomas Chapter Louisiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)**

This is a National SAR Event featuring the SAR Color Guard!

An Official Louisiana America 250 Event

In association with

**Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez La Luisiana Chapter and
South Central Louisiana Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)**

A seminar, *The 1779 Hour*, will begin at the Louisiana Old State Capitol Museum, House Chamber, at 9:00am. Enter through the North door. Eddie Vaughn, Galvez Militia descendant and author, Stephen Estopinal, and Bradford Waters, also a Galvez Militia Descendant.



The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.



Sons of the American Revolution
 Louisiana Society
 General Philemon Thomas Chapter



2025 Battle of Baton Rouge Ceremony
Wreath Pre-Registration

All genealogic, historic and cultural organizations are invited to present a wreath at the 2025 Battle of Baton Rouge Ceremony! Each group is encouraged to delegate the wreath presentation to one representative. In order to enhance the event, please complete the following fields:

Name of Organization _____

Chapter Name _____

Name of Wreath Presenter(s) _____

Office or Title of Wreath Presenter(s) _____

Kindly submit the completed registration to Dr. Derrick Spell at derrickspell@cox.net prior to Wednesday, September 24th.

Office use only:

_____ Assigned Seq. Number

LASSAR FALL 2025 BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

10:30 a.m. LASSAR FALL MEETING commences at the River Center Branch Library reserved meeting room on the fourth floor.

- An elevator is located near the check-out desk in the Lobby area.
- Bottled water will be available in the meeting room all morning.
- Working lunch: Catered box lunches from Newk's, including a whole Newk's Club sandwich (It's big! Includes ham, turkey, bacon, Swiss and cheddar cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes), potato salad, fruit cup, and cookie. Two soft drinks will be furnished for each registered meeting attendee. Bottled water will be available throughout the meeting. See Registration Form on page 13.

ADJOURNMENT

2:30 p.m. Estimated meeting adjournment.

REGISTRATION FORM

LASSAR Fall Board Meeting

FALL 2025 LASSAR BOARD MEETING, Saturday, September 27, 2025, 10:30am

LOCATION: The Fall 2025 LASSAR Board Meeting will be held on the fourth floor of the **River Center Branch Library**, 250 North Blvd., Baton Rouge. The Library is a new structure immediately east of Galvez Plaza. There is an elevator near the check-out desk.

Registration fee is \$22/person (includes catered box lunch with two soft drinks; bottled water).

Ladies Auxiliary Members may reserve a box lunch and a soft drink for \$22 / person. A nearby alternative: Roly Poly Café - Sandwiches/Salads, on the north side of North Blvd (across the street from the Library).

- The Ladies' Auxiliary may meet in a 4th Floor meeting room of the Library

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM:

COMPATRIOT NAME: _____

COMPATRIOT CHAPTER NAME: _____

Registration Fee: (for meeting and box lunch): ----- \$22

LADIES'S AUXILIARY BOX LUNCH (optional): ----- \$22

NAME OF LADIES'S AUXILIARY MEMBER: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Make checks payable to **GPT-SAR**.

Mail your check and this registration form **ASAP**, but **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15th**

Mail registration checks to: **Norman Bacon [Email: zodiacnfb@aol.com]**

5345 Halls Ferry Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70817



Use the QR Code **ON THE LEFT** to pay with a debit or credit card or Paypal. The app says "donation", but the one-time payment will be channeled to the GPT Chapter bank account and handled properly.



CALL FOR DONATIONS



A Grave Marking Ceremony for four Patriots will be held on October 18th, 2025, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Edgard, LA. These graves do not yet have SAR Patriot Markers and each one costs \$200. **We need your help!!!** For just a \$60 donation, you can receive credit toward the SAR Grave Marking Medal. **All donations are tax-deductible!** Please contact **Norman Bacon** or **Dr. Derrick Spell** to donate. A receipt of your donation will be provided. Thank you!

Norman Bacon
(225) 773-3381
zodiacnfb@aol.com
Text and email preferred

Dr. Derrick Spell
(225) 328-0432
derrickspell@cox.net
Text and email preferred



*Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution
participated in the Grave Marking with the
Mississippi Society Sons of the American Revolution of
Judge Thomas Rodney
March 28, 2025*



L-R: Tom Jacks, Tony Vets, Mitch Pratt, Paul Bergeron, Jeff Truax, Greg Lindsley, Russ Godwin, and Bill LeJeune

LASSAR State Meeting
April 12, 2025 Bentley Hotel Alexandria, Louisiana




Meet & Greet
at the
Bentley



LASSAR State Meeting
 April 12, 2025
 Hotel Bentley
 Alexandria, LA

Louisiana Society
 Sons of the American
 Revolution



Memorial Service
 Saturday, April 12, 2025

The Reverend D.B. Thompson
 Oliver Pollock Chapter
 Chaplain

Recently In Memory
 Departed Compatriots

Willie Z. Blenvenin MD	Attakapas
William Reece Bennett, Jr.	Attakapas
Colin Clyde Campbell	James Huey
Toby Charles Drake	George Washington
Gresham Taluadge Farrar Jr.	George Washington
John Geiser III	George Washington
Richard Emmett Hare	Dr. Ehemund Meullon
Dr. Frederick William Habeeb	George Washington
Dr. Rodney Clifton Jung	George Washington
George Dewey Lyons Jr	Galvez
John Webster Odum Jr.	Oliver Pollock
William Logan Perkins	General Philemon Thomas
Harry Hill Roberts	Attakapas
William Emile Simon	Galvez
Shelby Lee Smith	Dr. Ehemund Meullon
Daniel Phillip Stagg Jr.	Pierre Georges Rousseau
David Lynn Thurston	Attakapas
Walter Caesar Vincent Jr.	



*LASSAR State Meeting
April 12, 2025
Hotel Bentley
Alexandria, LA*



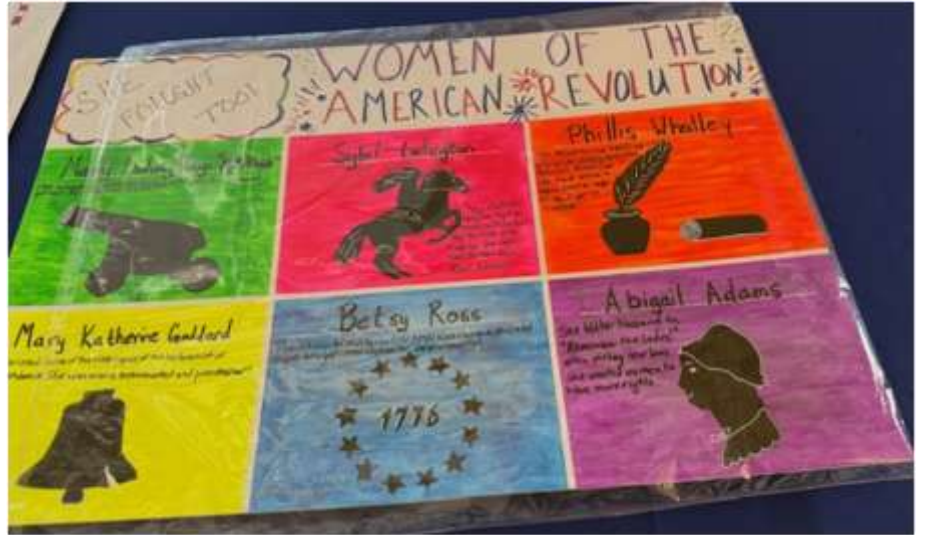
President Russ Godwin presents Dr. Derrick Spell the JROTC Fundraising Award Medal in recognition for supporting the Service Academy Awards Program of NSSAR.

Brent H. Morock is presented the Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal in recognition of volunteer services on behalf of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution National Headquarters.



