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*Louisiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution
President's Message*

Compatriots,

When I was first elected LASSAR President last April, I consulted several of my predecessors and asked for pointers. One recurring theme was to try and visit all of our chapters. I am proud to say that I am on track to have visited every one – including Natchitoches (if you count my previous service as LASSAR First Vice-President, too)!



Of course, I was installed at the Annual Meeting in West Monroe; however, I hadn't made it to Monroe yet for a meeting of the Benjamin Tennile chapter. That oversight was rectified this past Veterans Day when I drove up for their November meeting, along with a friend, for lunch at the Jade Garden and to hear Dr. Sandy Mitchem speak. I've long been a fan of Dr. Mitchem's books and the timing worked out well since I was off from work that Monday for the Veterans Day holiday. I also think Dr. Mitchem was impressed that he had attendees come all the way from New Orleans just to hear his talk!

In December, I was invited by both the Philemon Thomas and Attakapas Chapters to attend their annual meetings in order to install their new

officers, which I was happy to assist with. I was also asked to do so for the Enemund Meullion chapter in January but, unfortunately, have a conflict then. However, I was able to attend one of their chapter meetings (in Marksville) back in August. Our State Board meeting in Shreveport hosted by the Galvez chapter will have to count for my visit to that fair town and fine chapter. Just as the next Board meeting in January in Lake Charles will be my first ever visit to the newly rechristened Southwest Louisiana Chapter there.

In the interim, I've attended two meetings of our fledgling chapter in Southeast Louisiana – unofficially designated as the “Tri-Parish Chapter” for now. They had an organizational meeting in Thibodaux back in August and then I was fortunate enough to get to join them for their Christmas Party in Morgan City on December 12th. Additionally, I went to the Pierre Georges Rousseau chapter meeting's “Victory at Yorktown” banquet at Dakota's Restaurant in Covington back in October, which was very nicely done. And, it goes without saying, I've made a few meetings with the George Washington chapter in New Orleans, in the meantime, as well.

Speaking of which, I am able to say that my time there as Chapter President is coming to a close. At the George Washington chapter's annual meeting on December 20th, I will be passing the torch to Prof. Pat Hugg, my skilled and able First Vice-President. He is a more than worthy successor in a long line of Presidents that recently stretches from Dr. Rennie Culver to Norm Umholtz to me. With him taking the reins there in New Orleans, it will allow me to focus more on my duties at the state-level these final few months of my LASSAR Presidency, so I appreciate his assuming this important role leading one of the state's largest chapters.

In closing, I appreciate all the support and encouragement I've received from so many of you during my tenure. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Lake Charles in January and then finishing strong in New Orleans in April. The journey which began for me in West Monroe and carried me to Shreveport and Lake Charles will end there, having taken me – literally – to all four corners of our state!

In Patriotic Service,

Bradley T Hayes
LASSASR State President

LASSAR Happenings 2020

1/18/2020	Winter Board Meeting, Lake Charles, LA (Southwest Louisiana Chapter, Host) TBA
2/21-22/2020	Alabama SAR Annual Meeting & Southern District Meeting, Hoover, AL
2/27-29/2020	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
3/14/2020	61st Annual George Washington Ball hosted by the Galvez Chapter, NSDAR & the Attakapas Chapter, NSSAR, The Petroleum Club, Lafayette, LA 7 p.m.
3/20-21/2020	Tennessee SAR Annual Meeting, Kingsport, TN
3/27-28/2020	Mississippi SAR Annual Meeting, Ridgeland, MS
4/17-18/2020	Annual State Meeting, Higgins Hotel, 1000 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA (George Washington Chapter, Host)

Did you know!

