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THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NEWSLETTER WINTER 1998



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Page Whitmore, MNSAR President

Greetings to the Minnesota SAR members. You will receive a notice from John Jones about the MNSAR George Washington Observance and Dinner on February 28 at the Sheraton Midway. Compatriot James Church will tell us about his weekend at Windsor Castle as a descendant of a Knight of the Garter. He will dis-

cuss how our English traditions influenced the American Revolution. I hope everyone attends.

The winner of this year's Eagle Scout essay contest is invited to the February 28 meeting. Twenty scouts researched their personal genealogies and several found ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. As one of the judges I noticed that those entering this years contest are knowledgeable about history and genealogy.

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## MINNESOTA SAR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE LEXINGTON RESTAURANT

The annual general meeting of the Minnesota Society, the Minneapolis Chapter, and the Saint Paul Chapter were held in conjunction at The Lexington Restaurant in Saint Paul on Saturday, January 10, 1998. Luncheon was served during the meeting. The meetings began at 11:00 AM.

The Society was called to order by President Timothy Harris, who led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR. Compatriot Paul John Ostendorf offered the Invocation. The Society was then recessed and the Saint Paul Chapter and the Minneapolis Chapter conducted their business.

The Saint Paul Chapter reported that during 1997 twelve area high schools participated in the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program and their students were presented with their medals the past May. On June 14, 1997, flag day, five Saint Paul businesses were presented with a flag certificate for regularly

flying the flag.

As the first order of business, Minneapolis Chapter Secretary John Hallberg Jones, presented the Minneapolis President, James Cecil Church, his official jewel and neck ribbon, recently received from the SAR National Headquarters.

Compatriot Jones reported that the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program was in 25 high schools in 1997 and letters were already out for the program in 1998. The Minneapolis Chapter will donate \$10 for the NSSAR Magazine for the Minneapolis Public Library, \$25 to the Longfellow House Restoration Committee, \$100 to the Minneapolis Public Library, and up to \$100 of books purchased for the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library, with Compatriot Arthur Finnell to work with the MGS Library to determine their choices.

The Minnesota Society then commenced with their

business. An interim membership report cited 115 members, plus six dual members, and two new applications currently in process at National Headquarters. One of the prospective members, William A. Harris, was in attendance at the meeting. Compatriot Tim Harris reported for the Eagle Scout Program. 740 applications were sent to new Minnesota Eagle Scouts in 1997 and twenty applications for scholarship have been received for judging. Compatriot Jones reported that all eighteen ROTC units received medals during 1997 and that the program is in place for 1998.

The MNSAR voted to donate \$100 to the Duluth Public Library for use in the Genealogy Section, with expense charged to the Duluth Funds.

Compatriot Arthur Finnell will investigate giving the Minnesota Genealogical Journal to the NSSAR Library. He will make a recommendation at the July Board of Managers

meeting.

Compatriot Arthur Finnell reported for the Nominating Committee. Minnesota Society Secretary Jones installed the new officers for 1998, along with the Minneapolis Chapter and Saint Paul Chapter officers. The newly-elected officers are listed on the back of this newsletter. Saint Paul Secretary Tim Harris presented Thomas Harris with a past presidents pin and a certificate commemorating his tenure as Saint Paul president. Saint Paul's incoming president, Stephen John Ernest, was presented with the St. Paul Chapter's rotating presidents neck ribbon and jewel. Minnesota Secretary Jones presented Timothy Harris the past presidents pin and certificate.

After the SAR recessional was read, Compatriot Ostendorf gave the benediction and President Harris declared the Society adjourned at 1:15 PM.



# THE ENIGMA OF BENEDICT ARNOLD

BY JAMES HENRETTA

Benedict Arnold was different: a military hero for both sides in the same war. He began his career as an American Patriot in May 1775, when he and Ethan Allen led the brigade that captured Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain. Arnold's heroics continued in September, when he led an expedition of 1,150 riflemen against Quebec, the capital of British Canada. The American commander drove his men hard through the Maine wilderness, overcoming leaky boats, spoiled provisions, treacherous rivers, and near starvation to arrive at Quebec in November, his force reduced to 650 men. These losses did not deter Arnold. Joined by General Richard Montgomery, who had arrived with 300 troops after capturing Montreal, Arnold's forces attacked the strongly fortified city, only to have the assault end in disaster. A hundred Americans were killed, including Montgomery; 400 were captured; and many were wounded, including Arnold, who fell as he stormed over a barricade, a

ball through his leg.

Quebec was only the beginning. For the next five years Arnold served the Patriot side with distinction in one battle after another, including a dangerous assault against the center of the British line at Saratoga, where he was again wounded in the leg. No general was more imaginative than Arnold, no field officer more daring, no soldier more courageous.

Yet Arnold has gone down in history not as a hero but as a villain, a military traitor who, as commander of the American fort at West Point, New York, in 1780, schemed to hand it over to the British.

Of his role in this conspiracy there is no doubt. His British contact, Major John Andre, was caught with incriminating documents in Arnold's handwriting, including routes of access to the fort. Arnold, fleeing down the Hudson River on a British ship, defended his treason in a letter to Washington, stating that "love to my country actuates my present conduct, however it may appear inconsistent to the

world, who very seldom judge right of any man's actions."

But judge we must. Why did Arnold desert the cause for which he had fought so gallantly and twice been wounded? Was there any justification for his conduct?

When the fighting began at Lexington and Concord in April 1775, Arnold

was thirty-four, an apothecary and minor merchant in New Haven,

Connecticut but also a militia captain and ardent Patriot. "Good God,"

he had exclaimed at the time of the Boston Massacre, "are the Americans

all asleep and tamely giving up their Liberties"? Eager to support the rebellion, Arnold coerced the Town's selectmen into supplying powder and ball to his men and promptly marched them to Boston, which was under siege by the New England militia. On the way Arnold thought up the attack on Fort Ticonderoga (realizing that the fort's cannon could be used to force the British out of Boston) and per-

sueded the Massachusetts Committee of Safety to approve his plan and make him a colonel. That done, he raced to New York to take command so that the glory would be his and not go to Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys. The victory achieved, Arnold submitted an inflated claim for expenses (over 1,060 in Massachusetts currency, or about \$60,000 today) and protested vehemently when the suspicious legislators closely examined each item.

These events illuminated Arnold's great strengths and fatal flaws and were prophetic of his ultimate fate. He was bold and creative, a man who sized up a situation and acted quickly. He was ambitious and extravagant, an egocentric man who craved power and the financial rewards that came with it. He was intrepid and ruthless, willing to risk his life "and the lives of others" to get what he wanted.

