



# Merry Christmas 2022



## PELICAN PATRIOT



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*Celebrating 132 years*

*Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, organized May 15, 1890*



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Sons of the American Revolution*



### *President's Message*

**Dear Compatriots,**

**Thank you for visiting the Pelican Patriot of Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.**

**I want to take this opportunity to extend my hopes that each of you had a nice Halloween with your families, a great Veterans Day, spent time with family on Thanksgiving (giving thanks for the Free Nation we live in) and hoping all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**



**Since our State Meeting in April 2022, we have had a few events and accomplished some goals that seemed unattainable in the past. The LASSAR had great representation**

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See information for State Meeting in April , page 4**

at the National Congress, conducted our Fall Board meeting, and had representation at the Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY. During the Leadership meeting, the LASSAR joined with its fellow Societies in the Southern District and made a presentation in hopes of winning the bid for the 137<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2027. I am pleased to announce that the Southern District was awarded the 137<sup>th</sup> Congress for 2027 and more than likely, it will be held in New Orleans, LA.

We have also established our committee for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of our Nation. This committee (which is headed by Chairman Compatriot Dr. James Morock, Co-Chair Compatriot Dr. Derrick Spell and Co-Chair Compatriot Billy LeJeune) will be working with the State Capital of Louisiana, to establish our role in celebrating our Independence in 2026.

I wish to express my gratitude to each Chapter and every member of the LASSAR for your dedication to preserving our Heritage and History for those generations to follow.

Over the next couple of years, we have some major Goals to accomplish (the 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration in 2026 and the 137<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2027). The Southern District will be coming together to Host the 137<sup>th</sup> Congress. This will be a First, in the History of the National Society for something like this to happen. This has only been possible because of the dedication and hard work of the membership in the ALSSAR, LASSAR, MSSSAR, and TNSSAR. Thanks to all!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Board meeting in Lake Charles, LA on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Please be careful traveling!!

Most respectfully,  
Jeffery W. Nolen  
December 2022



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Winter Board Meeting  
Lake Charles Country Club  
Lake Charles, LA  
Saturday, January 14, 2023

Compatriots,

Our next board meeting will be hosted by the South West Louisiana Chapter. Meeting registration is \$25 and a check should be made payable to SWLA Chapter SAR. Please send checks to our treasurer.

Chad Fountain  
4951 Mitch Johnson Road  
Starks, LA 70661

We will meet in the Magnolia Room of the Lake Charles Country Club at 9:00 AM on January 14, 2023. Meeting attendees will have the option of purchasing lunch in the club dining room after the meeting.

The club is located at 3350 Country Club Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70605.

A block of rooms is reserved at Tru by Hilton Lake Charles located at 1220 W Prien Lake Rd, Lake Charles, LA 70601. The hotel is a ten minute drive from the meeting location.

The negotiated rate for the night before the meeting, January 13, 2023, is \$129 plus tax and includes a hot breakfast. You may reserve one of these rooms by calling the hotel at 337-564-6878. The last day to reserve a room at this rate is December 23, 2022.

You may also book a hotel room using this link.

Your Attendee Website (long version) is immediately below.

**Booking Link:** <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?cityhocr=LCHRURU&groupCode=LASSAR&arrivaldate=2023-01-13&departuredate=2023-01-14&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Russ Godwin  
President, SWLA Chapter  
Treasurer, LASSAR





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*LASSASR State Meeting  
Historic Hotel Bentley  
Alexandria, LA  
April 14-16, 2023  
Hotel Information*

Compatriots,

The LA SAR Annual meeting will be held the weekend of April 14-16, 2023, in Alexandria, LA, at the historic Hotel Bentley (200 Desoto Street). I have reserved a block of guest rooms and reservations are now open. The block of rooms is for 10 Doubles and 30 Kings, and the room rates are \$119 and \$109, plus taxes and fees, respectively. To make reservations, please call 318-442-2226 and speak with the front desk agent. The block CODE to be used is "LA SAR."

**As the rooms are limited, PLEASE CALL AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.**

If you have problems with your reservations, Please contact me right away and I will assist you.

As soon as I have the final cost estimates from the hotel, I will be sending out a **separate Registration Form** for the meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

By the way, Enemund Meullion Chapter is planning a **memorial Patriot marker dedication** for the afternoon of April 15.

Respectfully,

Jim Morock, MD  
Enemund Meullion Chapter  
318-442-5776  
504-442-2433(c)





# LA SAR Annual Meeting Registration Form

The Bentley Hotel  
200 Desoto St. Alexandria, LA

**April 14-16, 2023**

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Office or Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Room Reservations** may be booked by calling 318-442-2226 and use room block code "LA SAR". A block of rooms has been reserved and the block will only be held until March 30, 2023 deadline, cut-off date. King rooms are \$109 and Queen doubles are \$119, plus taxes and fees. Room cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to booked date.

**Schedule of Events** (please indicate each event that you and guest(s) will attend):

**Friday, April 14, 2023: Meet-and Greet Reception with Cash Bar** (6-8pm)

Member  Guest(s)  Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, April 15, 2023 Annual Business Meeting with Continental Breakfast**, (9 am-12 pm)

Member  Guest

**Saturday, April 15, 2023: Saturday Afternoon Patriot Burial Marker Dedication** (Time tbd)

Member  Guest(s)  Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, April 15, 2023: Annual Banquet (Cash Bar)** Cocktails (6-7 pm); Banquet (7-10 pm)

Member  Guest(s)  Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee for Saturday April 15, 2023 Morning Meeting ONLY is \$25 per person**

**Registration Fee** includes Friday evening and Saturday Meeting: **\$55 per person**

Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 each = \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Fee: \$55 per person** (please select entree for each attendee)

**Entree Choices:** Catfish Jenkins topped with Crawfish Etouffee vs Pork Ribeye with Madeira Mushroom Cream Sauce

**Member:** Pork  Catfish  (for catfish please check) Blackened   
Fried

**Guest(s):** Pork  Catfish  (for catfish please check) Blackened   
Fried

(Total Number of blackened) \_\_\_\_\_ (Total Number of fried) \_\_\_\_\_

(Total Number of Pork) \_\_\_\_\_ (Total Number of Catfish) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due (member + guest(s)): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND CHECK or MONEY ORDER, PAYABLE To "ENEMUND MEULLIONCHAPTER SAR" to:**

Brent Morock  
3915 Maywood St.  
Alexandria, LA 71302

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANY DIET RESTRICTIONS OR FOOD ALLERGIES**

**Please make your reservations as soon as possible, as final head counts and deadline date for food/menu reservations is April 2, 2023, 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 Chairman  
Surgeon, LA SAR  
318-442-5776  
jamkma@aol.com



*Louisiana Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
*US Stark Memorial Report*  
*Information*

As we are fast approaching the end of the calendar year. I would like to remind all chapters to submit a report for the USS Stark Memorial Award. If your chapter has not already started working on your **USS Stark Memorial report**, now would be a good time to start.