SAR approves future Congress locations:

7/9-15/2020 130th Annual SAR Congress, Richmond, VA
Washington State (possibly Seattle) in 2021

And, the 2026 Congress, honoring our nation's 250
birthday, will be in Philadelphia, PA

In case you can't remember:

New Applications: \$115.00 to NSSAR & \$19.00 to LASSAR; Family Plan (additional applications submitted at the same time and within three generations) NSSAR \$65, LASSAR \$19. NASAR dues went up \$5 for 2016 and will apply for any applications submitted to national after Nov. 1, 2015

Supplemental: \$60.00 to NSSAR & \$7.00 to LASSAR – Family plan for supplemental: \$60.00 for first member and \$30.00 for other family member to NSSAR & \$7.00 to LASSAR



The Winter LASSAR Board Meeting will be January 18, 2020 at the Wingate by Wyndam, 1731 W. Prien Road, Lake Charles, LA. The meeting will begin at 9:30am.

12 rooms have been reserved, 6 king and 6 queen, both at \$85 plus tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 337-502-5112. Be sure to mention the event is "Sons of the American Revolution." Cut off for rooms is January 4, 2020.

Additionally, there is a \$20 registration fee for the meeting. Please send your check made payable to the "SW Louisiana Chapter SAR" to Jeff Nolen, 7228 E. Savannah Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70605 by January 11, 2020.

A new Chapter is coming to Thibodaux



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Denise Lindsly, wife of General Philemon Thomas Chapter LASSAR Past Chapter President, Greg Lindsly & Lynda Normand, wife of State Registrar Clifford Normand present an original needle work won by Karen Solars, wife of David Solars from a drawing at the recent state meeting. Lynda Normand also discussed the role of the Ladies Auxiliary to the group.

JAMES Huey Chapter News

West Monroe, LA



James Huey Chapter, West Monroe, LA members, Bill Kight, Ted Brode— Chapter President, Steve Ray, Fred Hamilton, and Jim Miller, are shown with the 959 plus items of snacks, western novels and word find books, pens, pencils, memo pads, games and puzzles, socks and toiletries for the residents of the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Monroe, LA. Chapter members collected these items as their summer project to support local veterans.



Lydia George, a Senior at Cedar Creek School in Ruston, LA was the winner of the James Huey Chapter, SAR George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. She will compete with other chapter essay contest winners at the state meeting in April. Shown presenting Lydia with a certificate, American Flag, and a check is James Huey SAR President, Ted Brode.

Attakapas Chapter News *Lafayette, LA*



Attakapas Chapter welcomed Christl Mahfouz of ACE Specialties of Lafayette, speaker for the evening. She was given the contract by the Trump for President organization to manufacture the Make America Great Again hats for the last presidential campaign. MAGA hats were presented to members of the Chapter, seen here at Cafe Bella in the Oil Center in Lafayette.

*News from the
National Meeting
of the
Granaderos y Damas de Gálves
New Orleans, Louisiana
November 15 and 16, 2019*

Clifford Normand, LASSAR State Registrar, presented the SAR Gálvez medal to Wendy Leishman and Robert Gray Freeland for organizing the National Meeting of the Granaderos y Damas de Gálves in New Orleans November 15 and 16, 2019. The purpose of the organization is to educate the public about Spain's participation in the American Revolution. It was decided to propose the organization a Louisiana Chapter of the Society.



Wendy Leishman & Clifford Normand



Robert Gray Freeland &
Clifford Normand

2029 NSSAR Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest



2019 Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Champions:
L-R: Allison Stanley (AL) - 1st; Riley Shaner (NC);
Noah Howard (LA) 3rd

It was announced at the National NSSAR Meeting in Costa Mesa, CA that prizes at the national level for the Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest have been increased. The National First Place Champion now receives \$6,000 (choice of cash or scholarship); the 2nd Place Winner receives \$4,000 (choice of cash or scholarship); and the 3rd Place Winner receives \$2,000 (choice of cash or scholarship). Each of these top three winners also receives an Olympic-sized Rumbaugh Historical Oration Medal. All other finalists (4th through 6th Place) are now awarded \$500 cash and all other national contestants are awarded \$200 cash.

The Rumbaugh Oration page on the NSSAR website has been updated with the revised prize levels, new information flyer, entry forms and the new contest video. Please visit the webpage and share it with potential contestants: <https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest>

THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IS COMING TO NEW ORLEANS!



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THE MEETING LOCATION is the official hotel of
the National WWII Museum in New Orleans

Block room rates are available for
Thursday thru Sunday, April
17th-20th, 2020

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This year's Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the
brand new Higgins Hotel in New Orleans, co-
located with the NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM!