Such men often are resented as much as they are admired, and so it was with Arnold. At Quebec some New England offi-

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cers accused him of arrogance and tried to withdraw from his command, but Congress rewarded the intrepid colonel by making him a brigadier general. When Arnold again distinguished himself in battle in early 1777 "having his horse shot out from under him" Congress promoted him to major general and gave him a new horse "as a token of their admiration of his gallant conduct." But then, in the middle of the struggle at Saratoga, General Horatio Gates, the American commander, relieved Arnold of his command, partly for insubordination and partly because Gates considered him a "pompous little fellow." Washington rewarded Arnold nonetheless, appointing him commandant at Philadelphia in July 1778, after the British evacuation of the city.

By then Arnold was an embittered man, disdainful of his fellow officers and resentful toward Congress for not promoting him more quickly and to even higher rank. A widower, he threw himself into the social life of the city, holding grand parties, courting and marrying Margaret Shippen, "a talented young woman of good family, who at nineteen, was half his age" and falling deeply into debt. Arnold's extravagance drew him into shady

financial schemes and into disrepute with Congress, which investigated his accounts and recommended a court-martial. "Having ... become a cripple in the service of my country, I little expected to meet [such] ungrateful returns," he complained to Washington.

Faced with financial ruin, uncertain of future promotion, and disgusted with congressional politics, Arnold made a fateful decision: he would seek fortune and fame in the service of Great Britain. With cool calculation, he initiated correspondence with Sir Henry Clinton, the

British commander, promising to deliver West Point and its 3,000 defenders for 20,000 sterling (about \$1 million today), a momentous act that he hoped would spark the collapse of the American cause. Persuading Washington to place the fort under his command, Arnold moved in September 1780 to execute his audacious plan, only to see it fail when Andre, was captured. As Andre, was executed as a spy, Arnold received 6,000 from the British government and appointment as a brigadier general. Arnold served George III with the same skill and daring he had shown in the Patriot cause. In 1781 he led devastating strikes on Patriot supply

deposits: In Virginia he looted Richmond and destroyed munitions and grain intended for the American army opposing Lord Cornwallis; in Connecticut he burned ships, warehouses, and much of the town of New London, a major port for Patriot privateers.

In the end, Benedict Arnold's "moral failure lay not in his disenchantment with the American cause" for many other officers returned to civilian life disgusted with the decline in republican virtue and angry over their failure to win a guaranteed pension from Congress. Nor did his infamy stem from his transfer of allegiance to the British side, for other Patriots chose to become Loyalists, sometimes out of principle but just as often for personal gain. Arnold's perfidy lay in the abuse of his position of authority and trust: he would betray West Point and its garrison "and if necessary the entire American war effort" to secure his own success. His treason was not that of a principled man but that of a selfish one, and he never lived that down. Hated in America as a consort of "Beelzebub ... the Devil," Arnold was treated with coldness and even contempt in Britain. He died as he lived, a man

without a country.

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## CONSTITUTION DAY DINNER

The annual Constitution Day Dinner was held on Saturday, September 20, 1997 at the Sheraton Midway in Saint Paul. Ann Marcaccini was the guest speaker appearing as Lucy MacCourt. In 1910 Lucy MacCourt was instrumental in restoring the Sibley House. She spoke about Henry Hastings Sibley's life and times. Ann Marcaccini is a writer and a member of the Minnesota DAR. She is the MNDAR Publicity Chair.

Robert E. Millett, Vice President General of the North Central District, NSSAR was in attendance and conveyed his greetings.

### NEXT MEETING:

The next SAR meeting will be held on Saturday, February 28, 1998 at the Sheraton Midway, I-94 at Hamline. The guest speaker will be Compatriot James Cecil Church, President of the Minneapolis Chapter. He will speak about his weekend residence at Windsor Castle this past Autumn.

We hope that the meeting will be held jointly with the SR.

*June 14, 1997,  
Saint Paul Chapter President*

*Tom Harris presents the  
Flag Certificate to  
Bill Becker, Jr. of  
Becker Brothers,  
New Brighton, MN.*

*Five Saint Paul area  
businesses were presented  
with flag certificates  
on Flag Day.*



*Flag flying over  
Pletchers Garden Center,  
New Brighton, MN.*



## 1997 MINNESOTA EAGLE SCOUT CONTEST WINNER CHOSEN

On Saturday, January 17, 1998 the Eagle Scout Committee met to judge entries for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Each Eagle Scout who participated in the SAR Scholarship program sent an application, a four generation ancestor chart and a 500 word patriotic theme. Twenty applications representing six Minnesota Boy Scouts of America Councils were judged for leadership responsibilities, merit awards, community and religious activities, academic achievements and a patriotic essay.

Each entrant receives an SAR/BSA Eagle Scout patch. An Eagle Scout medal is awarded to the

best entry from each Boy Scout council. The Minnesota winner is invited to the annual SAR George Washington Observance and Dinner where he will be presented with a Bronze Eagle Trophy. His application and essay have been submitted to the SAR National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky to compete for the first prize of a \$5,000 scholarship. A \$1,000 runner-up will also be chosen.

Many of these talented young men write their essays with much eloquence. The Viking Council winner, Bobby Barrett ends his essay with:

"I think raising the American flag is the sym-

bol that means the most about being an American citizen. Whether at a football game or Boy Scout Camp it brings a special meaning to me. A constant reminder of the great men who fought so bravely under the colors. I watch my dad hold his hand over his heart and sing the National Anthem and I know this is truly the land that I love."

In the next newsletter I will include an article about the Minnesota State winner and his patriotic theme.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 10 JANUARY 1998

The following compatriots were nominated and elected to serve for the Minnesota Society and/or their respective chapters. Thank you and congratulations to all the compatriots who accepted service to the Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution.

### MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR

President.....Page Gregory Whitmore  
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Leslie Earl Meader	Paul John Ostendorf
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2 open positions

**SAR Endowment Trust Fund:** (three year terms)

Trustee ending January 2001 .....John Hallberg Jones, PP  
 Trustee ending January 2000 .....Michael Scott Swisher, PP  
 Trustee ending January 1999 .....Duane L.C.M. Galles, Esq., PP

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 Board of Managers.....George Floyd Smith M.D.  
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#### ARE YOUR 1998 DUES STILL DUE?

If you still owe 1998 dues please remit to our Secretary-Treasurer, John Hallberg Jones, 2700 East Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55406-3743, or call him at 721-4275.

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Page Whitmore, MNSAR President



At the joint Winter meeting with the Sons of the Revolution, on February 28, we were treated to a splendid roast beef dinner and a thoughtful discussion by Compatriot Jim Clark about his weekend at Windsor Castle. Fortunately, Jim's prepared text will be available for future use. As a former Eagle Scout, I am astounded by the accomplishments listed in the Eagle Scout presentation.