The deadline to submit is 1 February, 2022. The purpose of this report is to recognize SAR chapters and societies for their support of and service to the Veteran community. Among the many activities that can be reported are the following:

- Participation in ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, Patriots Day,
- Attendance at the funeral of a Veteran,
- Volunteering at a VA hospital,
- Non-monetary donations made to organizations whose primary clients are Veterans,
- Participation in the SAR Wounded Warrior program,
- Visits to Veterans that are home bound or in the hospital, and Placing flags or wreaths on the graves of Veterans.

Awards will recognize the most active chapters and most active state societies. An award certificate will go to the most active chapters based on membership size: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more, using a weighted equation on a per member basis. Award certificates for state societies will be based on membership size: 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999, and 1,000 or more members, using a weighted equation on a per member basis. Therefore, all chapters have a competitive opportunity regardless of the size of their membership.



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Sons of the American Revolution  
US Stark Memorial Report  
Information Continued*

The report form is available on the National SAR website. After logging in, click on *MEMBERS* then *FORMS AND MANUALS*. Please ensure the report you submit is Form: USSStark-2022-A. This form must be the one submitted. The USS Stark Activities Tracker is also available on the NSSAR website. This Excel spreadsheet is a useful tool to help track and tally qualifying activities throughout the year. Usage of the USS Stark Tracker will greatly simplify the reporting process.

I ask that submit your USS Stark Memorial Award reports by January 15th so that I have time to compile oursociety report.

In addition to the USS Stark Memorial Award, the **State Veterans Service Award Certificate** will be also be presented at the National Congress in Orlando to any state society that meets the following criteria:

- 1) **Submit a USS Stark Memorial score sheet for the state society, and**
- 2) **Submit USS Stark Memorial Award score sheets meeting the applicable criteria in the following:**
  - a. **For societies with no chapters, submit the society score sheet only, with a minimum of 50 points on the state society score sheet submitted, or**
  - b. **For societies with one or more chapters, at least 50 percent of its chapters must submit a USS Stark Memorial Award score sheet, with a minimum of 50 points on each score sheet submitted.**

If you have any questions related to the **USS Stark Memorial Award Report** or the **State Veterans Service Award**, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Tony L. Vets, Sr  
Louisiana SAR Veterans Committee Chairman





# *New Fee Changes for 2023 from NSSAR*



Here are updated administrative charges that will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Please share this information with all state and chapter officers.

## 1. Documentation Copy Request

- A. Currently at \$20 for first 10 sheets, \$.50 for each additional sheet
- B. New Rate will be \$30 flat fee for digital copy of documentation packet
- C. For physical copies:
  - i. \$30 for 1-50 sheets
  - ii. \$50 for 51-100 sheets
  - iii. Price determined over the phone for 100+ sheets
- D. Digital copies strongly encourage

## 2. Record Copies

- 1. Currently \$10 for digital, \$15 for physical.
- 2. Digital copies will remain \$10
- 3. Physical copies phased out, except for special circumstances

## 3. Replacement Certificate

- 1. Currently \$10
- 2. New Rate will be \$12

## 4. Patriot Ancestor Search

- 1. Currently \$10 for digital, \$15 for mail-in or fax
- 2. This service will be discontinued and service will be pointed to use of the Patriot Research System (PRS)

## 5. Withdrawn Application

- 1. Currently, states are given the option to pick up Withdrawn Applications at Fall & Spring Leadership
- 2. New Fees:
  - i. \$10 for a digital copy of a Withdrawn application
  - ii. \$15 for a physical copy of a Withdrawn application to be mailed
  - iii. Withdrawn applications will be shredded 10 days after each Leadership meeting

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6. Application Processing Fees

A. Missing Signatures

- i. When an application is missing the applicant, sponsor, state secretary, or state registrar signature(s) on a New Member or Memorial application or the applicant and state registrar signature(s) on a Supplemental application, the application will be mailed back to the state to obtain missing signature
- ii. The application will be mailed back to the state via USPS Priority Mail so that tracking is included.
- iii. A \$10 processing fee will be owed to cover the cost of shipping
- iv. Must be paid before application is mailed out

B. Incorrect Paper

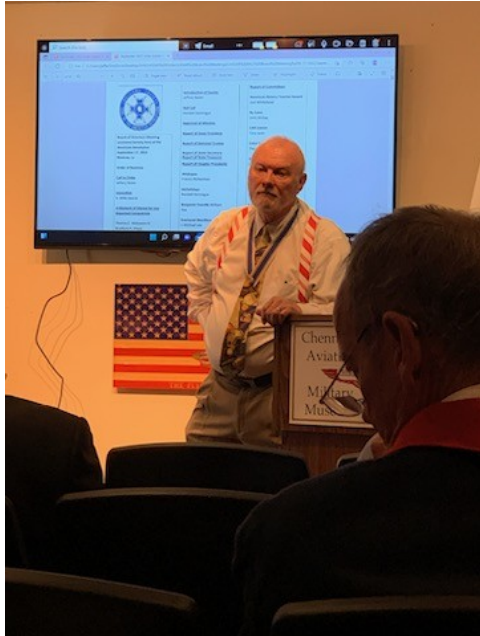
- i. All SAR applications must be printed on SAR watermarked archival paper.
- ii. If an application arrives at National not printed on the correct paper, there will be a \$10 processing fee owed to National to copy the application onto SAR watermarked paper.
- iii. Fee must be paid prior to application being issued an ACN

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Executive Director Todd Bale.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Toon  
Registrar  
National Society Sons of the American Revolution  
809 W. Main Street  
Louisville, KY 40202-2619  
(502) 588-6142



*Fall Board Meeting  
Chennault Aviation & Military Museum  
Monroe, LA  
September 17, 2022*



Members gather for the Fall Board Meeting, State President, Jeffrey Nolen, presiding.



Billy LeJeune shows the new Guidon (a flag used to identify a unit or group) for the Southwest Louisiana LASSAR Chapter. Information on how our other chapters could have a Guidon was presented at the Board meeting.



Photos provided by Jerry Madden, Galvez Chapter





*Friends of the*  
**CHENNAULT AVIATION & MILITARY MUSEUM OF LOUISIANA, INC.**  
*Preserve, Promote and Honor Military and Aviation History*

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October 11, 2022

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4815 W. Shoals Creek Dr.  
Lake Charles, LA 70605

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Secretary

Dear Louisiana SAR:

On behalf of the board of directors, staff, and volunteers of the Chennault Museum, we thank you for your support.

**Directors:**

Judge Ben Jones  
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Your contribution to the museum allows thousands of students to visit the museum on field trips for education-oriented enrichment activities. We are committed to promoting patriotism and we continue to support our most recent veterans as well as our eldest veterans.

Your contribution will help fund our operating budget, veteran programs, exhibits, and events. We are extremely proud of the programs we have established in support of our heroes. We are partnered with the Library of Congress in Washington in their Veterans Oral History program. We have bimonthly PTSD clinics for combat veterans and we have our own Chapter 51 of the Disabled American Veterans Association which puts thousands of dollars back into our community through veterans' benefits.