LASSAR State Meeting
 April 12, 2025
 Hotel Bentley
 Alexandria, LA

Dr. Enemund Meullion's Chapter entry in the Elementary School Poster Contest won the state competition. Aubrey Biriny's, 4th grade student at Montessori Educational Center in Alexandria, poster will be sent to NSSAR for competition in the National Contest. Congratulations to Aubrey!



Baton Rouge's General Philemon Thomas Chapter entry of the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest won the State Competition. Kyler E. Cook's, a 6th grade student of Martha's Vineyard Academy in Baton Rouge, brochure will be sent to NSSAR for competition in the National Contest. Congratulations to Kyler!



LASSAR State Meeting Grave Marking

April 12, 2025

Hotel Bentley

Alexandria, LA



Dr. Derrick Spell & Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter President, Gervais Compton



Southern District Visitors L-R: Dr. David Billings, Southern District V-P, Philip Z. Horton, Tennessee Society President, Russ Godwin, LASSAR State President, & Eric Alford from the Alabama Society



Greetings from Visiting District & State



John McBride,
President of the
Mississippi State
Society



Dr. David Billings,
Southern District
Vice-President



Philip Z. Horton,
President of the
Tennessee State Society

*LASSAR State Meeting Annual Banquet Honors & Awards
April 12, 2025 Hotel Bentley Alexandria, LA*



LSCAR State President Hannah Flynn brings Greetings



State President Russ Godwin presents the Banquet's guest speaker, Louisiana State Treasurer John Fleming with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.



Cindy Madden, representing LSDAR presents LASSAR State President Russ Godwin with the DAR's Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction for Extraordinary Cooperation & Outstanding Service to NSDAR



State Registrar Mike Deeter receives the Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal from LASSAR State President Russ Godwin for achieving an 85% first time approval applications

*LASSAR State Meeting Annual Banquet Honors & Awards
April 12, 2025 Hotel Bentley Alexandria, LA*



Dr. John Fulwider (center) of the Mississippi State Society presents Compatriots Billy LeJeune and Paul Bledsoe with lapel pins for becoming the newest members of the George Washington Endowment Fund.



Karen Vets receives Martha Washington 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster for continuous outstanding support as President of the Ladies Auxiliary



Cheryl Morock receives Daughters of Liberty Oak Leaf Cluster for continuous support of LASSAR and Dr. Morock

LASSAR State Meeting Annual Banquet
April 12, 2025 Hotel Bentley Alexandria, LA



The Silver Roger Sherman Medal presented to President Russ Godwin for his service as two years as Treasurer and 4 years total as an officer of LASSAR. He also received the Patriot Medal for his outstanding service as the 2024-2025 LASSAR President.

Davis Solars received the Silver Meritorious Medal for his efforts in establishing the Atchafalaya Chapter.

Randall Domingue received the Patriot Medal for his outstanding service as LASSAR President in 2023-2024

Ladies Auxiliary member Martha Whitehead received the District Martha Washington Medal.



President Russ Godwin presents the Lydia Darragh Medal to Rhonda Godwin for her invaluable service to him during his term as State President



Ladies Auxiliary members Karen Vets & Cheryl Morock with Compatriot Jeff Truax presents the society with a \$3000 check to help with costs for the society's student contests.

*LASSAR State Meeting Annual Banquet
April 12, 2025 Hotel Bentley Alexandria, LA*



President Russ Godwin presents the State Distinguished service Medal to in-coming President Billy LeJeune



Southern District Vice President, Dr. David Billings presents President Russ Godwin with the District Henry Knox Medal with Star.



Southern District Vice President Dr. David Billings presents Tony Vets the District Distinguished Service Medal.



Southern District Vice President Dr. David Billings presents Larry Joe Reynolds District Henry Knox Achievement with Star.

*LASSAR State Meeting Annual Banquet
April 12, 2025 Hotel Bentley Alexandria, LA*



Southern District Vice President Dr. David Billings swears in 2025-2026 State Officers: L-R: Fr. D.B. Thompson, Chaplain, Steve Ray, Historian, Mike Deeter, Registrar, Bradley Hayes, Chancellor, Jeff Truax, Treasurer, Jerry Madden, Assistant Secretary, Steve Kubecik, Secretary, Fred Hamilton, 3rd Vice President, Derrick Spell, 2nd Vice President, Russ Godwin, 1st Vice President, Billy Lejeune, President, and Dr. Billings. Not Pictured: Dr. James Morock, Surgeon and Patrick Dye, Genealogist.



Southern District Vice President Dr. David Billings presents past LASSAR State President, Jeff Nolen with the District Henry Knox Medal with Star.



State Registrar Mike Deeter was presented the "Quilt of Valor" for his Vietnam service by Ladies Auxiliary member Rhonda Godwin

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/3/4/3/4/34343076/lassar_bylaws_april_2024.pdf



Atchafalaya Chapter LASSAR Thibodeaux, LA



The Atchafalaya Chapter completed the renovation and reinstallation of the Valenzuela Dans Lafourche Marker in Belle Rose. The restoration work was done by Compatriot Eugene Blanchard and his wife Violet. The reinstallation was done by Compatriots Barry Aucoin, Adam Domingue, Jr., and Eugene Blanchard.

The marker was erected by the Louisiana Tourist and Development commission in 1965 and marks the area of an 841-acre land grant to Don Juan Vives who was a physician as well as an officer in the Galvez Expedition. The site later became Belle Alliance Plantation.

The marker had been damaged as the result of an automobile accident. The restoration project was the idea of now deceased Compatriot T.J. Blanchard.



At the Chapter's last meeting, Louisiana SAR President, Billy LeJeune, awarded compatriot David Solar with the State Society's Meritorious Service Medal. Compatriot Solar was instrumental in establishing the Atchafalaya Chapter and served as the chapter's first president. In addition, President LeJeune awarded the chapter the Partners in Patriotism Award for the chapter's patriotic outreach efforts



Randall Domingue was honored with the presentation of the Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's Patriot Medal. The medal was presented by LASSAR State President Major Billy LeJeune, U.S. Army Ret.

*Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR
Lafayette, LA*



The Louisiana State SAR Color Guard, represented by (l-r): Chris Achee, Jeff Truax, (General Philemon Thomas Chapter, Baton Rouge), Ted Brode (James Huey Chapter, W. Monroe), and Paul Bergeron (General Philemon Thomas Chapter, Baton Rouge) pose at the George Washington Ball, hosted by the Attakapas Chapter (Lafayette).



*Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR
Lafayette, LA*

At least 15 LASSAR Compatriots from across the state attended the 65th Annual George Washington Ball co-hosted by the Lafayette DAR Galvez and the SAR Attakapas Chapters on Flag Day 2025. Several of our compatriots participated in the ball as escorts for their debutante daughters



Compatriot John Francois led the Pledge of Allegiance, following the Presentation of the Colors by the LASSAR Color Guard at the beginning of the 65th Annual George Washington Ball.

*Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR
Lafayette, LA*

Attakapas Chapter continues to remain actively productive and has enjoyed many successes since our last report to the "Pelican Patriot". Although we regret having lost several compatriots over the past several months, interest in our organization remains strong. Our Genealogist and Registrar have been staying busy assisting new applicants. Their efforts are greatly enhanced by the dedicated and expert assistance of Kathy Oliver, the current Regent of the Acadia DAR Chapter in Rayne, Louisiana. Kathy has helped with the completion of at least 12 of our most recent applicants.