I begin my service to the Minnesota Society with an experienced cadre of past officers, sound financial management and excellent

programs reaching to young men in the ROTC and Boy Scouts.

I hope to hear your ideas about the MNSAR by talking with as many of you as possible. Perhaps our goals might include: Keep present programs; Know more about each other; Become more aware of the American Revolution; Increase new members.

Our past president, Howard Kushmar is building a new home in Elizabethtown, KY— after contributing a lot of professional knowledge to our organization. We will be honored if Howard maintains his ties to the Minnesota Society.

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## COMPATRIOT CHURCH SPEAKS AT GEORGE WASHINGTON DINNER



*James Church  
and a model of  
Windsor Castle.*



The annual George Washington Observance and Dinner was held jointly by the Minnesota Sons of the American Revolution and the Minnesota Sons of the Revolution at the Sheraton Midway Hotel in Saint Paul on February 28. MNSAR President Page Whitmore opened with greetings. Greetings were also extended by visiting Vice President General of the North Central District SAR, Robert E. Millett. Secretary-Treasurer John Hallberg Jones presented a certificate and a rosette to MNSAR's newest member, William A. Harris.

Dinner was delicious, consisting of caesar salad, rolls, roast beef served with gravy, broiled pota-

toes, steamed broccoli, and apple pie for dessert.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Minneapolis Chapter SAR President, James C. Church. He spoke eloquently about his September weekend residence at Windsor Castle. Following is a synopsis of his oration:

"The common language of England and America, and the English propensity for keeping records, results in the tracing of family lineages in Britain to be significantly easier than in many other countries. But because many of our colonial immigrants from England were *Yeomen* and *Indentured Servants*, and were neither rich nor polit-

ically influential, their lineages were not well documented and are difficult to trace, even in Britain. However the English ancestors of some colonists are relatively easy to trace because they descended from *royal* and *titled* families, which have recorded their pedigrees through the centuries.

"Because one of my father's ancestors, who immigrated from England to Connecticut in 1630, was descended from such a family, which included several knights of an ancient *Order*, I was accepted as a *Descendant Member* of Windsor Castle's *Knights of the Garter*.

"The *Order of the Garter* was created by England's King Edward III in the year 1348, when he selected 24 *Companion Knights* to join with him and his eldest son and heir, the Prince of Wales to form the *Order*. The *Companion Knights* of the *Order*, whose number has remained at 24 to this day, are appointed by England's reigning Sovereign. Since 1503 the official meeting-place of members of the

*Order of the Garter* has been in a hall in Windsor Castle.

"Last September, a week after the funeral of Princess Diana, my wife and I were privileged to be included among the twenty Windsor Castle weekend guests of this society."

James Church then went into the history of the *Order of the Garter*, European knights, and Windsor Castle. He then went on to say:

"The most thoughtful aspect of our Windsor weekend for me was just *being* there. Admittedly I believe that our own accomplishments and how we live our lives are infinitely more important than any achievements of our ancestors. However, for some years now I have enjoyed the hobby of researching the lineage of my family, and when I learn of my descent from particular figures of history, I am motivated to learn more about their period of history and how they lived. Thus it seems that my interest in *genealogy* and my interest in *history* have gone hand-in-hand.

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# ST. PETER EAGLE SCOUT HONORED BY MNSAR

*Kirk and Marilyn Beyer*

*accept the Spreading*

*Wings Eagle Trophy*

*on behalf of their son,*

*Joel Eugene Beyer—*

*1997's Minnesota*

*Eagle Scout contest winner.*



Joel Eugene Beyer, of the Twin Valley Council Boy Scouts of America, received the Spreading Wings Bronze Eagle Trophy as the Minnesota winner of the Sons of the American Revolution's Eagle Scout Scholarship and Awards Program. Joel's parents, Kirk and Marilyn Beyer accepted the award for him at the annual George Washington Day observance and dinner held jointly by the Minnesota Sons of the Revolution and the Minnesota SAR at the Sheraton Midway Hotel in St. Paul on February 28. Joel was acting in the play *Wonderful Town* at

Gustavus Aldolphus and could not attend the meeting.

Joel's application, four generation ancestor chart and his patriotic essay were sent to National SAR headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky to compete with other state winners for a \$5,000 scholarship. A \$1,000 scholarship winner was also chosen. This year's national winner was Andrew Montgomery from Texas and the runner-up was Alexander Cheek, the Massachusetts state winner.

The Sons of the American Revolution is comprised of descendants of those who served in uni-

form or rendered material aid to the founding of the United States of America, and is dedicated to fostering the principles of the Founding Fathers. Those achieving the rank of Eagle Scout have demonstrated their belief in those same principles and the SAR feels that they are deserving of special recognition for their accomplishment and dedication.

Joel's patriotic theme entitled "The Limitations of Freedom" shows remarkable insight and eloquence. It is presented in its entirety on the back of this newsletter.

## SAR AWARD CONTEST LEADERS SOUGHT

The MNSAR can also participate in the *George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest* and the *Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest*, which are designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history.

The *Knight Essay Contest* is open to all high school students and must have a minimum of 500 and not exceed 750 words. The *Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest* is also open to all high schools students. It consists of an original oration of not less than five minutes nor more than six minutes.

In both contests one state winner's entry is submitted to NSSAR where they will compete with other state winners for a scholarship. The Minnesota state winner can be honored at one of our meetings much like our Eagle Scout is.

If you are interested in heading either of these contests for the MNSAR, please contact John Jones at 612/721-4275.



## THE LIMITATIONS OF FREEDOM

by Joel Eugene Beyer— 1997 MNSAR Eagle Scout Contest Winner.

Thomas Jefferson was the vision behind the Declaration of Independence. Although he believed that all humans have certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, his writings also supported the notion that no rights are absolute and without restraint.

In order to discuss Jefferson's thinking, we should distinguish between the terms "freedom" and "liberty." Generally, freedom means to be free from something, while liberty means to be free to do something. Jefferson's use of the terms almost always reflected these meanings. Therefore, when Jefferson spoke of freedom of religion, or of the press, or any other freedom, he was referring to the release from oppressive restraints rather than "limitations to freedom."

At the same time that Jefferson and the fifty-five other signers of the Declaration sought freedom from British rule, they also strove for the liberty to make their own laws. Jefferson realized that freedom coupled with self-government in improper hands might ruin orderly

restrictions and take individual liberty to extremes. "Everyone, by his property or by his satisfactory situation, is interested in the support of law and order. And such men may safely and advantageously reserve to themselves a wholesome control over their public affairs and a degree of freedom which, in the hands of the canaille of the cities of Europe, would be instantly perverted to the demolition and destruction of everything public and private." (*Jefferson to John Adams, 1813.*)

When we speak of inherent and inalienable rights, such as the right to liberty, then we have shifted from something we are free from to something we are free to do. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness define aspects of human existence that allow human beings to act in fulfillment of our potential. Every activity in life is subject to some kind of limitation. Even government itself is subject to various limitations, including those imposed by the Constitution. So, even though Jefferson believed in freedom from oppression and inalienable rights,

he also believed that in exercising our freedoms, we are subject to certain limitations and restraints.