**Honorary Board**

Judge John R. Harrison  
Roy Johns

701 Kansas Lane

Thank you again for your contribution to the museum.

Monroe LA 71203  
Tel 318.362.5540  
[chennaultmuseum.org](http://chennaultmuseum.org)

**Staff**

Suzy Beene  
Kay Wilcken  
Roy Bullock  
Curator

*Thank you so much  
for your support! We  
always appreciate  
having the SAR at  
the museum!*  
*Nell*

Sincerely,

Elvis Stout  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Friends of the CAMM

*Fall Board Meeting  
Chennault Aviation & Military Museum  
Monroe, LA  
September 17, 2022*



The James Huey Chapter of West Monroe hosted the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Fall Board of Directors meeting at the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum in Monroe Louisiana. The meeting was attended by Southern District Vice-President General, Maj. Bradley T. Hayes, Esq. Pictured are the attendees of the Louisiana Society where their Society President Jeff Nolan presented a donation from the Society to the Museum. Judge Elvis C. Stout, Chief Operates Officer received the Society's donation on behalf of Nell Calloway, CEO and granddaughter of General Claire Chennault.





*Fall Board Meeting  
Chennnault Aviation & Military Museum  
Monroe, LA  
September 17, 2022*



Several members met for dinner at Milano's Italian Grill in West Monroe on Friday night prior to the Fall Board Meeting Saturday. Pictured Front Row L-R: Katherine Hess; Dr. Jim Morock, Enemund Meullion Chapter; Leonard Rohrbagh, Pierre Georges Rousseau Chapter; Rodney McKelroy, Pierre Georges Rousseau Chapter; Steve Ray, James Huey Chapter; Ed Chapman, Attakapas Chapter; Christian Rountree, Attakapas Chapter; John Francois, Attakapas Chapter. Back Row L-R: Freida Hamilton; Fred Hamilton, James Huey Chapter; Cheryl Morock; Mitch Pratt, General Philemon Thomas Chapter; Andre Blanchard, Atchafalaya Chapter; Liane Blanchard, T.J. Blanchard, Atchafalaya Chapter; Bob Hess, Attakapas Chapter



# The Tale of the Turtle

By Joe Perez ©

When we think of submarines, our thoughts may go back as far as World War I but the idea of submarines goes back long before that. Englishman William Bourne is widely credited with putting the first submarine design on paper in 1578, Magnus Pagelius is credited with building the first one in 1605 (but it failed) and Dutchman Cornelius Drebbel is credited with building the first submarine that actually worked in 1620.



However, it was during the American Revolution when a submarine, designed and built by American David Bushnell, was first used to attack an enemy warship.

David Bushnell was a graduate of Yale College who became an inventor in colonial America. His sub-marine design was egg-shaped, about seven feet tall and rode upright in the water. It resembled a sea turtle floating upright and thus was nick-named the Turtle.

Bushnell tested his device several times in the Connecticut River before proceeding with its first combat mission. His brother, Ezra Bushnell, piloted the device during these test trials, however, Ezra died the night before the mission was to be carried out. Several colonial soldiers had been trained to operate the Turtle and upon Ezra Bushnell's untimely death, a sergeant in the Continental Army, Ezra Lee, was chosen to operate the submarine on its historic mission.

On the night of September 7, 1776, Sergeant Lee crawled into the Turtle to attempt the first submarine attack in history. The target was believed to be the HMS Eagle, a British warship in New York Harbor which was moored to an island, the one that the Statue of Liberty is now on.

He kept the Turtle at surface level and rode the tide until he got near the British ship. When he approached the ship, he submerged the Turtle by operating a valve with his foot to let water into a chamber at the bottom of the vessel. He maneuvered the Turtle directly under the ship using two hand-cranked propellers, one for horizontal movement and one for vertical.



Turtle (shown above) is on display at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport, England.

Using another hand crank, he tried to screw a mine into the ship's hull. The mine used clock work for time delayed detonation.

Unfortunately, the drill did not penetrate the ship because it struck an iron bracket.

Sergeant Lee had enough air for fifteen to thirty minutes but time was running out and he had to abort the mission. He resurfaced and cranked his paddles to flee but he was spotted and pursued by British sailors. In desperation, he released the mine and it detonated with a huge explosion, which surprised his pursuers and they abandoned the chase.

A full-scale replica of the

## How Did He See In There?

The only light inside the Turtle did not come from a candle but rather from the fungus that covered a piece of rotting wood. Certain fungi emit a bioluminescent glow known as foxfire.

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*Atchafalaya Chapter, LASSAR  
Thibodaux, LA*



The Atchafalaya chapter enjoyed presentations from guest speakers in the months of July, August, and September 2022.

To celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>, the chapter was treated to a presentation by retired educator, Karen Solar, about non-traditional heroes of the American Revolution as well as little known facts about the revolution.



In August, the chapter listened to a presentation from Terry Mayon, Sr. who compiled the book, Forgotten Warriors of the Tri-City Area. Mr. Mayon was also instrumental in the creation of the Fallen Warriors Memorial in Morgan City.

In September, the chapter was privileged to hear a presentation by Southern District Vice President General and Louisiana Society member, Bradley Hayes, about his experiences as an Army officer in Washington D.C. during the Islamic terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

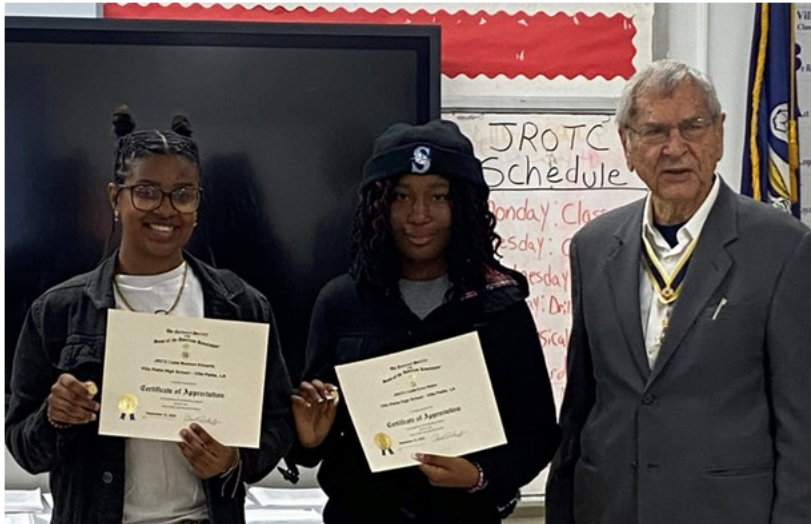
*Attakapas Chapter, LASSAR  
Lafayette, LA*



John Francois and Edwin Chapman drove to Ville Platte to make 3 JROTC presentations at Ville Platte High School on behalf of the Attakapas Chapter's JROTC/ ROTC program. These 2021/2022 School Year awards were made because the Ville Platte JROTC unit was unable to conduct an awards event last year.