Attakapas Chapter meets monthly nine times each year from September through May and engages interesting speakers who speak on a variety of topics. Over the past several months, the chapter has enjoyed knowledge-filled presentations by experts on topics such as: "The Early Settlement of the Atchafalaya Basin by the Europeans", "The State Program To Protect Louisiana's Endangered Whooping Crane", "The Economic Benefits of the Louisiana Alligator", and "The National Program to Prevent Child Trafficking and Endangerment". In May, we invited canine "Cash" and his human handler to speak about the work they do to sniff out explosives during large events, such as the recent Super Bowl in New Orleans. For our groups enjoyment Canine Cash enthusiastically demonstrated how he expertly goes about sniffing out explosives

Promotion of NSSAR's Youth Awards remains a priority and Attakapas Chapter is especially proud that its nominee for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Competition was sent forward by LASSAR to competition at the national level. The chapter continues to actively support the JROTC program and sent chapter representatives to three of the local area high schools to present Outstanding Cadet bronze medals and certificates this past April.

Attakapas Chapter co-hosts the annual George Washington Balls with the Lafayette DAR Galvez Chapter. This year's 65th annual ball was attended by about 200 guests. Attakapas Chapter compatriots assist in the planning and the execution of the ball. A significant highlight of the ball this year was the Presentation of the Colors by the LASSAR Color Guard. We estimate that at least 15 compatriots from across the State attended the ball this past Flag Day.

In an effort to raise additional funds to support our district hosting the 2027 NSSAR Congress in New Orleans, the Lafayette Chapter teamed with the Baton Rouge and the Lake Charles Chapters to conduct an online auction of several items. The funds raised for that effort totaled a little over \$750 and the auction was considered a success by all. Gary Stansbury of the Baton Rouge Chapter provided the valuable know-how to get the auction up and running and he deserves a hearty round of applause. Thank you Gary!

*Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR
Lafayette, LA*

Compatriot Stan Hardee and his lovely wife Linda hosted our Annual Summer Social on July 26th at their Lake Arthur Camp. The event was well attended and every guest was very well fed with a menu that included delicious fried catfish, crawfish étouffée, cole slaw and apple pie a la mode. Of course, Stan's famous Bloody Mary's were outstanding as usual. A special highlight of this wonderful event was the induction of Attakapas Chapter's newest and youngest member, Compatriot Knox Cody Villemarette.

The chapter's Executive Committee recently met and outlined our objectives and programs for the coming year. We are excited to announce that during each of our upcoming meetings, we will dedicate several minutes to brief discussions that we are designating as " America 250 Moments". For each meeting, a chapter compatriot will be asked to or will be assigned a specific America 250-related topic to speak about.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Chapman, Treasurer,
Attakapas Chapter

Chapter President Bill McCain presents our newest member, Compatriot Knox Cody Villemarette with his membership certificate following his induction during our Annual Summer Social at Compatriot Stan Hardee's Lake Arthur, Louisiana camp. Compatriot Villemarette is the youngest member of the Attakapas Chapter and is currently enrolled as a junior at the University of Georgia.



*Benjamin Tennille Chapter, LASSAR
Monroe, LA*



Dr. King Scott presents new member certificate to Gary Thompson.

At the April meeting the program was presented by Historian, Rickey E Pittman. He is an author/folksinger/storyteller. Some of his books include: Cajun ABC, Louisiana Night Before Christmas, Louisiana Animals ABC, and Rio Grande Valley ABC. He had a wonderful presentation on How Spain Helped America Win the Revolutionary War Against Britain!



On May 1, 2025 the Benjamin Tennille Chapter presented the Bronze ROTC Medal to Ouachita Parish High School student C/PO2 Journee S. Gipson



*Benjamin Tennille Chapter,
LASSAR
Monroe, LA*



King Scott & Bo Shaw preparing for the June 7th dedication of a plaque placed by the Fort Miro LSDAR Chapter honoring Revolutionary War Soldier Benjamin Tennille.



*Benjamin Tennille Chapter, LASSAR
Monroe, LA*



The Fort Miro Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held an America 250! Celebration on Saturday, June 7th at the Benjamin Tennille Cemetery to dedicate a plaque to the only known Revolutionary War soldier buried in Monroe - Benjamin Tennille. **Joining in the celebration were members of the Benjamin Tennille Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, who also placed a bronze plaque at the gravesite.** Benjamin Tennille was born in 1750 in Prince William Co, Virginia and served as Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment of the Continental Forces. The prelude music was played by Coby Heath, from the ULM Music Department, featuring music from Benjamin Tennille's personal Hymnal in the Layton Castle Collection - tunes such as, "America Free" and "Washington." The wreath was laid by Judy Letlow, one of the twelve descendants attending the ceremony! All in attendance were invited to a brunch at the Layton Castle following the ceremony.



*Benjamin Tennille & James Huey Chapters
@ Triangle Park, Monroe, LA*

Benjamin Tennille & James Huey LASSAR Chapters attended the Triangle Park 4th of July Celebration in Monroe, LA. The Chapters used this opportunity to hand out candy & tell visitors about the Sons of the American Revolution. Gerald Graves, dressed in Revolutionary attire, showed a replica of a Revolutionary War rifle to visitors & fired it to represent the "Shot heard round the world." SAR members present were: Chuck Rand, Gerald Graves, Steve Ray, Fred Hamilton, & Tripp Faulk





Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter, LASSAR

Alexandria,
LA



Spent the Saturday, March 30, recruiting for SAR at a “Art in the Park” in Sumter SC. This is a community event to promote reading in the community. We gave out coloring books, crayons, and hats

Hal Gonzales represented LASSAR & Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter Saturday, April 25 at the 244th anniversary of the siege of Fort Watson SC. He presented the Wreath, served in the honor guard , and led the pledge.



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



Compatriot Hal Gonzales presents the Bronze ROTC medal to Brandon Gerecke a student at Lakewood High School in Sumter, SC



Chapter President Gervais Compton presents Aubrey Birinyi with two certificates and two checks for winning the 2024 Americanism Poster Contest at both the chapter & state levels. Birinyi's poster "Women of the American Revolution" will be judged at the 2025 NSSAR Congress in July.



Henry Robertson, Ph.D., received a certificate of appreciation and an LASSAR mug for his presentation "The Battle of Eutaw Springs, SC, in Myth and Memory."



Chapter President Gervais Compton presented Hon. Kerry Spruill with a Certificate of Appreciation and an LASSAR mug for Spruill's presentation on the history of the Sixth and the Seventh Amendments of the U.S. Constitution that guarantees the right to a jury trial in criminal and civil cases.

*Galvez Chapter, LASSAR
Shreveport, LA
Minden , LA Kicks Off America 250 Celebration
with Ceremony honoring Paul Revere's Ride
April 16, 2025*



A ceremony held in downtown Minden on Wednesday marked the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride and served as the city's official launch of the nationwide America 250 initiative, commemorating the lead-up to the United States' 250th birthday in 2026.



*Galvez Chapter, LASSAR
Shreveport, LA*



Compatriot Keith Porter is sworn in as President 2025-26 by outgoing President Jerry Madden. Compatriot Porter is also awarded the 5 year Service Certificate.



"Two Lights" Celebration

During early April, Mayor Nick Cox of Minden was approached by SAR and DAR about the National America 250 "Two Lights" celebration scheduled for April 18. The Mayor enthusiastically endorsed the celebration.

From left to right SAR Color Guard member Ted Brode and wife Phyllis, Minden Mayor Cox, Compatriot Jerry Madden and wife Cindy.



*Galvez Chapter,
LASSAR
Shreveport, LA*

Compatriot Jerry
Madden awards
Minden High School
Cadet Major Nichols
with the Bronze
ROTC Medal.



Faculty and students took part in the changing of their flag on April 25, 2025

SAR Compatriot Jerry Madden & DAR Regent Cindy Madden briefed the students on proper Flag etiquette. Compatriot Madden awarded Mrs. Howard, School Principal with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for proper display of the American Flag and Regent Cindy Madden awarded Mrs. Howard and Browning Elementary with an NSDAR Flag Certificate.

Galvez Chapter, LASSAR Shreveport, LA

Galvez Chapter participates in Memorial Day Honors at Centuries Memorial Park in Shreveport, Hillcrest Memorial Park in Haughton, & the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville, LA.