Alternate room rates and a secondary block of
rooms are reserved at the Copeland Tower in
Metairie, an easy 15-minute drive from the meeting
location. Reservations can be made there at the
following link (or, if you call, the group code is
"Sons of the American Revolution"):

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groups/OY29O5](https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/OY29O5)

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*Highlights from the September Board Meeting
Shreveport, Louisiana
Saturday, September 27, 2019*



Members honored at the September Board Meeting were:

James Jones—Liberty Medal

Clifford Normand—Liberty Medal

Roberts Romero—Liberty Medal

**Bob Hess Certificate of Appreciation, Vice-Chair Newsletter and
Publication**

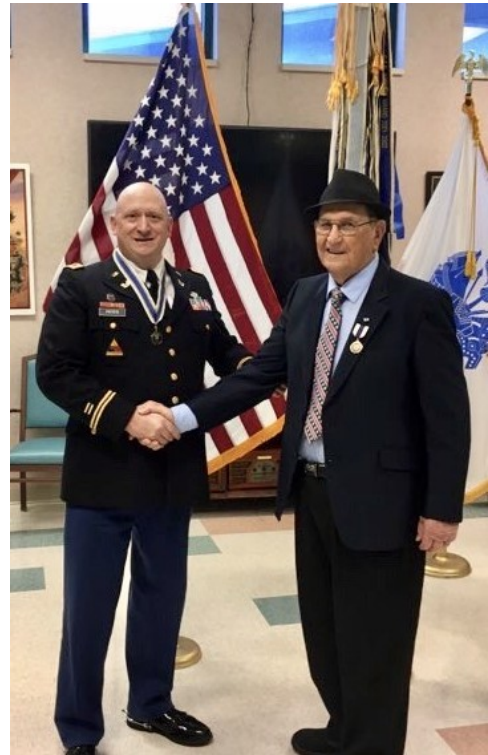
**Bo Vets—Certificate of Appreciation, Vice-Chair Magazine
Committee & Certificate of Appreciation—Chair Patriotic
Outreach Committee**



News from LASSAR's Southwest Chapter Lake Charles, Louisiana

When a Chapter President has the honor to sponsor a new member into the SAR, it is always a special moment, one that will stay with that Chapter President forever. Yet occasionally there is that one new member whose induction ceremony is just too sublime for words. Such a moment occurred when Mr. Lawrence Boudreaux, a local veteran residing in the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings, Louisiana, was recently inducted into the Southwest Louisiana Chapter.

Mr. Boudreaux is a legend in Southwest Louisiana. He is a ninety-seven-year-old World War II Veteran who is one of only two surviving members of the 321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 101st Airborne Division who served during the invasion of Europe on D-Day. His journey began when he entered the service from his small hometown of Church Point, Louisiana. He started his military experience at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From there he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and then traveled to England aboard a Liberty Ship to train for the invasion of Europe. He participated in the Allied landing at Normandy but was wounded on the beach and sent back to England. Once recovered, he re-joined his unit in time to participate in Operation Market Garden (the largest airborne assault in history) by way of a C-47 transport plane and a glider. After this experience, Mr. Boudreaux continued to serve in France in the Ardennes and the Battle of the Bulge. Upon completion of these missions, he and his fellow service members would make their way to Hitler's second home, the Eagle's Nest. When they arrived at the bombed-out structure, they proceeded to look around and helped themselves to the drink provided from the cellars below and any souvenirs that they could pack away.



Mr. Boudreaux received many honors for his service in World War II, including the Legion of Honor (France's Highest Award), Purple Heart, Bronze Star, the Croix de Guerre with palm, and the Fourragere (1940) from the Kingdom of Belgium. His campaigns include Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and his service has been recounted in various books and even a recent article in [The Army Times](#). The service that PFC Lawrence Boudreaux provided to our nation is why this was such a special moment in the life of the Southwest Louisiana Chapter SAR.