The awards presented were as follows:

1. Bronze JROTC Medal was presented to JROTC Cadet Riley Manuel as the outstanding cadet



2. Two cadets, Cadet Erica Rubin and Cadet Madison Edwards, were recognized for servings as color guard drummers during the October 16, 2021 ceremony to commemorate the Opelousas Post Militia of 1777 commanded by Brigadier General Galvez.

The plaque was a project jointly spearheaded by the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution and was well attended by many locals and state representatives.



*Enemund Meullion Chapter , LASSAR  
Alexandria, LA*



15 Oct 2022 Enemund Meullion Chapter Annual Wreath Laying

Enemund Meullion Chapter members met in the Rapides Cemetery to place a wreath at Enemund Meullion's grave. From left: James Morock, Sr., MD; Chapter Vice President Gervais Compton, Eric Irby, Darrell Poole, PhD; former Loyalty Chapter DAR Regent Sue Lee, Al Pitts, Chapter Secretary Brent Morock, Sue Adams, Chapter President Mike Lee, and Taylor Thompson.

*Enemund Meullion Chapter , LASSAR  
Alexandria, LA*



Gloria Quinney received a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to the Enemund Meullion Chapter. She provides catered meals for our meetings.

Pictured:  
Gloria Quinney  
and Chapter  
President Mike  
Lee.

From left: Rosa Fields, Former Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields, and Chapter President Mike Lee. Clarence Fields received a Certificate of Appreciation for his talk as the guest speaker.





*Enemund Meullion Chapter , LASSAR  
Alexandria, LA*

Pictured: James A. Morock, Sr., M.D., Former Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields, and Chapter President Mike Lee. Former Mayor Clarence Fields was awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his 22 year service as Mayor for the City of Pineville,



From left: Chapter President Mike Lee, Darrell Poole, PhD, and Secretary/Registrar Brent Morock. Darrell Poole, PhD, received his new member certificate from Chapter President Mike Lee. Poole's Patriot Ancestor was Col Mark Bird of the Berks County, PA Militia.

*Enemund Meullion Chapter , LASSAR  
Alexandria, LA*



Guest speaker Wilbert Carmouche, Executive Director at Avoyelles Commission of Tourism, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation and a special certificate for his longtime service in promoting the resources of Avoyelles Parish. From left: Chapter President Mike Lee, Wilbert Carmouche, and Chapter Treasurer Carlos Mayeux, Jr.



*Enemund Meullion Chapter , LASSAR  
Alexandria, LA*



Chapter President Mike Lee presented Patrolman 1st Class (PFC) Fredrick Evans of the Pineville Police Department with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Also pictured is City of Pineville Police Chief Darrell Basco.

Tony "Bo" Vets II was awarded the Liberty Medal Certificate and a bronze oak leaf cluster for first-line sponsoring ten additional applicants into the SAR.



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

**General Philemon Thomas Chapter  
of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Constitution Week Banquet Sept. 23, 2022.**



**The President of GPT, Mitch Pratt Welcomed our over 60 attendees and guests and gave a summary of the many public events with Scouting, Veterans burials, ROTC, and other patriotic programs in our area for 2022.**



**Louisiana Society of Sons of the American Revolution State President Jeff Nolen, Brought Greeting from LASSAR and spoke on upcoming events and programs for 2022 and beyond.**



**Cheryl Gott Regent, Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Revolution brought Greetings from the State Society.**

Photos of the event provided by Greg Lindsly, Secretary, General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR

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

**General Philemon Thomas Chapter  
of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Constitution Week Banquet Sept. 23, 2022.**



**GPT President Mitch Pratt is showing presenting the Martha Washington Medal for Sue Badeaux, who was unable to attend the Banquet, to her fellow member and past Regent of John James Audubon Chapter of DAR, Margaret Tyler LSDAR Senior VP who is accepting the Medal and Certificate for Sue. This award was made to recognize the years of work as a Leader from the John James Audubon Chapter of DAR for the Ann Fairfax Society of CAR in Louisiana. Her dedication and support for the CAR has developed many young men for membership in the General Philemon Thomas Chapter of both junior and senior members. Margaret thanked GPT on Sue's behalf.**



**The Speaker for the Constitution Week Banquet was Honorable Bradley C. Myers, Judge, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Parish of East Baton Rouge. The topic was "The Fourth Amendment in the Digital Age". His presentation was well received and enjoyed by all. He spoke from years of law study and practice with knowledge and humor.**



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

**General Philemon Thomas Chapter  
of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Constitution Week Banquet Sept. 23, 2022.**



**GPT President Mitch Pratt and member Steve Kubick present Judge Myers with a book by one of our past members, Leroy Willie on Oliver Pollock-  
“Unsung Hero of the American Revolution” and Mr Kubick History based Novel on President George Washington and his Divine Providence and its impact on early America.**



**A photo of  
the Banquet  
room during  
the Speech.  
A good time  
was had by  
all.**

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

**General Philemon Thomas Chapter  
of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Constitution Week Banquet Sept. 23, 2022.**



**Ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution who participated and attended the Banquet**

Back row, left of, Center L to R, Lauren Pourciau brought greetings from Alexander Stirling Ch DAR (ASC-DAR), Laura Dunlap John James Audubon Ch DAR (JJA-DAR), Erah Harper, brought greeting from Heirome Gaines Ch DAR (HG-DAR), Ann Bergeron HG-DAR. Front row L to R, Britney Kean brought greetings from HG-DAR, Shirley Newsham JJA-DAR, Mary Edna Rose JJA-DAR, Zora Olsson Past Vice-President General brought greetings from NSDAR Baton Rouge DAR, Cheryl Gott LSDAR State Regent, brought greetings from LSDAR, and a member of the Louisiana Bayou Chapter, Denise Lindsly JJA-DAR, Margaret Tyler JJA-DAR, Julie Noland JJA-DAR, and Jan Sauls JJA-DAR.



**David Dunlap, treasurer of LSCAR & National Relations Committee Chairman for CAR/DAR/SAR/S.R., brought greetings from the State Society of CAR.**



*James Huey Chapter, LASSAR  
West Monroe, LA*



L-R: Fred Hamilton, Robert Hendrick, Ted Brode, Gerald Graves, and Steve Ray

The November meeting was celebrated with a Thanksgiving meal at the home of Chapter President Ted Brode.

Our Fall project was to collect items for the veterans at the Northeast Louisiana War Veterans Home in Monroe. 1825 plus items were collected and delivered by Steve Ray and Ted Brode.





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



Students and staff of Mandeville Junior High School remembered Veterans Day with a commemorative program on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Henry Motty, Louisiana Society, Sons of American Revolution (SAR) Teacher of the Year Award recipient, planned the program to include the SAR, Pierre George Rousseau Chapter color guard. Uniformed members were Tom Jacks, George Clemenceau, and Paul Guidry. Each member shared a short bio of their Revolutionary War ancestor. Other chapter members who shared military service experiences were Joel Whitehead, (Ret. Adm. USCG) and Michael Nation.



## *Southwest Chapter, LASSAR Lake Charles, LA*

The chapter continues to grow. The current roster includes 33 active members and 5 applications are pending at national.