Compatriot Gayle McFarland helped place over 2000 Flags at the Centuries Memorial Park and Compatriot Mike Deeter represented the Chapter at the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery and Compatriot Bill Nichols at Hillcrest Memorial Park.



Compatriot Nichols

Compatriot McFarland



Compatriot George Gilmer is shown being sworn in as a new member by President Keith Porter.

Compatriot Gilmer, a retired accountant, is an active member of the DeSoto Parish Historical Society and will be a valuable asset of the Galvez Chapter

*Galvez Chapter, LASSAR
Shreveport, LA*



Chapter President Keith Porter presents
5 year certificates:

Receiving Certificates are:

Top right: Steve Edwards

Top left: Roger Anderson

Bottom right: Nat Richie

Bottom left: Steve Creech

Compatriots are awarded a
Service Certificate by the
chapter for each 5 years of
continuous membership
through 60 years of service.





*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*



On March 22, the General Philemon Thomas Chapter conducted a grave marking for Patriot James Penny. Patriot Penny is buried in a small family cemetery on private land in northern East Baton Rouge parish



General Philemon Thomas Chapter of Baton Rouge, La Society SAR
Compatriots Jim Moffatt, Chuck Morgan and Seth Johnson were presented the SAR America 250 Silver Medal!
Presenting is Louisiana Society SAR
America 250 Chairman Derrick Spell.



General Philemon Thomas Chapter, Baton Rouge

General Philemon Thomas Chapter of Baton Rouge, La Society SAR Board of Directors voted unanimously to honor our departed Compatriots with book donations to the NSSAR Research Library. Each Compatriot was honored with one book in their memory. Secretary Jeff Truax visited the library and the grave of Patriot Daniel Boone earlier this month.



Several members of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter had the pleasure of educating the 4th graders at Seventh Ward Elementary. Each of the Compatriots talked about his Patriot and his uniform. L-R: Chris Achee, Brad Richard, Steve Kubicek, Paul Bledsoe, Derrick Spell, Neil Hohman, Jeff Truax, and Greg Lindsly, Not pictured was Jim Moffatt

General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR

*Baton
Rouge, LA*



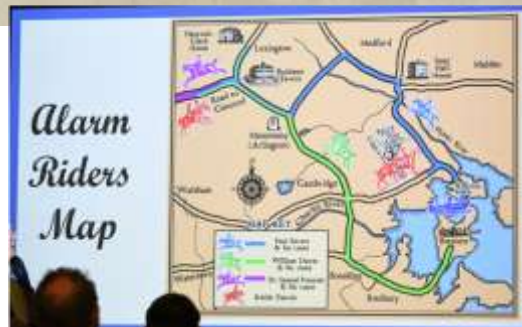
Friday, April 11, 2025, the General Philemon Thomas Chapter honored Patriot Armand Duplantier with a wreath laying at his resting place in the Historic Highland Cemetery in Baton Rouge. The Chapter was honored with a visit and remarks by the Marquis de Lafayette, along with a visit by a tour group with the American Friends of Lafayette. Armand Duplantier served as aide-de-camp to General Lafayette during the American Revolution and lived out his life after the war in Baton Rouge.



L-R Marquis de Lafayette played by actor Mark Schneider, Compatriots Derrick Spell, Neil Hohmann, American Friends of Lafayette Executive Director Chuck Schwam, Compatriots Brendon Swanson, and Gary Stansbury.

*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*

On April 19, the chapter commemorated the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord with a presentation by Compatriot Eddie Vaughn and a presentation of the colors by the chapter color guard. The event was held at the Gonzales branch of the Ascension Parish Library. L-R: L-R, Jim Moffatt, Greg Lindsly, Ray Spruill, Chris Achee, Steve Estopinal, Eddie Vaughn (presenter), Paul Bledsoe, Steve Kubicek, Jeff Truax, Paul Bergeron, Bill Taylor, Derrick Spell, Shawn Cloud.



Compatriot Eddie Vaughn presents the program on the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington & Concord

*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*

General Philemon Thomas Chapter hosted the American Friends of Lafayette in a ceremony at Highland Cemetery to honor Patriot Armand Duplantier. General Lafayette spoke about his friendship with Duplantier and their service in the American Revolution. It was a wonderful ceremony on a beautiful morning in the city of Baton Rouge.



*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*



Derrick Spell presents the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal to General Philemon Thomas Chapter Color Guard Commander Paul Stanley Bergeron. Paul has served in dozens of chapter and state events over the last few years.



Derrick Spell presents Chapter Vice-President Gary Stansbury, Jr. with the SAR America 250 Gold Medal.



April 26, Chapter President Paul Bledsoe presents the SAR Silver ROTC award to Air Force Cadet Aiden Nugent (left) & Midshipman Rob Shackelford (right)

*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*



Congratulations to Louisiana's newest Compatriot, Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser! He is descended from Patriot Daniel Van Voorhies from NY. Presenting Compatriot Nungesser with his SAR Membership Certificate were the following LASSAR officers (L to R): 1st Vice President Russ Godwin, 2nd Vice President Derrick Spell and Secretary Steve Kubicek.



At the Chapter's May meeting Compatriot Mitch Pratt gave an informative talk on the long guns of the Revolution

*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*



At the Chapter June Meeting Navy ROTC Commander Shawn Cloud was presented the SAR War Service Medal from Chapter Registrar Dr. Derrick Spell

Outstanding Cadet Earns Medal

Cadet 2nd Lt Alisha Grant was awarded the SAR JROTC Bronze Medal for her leadership in JROTC at Walker High School where she was recently selected as Outstanding Cadet of Walker High School JROTC. Alisha has excelled in scholastic and Marine Corps JROTC studies. She will be the Cadet Leader for Walker High School JROTC next year as a senior. Presenting the medal and the \$500 prize from the chapter is Jeff Truax, Chapter Secretary



*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*



On June 14th the General Philemon Thomas Chapter celebrated Flag Day at Louisiana's Old State Capitol.



The Chapter welcomed new members at their June meeting. LR: Thomas Sanders, Lynn David Lyons, Lance David Lyons, & Albert Allen Ward III. Not pictured: Ethan Sanders

*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA*

*Summer Social June 12,
2025*

Chapter President Paul
Bledsoe welcomes
members to the Chapter's
Summer Social



*General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR
Baton Rouge, LA
Summer Social
June 12, 2025*



Denise Lindsly, wife of
Compatriot Greg Lindsly
with door prize



Compatriot Bobby
Steward with door prize



Margot Moffatt, wife of Jim
Moffatt, with her door prize



Compatriot Eddie Vaughn with his
door prize



Compatriots Jeff Truax and Jim Moffatt

Battle of Baton Rouge Coins

Front



Back



\$15 each, OR
2 for \$25

Please see Derrick Spell if interested

General Philemon Thomas Chapter Coins

Front



Back



**\$15 each, OR
2 for \$20**

Please see Derrick Spell if interested

George Washington Chapter Activities 2025 through June



By Gerald Schroeder
The George Washington Chapter, Louisiana
Sons of the American Revolution
June 17, 2025



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*George Washington Chapter, LASSAR
New Orleans, LA*

December 11, 2024, Meeting Introduction of Officers



- Meeting at Holiday Inn Metairie
 - 28 Members and Guests
- Introduction of new 2025 Officers
- Registrar's report
 - 112 Chapter embers
- War and Military Service Medals
 - Program re-started
 - Obtaining war & Military Service Medals
 - Applications being accepted
- 2027 Convention Report
 - Medals order forms and sample medals