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When I heard that Mr. Boudreaux might be interested in becoming a member of the SAR, I called the Jennings Veterans Home and made an appointment to meet with him for an interview. I explained to him the mission and purpose of the SAR, and he asked to become a member. The genealogical research began almost immediately. We quickly discovered that Mr. Boudreaux is a direct descendant of Pierre Bergeron, who served with the Pointe Coupee Militia from Pointe Coupee, LA as a Fusileer with the Spanish forces that drove the British from Louisiana and the Gulf Coast.

On November 21st, 2019, at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings, LA, Mr. Boudreaux was sworn into the Southwest Louisiana Chapter SAR by Librarian General Tony L. Vets. He was then awarded the SAR War Service Medal for his service in World War II by Louisiana Society SAR President Major Bradley T. Hayes, who also wears the War Service medal from his time in Iraq and Afghanistan. In attendance were Mr. Broussard's two daughters, Barbra Broussard and Gertie Buller, plus other family members, as well as Brigadier General Keith Waddell and Major Nicholas Acosta of the Louisiana Army National Guard, French Consul Christian Goudeau, President Jeffery Nolen of the Southwest Louisiana Chapter SAR and additional members of the SAR.



Jeff Nolen President,
Southwest Chapter, LASSAR

*A New Chapter
of the
Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez Founded*

The National Meeting of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez was held November 15-17 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The organizers did a fantastic job of planning a memorable weekend. The biggest part of the business conducted was the establishment of the Louisiana Chapter based in New Orleans. It has been several years since a new chapter has been started and it is exciting that the chapter is in the city in which Gálvez governed Spanish Louisiana.

There were many involved in creating the new chapter but it was spearheaded by Wendy Leishman, who is a member of the Pensacola Chapter but resides in Louisiana. With encouragement from Maria Davis and Nan Harper of Pensacola, Wendy coordinated the efforts of Robert Freeland and Cliff Normand of Louisiana as well as others to form the chapter. They are off to a great start and will develop their chapter bylaws and officers, with Robert Gray Freeland accepting a nomination to serve as Chapter Governor. This is an exciting development in our organization as it continues to grow. In addition to establishing a new chapter, the National Meeting weekend was a resounding success with events at various locations such as the historic Cabildo Museum, the Hotel St. Marie and the New Orleans School of Cooking. It could not have been planned any better.



Wendy Leishman accepting award from Governor General Fidel Santos.



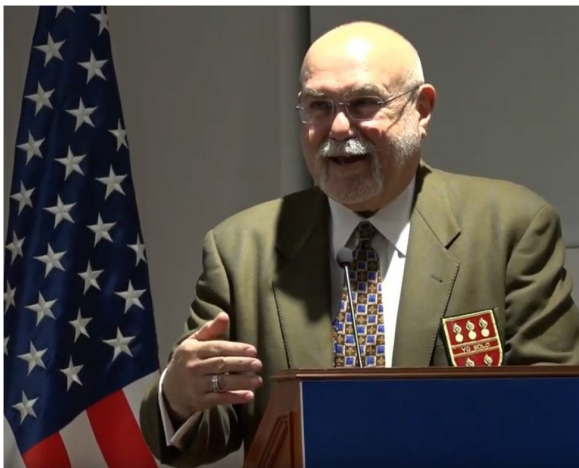
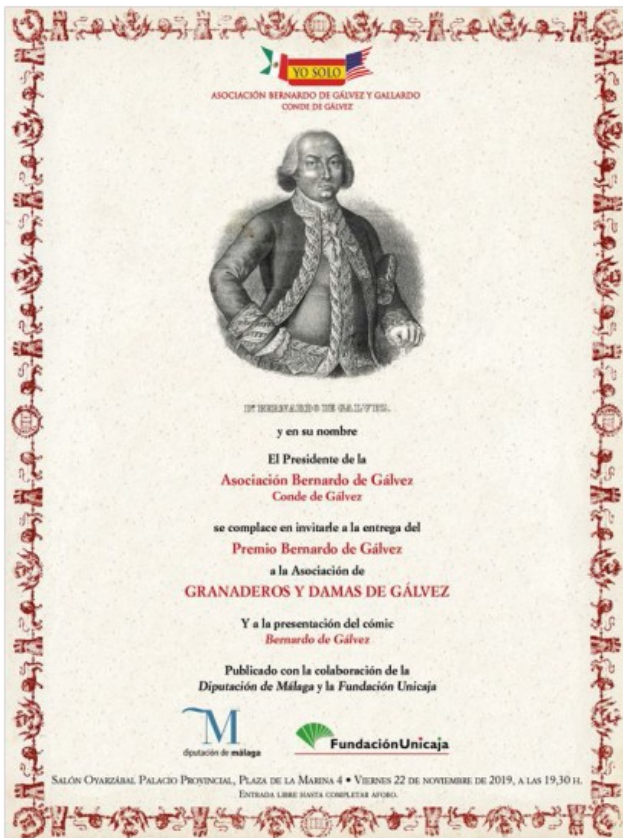
Robert Gray Freeland is Governor of the newly formed Louisiana Chapter