We are meeting quarterly. Our recent past practice had been to meet at lunchtime on a weekday. The most recent meeting was held at lunchtime on Saturday and attendance was improved. The focus at our recent meeting was on the SAR role in preparing for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation and in reviewing the numerous SAR programs. We are renewing our commitment to them. The chapter secretary presented an overview of the programs and asked that members support having primary and alternate leads for each program.

On Veterans Day, the chapter supported our Avenue of Flags. The display is the largest of casket flags in the nation and has grown to 1059 flags. For the first time, we offered t-shirts for sale as a fundraising activities. The shirts have the Avenue of Flags logo on the front and our new chapter logo on the back.



On Veterans Day, we conducted our final Avenue of Flags event for the year. 2 Members assisted with setup and 3 total participated. Compatriot LeJeune gave a short presentation to visitors on the Gaspee Incident (as part of the SAR 250th Anniversary Campaign). Although our Memorial Day event is much larger, today's event was a huge success.

**HELP!**

*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.

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Adopted by the House as H.Res. 1375 on October 10, 1978

95TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

## H. RES. 1319

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 16, 1978

Mr. GONZALEZ (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MOORE, Mr. BENJAMIN, Mr. VAN DEERLIN, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. ROE, Mr. SIMON, and Mr. ROUSSELOT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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### RESOLUTION

Whereas Bernardo de Galvez (1746-1786) was captain-general of Louisiana and the Floridas;

Whereas he belonged to a family that was one of the most distinguished in the colonial service of Spain;

Whereas he did all that he could do to weaken the British in this quarter of the world in the two years of his administration preceding Spain's entry into the American Revolutionary War;

Whereas he supplied American soldiers with arms and seized British ships that had been carrying on a profitable contraband trade with Louisiana;

Whereas in three campaigns he reduced every British post in West Florida;

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Whereas his name is associated with several important measures and episodes in the history of Louisiana and the Floridas;

Whereas in 1785 he received the gratitude of Congress for releasing several American merchants imprisoned at Havana;

Whereas the city of Galveston, Texas, was named in honor of Bernardo de Galvez; and

Whereas the Order of Granaderos de Galvez promotes the ideals of patriotism and democracy by commemorating the contribution of Bernardo de Galvez: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recognizes
- 2 the great contribution of Bernardo de Galvez to the inde-
- 3 pendence of the United States.

OLIVER POLLOCK  
An Account of The  
Continental Congress's  
Revolutionary War Representative  
In New Orleans  
by C. Ward Bond

Oliver Pollock became an American when independence was declared from England in 1776. He was a citizen of New Orleans and a wealthy merchant. Few of Pollock's personal papers exist. Ironically, they were destroyed in the 1860's by soldiers of the nation he had helped to form 85 years earlier. Therefore, we probably shall never know why this man, located 1,000 miles from the rebelling colonies and living under the secure regime of the Spanish in Louisiana, decided to risk his all, including his life, for the American cause. Surely, it was not immortality he sought, nor position or self-aggrandizement. In a letter to the Continental Congress in 1782, he wrote . . .

*"I have the pleasure to reflect that from the beginning to the end I was deaf to every motive except an ardent appreciation for our righteous cause . . ."* (1)

Later in his life in a request to the Virginia legislature, he wrote . . .

*"From the opening of the Revolution, my soul panted for the success of the American arms, nor could I omit any opportunity of manifesting the sincerity and ardor of those feelings, when it was in my power to be useful either to the public interest or to any individuals who had embarked their fortunes and their lives in an enterprise so hazardous and so glorious . . ."* (2)

Less than three months after the Declaration of Independence, Oliver Pollock purchased, fitted, and dispatched a vessel up the Mississippi River loaded with 9,000 pounds of gun power destined for Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania. Later, he noted to his satisfaction that the shipment "not only arrived in safety, but was a signal and seasonable supply."

Though happy to serve without pay, he requested that the Continental Congress give him some official title so that if he were captured by the British, he would be treated as a prisoner of war. In making his request, he stated . . .

*"Permit me therefore to make tender of my hearty services and assure you that my conduct shall ever be such as to merit confidence and approbation of the country to whom I owe everything but my birth . . ."*

On June 12, 1777, he was appointed Agent of the Continental Congress in New Orleans. Additionally, he was appointed by the Colony of Virginia as their Agent in New Orleans.

Oliver Pollock influenced first, Governor Luis de Unzaga and then Governor Bernardo de Galvez for the American cause. He wrote Congress . . .

*"My eagerness to seize every opportunity of serving my country has led me into such frequent importunities to Governor Unzaga that I have just reason to fear his displeasure . . ."*

Far from causing his displeasure, we find that when Unzaga turned over Louisiana to Galvez, he described Pollock as a "faithful and zealous American" in whom Galvez "might place implicit confidence". Pollock noted that the new governor "gave me the delightful assurance that he would go to every possible length for the interest of Congress".

In 1778, a secret committee of Congress sent a naval contingent under Captain James Willing to New Orleans to disrupt activities of the British in West Florida. Pollock persuaded Galvez to give them harbor. Galvez and Pollock aided in the sale of plunder collected by Captain Willing in West Florida.

Pollock, using his own funds, fitted out the captured British corvette Rebecca to engage British ships on the lower Mississippi River and lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas. This ship was renamed the Morris, after Pollock's friend, Robert Morris, of Philadelphia. In a remarkable action on Lake Ponchartrain, Captain William Pickles and the Morris crew captured the larger British sloop, the West Florida. He thus achieved domination of the Louisiana lakes, discouraging thoughts of a possible British attack by water on New Orleans and aiding greatly in the capture of the colony of West Florida. The Morris was sunk in a hurricane only a few days before it was to join the forces of Galvez against the British at Baton Rouge.

One result of the naval victories, not widely appreciated, was that people residing at the time in the Lacombe area became some of the first citizens of the new American nation. Captain Pickles administered to them an oath written by Pollock and reading in part . . .

*"We do hereby acknowledge ourselves to be natives as well as true and faithful subjects of the United Independent States of North America . . ."* (3)



Another activity had competed for Pollock's attention during this period and was to lead to his eventual bankruptcy. As the Agent in New Orleans of the Commonwealth of Virginia, he was called upon by that government to honor the drafts and invoices for supplies submitted by George Rogers Clark throughout the latter's campaign instigated by Virginia, in the upper Mississippi Valley. Pollock's support ultimately exceeded \$300,000 contributed to the American cause, ranking in significance with Robert Morris.

By the fall of 1779, his credit was exhausted, his possessions and property were gone, and his family was destitute. It was at this time that Bernardo de Galvez decided to move against the British forces at Baton Rouge. Oliver Pollock again rose to the challenge. He departed with Galvez, accompanied by nine Americans and 1,500 Spaniards and Louisianians only days after a hurricane had destroyed his home and the vessel *Morris*. In a campaign of 25 days, the forts at Manchac (Fort Bute) and Baton Rouge (Fort New Richmond) were taken by the Galvez forces. Galvez wrote that Pollock . . . "attended me in person until the surrender . . ." After the action, Galvez tried to get Pollock to accept a commission in the Spanish Army. Pollock, of course, refused. He later wrote . . .