December 11, 2024, 2025 Officers

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|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| President | - Alvin Jones | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE |
| VP 1 | - Steve Villavaso | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE |
| • VP 2 | - Tony Riddle | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE |
| Secretary | - Rene Navarre | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE |
| Treasurer | - Louis McFaul | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE |
| Chancellor | - Judge John Grout | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE |
| Registrar | - Gerald Schroeder | |
| Genealogist | - Jari Honora | |
| Historian | - Kirk Bellard (Past President) | |
| Chaplin | - Malcom Gonzales, Sr | |
| Color Sergeant | - Keith Hoffman | |
| Editor | - Gregory Gonzales II, Stephen Gonzales | |
| Surgeon | - Patrick Breaux, M.D. | |
| Awards Chairman | - Jim Webb | |
| Quarter Master | - Brad Hayes (Past President) | |
| 2027 SAR Convention Team | - Brad Hayes (Past President),
Roger Villere, Jerry Schroeder | |



*George Washington Chapter, LASSAR
New Orleans, LA*

January 15, 2025, Meeting Installation of Officers

- Meeting at Holiday Inn Metairie
 - 21 Members and guests
- Installation of new 2025 Officers
- Induction of new Member
 - Alex Baird
- Registrar's report - 112 Members Chapter Members as of Dec. 31, 2024
 - 17 new members in CY 2024
- Member Retention Report – committee contacting late dues payers
- Public Service and Heroism Report – planning to award medals & certificates
 - Local Sheriffs first
- Stark Committee Report – Chairman and Member announced
- Communication and Information Report - Members announced
 - Goal to re-establish the Chapter Web page and Facebook site
- Southern District and 2027 Convention Medals orders

February 19, 2025 Meeting Speaker Robert Freeland

Meeting at Holiday Inn in Metairie with 31 in attendance. Speaker Robert Freeland is Vice-President of Friends of the Cabildo. His topic: On Governor Galvez and his campaign against the British in the Revolutionary War

At this meeting the Chapter inducted 3 new members: Exnicios, Ticknor, & Dongieux, The chapter reported 112 members as of December 31, 2024 and as of February 19, 2025 the chapter had 84 active members plus 24 members that checks were received late, for a total of 110 members



*George Washington Chapter, LASSAR
New Orleans, LA*

March 19, 2025, Meeting Speaker Prescott Deininger, Ph.D.



- Meeting at Metairie Country Club – 27 Attendants
- Speaker Prescott Deininger, Ph.D.
 - “Genetics and Cancer.”
 - Founding Director of the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics at Ochsner Medical Foundation
 - Director of the Tulane Cancer Center
 - Board of Directors of the LA Cancer Research Center
- Award of SAR Military Service Awards to:
 - Stephen Villavaso, Petty Officer 2nd Class, USNR
 - John Caulkins, Staff Sergeant USAF
 - Gerald Schroeder, 1LT, USAR



March 19, 2025, Additional Photos

1. President Alvin Jones presents gifts to speaker
2. & 3. Member Jim Webb addresses the Chapter



*George Washington Chapter, LASSAR
New Orleans, LA*

March 19, 2025, Additional Photos
Presentation of Military Service Medals and Certificates to
Stephen Villavaso, John Caulkins and Gerald Schroeder.



April 24, Compatriot Bradley Hayes and his family had the pleasure of touring two French naval vessels. The highlight of the tour was meeting a fellow SAR member, Capitaine de Frégate Guillaume Chevillot (France Society). His Patriot Ancestor fought in the Battle of the Chesapeake as part of the French navy under Admiral de Grasse. His ship, the LHD Mistral, is in port for New Orleans Fleet Week. We exchanged tokens of respect from our two countries' military and the SAR



The Chapter's June meeting met at Bistro Orleans in Metairie with 35 present. The speaker for the meeting was Michael Collins



James Huey Chapter, LASSAR
West Monroe, LA



At the March SAR meeting President Ted Brode was surprised by an impromptu presentation of a medal commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, presented by Chapter SAR Member and Commander Chris LeGuin of the Monroe, LA VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars.)



The program for the March meeting was judging 21 brochures from the 7th grade class of Calhoun Middle School, Calhoun, LA for the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial School Brochure Contest. First place winner was Piper Bond (center), 3rd place Ruby Sistrunk (right) and 2nd place Kenneth Moss (left)

James Huey Chapter, LASSAR
West Monroe, LA



On April 10, 2025 the James Huey Chapter presented Certificates & Cash Prizes to the chapter winners of the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest. L-R: Freida Hamilton, Phyllis Brode, Steve Ray, Ted Brode, Fred Hamilton, Piper Bond, Kenneth Moss, Ruby Sistrunk, Brenda Edwards, 7th grade teacher, and Dr. Richard Hearn, Principal.



1st Place Piper Bond



2nd Place Kenneth Moss



3rd Place Ruby Sistrunk

James Huey Chapter, LASSAR
West Monroe, LA



At the April meeting, Highlights of the State Meeting were presented and the video from "Revolutionary War Rarities—The Start of the Revolution" was shown.



Compatriot & Mrs. Gerald Graves attended the Avenue of Flags in Lake Charles, LA



The James Huey Chapter presented the Bronze ROTC Medal to Kaiden Robert Hartley at West Monroe High School and Braden Matthew Duncan at West Ouachita High School in May, 2025

In May, Compatriot Gerald Graves presents Lt. Barden Matthew Duncan, student at West Ouachita High School with the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal. L-R: Gerald Graves, Barden Duncan, & Capt. Patrick

*James Huey Chapter, LASSAR
West Monroe, LA*



At the Chapter's May meeting President Ted Brode welcomes our new member Rocky Boudreaux and presents him with his Membership Certificate.



At the June meeting Chapter members, Steve Ray & Fred Hamilton, gave an informal account of their recent trip to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution building in Louisville, Ky. Brochures from the trip were given to members present.





*Natchitoches Chapter, LASSAR
Natchitoches, LA*



The Natchitoches Chapter currently has 18 members (17 regular and 1 junior) with one application in progress. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at Ft. St. Jean Baptist in Natchitoches.

Our meeting attendance is low, but the interest in the SAR remains high. In lieu of a guest speaker, we normally watch a short video, 45-60 minutes in length.





*Oliver Pollock Chapter, LASSAR
Lake Charles, LA*



On May 26, 2025, the Oliver Pollock Chapter Sons of the American Revolution held its 42nd Annual Avenue of Flags Ceremony featuring 1230 plus coffin flags posted at the Orange Grove-Graceland Cemetery in Lake Charles. This is country's largest display of memorial flags.



Past State Regent Cheryl Gott presented Compatriots Ted Brode and Russ Godwin with the Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction for Extraordinary Cooperation & Outstanding Service to NSDAR





Oliver Pollock Chapter, LASSAR Lake Charles, LA

Chapter Activities Report – Memorial Day through LASSAR Annual Meeting 2025



Avenue of Flags Memorial Day Ceremony

On Memorial Day 2025, the Chapter hosted the *Avenue of Flags* at Orange Grove Cemetery in Lake Charles, Louisiana. A total of 1,223 Veteran Casket Flags were proudly displayed. In conjunction with the ceremony, the Chapter planted a *Liberty Tree* to honor the enduring legacy of American liberty. The event featured participation from Louisiana DAR Regent Mrs. Cheryl Gott and Anne Burgeon of DAR and Grenaderos y Damas de Galvez. Color Guardsmen from the James Huey and General Philemon Thomas Chapters presented the Colors with precision and respect



Membership Update

One new member application was approved for Compatriot Erick Brown. We warmly welcome him to the Oliver Pollock Chapter.

Grave Marking Ceremony

Compatriots Russ Godwin, Michael LeJeune, and Chapter President Bill LeJeune attended the Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Etienne Lassard. The event was hosted by the Enemund Meullion Chapter. Chapter President Bill LeJeune received his second Oak Leaf Cluster for the Patriot Grave Marking Medal.