In describing fundamental individual rights, the Declaration of Independence implies many limitations on government and on the people who live under government. Governments are limited by "deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." And, if a people find it necessary to alter or abolish government, it is their right "to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness." In other words, the people may found government and organize it with such limitations placed on the government and on themselves as shall be "most likely to effect their safety and happiness." The very word "govern" implies imposed limitations, so that we might say, "The business of government is to govern." Limitations are the business of government, and are the other side of the coin of freedom itself.

*Windsor Castle continued...*

"Therefore our visit to Windsor Castle, our third and longest, was especially significant for me during our long, quiet, early morning walks alone, throughout the castle grounds. And at those times I drifted back through the centuries, surrounded by my thoughts of the eight generations of my ancestors who had lived in that place and had strolled those same areas.

"Then reality returned, and sent me back to our 20th century, and to Elk River, Minnesota."

*James C. Church's Knight of the Garter ancestor was Hugh de Courtenay, 10th Earl of Devon (1302-1377).*

### NEXT

#### MEETING:

All members are encouraged to attend the MNSAR Board of Managers luncheon meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 1998.

Please watch for details to be mailed to you.

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Page Whitmore, MNSAR President

Greetings to the Minnesota SAR:  
The July 25 Summer Meeting of the Board of Managers at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club reported numerous activities of the Society and showed the wide experience of our membership. ROTC medals were presented to 17 units as well as Bronze Good Citizenship medals to 25 Minneapolis and 12 St. Paul area high schools. Five Flag Certificates were also

awarded to St. Paul area businesses who regularly fly the flag.  
The Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest may reach up to 800 Eagle Scouts. Paul Ostendorf will chair a new project from Minnesota to enter the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

We discussed the office of the Vice President General for the North Central District. Fortunately, John Jones and others have a wealth of experience to share with possible candidates. If you are interested please contact me, 612/721-2797.

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## MNSAR BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING HELD AT FORT SNELLING OFFICER'S CLUB

The Summer Meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club on Saturday, 25 July 1998. In attendance were eight Compatriots of the Board of Managers, two additional Compatriots, and two guests.

The meeting was called to order by President Page Whitmore, who led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the SAR Pledge. Compatriot Paul Ostendorf offered the invocation.

A fine luncheon consisting of roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy was served with rainbow sherbet for dessert.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, John Hallberg Jones, reported that ROTC Medals had been presented in all seven college units and all ten high school units in Minnesota. The Minneapolis Chapter reported that Bronze Good Citizenship medals had been presented in 25 area high schools. The Saint Paul Chapter reported presentation of twelve Bronze Medals as well. Secretary-Treasurer Tim Harris indicated that the Chapter also presented five Flag Certificates to businesses

that fly the flag on a regular basis. Additionally, they presented a heroism medal to a 15 year old girl who saved numerous lives in a fire.

Arthur Finnell will present on behalf of the MNSAR a donation of the Minnesota Genealogical Journal to the NSSAR Library. Art will donate volumes 1-9, with the MNSAR purchasing numbers 10-22, plus indexes. Also a resolution was passed that the MNSAR will purchase the CD-Roms of the NSSAR Patriot Index and Graves Registration as a donation to the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library.

The MNSAR will sponsor a participant in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest, with expenses not to exceed \$1000.00, with Compatriot Ostendorf to chair the project. The MNSAR also resolved to award the Silver Good Citizenship medal to John Hallberg Jones for his untiring work. Compatriot Jones expressed his appreciation.

President Whitmore gave the SAR Recessional and declared the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

## REMEMBERING COMPATRIOT CHARLIE HAYWARD

The Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution is saddened by the loss of long time member Charlie Hayward. Charles Lewis 'Charlie' Hayward passed away peacefully this past Easter Sunday at Portland, Oregon at 102 years of age.

John Hallberg Jones remembers him fondly when Charlie lived in Minneapolis. He always wrote in the ledger book of the Minnesota Society, of which he was Treasurer, with his green fountain pen. Anyone going back in the books for historical matters can always tell the tenure of his office.

Mr. Hayward was born November 11, 1895 in Holyoke, Mass. In 1911 his father was transferred to New York. Charles was enrolled in Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn. Charles left Columbia University in the spring of his senior year when World War I was heating up. He joined the Observation Balloon Service. Young Hayward quickly distinguished himself at the Fort Omaha Training School.

He was the third person in this country to parachute from a kite balloon.

Overseas he became the only US person to be given all three available awards for successfully directing artillery fire from his perch 3,500 feet in the air, in a basket under a tethered balloon and for commanding a Balloon Company. After the war ended on his 23rd birthday in 1918, he became a pilot for the New York National Guard while he worked as a supplier of time equipment.

He later moved to Minneapolis to work for North Star Woolen Mills. While here, at an after church coffee hour in Plymouth Church he met Ruth Bailey, whom he came to Portland to marry in 1974. In Portland, he continued active involvement in several aviation, masonic, and veterans organizations, and the SAR. "Take part in your community" is his advice to younger people.

He participated in several parades as a veteran and was celebrated for his military service every



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Veterans Day, Nov. 11, which also was his birthday. In 1995, when he turned 100, more than 300 people threw a party for him at a downtown Portland hotel.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, his son, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Those of us who knew Charlie when he was an active member of the MNSAR will miss him very much.

## HONORING THE MNSAR'S OLDEST LIVING MEMBER

Col. Jack Fuller is the Minnesota Society's oldest living member. He is also the Minnesota Society's longest standing member—over 60 years. The Colonel's Army career led the family around the world including a station at Fort Snelling from 1934-1939. In 1950 the Fullers retired and moved to LaMesa, California. On March 20, 1996 the couple celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary. Matilda passed away July 14, 1996 a few days short of her 101st birthday. March 7, 1998 the Colonel celebrated his 103rd birthday with his family and friends at his home in LaMesa.

Stephen John Ernest is currently the President of the Saint Paul Chapter of the Minnesota Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He is a native of St. Cloud, but originally joined the SAR through the Alexis Coquillard Chapter of the Indiana Society (South Bend), where his grandfather, Ralph Woodson Michael, was a member. He has been a member of the SAR since 1983.

Steve lives in St. Paul and works with the Minnesota State Senate. As a Fiscal Analyst, he assists Senators in the development of budgetary legislation and in legislative oversight of state activities.