*"I felt it my duty to decline this offer, the feeble services which, with nine brother Americans, I had been able to render were under the banners of America. We took them with us into the field . . ." (4)*

Pollock had urged the capture of Baton Rouge by the Americans and thus was only partly satisfied to see it fall into Spanish hands. He wrote to Congress only a few months before Galvez's march . . .

*"I cannot imagine what has deterred you from sending an expedition this way before now. As it surely must come sooner or later, I live in hopes as I make no doubt you know the value of West Florida too well to give it up by treaty or anywise to any power on earth . . ." (5)*

Pollock had no way of knowing that implicit in the alliance with France earlier that year was the understanding that the United States would not expand its boundaries beyond the thirteen original colonies. (6)

At this point, years of struggle lay ahead of Pollock in seeking reimbursement for the funds he had advanced to the Congress and the colony of Virginia.

In November of 1779, Thomas Jefferson, then Governor of Virginia, wrote to Bernardo de Galvez . . .

*"We have contracted considerable debt at New Orleans with Mr. Pollock, besides what is due your state . . ."*

He went on to explain that Virginia had no way of immediate repayment of the advances to Pollock saying . . .

*"In this situation of things, we cannot but contemplate the distress of that gentleman brought on him by services rendered to us, with the utmost concern . . ." (7)*

He would experience the horrors of debtors' prison in Havana while there as an Agent for the United States. Only the intervention of his old friend and then Viceroy of Mexico, Bernardo de Galvez, saved him from years of undeserved confinement. He would be accused of having profited during the war, an accusation utterly false and later withdrawn but deeply hurtful. He would still be found petitioning Congress for final payment of his advances twenty years after the end of the war. And yet, Oliver Pollock miraculously managed to re-establish himself and repay all those who had lent him money for the American cause.

We know little of the last twenty-five years of his life. He ran for Congress once in Pennsylvania and was defeated. He spent much of the latter part of that time in Pinkneyville, Mississippi with his daughter and son-in-law. It was there he died in 1823. His grave, located at Pinkneyville in 1941, was identified with the simple stone marker of the American Veteran.

After the war for Independence, Pollock wrote to Congress . . .

*"It has not been my fortune to move on a splendid theatre where the weary actor frequently finds in the applause of his audience new motives for exertion. I dwell in an obscure corner of the universe alone and unsupported. I have labored without ceasing; I have neglected the road to affluence, I have exhausted my all and plunged myself deeply into debt to support the cause of America in the hours of her distress and when those who call themselves friends were daily deserting her. But these things I do not boast of . . . What I do boast of is that I have a heart still ready to bear new sufferings and to make new sacrifices . . ." (8)*

What a debt we all owe to Oliver Pollock...Our generation and future generations should heed the words of John Adams...

*"Posterity, you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom...I hope you will make good use of it..."*

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POLLOCK AND THE DOLLAR SIGN

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Dr. James A. James has traced the development of the dollar sign to Oliver Pollock's books. He shows how Pollock's mark for the peso or piastre, which equaled one dollar, evolved to the double shank of a "P" superimposed by an "S". Pollock used this symbol in his correspondence with Robert Morris, who used it interchangeably with "dolls" or "dls" or "ds" - early symbols for the dollar.

America's Unknown Patriot

*Oliver Pollock*  
*Merchant*  
*New Orleans*



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*Editor's note: This article appeared in the online news service Diario Palentino from Palencia, Spain on November 5, 2021. The English version was used for this newsletter. The translation converted the Spanish word dragón to the English word dragon, however, it should have been converted to dragoon, a horse-mounted infantry, often used as cavalry. Dragones de Cuera would therefore refer to leather vest dragoons. The article has been formatted to fit this newsletter. Thanks go to Evaristo Martinez-Radio Garrido, our friend in Spain, for letting me know about the article.*

## Diario Palentino

CHARACTERS WITH HISTORY - COLONEL ANZA

### *Colonel Anza, chief of the Spanish cavalry in the American West*

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*Founder of the mythical Cuera Dragons and the city of San Francisco*

Antonio Pérez Henares - 11/01/2021

The first great battle of cavalry troops in the American West, between Indians and whites, has never been recreated in the cinema, nor have its horsemen appeared on any screen. The essential reason is that the whites were Spanish, they were not commanded by an arrogant and madman named Custer, and they also emerged victorious, establishing a peace that lasted a whole century. They were not soldiers of the 7th cavalry, who ended up massacred due to the stupidity of their chief, but Colonel Anza's Cuera Dragons who annihilated the troops of the bloodthirsty Comanche chief Greenhorn whom they killed in combat.



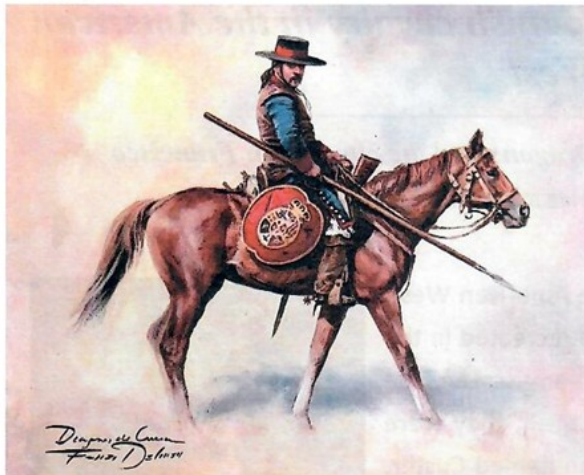
The Dragons of the King or Cuera were a mythical cavalry corps on the northern border of New Mexico that guarded an immense territory, protected the peaceful Indians who lived in it, the Apache tribes among them, from the attacks of looters and formidable Comanches, establishing a line of forts, origin of the thousand films, which they called Presidios. His colorful uniform, his hat, his rifle on the saddle, his beautiful saddles and his ease on



horseback proclaimed his origin: Spanish. And therefore neither epics, nor cameras, nor heroes, nor Ford, nor Wayne, nor Cooper. I forget. And thank you, lest a fellow filmmaker come out spilling mud on his memory.

His boss was Colonel Juan Bautista Anza, Spanish, but also a pure Mexican, born in Fronteras (Sonora-New Spain) in 1736, as were his parents who were also born there after the arrival of his grandparents from Spain, specifically of Hernani (Guipúzcoa). His father, captain of the viceregal Army, left him an orphan shortly after he was three years old when he fell in combat against the Apaches and Juan Bautista was already enlisted as a cadet at 15 to be promoted to captain after years of hardening in that harsh and rugged territory, present-day Sonora. and Arizona, against the most fierce Indian tribes of Apaches and other Indian ethnic groups that

finally ended up signing peace with the Spanish.