LASSAR Annual Meeting Recognition

Chapter President Bill LeJeune was elected President of the Louisiana Society, SAR (LASSAR) during the LASSAR Annual Meeting. He was also presented the State Distinguished Service Medal for his exceptional work as LASSAR Secretary. Past Chapter President and Immediate Past LASSAR President Russ Godwin was awarded the Patriot Medal, the highest honor a state society can bestow, and the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his two years of distinguished service as a state officer.

Youth Education Recognition

Chapter President Bill LeJeune received the Youth Education Medal in recognition of his classroom presentations on various Revolutionary War topics, highlighting the Chapter's commitment to education and patriotism.

*Oliver Pollock Chapter, LASSAR
Lake Charles, LA*



Oliver Pollock Chapter held its Quarterly meeting where Compatriots Cochran and Seele were presented the War Service Medals with Vietnam Bar by President Bill LeJeune. Ted Harless was recognized for earning his Gold 250th Anniversary medal and Secretary Michael LeJeune earned his Silver 250th Medal. President LeJeune received 5 approved Supplemental Applications for Blaise LeJeune, Michel Carrier, Pierre Carrier, Gabriel Lopez, and Georges Toutcheque.





*Pierre Georges Rousseau Chapter LASSAR
Covington –Mandeville, LA*

PGR members Vice President Leonard Rohrbough and Secretary Paul Guidry in conjunction with the DAR representative Stacey Dempsey participated in the Colonial Days school presentation on May 16th at Our Lady of the Lake school in Mandeville, LA. Wearing colonial attire, PGR members addressed about sixty 5th grade students discussing numerous aspects of the Revolutionary War, including their SAR sponsoring ancestors and the upcoming anniversary events in history.



Pictured above are Leonard Rohrbough, Stacey Dempsey, and Paul Guidry.

PGR Color Guard members Vice President Leonard Rohrbough, Secretary Paul Guidry, and Rodney McKelroy presented the colors on June 28th at the Covington “Stars in the Park” celebration, commemorating Independence Day. PGR member George Clemenceau also participated in the event as a member of the local band.



The VASSAR Awards Committee wants to announce a new medal for SAR/DAR/C.A.R. members who attend the ceremonies commemorating the 250th anniversary of events leading to Lord Dunmore's departure from Virginia.

Participation in these events also supports the Presidential Initiatives on VASSAR's supplemental Americanism report.

The 'Road to Virginia's Independence' medal – will be awarded to those members of SAR/DAR/C.A.R. who attend all six of the Dunmore-related events.

These events are:

Gunpowder Incident in Williamsburg, May 2025

Skirmish at Hampton, October 2025

Skirmish at Kemp's Landing, November 2025

Battle of Great Bridge, December 2025

Burning of Norfolk, January 2026

Battle of Cricket Hill & Gwynn's Island, July 2026

For those members attending the events during the 250th anniversary of each a bar indicating the 250th anniversary will be attached to the drape. Presentation of these awards will be planned for the Virginia SAR's semi-annual conference in 2026.

For those attending some or all of these events following their 250th anniversary, they will receive the medal without the 250th anniversary bar.

Compatriots wishing to earn this medal must register on the sign-in sheets at each of the events.

Questions? Contact Dr. Kenneth Hawkins @ drklhawkins@gmail.com.

General Philemon Thomas Chapter Compatriot Recognized for Lifetime of Leadership and Service

*By
Jeff Traux*



L-R: CSM (Ret.) Fred Bourjaily, Staff Sgt/ (SSG Paul Heytman,
& Col. (Ret.) Robert Choppa

Fort Benning, GA –

In a ceremony rich with tradition and surrounded by the echo of marching boots and American flags waving in the Georgia breeze, retired Staff Sergeant (SSG) and Sons of the American Revolution Compatriot Paul Donald Heytman was formally inducted into the prestigious Honorary Order of Saint Michael, Guardian Level, on Friday, June 27, 2025—a rarely bestowed recognition reserved for the Army’s most exceptional airborne leaders.

For Compatriot Heytman, the moment was a culmination of a career forged in fire and defined by leadership in some of the Army’s most elite and dangerous combat roles

A Legacy of Service

SSG Heytman began his Army career in August 2002, stepping onto the yellow footprints that mark the start of basic training. Over the course of nearly 13 years of active duty, he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) and served as Battalion Mortar Platoon Sergeant, with a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 11C—an indirect fire infantryman.

His career included multiple deployments across two war zones, spanning some of the most pivotal years of the Global War on Terror.

Combat Footprints Across Continents

His first deployment came in October 2003, less than two years after the 9/11 attacks. Serving in Afghanistan until August 2004, he was based out of Firebase Salerno, supporting post-Operation Anaconda missions and helping open the strategically vital Khost-Gardez Pass.

In Iraq from October 2006 to December 2007, he supported both 1st and 2nd Marine Regimental Combat Teams and later served as a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) with the 3rd Infantry Division during Operation Marne Avalanche—a mission so pivotal it was immortalized in a James Dietz painting, *"At The End of the Day."*

A second tour in Iraq from August 2009 to August 2010 saw him embedded with the 8th Iraqi Army Division, mentoring and training their forces in mortar tactics while operating out of K1, near Kirkuk.

He returned to Afghanistan in 2014, deployed to FOB Kandahar from February to November, continuing his legacy of mentorship and tactical leadership in the field.

Decorations of Distinction

Throughout his service, SSG Heytman earned a range of prestigious awards, including:

- Combat Infantryman's Badge (Two awards, first order)
- Expert Infantry Badge
- Valorous Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster
- Meritorious Unit Commendation with two Oak Leaf Clusters
- Joint Unit Commendation Medal
- Navy Unit Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
- Army Achievement Medal with a silver Oak Leaf Cluster
- U.S. Army Paratrooper Badge

Each medal represents moments of valor, sacrifice, and extraordinary service under the most difficult conditions.

A Rare Honor for a Rare Leader

The Honorary Order of Saint Michael (Guardian Level) is awarded by the U.S. Army Aviation Association to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the success of Army aviation and airborne operations. What made Compatriot Heytman's award exceptional is that it was granted to him while still serving—a rarity for a non-commissioned officer at the E-6 level.

“It's essentially a lifetime achievement award,” he says, “but mine came a little earlier than most.”

The nomination recognized his combat leadership in the Airborne community and his relentless commitment to mission success and troop welfare across multiple deployments

Comments Beyond the Uniform

Now retired from the Army, Paul remains deeply connected to the infantry community. A life member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, he has twice had the solemn honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He also volunteers his time with recruiting efforts, helping to inspire the next generation of American soldiers. Paul has been an active member of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter, Louisiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, since September 2023.

A Ceremony to Remember

The award ceremony took place at Fort Benning, Georgia, during a weekend filled with military pageantry: Ranger Muster, a Basic Training graduation, and an Airborne School graduation. After the Airborne School event, honorees and guests toured the National Infantry Museum, where history and heroism stand shoulder-to-shoulder.

In the commemorative photos, SSG Heytman is flanked by two distinguished military leaders: on the left, CSM (Ret.) Fred Bourjaily, Commander of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, and on the right, COL (Ret.) Robert Choppa, Commander of the National Infantrymen's Association and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Joining him for the ceremony were family members Donna, Hattie, and Kevin, who stood proudly beside him, sharing in the moment of reflection, honor, and pride.

SSG Heytman's story is one of grit, honor, and quiet professionalism. His legacy is not only carved into the annals of Army history but also lives on in the soldiers he led, the units he served, and the values he continues to represent.

If you're looking for a reminder of what selfless service truly looks like, look no further than the man at the center of *“At The End of the Day.”*

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 <http://america250.org>



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

Revolutionary War Rarities



Here is the link to this website:

<https://revolutionarywarrarities.podbean.com/>

SAR celebrates 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington & Concord April 19, 2025.