Bernardo de Gálvez Award

The Asociación Bernardo de Gálvez, Conde de Gálvez (Bernardo de Gálvez, Count of Gálvez Association) has bestowed upon our organization the very impressive Bernardo de Gálvez award, an award that was also bestowed upon the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution this year.

Representing our Order at the ceremony in Málaga, Spain, were John Espinosa, Dr. Caroline Crimm, Bill Adriance, Viqui Arbizu, Cesar Castillo and Luis Alfonso Duluc.

This distinguished organization in Spain selected our group in recognition of our endless efforts in promoting Spain's vast contributions during the American Revolution and especially the efforts of Bernardo de Gálvez of Málaga, Spain.



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Clifford Normand
15131 Championship Dr.
Baton Rouge, La.
12/09/2019

Colonial Louisiana Militia Rosters

The Acadians joined the French Creoles, Creoles of Color, Spanish, Germans and others under General Galvez in the American Revolution War to recapture Baton Rouge and the West Florida Parishes in 1779. However, Spain gave assistance beginning in 1776; therefore, the official period for membership in the DAR/SAR is Dec. 24, 1776 to Nov. 26, 1783.

Note: There is some confusion about qualifications for DAR/SAR membership. Both the French and the Spanish decided to use militias as well as fixed military regiments. Records show that able-bodied men up to age 50 served in the militias. Since all the militias were responsible for defending against attacks during the Revolutionary Period, it isn't necessary to prove that an ancestor actually served in the campaign to capture Fort Bute, Baton Rouge or Natchez or in the Mobile and Pensacola Campaigns.

Also, descendants of those who provided financial and other support are eligible for membership. For example, descendants of Spanish troops in New Mexico recently qualified for membership since their ancestors responded to a call from the King of Spain for financial support.

In effect, descendants of all those who were in Louisiana during the period Dec. 24, 1776 to Nov. 26, 1783 are potentially eligible for membership.

Winston De Ville selected and edited records from an unpublished work by Charles Robert Churchill and published Louisiana Soldiers in the American Revolution in 1991. This is a monumental work for genealogists and historians and for those who wish to document eligibility for membership in the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution.

Granville W. and N.C. Hough are authors of Spain's Louisiana Patriots in its 1779-1783 War with England During the American Revolution. In addition to militia lists, this work identifies those who are listed in sacramental and other records during the Revolutionary War Period..