Steve has at least nine direct ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War, including:

- Johannes Pontius. (1717-1794);
- John Caspar Grube (1728-before 1808);
- Jonathan Gillam, Sr. (? -?)
- George Michael Hittle, Jr. (1742-before 1826);
- Lt. John Henry Pontius

(1744-1822);

- John George Ott

(1745-1814);

- Jonathan Gillam

(1753-1835);

- "Hill" John Landis, 1st.

(1755-?);

- Daniel Reasor

(1762-1850);

Jonathan Gillam,

Steve's great-great-great-great-great grandfather, exemplifies many of our ancestors who fought for American freedom and developed our new nation as it grew westward. Born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1753, he is on record as having seven enlistments to his credit, serving as a private and an Indian spy.

According to his pension application of 1832, Jonathan never owned a pair of shoes until he was fifteen years old. After his mother died when he was five, he went to live with the nearby David Reed family as a young apprentice. It is interesting to note that one of the men Jonathan served under during the Revolution was Captain David Reed.

From Pennsylvania,

Jonathan moved with his family to Kentucky around 1799. In that year his daughter Lettie, from whom Steve descends, was born in Kentucky.

In the 1800s, the family moved to Indiana, where they were credited as being the first settlers in Columbia Township, Fayette County. There they built a large log cabin from hand-planed poplar trees, which served both as a home and a church meeting place for other settlers who later arrived in the vicinity. That log cabin is still standing to this day.

Jonathan, his family, and a few neighbors are buried in a small cemetery on Gillam land close to the cabin site. In his will, fifteen children were named. Today, descendants of Jonathan Gillam number in the thousands and are scattered from coast to coast.



## MNSAR MEDALS AND AWARDS PRESENTED IN 1998



*Pass in Review at the Twilight Parade and Awards Ceremony held by the Cretin-Derham Hall Corps of Cadets, U.S. Army JROTC*

accompany the medal. Special thanks go to Page Gregory Whitmore, Hon. David S. Bouschor, and Timothy Harris who were presenters at some of the ROTC ceremonies.

### ROTC AWARDS

Seventeen young men from ROTC units located throughout Minnesota were presented with certificates and ROTC medals by the Minnesota SAR. It is presented to ROTC cadets or midshipmen who show a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The award consists of a bronze medal depicting a Minuteman holding a rifle, with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background which is engraved with the recipient's name. A ribbon bar in the SAR colors and a certificate

### BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDALS

The Bronze Good Citizenship award was presented to outstanding graduating seniors from twenty-five Minneapolis and twelve Saint Paul area high schools this year. The criteria for the recipient of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is *Scholarship, Leadership, Character, Service*, and an appreciation of *Patriotism*. The award consists of a bronze medal engraved with the recipient's name and the date of presentation. A certificate is given with the medal.

### FLAG CERTIFICATES

On Flag Day five Saint Paul area businesses were presented with flag certificates by the Saint Paul Chapter SAR for showing their patriotism and love of country. This years recipients are:

- Brightondale Retirement Center, New Brighton.
- General Office Products, New Brighton
- Mermaid Supper Club, Moundsview.
- Midwest Asphalt Corp., New Brighton.
- U.S. Filter, Johnson Screens, New Brighton.

## NINTH GRADER PRESENTED HEROISM MEDAL BY SAINT PAUL CHAPTER SAR

At 2:00 AM Saturday, May 23 a fire broke out in an empty front bedroom of 547 E. Minnehaha Ave. Mechele Shields, age 15, heard a window crash from the heat. She screamed for her siblings, ages 20 months to 13 years, to wake up and managed to rescue five children. She then ran down the block and called 911. Fire fighters rescued four other children. It could have been one of St. Pauls deadliest fires but for the quick thinking of Mechele and rapid response by police and firefighters.

The Saint Paul Chapter President, Stephen Earnest, presented Mechele with a Certificate and Heroism Medal for her bravery.

### NEXT MEETING:

The Minnesota SAR's annual Constitution Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1998 at the Sheraton Midway, I-94 at Hamline. Please watch for details to be mailed to you.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

### Page Whitmore, MNSAR President

On September 19, we enjoyed a tasty Constitution Week Dinner at the Sheraton Inn Midway, while outside the hotel a welcome rain storm relieved a dry spell in the area.

John Hallberg Jones told us that certificates have been prepared for three new members of the Minnesota Society.

From Rock Island Illinois, Compatriot Robert E. Millett and his wife Laura attended the meeting. As

Vice President General, North Central District, he delivered greetings from the National Society.

We were lucky to have as our speaker, John "Chuck" Chalberg, Professor of American History at Normandale College. He made a tremendous hit with his impersonation of baseball great Branch Rickey. Chuck's preparation included sifting through many boxes of Branch Rickey's papers at the Library of Congress. We hope that someday we will be able to witness Chuck Chalberg's other impersonations.

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James Cecil Church is currently President of the Minneapolis Chapter, Minnesota Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He joined the Sons of the American Revolution to obtain certification of his seven Revolutionary War patriot ancestors.

We all remember his presentation at the George Washington Dinner last February of his weekend visit to Windsor Castle as a member of the *Society of the Descendants of the Knights of the Garter*. James is a member of many hereditary societies including: *National Society of Americans of Royal Descent*, *Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States*, *General Society of Mayflower Descendants*, *Descendants of Founders of New Jersey*, *Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor*, *Society of the Lees of Virginia*, and the *Order of the Founders and Patriots of America*.

James and his wife, Donna, will cut their 53rd notch this month. They have two sons and two

daughters. Sadly their youngest son passed away this past May. Their children have produced five grandchildren- one boy and four girls.

When the call to patriotism called on James, he interrupted his studies at the College of Engineering, University of Wisconsin, to join the Army in 1943. As a corporal in a tank recovery unit, James Church experienced first hand the horrors of World War II. He fought from the Normandy Invasion through the Battle of the Bulge to the end of the war.

After the war he returned to the 'U' under the G.I. Bill. In 1949 he received his B.S. in electrical engineering. During the 1950s he worked at Aerospace Corp., which had been contracted by the U.S. Air Force to develop several "hush-hush" unmanned satellite programs. Then in 1961 when President Kennedy committed the U.S. to landing a man on the moon, James accepted a position as a senior manager in the

emerging Apollo Spacecraft Program Office. After NASA, James worked at Honeywell's Space Flight Systems Division in Minneapolis until it was disbanded. He then became head of ergonomics research for the U.S. Bureau of Mines' Twin Cities Research Center. James retired in 1985, but remains as busy as ever with his family's genealogy and hereditary societies including the SAR.

As mentioned, James has seven Revolutionary War ancestors:

■ Lemuel Church. (CT) Private in Capt. Wolcutts' company of the 2nd Connecticut's Regiment of Foot.