Colonel Anza, chief of the Spanish cavalry in the American West

It was then that the viceroy entrusted him with the mission of leaving for the north and looking for routes and establishing roads and settlements towards Alta California. He was 38 years old when he set out for the first time in command of an expedition with 20 soldiers, 11 servants, 3 priests, 65 cows and bulls, 35 mules and 140 horses. He crossed the Colorado River, managing to do so through one of the few steps of its impressive canyons, that of

Yuma, because of his friendship with the Indians of that tribe. It was a successful expedition where he mapped and marked places to settle, including Los Angeles, where just over five years later 11 Hispanic families would stay, of which only two were made up exclusively of white Spaniards, the others being from the more varied crosses and crossbreeds, which founded the great Californian city today.

Already with the rank of lieutenant colonel he undertook successive expeditions in which he demonstrated how to read and survive in such harsh terrain. He used to divide his journey into three groups separated from each other for a day's march to give time for the water sources from which they were supplied to fill up. In the course of them he arrived at the estuary of the port of San Francisco and there he set the place for a prison and a mission, thus becoming the

founder of the now so-called city of San Francisco, as he did shortly after with San José, which also owes its existence as such.

In these journeys, he already took 240 people with him, including soldiers, settlers and friars, as well as 385 cows and bulls and 695 horses and mules that are the origin of the impressive cattle and horse herd in California.

Recognizing his good work by the viceroy, he called him to the capital, where he arrived with the chief of the Yumas, and returned with the appointment of Governor of New Mexico that extended through the current States of Chihuahua (Mexico) and New Mexico (USA).

Great difficulties awaited him there. The mighty Comanche nation, great horsemen who had tamed the native Mestefios sons of feral horses since Vázquez Coronado's expeditions, had stormed down from the Rocky Mountains and were spreading terror throughout the land. They had caused severe defeats to the Spanish troops, attacking even some Presidios and taking by assault the city of Taos (New Mexico) itself, a commercial center of great importance on the Santa Fe highway. Their boss, Cuerno Verde, who had managed to be one Of all the tribes, imposing himself by force on the rest of the chiefs, he attacked with fury the rest of the ethnic groups in the area, especially the Apache tribes.

Anza prepared with seriousness and prudence his expedition against the knowing of the danger that it entailed. Finally, he set out in search of him with 800 Spanish soldiers, among them his famous Cuera Dragons and his Indian allies, especially Apaches and Utes. With them he went in search of the great plains until he reached Maniou Springs (Colorado) in search of the elusive Comanche chief.

He could not find it, but after skirting the impressive El Capitan, now Pikes Peak, he managed to surprise one of his parties in its vicinity, defeating it in Colorado Springs.



Colonel Anza, chief of the Spanish cavalry in the American West



But Anza realized that this was not the bulk of the enemy force, composed of a vast number of warriors that remained intact.

He continued on their trail and after crossing the Arkansas River he finally managed to spot them. They were returning euphoric from a devastating looting operation in New Mexico when they ran into their dragons, which managed to close their escape routes. Anza forced them into battle along the Greenhorn Creek near present-day Pueblo.

#### The great battle

The fighting was fierce, but Cuera's Dragons ultimately managed to inflict a terrible defeat on the Comanche horsemen. Greenhorn himself, like many other chiefs, perished in it. Only scattered groups were able to escape and get to safety, but no longer able to continue harassing Hispanic positions and populations. Colonel Anza picked up from the battlefield the famous buffalo forehead that the Comanche chief wears as a pompadour and took it as a sign of his triumph. The war trophy would be sent to Spain and delivered to King Carlos III, who would send it as a present and unique gift to Pope Pius VI, who received it in 1780 in Rome, being deposited in the Vatican Museum, where it is currently located.

After the defeat of Greenhorn and some other Dragon expeditions, the last Comanche chief, Ecuarecapa, who had always opposed the looting of Greenhorn, understanding that it would mean the worst for his nation in the long run, requested and signed peace with the Governor of New Mexico. The so-called La Paz de Anza lasted for about a century.

#### Some experienced soldiers

The Cuera Dragons, protagonists of all that incident, were formed, under the orders of Anza himself and other officials, at the San Ignacio de Sonora Academy and from there they left for their destinations on the border. In their care was an untold territory from New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and the Comanchería to California, with its Presidios of San Antonio, El Álamo, Socorro, Albuquerque, Taos, Santa Fe, Tucson or Monterrey.

A recent novel, *Comanche*, by the renowned author Jesús Maeso, has glossed over their adventures and their stamp and has attracted the attention of the great painter Augusto Ferrer Dalmau, who has portrayed them with their Spanish horses and their colorful blue uniform with red trim, bowtie and bandana, blue cape and riding boots. The shield of Spain was printed on their rodela, they wore a wide-brimmed Cordovan hat and covered themselves with a hard leather vest without sleeves that served as a certain protection against Indian



arrows. Each Cuera Dragon was given six race horses for their care and use, which they had to attend personally, assisted by two servants. His weapons consisted of a regulatory saber of the Spanish cavalry, a pike, two flintlock pistols and especially his famous Brow Bess rifle. His discipline, endurance, knowledge of the terrain and companionship made them fearsome. And as it must be said, they joined their bravery and threw out the terror they caused, as they were the first to fool the dead enemies.

Colonel Juan Bautista Anza remained as governor of New Mexico until 1788 and when he was about to move to Tucson he died suddenly. He was married but left no children.

His memory is present in the city where he died, Arizpe (New Mexico, where his mausoleum is located in the colonial church of the time). Several places are named after him and he has some dedicated statue. In San Francisco, he has a street named after him Anza Street, although perhaps the most beautiful recognition of his figure is the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail in California and Arizona, administered by the United States National Park Service. The Desierto Anza-Borrego State Park also honors his memory.

## More Photos From the National Meeting



## *Upcoming Happenings 2021-2022*

12/17/2022	Wreaths Across America—Greenwood Cemetery, Shreveport, LA; Canyon Cemetery, Deridder, LA; St. John's Cemetery, Plaquemine, LA
1/7/2023	Louisiana Society CAR State Meeting, Alexandria, LA
1/14/2023	LASSAR Winter Board Meeting, Lake Charles, LA
3/2-4/2023	2023 Spring Leadership Conference, Louisville, KY
<b>4/14-16/2023</b>	<b>LASSAR State Conference, Hotel Bentley, Alexandria, LA</b>
9/21-9/23'2023	Fall Leadership Conference, Louisville, KY

## *Did you know!*

The current NSSAR approved future Congress locations are:

2023	133rd Annual NSSAR Congress, Orlando, FL
2024	134th Annual NSSAR Congress, Lancaster, PA
2023	135th Annual NSSAR Congress, New London, CT

<https://www.sar.org/congress/>

## *And Did You Know?*

Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution is in the NSSAR Southern District. Other states in this District are: Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Check out the Southern District Webpage at <http://www.tnssar.org/sd-sar-htm>