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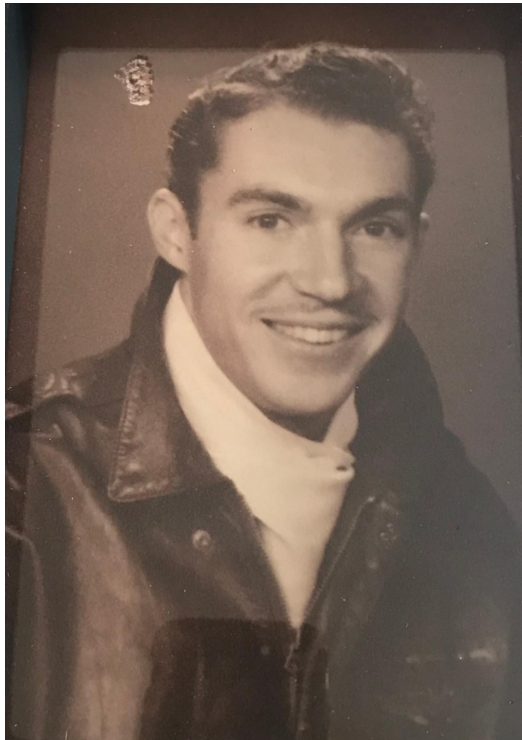
Note: The books do not include all those who served in the American Revolutionary Period. There are others who are identified in sacramental and historical records who aren't shown as military men in the books. For example, Juan Vives, spouse of Marguerite Bujol [Bujeaud, several other spelling variations] isn't on a militia list in the books, but he was a Lt. in the Militia.

*John McCarter speaks to LASSAR Annual Meeting
6th of April 2019*

During its Annual Meeting on the evening of Saturday the 6th of April 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn in West Monroe, the Louisiana Society and guests were truly fortunate to have John Howard McCarter, Jr., born in Utica, Mississippi, and presently a Monroe, Louisiana resident and former Professor of Geology at the University of Louisiana in Monroe and Professor of Geography at Louisiana Tech in Ruston speak to our Society about his service to our Country during World War II. At that time McCarter was a Sergeant in the Army Air Corp's 5th Air Force of the 380th Bomb Group and 528th Squadron as a Flight Engineer and Turret Gunner on a B24 nicknamed "Battle Weary" that was based at that time in Nadzab, New Guinea. Although the crew of the "Battle Weary" had received a Presidential Citation for their participation in the bombing of Balikpapan oil refinery in Borneo, McCarter told us of the story of what he considered his most memorable flight.

While bombing the Japanese airfield at Wewak, New Guinea the "Battle Weary" was taking flak called "ack ack" from enemy fire from the ground being directed by a Japanese fighter plane. The then Sgt. McCarter stated the flak had caused great damage to their craft. Seeing their B24 was crippled, McCarter stated the enemy pilot, took advantage of the situation and began to work on shooting them down. From his vantage point, McCarter said he could only see tracer bullets leaving the front of their plane. McCarter said that he radioed to the Nose Gunner Tony "FuFu" DeFeo and asked, "FuFu what are you shooting at?!" with DeFeo's reply, "It's not coming from me!" Realizing that the enemy plane was firing at them from below and behind them, shooting through the plane, and was now turning to fly over their wing for a kill shot, McCarter stated he turned his turret with its dual 50-caliber machine guns to the enemy. "We were trained to fire the 50-caliber machine gun in short burst to prevent the barrel from overheating" McCarter said, "but I turned the hose on him with my dual 50's causing his plane to explode in a ball of fire". Seeing the damage to their plane and while covered in gasoline that was spraying everywhere inside their craft from leaking lines, McCarter stated

he quickly sprang to action by first grabbing a fire extinguisher and running through the bomb bay on a one foot wide gang plank to put out a fire at the tail end of the plane that was occurring next to their oxygen tanks.



John Howard McCarter



John McCarter and crew with the B52 "Battle Weary"

McCarter said this was quite unnerving as the bomb bay doors were open and he saw the Pacific Ocean below on either side of the plank. After the fire was extinguished, it was then McCarter stated he turned his attention to the leaking hydraulic lines and control wires using the tools and supplies he always carried on every mission; a roll of scotch tape, a roll of electrical tape, a roll of wire and a pair of needle nose pliers. McCarter stated that all their fortune rested on his intimate knowledge of the hydraulic and control systems of the B24. Prior to his joining the Army Air Corp, McCarter was an employee of the Consolidated Aircraft Company in San Diego, California where he had help build B24's like theirs. "There are ten miles of hydraulic lines in a B24 and after our fight, I was pinching and bypassing as many broken lines and taping up as many leaks as I could locate as well as connecting as many control wires together to keep us flying" stated McCarter. While working on repairs to the lane, McCarter said his attention turned to the wounded crew. There was the Tail