■ Isaac Cecil (MD/VA) was a Private in the 13th Virginia Regiment.

■ Daniel Axtell. (PA) Private in Capt. John Miller's 8th Co. of the Pennsylvania Militia's 1st Battallion. Among other battles he and his company fought the British at Trenton, New Jersey on Christmas Day in 1776.

■ Margaret (Eskridge)

Kenner (VA). Her father was General George Washington's namesake and the guardian of the General's mother.

Margaret was one of the few women Patriots cited by the DAR. The Continental Congress awarded her a certificate on April 8, 1782 for her effort in providing beef cattle to General Washington's starving troops at Valley Forge.

■ Dr. Timothy Hosmer (CT) enlisted as a surgeon in Col. Return J. Meigs' 6th Connecticut Regiment. He was transferred to General Washington's medical staff and was said to be one of the General's personal friends.

■ Private Willard Sears (CT) enlisted as a Private in the Connecticut Line of the Continental Army. His father...

■ Capt. Elkana Sears (CT) was a colonial sea Captain who preyed on heavily armed British ships during the War of Revolution to furnish much needed supplies to Washington's Continental Army.

The following is an



excerpt from the 1890 publication *"The Descendants of Richard Sares (Sears) of Yarmouth, Mass 1638-1888"* by Samuel P. May:

"After the War of Revolution broke out, he equipped a vessel which he commanded himself and which preyed on the British convoys. His vessel was captured by a British ship and he, with one of his men, were made prisoners and confined on-board. From what he heard and saw he suspected that preparations were making for their summary execution in the morning. He expressed his suspicions to his man, and prepared to escape and swim ashore. His man thought the attempt desperate, but Sears replied, 'I would rather trust my neck in the water than to the rope.'

About midnight they eluded the sleepy guard and let themselves down into the water, but were soon discovered and fired upon from the ship. Sears reached the shore, but his man gave out. He took a boat, went out and picked him up, and both escaped in safety.

Nothing daunted by his hair-breadth escape, he went to work immediately to fit out another vessel."

## SPECIAL GUEST "BRANCH RICKEY" AT ANNUAL CONSTITUTION DAY DINNER

Compatriot Page Gregory Whitmore presided at the annual Constitution Day Dinner on Saturday, September 19 at the Sheraton Inn Midway in Saint Paul. A very special presentation was made to John Hallberg Jones. Compatriot Jones was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship medal for his untiring work as the MNSAR's Secretary-Treasurer. Jones now has been awarded every medal the State society can bestow. He expressed his sincere appreciation.

The Vice President General of the North Central District NSSAR, Robert E. Millett, was in attendance and extended his greetings. Being from Illinois, Compatriot Millett wondered if our Minnesota weather welcomed him. He noted that on his drive to our annual George Washington Dinner in February he encountered a snow storm and en route for today's meeting he drove into torrential rain.

A delicious dinner consisting of a caesar salad, boneless chicken breast with champagne-mushroom gravy, potatoes and green beans was served

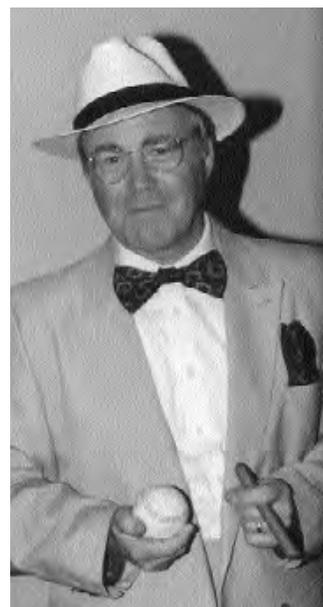
with raspberry sherbet for dessert.

As our very special guest, Branch Rickey spoke about his career in the national past-time. He recalled his start in college baseball in 1903 and his hopes of becoming a lawyer. Unsuccessful at law he was hired by the St. Louis Browns where he found success as general manager. He always exclaimed "God, make me humble, make me grateful. And if you can't make me grateful at least make me tolerant." He preferred to call his players by their Christian names rather than the names by which most people knew them. He spoke eloquently about discovering and signing Jack Roosevelt (Jackie) Robinson for the Brooklyn Dodgers, remarking, "If Jack isn't a *Christian* name at least Roosevelt was a good *Republican* name."

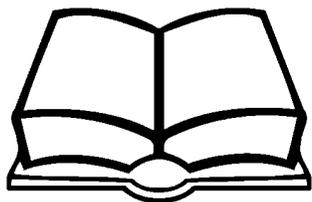
Actually Branch

*Professor*

*Chuck Chalberg  
as Branch Rickey.*



Rickey was played by John "Chuck" Chalberg, Professor of American History at Normandale College. Professor Chalberg entitled his one-man show *A Branch Grows in Brooklyn*. He travels all around the country appearing as Teddy Roosevelt, Ignatius Donnelly, Patrick Henry, G.K. Chesterton, and H.L. Mencken. His lively portrayal of historic figures provided a very entertaining program. *Everyone* enjoyed it. Members wouldn't let the professor go home after the program talking to him and asking him questions.



## BOOK REPORT SECTION

Compatriot Arthur Louis Finnell

### American Society Medals An Identification Guide

by Lee E. Bishop, Jr. & Robert Elliott, II  
320 pp, 8½ x 11,  
Hard-bound, 1998  
Price: \$69.95 plus \$5.05  
postage. Make checks  
payable and order from:  
Lee Bishop, P.O. Box 3393  
Santa Monica, CA 90408

Have you ever been to an event and wondered about all the medals worn by individuals there? Why are they wearing them and what are they for? Here at last is the information you have been looking for to answer these questions. This 320 page book contains nearly 650 illustrations of the membership and other award medals of over 200 lineage, military, patriotic and other types of societies, plus basic criteria for membership. A very complete index is included. The book is formatted specially to allow easy comparison and determination of variations until now.

Shown here are some of the finest items of numismatic art ever produced in this country. Many of the originals done in gold and enamels. Very little has been compiled on

these wearable evidence of membership and appreciation.

This book represents a combination of over 70 years of collecting experience and research into this subject. It is believed that this would soon become the bible on the subject. A work of great value to anyone interested in medals and their history. It should be of interest to a wide range of individuals. A gift that someone would enjoy for many years.

### Reading Early American Handwriting

by Kip Sperry; Published and available from Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, MD 21202  
Price: \$29.99 plus \$3.50 postage and handling.  
289 pp, paperback, 1998.

Have you ever found that old family document and were unable to read it? It looked like something from another country or age. Now there is help for the family historian and genealogist in this book by Kip Sperry.