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=0RHDYHe8ekE&si=t3HBK5yigD-r0H4K>



Upcoming Happenings 2025

8/23/2025	Grave Marking at Highland Cemetery, Baton Rouge, LA
9/26/2025	General Philemon Thomas Annual Constitution Week Banquet, Baton Rouge Country Club, Baton Rouge, LA
9/27/2025	Battle of Baton Rouge Commemoration and Wreath Ceremony, Galvez Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA — 8:00 a.m.
9/27/2025	1779 Hour Seminar, Old State Capitol Building, Baton Rouge, LA — 9:00 a.m.
9/27/2025	LASSAR Fall Board Meeting, River Center Branch Library, Baton Rouge, LA — 10:30 a.m.
10/2-4/2025	2025 NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference, Lexington, KY
3/5-7/2026	2026 NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference, Lexington, KY
10/1-3/2025	2026 NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference, Lexington, KY

Did you know!

The current NSSAR approved future Congress locations are:

*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
3733hamilton@gmail.com



Fees for Applications



LASSAR Application Fees and Dues Commit-

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							

Mike Deeter
LASSAR Registrar
2664 Long Lake Dr
Shreveport, LA 71106

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 Applicant:		National Number:	Life Member Number:
Address:		Date of Birth:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Telephone:	Email:		

I, , age years, a currently active member of the Society, State Society Number , hereby apply for enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Plan. My check in the amount of \$, based upon the chart below and made payable to the "Treasurer General, NSSAR," is attached. *I acknowledge that I am responsible for maintaining my annual State Society and Chapter dues, which are not included in the National Life Membership Plan.*

Signature of Applicant:	Date of Signature:
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We hereby acknowledge receipt of the foregoing Compatriot's application for enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Program and approve same.

Signature of State Secretary:	State Society:	Date of Signature:
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NSSAR National Life Membership Dues

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 133rd Congress in July 2023, the following rates for the National Life Membership Program were established per the following chart. **In order to apply, the applicant must be a *currently active member*, and this application must be submitted to his (primary) State Society for forwarding to the NSSAR Headquarters.**

Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost
1 = \$1,521	16 = \$1,414	31 = \$1,262	46 = \$1,045	61 = \$759	76 = \$435	91 = \$166
2 = \$1,516	17 = \$1,406	32 = \$1,250	47 = \$1,027	62 = \$739	77 = \$413	92 = \$154
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
5 = \$1,497	20 = \$1,379	35 = \$1,212	50 = \$974	65 = \$676	80 = \$351	95 = \$126
6 = \$1,491	21 = \$1,369	36 = \$1,198	51 = \$955	66 = \$655	81 = \$331	96 = \$119
7 = \$1,484	22 = \$1,360	37 = \$1,184	52 = \$936	67 = \$634	82 = \$311	97 = \$112
8 = \$1,477	23 = \$1,350	38 = \$1,170	53 = \$917	68 = \$612	83 = \$292	98 = \$106
9 = \$1,470	24 = \$1,340	39 = \$1,156	54 = \$898	69 = \$590	84 = \$274	99 = \$100
10 = \$1,463	25 = \$1,330	40 = \$1,141	55 = \$879	70 = \$568	85 = \$256	100 + = \$95
11 = \$1,455	26 = \$1,319	41 = \$1,126	56 = \$859	71 = \$546	86 = \$239	
12 = \$1,448	27 = \$1,308	42 = \$1,110	57 = \$839	72 = \$523	87 = \$223	
13 = \$1,440	28 = \$1,297	43 = \$1,095	58 = \$819	73 = \$501	88 = \$207	
14 = \$1,431	29 = \$1,286	44 = \$1,078	59 = \$800	74 = \$478	89 = \$192	
15 = \$1,423	30 = \$1,274	45 = \$1,062	60 = \$779	75 = \$457	90 = \$179	

For Headquarters use only:	Signature of NSSAR Registrar:	Date of Signature:
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Form NLM-2014.ver2

Life Membership Form for LASSAR

FOR LASSAR USE ONLY	_____	_____
	DATE RECEIVED	NATIONAL LIFE NUMBER

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE LASSAR LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

I, _____, age _____ years, a currently active member of the Louisiana State Society, National Number _____, State Society Number _____, hereby apply for enrollment in the LASSAR Life Member Plan. My check in the amount of \$ _____, based on the chart below and made payable to LASSAR, is attached. *I acknowledge that I am responsible for maintaining my annual Chapter dues, which are not included in the National Life or State Life Membership Plan.*

Name of Applicant (Type or Print) Date of Birth

Mailing Address: (Street or P.O. Box)

City, State and Zip Code

Signature of Applicant Date Signed

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the foregoing Compatriot's application for enrollment in the LASSAR Life Membership Program and approve same.

Signature of State Secretary LASSAR Chapter or At-Large Date Signed

LASSAR LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

In accordance with the Bylaws of the LASSAR: Article II - Membership; Section 9 - Life Membership: A Life Membership in the Louisiana Society may be obtained by payment of a fee to the Louisiana Society provided that the member must be a Life Member of the NSSAR or concurrently pay the NSSAR Life Membership fee. A member paying the said LASSAR Life Membership will be a LASSAR Life Member and will be exempt from further state dues and national dues (by virtue of being an NSSAR and LASSAR Life Member). An LASSAR Life Member may be removed from chapter rolls for non-payment of chapter dues, but may not be removed from the rolls of the state society, except by resignation or death. The fee for Life Membership in the LASSAR will be proportional to the NSSAR Life Membership fee based on the ratio of LASSAR annual dues to NSSAR annual dues. - See Chart below.

Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost
0 - 40 = 360	41=354	51=294	61 =234	71 = 174	81 = 114	81 = 114
	42 = 348	52 = 288	62 = 228	72 = 168	82 = 108	92 = 48
	43 = 342	53 = 282	63 = 222	73 = 162	83 = 102	93 = 42
	44 = 336	54 = 276	64 = 216	74 = 156	84 = 96	94 = 36
	45 = 330	55 = 270	65 = 210	75 = 150	85 = 90	95 = 30
	46 = 324	56 = 264	66 = 204	76 = 144	86 = 84	96 = 24
	47 = 318	57 = 258	67 = 198	77 = 138	87 = 78	97 = 18
	48 = 312	58 = 252	68 = 192	78 = 132	88 = 72	98 = 12
	49 = 306	59 = 246	69 = 186	79 = 126	89 = 66	99 = 6
	50 = 300	60 = 240	70 = 180	80 = 120	90 = 60	100 = + 0

FOR LASSAR USE ONLY:		
Enrollment	_____	_____
Approved:	Signature of LASSAR Registrar/Secretary/Treasurer	Date Signed

2024-2025 LASSAR Officers

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The LASSAR Chairman appointed for SAR Library.

Chris Achee of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter, He serves as our state point of contact for the NSSAR Genealogical Library. He will keep us informed of items of interest to our state society as well as our advocate for the NSSAR Genealogical Library.

His contact is:

Christopher Achee

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If you have any news you'd like to have included in the next PELICAN PATRIOT, send it to Fred Hamilton at 3733hamilton@gmail.com .

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“Summer Recess” (Jun/Jul/Aug) @ 11:30 a.m. at Two
Tony’s Restaurant; during Feb/Arp/Oct/Dec the meetings are
weekend/evening affairs at the SYC (George Washington’s
Birthday, Lexington & Concord, Victory at Yorktown ban-
quest + Annual Meeting/Christmas Party
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/george_washington-
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Visit the LASSAR WEBSITE @ www.lassar.org



LASSAR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Standing Committees Required by Bylaws

Membership Committee – Chairman, Dr. James Morock, MD.