Gunner Sgt. Edward T. "The Count" Urbanski, who was knocked unconscious during most of the fight; Co-Pilot Lt. Richard H. Drollinger who was wounded by exploding flak hitting his foot, the Pilot, Capt. John W. Benbow who was wounded in his hands of which a surgeon would later find a bone of the Co-Pilot's foot in Capt. Benbow's wounds; Radio Operator Sgt. Jack Rivers; Bombardier Lt. Donald R. Wentz; Nose Gunner Sgt. Antonio M. "Tony" aka "FuFu" DeFeo; Navigator Lt. Harold F. Barnes; were all wounded by flak. A substitute Waist Gunner, whose name McCarter could not recall, received a crippling head-wound from a bullet that left him incapacitated and who would later die from his wound. Their other Waist Gunner, Sgt. J. M. "Blackie" Brazeal, who was shot in the back close to the spine and would survive the flight back to their base but would die from his wound at the base hospital. McCarter said that on their bombing run, two of their 500-pound bombs with fuses did not drop due to damage to their craft. While McCarter was able to release one of the bombs, the other bomb remained stuck in the bomb bay. When McCarter looked up from working on releasing the bombs, he saw the crew working to put their parachutes on. McCarter questioned, "What are y'all doing?" Captain Benbow yelled back to McCarter, "We are out of gas, we've gotta jump!" During the fight, both gas gauges were broken, but McCarter knew they had gas for the flight home and called back to the crew and said, "If we don't fly home; there ain't no going home!" On the flight home McCarter worked to keep enough hydraulic fluid to operate the landing gear. McCarter said he kept extra cans of hydraulic fluid onboard in case of an emergency and this was it. When they reached their home base it was night and with the radio damaged during the fight, McCarter fired a flare to alert the Nadzab base to their situation. However, at night, a flare was also the same signal for an air raid, so their base turned out the lights to the landing strip fearing an oncoming enemy attack. McCarter said the Nadzab landing strip was in the middle of the jungle, made by cutting out a strip of tropical rainforest with towering trees on either side of the field that were at least 150 feet tall. If they veered too far off on either side of the landing strip, they risked hitting a tree with their wing and smashing into the surrounding forest and to top that off, they were still carrying a live 500-pound bomb. Capt. Benbow told the crew, "I'm going to make another pass around." Sgt. McCarter told Capt. Benbow, "We can't circle round, we don't have the hydraulic fluid to make a second run, you gotta land now." McCarter said he had flown countless flights in his life both military and private, but that night McCarter said Capt. Benbow sent that plane

down so softly, it was like you didn't know it happened. After they had landed McCarter said he then noticed their plane was missing one of their tail rudders that had been completely shot off. McCarter said; "Had I'd known that during the flight, I'd have really been scared."

McCarter stated at the beginning of his presentation that he wanted to dedicate his talk to all the crew of the "Battle Weary", but most of all to "Blackie" Brazeal. McCarter said that his friend "Blackie" was a Mexican who had crossed the Rio Grande and settled in South Texas and became a dairyman, deserved the most recognition, being that "Blackie" had been given 4F status as not being fit to serve due to his small size and was also working at his family's dairy, an essential war industry, yet he insisted on fighting and serving his Country. McCarter had told his friend during that flight after administering morphine to him for his wounds and wrapped him in a blanket to; "Hang on, it's gonna be okay", but I could see it in his eyes, that he knew I was lying. McCarter said that moment bothers him to this day. McCarter stated that "Blackie" had given all to his Country and in his mind was the real hero of the day. McCarter stated that he will be 98 in July but considers that day over Wewak on the 7th of May 1944 to be his new birthday and considers himself only 75 years old, because he thinks himself very fortunate to be alive. McCarter said, that bombing mission ended the ability for the Japanese to use their airfield in Wewak thus shorting the war. To his surprise McCarter said, 50 years later he learned the Japanese pilot he had shot down had also survived that day as well.