This book is designed to teach someone how to read and understand handwriting found in docu-

ments commonly used in genealogical research. The techniques are uncovered and explained to read these early American documents and records. Samples of alphabets and letter forms and definitions of terms and abbreviations used in common American documents are also provided.

Many examples of old records for the reader to work with are included. Over 100 documents are provided as examples in various degrees of difficulty. The original document and letter and word by word transcribing will help the reader to become proficient in reading and understanding early American handwriting.

A wealth of information and details are found on the pages that will help anyone dealing with early American records. In your dealing with early American research you will need this book no matter if its on microfilm or xerox copies. This book will soon be worth it!

## SAR AWARD ORGANIZERS SOUGHT

The MNSAR is seeking help in organizing the Bronze Good Citizenship medal and ROTC medal programs. Compatriot Jones is responsible for maintaining the 25 Minneapolis area high schools and 17 ROTC units throughout Minnesota- in addition to the work involved being the MNSAR and the Minneapolis Chapter Secretary-Treasurer. Help with one or both of these programs would be most appreciated. It would be an excellent way to be more involved in the MNSAR. If you are interested please contact John Hallberg Jones, 2700 East Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55406-3743, or call him at

### NEXT MEETING:

The Minnesota SAR's annual General Meeting will be held at The Lexington Restaurant, 1096 Grand Ave. Saint Paul on Sat., Jan. 9, 1999. Committees meet at 10 AM Meeting begins at 11 AM Luncheon (from the menu) at noon.

Please watch for details to be mailed to you.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Page Whitmore, MNSAR President

On January 9, seventeen members met at the Lexington Restaurant and reported on current and new activities of the Minnesota Society SAR.

Our congratulations to Tim Harris, who received two supplemental ancestor certificates after traveling to Maine and doing a lot of hard work.

Congratulations also to Doug Stevenson for obtaining an ancestor chart with three names of persons that

may have taken part in the American Revolution. We hope he will verify his link to these ancestors and their participation in the Revolution by adding dates and other facts on supplemental forms that are available from John Hallberg Jones. Professional suggestions may be obtained from our Registrar, Art Finnell. Members might wish to enroll in one of Art Finnell's forthcoming genealogy workshops. Doug or anyone else can call me at 612/721-2797 to check if any Revolutionary War Patriots are listed in the 1997 Membership Directory of the National Society.

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## MNSAR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE LEXINGTON RESTAURANT

The annual general meeting of the Minnesota Society, the Minneapolis Chapter, and the Saint Paul Chapter were held in conjunction at The Lexington Restaurant in Saint Paul on Saturday, January 9, 1999. Luncheon was served during the meeting. Seventeen members of the Minnesota Society attended the meeting (twelve from the Minneapolis Chapter and ten from the Saint Paul Chapter).

The formalities of the day were started by Page Gregory Whitmore, President of the Minnesota Society, who led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR. Compatriot Paul John Ostendorf offered the Invocation. The Society was then recessed and the Saint Paul Chapter and the Minneapolis Chapter conducted their business.

The Saint Paul Chapter, led by President Stephen Ernest, reported that twelve area high schools participated in the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program in 1998 and letters have already been mailed for 1999. Five flag certificates were presented to Saint Paul area businesses for regularly flying the flag.

The Minneapolis Chapter President, James

Cecil Church, called the Minneapolis Chapter to order. Compatriot Jones reported that the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program was in 25 high schools in 1998 and letters were already out for the program in 1999. The Minneapolis Chapter will donate \$10 for the NSSAR Magazine to the Mpls. Public Library, \$50 to the Longfellow House Restoration Committee, \$200 to the Mpls. Public Library, and four copies, valued at approximately \$100 total, of the Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry Lineage Book, for donation to libraries in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Society then commenced with their business. The 1998 accrued interest of \$250.70 will be expended as follows: \$22 for MGS dues, approximately \$100 for CD-Roms for the MGS Library, \$20 for Minnesota Genealogical Journal for the NSSAR Library, \$20 for the Preservation Alliance, and the balance of approximately \$88 for microfilm rolls of Minnesota census records for the NSSAR Library.

An interim membership report cited 119 members, plus five dual members. Compatriot Tim

Harris was presented with two additional approved supplemental application certificates.

Compatriot Jones reported that all eighteen ROTC units received medals during 1998 and that the program is in place for 1999. Tim Harris reported for the Eagle Scout Program, citing 17 applications for scholarship have been received. Paul Ostendorf reported for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. There are two contestants at this time. He will coordinate with President Whitmore regarding travel to the NSSAR Congress.

Stephen Ernest reported on the MNSAR web page linked to the NSSAR page.

Our Registrar, Arthur Finnell, will be conducting genealogy workshops at his office for prospective members. James Church, Bill DeCoursey, and Page Whitmore will assist in the project.

Secretary Jones installed the officers for 1999, along with the Minneapolis Chapter and St. Paul Chapter officers.

After the SAR recessional was read, Brother Ostendorf gave the benediction and President Whitmore declared the Society adjourned at 1:18 PM.

## VISIT MNSAR ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB



The Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution has a presence on the world wide web. The website explains the purpose of our organization and the programs we offer. It also tells the reader about our four annual meetings. There are links to the NSSAR pages to learn *About the Sons of the American Revolution* and *Becoming a Compatriot in the SAR*. The website is posted on the NSSAR server. You can find us at <http://www.sar.org/mnssar>.

### NEXT MEETING:

The next SAR meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20, 1999 at the Women's Club of Minneapolis, 410 Oak Grove Steet. The meeting will be held jointly and hosted by the SR. Please watch for details to be mailed to you.



# NOW & WHEN

Paul John Ostendorf is the new Vice President of the Minneapolis Chapter of the MNSAR. He is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He joined the Minnesota Society four years ago because his mother enjoys her experiences in the DAR and because of his interest in genealogy. History, education and patriotism made it a natural to him. Paul is also a member of three genealogical societies: Winona Area Genealogical Roundtable (founder), the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, and the Great River Genealogical Society (of Quincy, IL).

Paul Ostendorf has been the Head Librarian at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN for 23 years. He teaches public speaking and arts appreciation. He is a Graduate Reference Librarian during the summer months. He is also the University Archivist. Paul has been in education since 1953 as a teacher, high school principal and superintendent, university librar-

ian and professor. He is a full professor with a Ph. D.

Paul is a Christian Brother, a member of the Catholic Order of Educators who are at De La Salle High School in Minneapolis and at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in Saint Paul.

Paul resides with his mother, aged 96, who "owns" 14 recognized patriots, a few Quakers and a Loyalist. Robert McCreery, of Virginia, 1740-1790, is the patriot by which he entered the SAR.