Nominating Committee – Chairman, Jeffrey Nolen

Finance Committee – Chairman, Steve Kubicek

Communications Committee – Chairman, Fred Hamilton

Pelican Patriot (Fred Hamilton – Program Manager)

Website (Michael LeJeune – Program Manager)

CAR Liaison (Fred Hamilton – Program Manager)

DAR Liaison (Jerry Madden – Program Manager)

Out Reach to Schools (Jeff Truax – Program Manager)

Patriotism Committee – Chairman, Billy LeJeune

Americanism (Billy LeJeune – Program Manager)

Flag Display and Etiquette (Billy LeJeune – Program Manager)

America 250 (Dr. James Morock – Program Manager)

Veterans (Billy LeJeune – Program Manager)

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Eagle Scout Competition (Lawrence M. Capuder – Program Manager)

Orations Contest (Mitch Pratt – Program Manager)

History Teacher Award (Admiral Joel Whitehead – Program Manager)

Knight Essay Contest (Vacant – Program Manager)

Poster and Brochure Competition (Steve Ray – Program Manager)

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G.W. Endowment Fund (Leonard Rohrbaugh – Program Manager)

Grave Marking (Steve Ray – Program Manager)

Color Guard (Ted Brode – Program Manager)

By-Laws (Russ Godwin – Program Manager)

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 memorializes 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 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: _____

NSSAR Member No.: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____

Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Medal Sets ordered: _____ *\$45.00 plus \$6.00 postage per set.*

Total payment enclosed _____

Please make check or money order payable to:

Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter SAR

Mail order form with payment to:

James A. Morock, Sr. MD
3915 Maywood St.
Alexandria, LA 71302-2526

For more info call:

(318) 442-5776 • Cell (504) 442-2433
or email: jamkma@aol.com

SAR BERNARDO DE GALVEZ Medal Front View



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SAR BERNARDO DE GALVEZ Medal Back View



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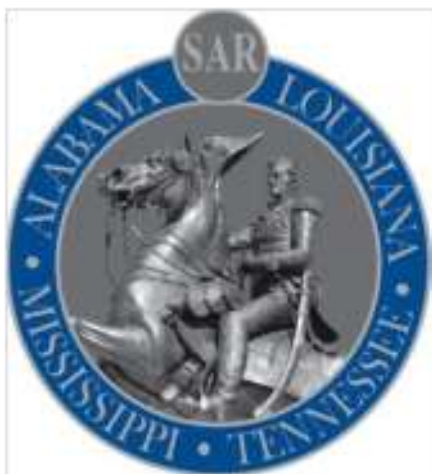
SOUTHERN DISTRICT SAR MEMBERSHIP MEDAL



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.





Children of the American Revolution

LSCAR News

2025 – 2026 STATE OFFICERS & SENIORS



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Senior



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Molly T.
Librarian
Susan Fayard
Senior



STATE THEME AND PROJECT



Goal: Remember the bravery, loyalty and service of the four legged and winged heroes by recognizing their contribution in past military conflicts, as first responders, or as service animals.

Ways to Honor Animal Veterans, Retired and Currently Working Animals

- Research and learn about animals who have served in the military and submit an article to the State Newsletter and/or National Magazine.
- Learn about your local police or military K9 Unit and make a donation.
- Plan a fundraiser to raise money for Angels Without Wings, Inc., the parent 501c (3) organization that spearheads the *Animals in War & Peace* Medal of Bravery and Distinguished Service Medal for *Animals in War & Peace*.
- Visit one of the *Animals in War & Peace* monuments at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, TX (Sgt Reckless and MWD Lucca K458) or the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY (Sgt Reckless).
- Check with your local animal shelter to see what they need and donate supplies or money.
- Nominate an animal hero from your community to be recognized at the Louisiana State Meeting in 2026. Use this link to nominate - <https://forms.gle/7j1ww2tb9PWv7du56>

Hannah Flynn

L.S.C.A.R. State President

**The Animals in War & Peace mission is to ensure that these remarkable animals receive the honor and recognition they deserve – while sharing their stories with the world through a dedicated platform. Learn more about Animals in War and Peace at www.animalsinwarandpeace.org*

SUPPORT C.A.R. NEW PINS ARE AVAILABLE NOW



Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund Pins support future N.S.C.A.R. celebrations.

Operations Fund Pins support program development, event facilitation, information technology, and more.

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



\$50 The Voyager Fund Pin supports the N.S.C.A.R. Voyager Fund to assist with travel expenses for National Board members on Regional Tour.



\$1,000 The Red Apple Pin supports the N.S.C.A.R. Museum Fund.



\$50 The Niebell Fund Pin supports the salaries of C.A.R. National Headquarters staff through the Niebell Endowment Fund.



\$100 The Magazine Fund Pin supports the N.S.C.A.R. Magazine.



\$50 The Apple Slice Pin supports the N.S.C.A.R. Museum and The Children's Room.



\$100 The Library Fund Pin supports the N.S.C.A.R. Library.

Honor Someone & Support C.A.R.



MEMBERSHIP



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*Louisiana Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
2025-2028 State Officers*



Top row L-R: Lillian DuMLap, Cyndy Hardaker, Erah Harper, Tammy Andrews, Debra Bridgeman, Paula Roper, Rae Gremillion
Bottom row L-R: Nicole Metoyer, Sarah Grace Brooks, **State Regent Katie Collins**, Rachel Shaw, Amy Liner





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



The Fall Board of Directors Meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 10:30 AM. We will meet at the River Center Branch Library (Fourth Floor) located at 250 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. The men will be meeting in the same building, at the same time.

At this Board Meeting we will discuss Ladies Auxiliary membership, an amendment to the By-Laws, plans for the April 2026 General Membership Meeting and Silent Auction, and how the Ladies Auxiliary will participate at the NSSAR Congress in New Orleans in 2027.

At our General Membership meeting in April, we elected officers for the term 2025-2027.

President - Marlene Sawrie

Vice-President - Teresa Compton

Secretary - Cindy Madden

Treasurer - Cheryl Morock

Marlene is unable to serve at this time, so Cheryl Morock will serve as President, as approved by the board.

As you know, the Ladies Auxiliary is proud to support the state Youth Awards Programs. The Silent Auction at the Annual LA SAR Meeting is our main fundraiser to that end. We raised \$2205 from this year's auction. A special Thank You to all who donated items for auction, to those who gave cash donations, and to those who bid on the items. We presented a check for \$3000 to the LA SAR for the state Youth Awards Programs.

****The Ladies Auxiliary has donated a total of \$20,134 to date!****

Thank you also to all of the Ladies Auxiliary members who worked on site and in the background to make our auction a great success. We appreciate your dedication to this worthy cause.

It is never too early to look for items to donate for our annual Silent Auction in April 2026. Cash or check donations are always welcomed. Please encourage your chapter to participate. We would love to receive something from each of the eleven chapters in the state.

Hope to see you at the September Meeting!

Yours in Patriotic Service,

Cheryl G. Morock

Ladies Auxiliary President / Treasurer





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



Members of the Ladies Auxiliary attending the LASSAR State Meeting April 12, 2025 at the Hotel Bentley in Alexandria—Back Row L-R: Phyllis Brode, Ann Bergeron, Martha Whitehead, Teresa Compton, Cindy Madden. Front Row L-R: Karen Vets, Cheryl Morock, Nancy Billings, Rhonda Godwin



2025-2026 Ladies Auxiliary Officers

- Cheryl Morock, President
- Teresa Compton, Vice-President
- Cindy Madden, Secretary
- Cheryl Morock, Treasurer



Ladies Auxiliary
of the
Louisiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Husbands Name: _____

SAR Member: _____

NSSAR Membership #: _____

Chapter: _____

Relationship: _____

Sponsored by (Auxiliary Member) _____

Annual Dues - \$10.00

Life Member Dues - \$100.00

Amount Paid _____

Date: _____

Mail to:
Cheryl Morock
3915 Maywood St.
Alexandria, LA 71302

Make checks payable to : Ladies Auxiliary - LASSAR