John McCarter originally spoke to our James Huey Chapter of the Louisiana Society on 12th of January 2012 when at that time the writer of this article was the founding Chapter President. Mr. McCarter would later ask me to help him join SAR. Chapter member Fred Hamilton and I were able to grant Mr. McCarter's wish this March and I had the honor of pinning Mr. McCarter during our Society's Annual Meeting where he was sworn in as the descendant of Christopher McCarter of York District, South Carolina who serviced as a soldier in South Carolina during the Revolution.



sworn in as the descendant of Christopher McCarter of York District, South Carolina who serviced as a soldier in South Carolina during the Revolution. Immediately after his swearing in, Louisiana Society President, Theodore Hamilton "Ted" Brode presented Mr. McCarter with the SAR War Service Medal for his service in World War II. It was a great honor and privilege to help Mr. McCarter to become a member of our Chapter and Society and to help share his heroic story of his service with the crew of the "Battle Weary" and for their contributions during World War II.



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Southern District Webpage at [http://
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Visit the LASSAR WEBSITE @ www.lassar.org

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Thank you



The Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution proudly presents the Louisiana Society State Medal, honoring cherished Patriot and esteemed leader, General Bernardo de Galvez, and his vital contributions, as well as those of Spain, to the War for Independence. The reverse side of the medal features one of General Galvez's victories at the Battle of Baton Rouge. Among other victories are those at Manchac, Natchez, Mobile, Pensacola and St. Louis. The medal may be purchased and worn by any active member of the SAR, not limited to the members of LASSAR, nor to the descendents of the Galvez Patriots. Only medal sets (large and mini medals) are being produced (after pre-order sales) @ \$40 per set (postage included).

Large Medal



(Shown in full color)

Mini Medal



*Note: Actual medal is **not** in color. Ribbon drape is the red Cross of Burgundy on white background. The medal is bronze-colored with 3-D figures and inscriptions.*

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

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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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Medal specifications

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Ribbon Specifications

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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.

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.



CAAR

Children of the American Revolution
LSCAR News

In celebration of Constitution Week, Sept. 17 – 23, members of the Ft. Jesup Society Children of the American Revolution painted rocks with sayings and pictures of historic happenings. These rocks had flags, fireworks, quotes, etc. depicted on them. Some decided to take their rocks to school to share with their classmates, others were going to place them around town in various locations to remind the citizens that this was a very important week.



*Don't Forget—
Next Year!*

*Remember to
celebrate Constitution
Week
September 17 – 23!*



Past State CAR President Leah Swanstrom presented state and national project information to the Natchitoches Chapter SAR. Leah is a member of the Ft. Jessup CAR Chapter.





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



For any additional information, please contact: Sarah Hayes

ATTENTION LADIES:

We will be having our next board meeting January 18th, 2020 in Lake Charles at the Wingate by Wyndham, 1731 W. Prien Rd at 10:00 a.m.

Please remember that we are selling raffle tickets for the Armand hand-crafted table for \$1 each. It is a beautifully elegant and one-of-a-kind piece of furniture! If you would like tickets to sell or purchase, please let me know. My email is scav-in456@yahoo.com or my mobile # is 504-452-1599.

I ran into one of our members and secretary, Mrs. Lynda Normand, during the National Meeting for the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez at the Cabildo in New Orleans (see photo)! They are starting a new chapter here in New Orleans, which recognizes the Spanish Colonial heritage which is unique to Louisiana and only a few other places. We had a great time and saw several LASSAR officers and color guard members there representing our Society, as well.



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sarah Hayes
LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary President



*Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at the September Board in
Bossier City, Saturday, September 21, 2019*

**Left to Right: Karen Vets, Sarah Hayes, Katherine Hess,
Freida Hamilton, Martha Whitehead, Phyllis Brode, Cheryl Morock, and Diane
Seales**



The Ladies Auxiliary is raffling off this beautiful hand-crafted table by Glen Armand Furniture of Alexandria. Tickets are on sale from any member of the Auxiliary for only a \$1.00. Drawing for the table will be at the SAR State Meeting in New Orleans in April 2020.

Please support the ladies by buying tickets for the raffle. Remember the money they raise will go to help pay for the student awards given by the Louisiana Society of SAR.



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Sons of the American Revolution

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