## *Fees for Applications Updated*

### Louisiana SAR Dues and fees for Applicants Effective 15 July until changed

Application Type	NSSAR Fees	NSSAR Dues	NSSAR Total	LASSAR Fees	LASSAR Dues	LASSAR Total	Grand Total
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 and Older	\$100.00	\$35.00	<b>\$135.00</b>	\$7.00	\$12.00	<b>\$19.00</b>	<b>\$154.00</b>
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 to under 25 - Established Lineage	\$40.00	\$35.00	<b>\$75.00</b>	\$0.00	waived	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
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	\$40.00	\$35.00	<b>\$75.00</b>	\$7.00	\$12.00	<b>\$19.00</b>	<b>\$94.00</b>
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to under 18 - Established Lineage	\$40.00	\$5.00	<b>\$45.00</b>	waived	waived	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to under 18 - New Lineage	\$100.00	\$5.00	<b>\$105.00</b>	waived	waived	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>
Youth Registrant converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	<b>\$5.00</b>	waived	waived	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member - Age 18 to under 29	\$0.00	\$35.00	<b>\$35.00</b>	waived	waived	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
C.A.R. converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	<b>\$5.00</b>	waived	waived	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
C.A.R. to SAR Transfer - Age 18 to under 22	\$0.00	\$35.00	<b>\$35.00</b>	waived	waived	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
Supplemental Application - All ages	\$100.00	\$0.00	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$7.00	\$0.00	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>\$107.00</b>
Supplemental Application - Family Plan - All ages	\$40.00	\$0.00	<b>\$40.00</b>	\$7.00	\$0.00	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>\$47.00</b>
Memorial Application (One-Time Dues Collected)	\$100.00	\$35.00	<b>\$135.00</b>	\$7.00	\$0.00	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>\$142.00</b>
Reinstatement (Regular Member)	\$35.00	\$0.00	<b>\$35.00</b>	\$0.00	\$12.00	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$47.00</b>
Reinstatement (Junior Member)	\$5.00	\$0.00	<b>\$5.00</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
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Large Medal



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

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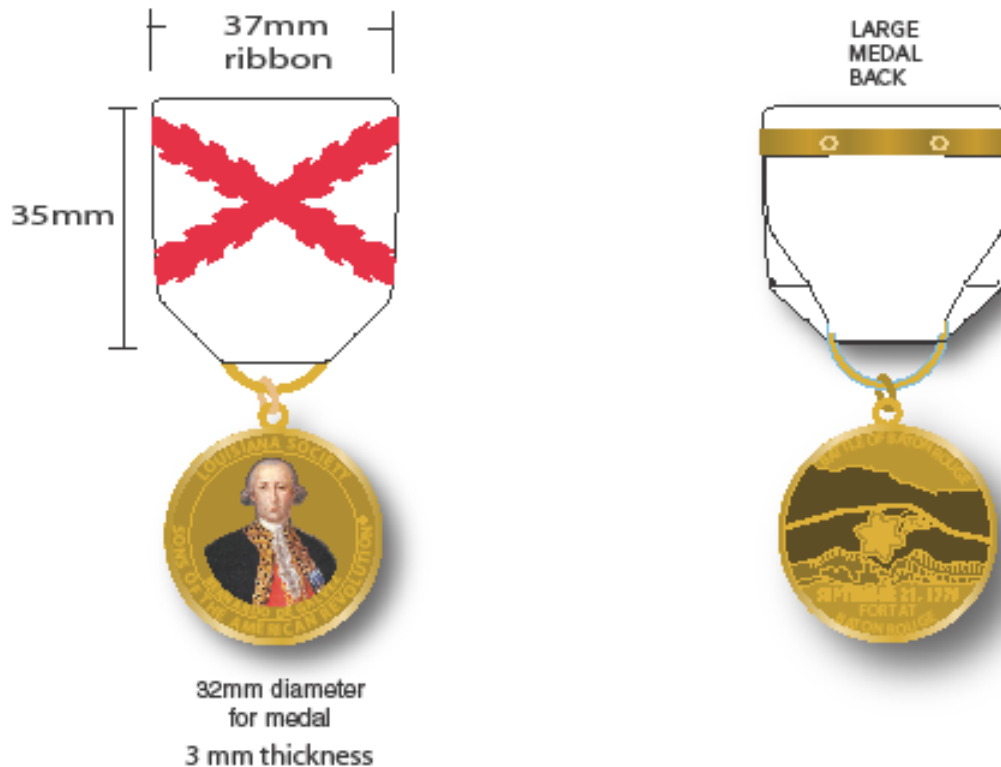
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# SAR BERNARDO DE GALVEZ LARGE Medal

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## Medal Specifications

32 mm x 32 mm x 3 mm, Soft Enamel, 3-sides Polishing, and 3-sides Brushing

## Ribbon Specifications

37 mm x 35 mm, Attachment - 2 long posts on metal plate

The dimension and size of both ribbon and medals to comply with the regulations prescribed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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18 mm x 18 mm x 2 mm, Soft Enamel, 3 –sides Polishing, and 3-sides Brushing

## Ribbon Specifications

17 mm x 35 mm, Attachment – 2 long posts on medal plate

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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*

## State Conference



**Saturday, January 7, 2023**

Address:  
Kent Plantation House  
3601 Bayou Rapides Road  
Alexandria, LA 71303  
kenthouse.org

**10:30a-11:00am - Check In/Registration and Ice Breakers**

**11:00am-12:00pm - Lunch and State Awards**

**Break**

**12:15pm- Business Meeting**

**1:30pm- Activities and Games**

**2:30pm - Installation of Officers**

**3:00pm - Adjourn**

Kent House Tour (optional)



State Conference Service Project benefiting Veterans at the Alexandria/Pineville VA Community Living Center. Please bring at least 5 of any of the following items for us to prepare care packages for local veterans.

- Shaving cream    •Razors    •Body Wash    •Spray Deodorant
- Denture Cleaner    •Skull Caps    •Fingernail Clippers    •Notes of thanks and support

*Dress for the conference is business professional for current and new officers and chairmen. This means for girls: dress, skirt, pants suit or slacks/blouse (we know the weather can be iffy). For boys: dress pants with a long sleeve shirt, (coat and tie are optional). Dress for other members, seniors, adults, and guests is business professional as well, but khakis are acceptable. No jeans.*

**We are excited to announce that Victor Smith, National 1st Vice President has RSVP'd to attend our State Conference**





*Fall Board Meeting  
Chennault Aviation & Military Museum  
Monroe, LA — September 17, 2022*



Ladies attending Clockwise: Cheryl Morock, Teresa Compton, Marlene Sawrie, Katherine Hess, Sarah Hays, Arleen Domingue, Phyllis Brode, Freida Hamilton, Dian Bailey, Liane Blanchard, Jane Dye, and Karen Vets, Auxiliary President





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



The Ladies Auxiliary would like to remind you that the one and only fundraiser we do is the silent auction at the annual meeting. In the past, chapters have been very generous in providing a basket or other items for auction. If your chapter has not yet begun fundraising or putting your basket together, please do so soon. Of course, we gladly accept individual donations as well.

I hope to see you January 14th in Lake Charles and of course on April 14th and 15th at the Tru by Hilton, Lake Charles at 1220 West Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well-descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors." - Plutarch





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