Actually, Paul claims he comes from a long line of "no-bodies" from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Some fought. Some provided supplies such as Catherine Smith, who ran a mill which bore rifle barrels in what is now Union Co, PA. The Turners, William and Martha, were foragers at Bryans Station, KY. Lily McIlhaney collected and provided supplies in VA. John Holloway started out as a Hessian soldier, fighting the Americans, was

"enlightened" and joined the 1st Massachusetts Regiment but never had to fight his former companions and died a pauper. William Orr was a ranger on the Pennsylvania frontier and James Davis, Sr., was a spy in Tennessee and Kentucky.

No "grandfather tales" have come down to Paul. All of his Revolutionary War past has been discovered through research. Everyone has a story and some are not pleasant, such as when you discover that a brother-in-law is a commissioned officer in a Loyalist regiment or a brother went to war and never came back. Of course, many stories were never told or repeated on to the next generation. The constant movement to greater opportunities in the ever-expanding West blurred his family's past. However, he has been thrilled to find these heroes of our American heritage and looks forward to finding more. Although he has found only two since 1976, he has been working on genealogy since 1966.

## ORATION CONTEST TO BE HELD AT CRETIN- DERHAM HALL

This is the first time the MNSAR will be entering into the SAR national competition of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, although it has been running since 1949. The Minnesota State competition will be held on Saturday, February 13, 1999, at Cretin-Derham Hall High School, at 1 PM.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest is open to all high school students. It consists of an original oration of five to six minutes. Brother Paul Ostendorf is the Minnesota Chair for the contest. Four MNSAR members volunteered to be judges. All members are invited to attend. The Minnesota State winner will be given the opportunity to participate in the national competition at the NSSAR Congress. The national contest will be Sunday, July 4, 1999, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Diego, CA. The national winner receives a \$2,000 scholarship award.

Cretin-Derham Hall High School is located at 500 Albert Street South, Saint Paul, MN 55116.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 09 JANUARY 1999

The following compatriots were nominated and elected to serve for the Minnesota Society and/or their respective chapters. The Minneapolis Chapter officers changed from 1998. The Saint Paul Chapter and Minnesota Society officers were nominated for a second term. Congratulations to all the compatriots who accepted service to the Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution.

### MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR

President.....Page Gregory Whitmore  
 Vice President .....Robert Bicknell Mirick  
 Secretary-Treasurer.....John Hallberg Jones, PP  
 Registrar .....Arthur Louis Finnell, PP  
 Genealogist & Asst Reg.....James Cecil Church  
 Chancellor .....Larry Larson Warren  
 Historian/Newsletter Editor .....Timothy Charles Harris, PP  
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 Surgeon .....Dr. Roy Franklin House, Jr.  
 Chaplain .....The Rev. Richard Keene Smith, Jr.  
 Sergeant-at-Arms .....Paul Victor William E. Miller

Past Presidents are automatically members of the Board of Managers. Those not named above are:

Hon. David Sinclair Bouschor	William Leslie DeCoursey
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Curtis John Oliver	Michael Scott Swisher
Buford Allen Young	

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(up to 20 members, in addition to the above.)

Geoffrey Robert Bodeau, M.D.	Robert James Curtiss
Duane Loren Devereaux	Peter Arrott Dixon
Stephen John Ernest	The Rev. Wallace E. Gears
James Gillespie Hirsh	William Wells Hutchins
Daro Eugene Larson	Larry Allan Lundblad
Paul John Ostendorf	George Floyd Smith, M.D.
David Douglas Stevenson, Jr.	Michael LaLond West
6 open positions	

**SAR Endowment Trust Fund:** (three year terms)

Trustee ending January 2000 .....Michael Scott Swisher, PP  
 Trustee ending January 2001 .....John Hallberg Jones, PP  
 Trustee ending January 2002 .....Duane L.C.M. Galles, Esq., PP

**Nominated for election at the NSSAR National Congress July 1999:**

National Trustee for Minnesota ...Duane L.C.M. Galles, Esq., PP  
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### ARE YOUR 1999 DUES STILL DUE?

If you still owe 1999 dues please remit to our Secretary-Treasurer, John Hallberg Jones, 2700 East Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55406-3743, or call him at 612/721-4275.

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THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NEWSLETTER **SPRING 1999**



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

**Page Whitmore, MNSAR President**

Greetings to the Minnesota SAR. Thanks to the hard work of Duane Galles, we had a wonderful joint meeting on February 20 with the Minnesota Sons of the Revolution at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis.

Paul Ostendorf's oration contest of February 13 was outstanding. Art Finnell will accompany the Minnesota SAR Oration contest

winner, Scott Eckert, to the National SAR Congress in San Diego. My wife, Arvella and I hope to see Art Finnell, Duane Galles and Scott Eckert there.

The Winter issue of the SAR Magazine highlights George Washington. This year marks the bicentennial of his death. He died on December 14, 1799 at Mount Vernon.

We hope to have an interesting program for our July 17 meeting at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club. I hope most of you can attend.

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## DAVID SCHULTZ SPEAKS AT WASHINGTON DAY DINNER



*David Schultz spoke about the media, politics and freedom of the press.*

The Peacock Room of the Minneapolis Woman's Club was the location of the George Washington Day observance and dinner held jointly by the Minnesota Sons of the Revolution and the Minnesota Sons of the American Revolution.

Our savory dinner included the Woman's Club's famous caramel roll, roast loin of pork, twice baked potatoes, pea pods and red pepper slices, and a lemon torte for dessert.

Secretary-Treasurer John Jones presented the Minneapolis Chapter President, Doug Stevenson, with his officer's neck ribbon.

Our speaker for the evening, David Schultz, presented an oration entitled, *Monica, O.J. and Freedom of the Press: What did the Framers Intend and Does it Matter?* It was a dissertation from a chapter of his ninth book, *It's Show Time: Media, Politics and Popular Culture*.

He began his oration with a question: What is news? He talked about four functions of news, the first being the role of the media in democracy. He told of the founding fathers' intent of a free press being imperative to a democracy. He went on to show us the corporate function and how the media

has changed over time from print versus TV and radio news. The third and fourth functions, he said, was the entertainment function and the political function. He stated that at the beginning newspapers were political by nature and usually followed their parties' viewpoints. Then newspapers started advertising and became circulation driven and tried to cater to a broader range of people. With television and radio, news has transformed into being more entertainment driven. Now, with the concentration of ownership the national media is owned by around ten conglomerates who lobby for their own benefit.

He ended his discussion as he began it, with a question. He asked us: Is this what the framers of the first amendment wished to protect?

David Schultz is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls and he teaches law at Hamline Law School.

Paul Victor William E. Miller is currently the vice president of the Saint Paul Chapter and Sergeant-at-Arms for the Minnesota Society SAR. He has been a member for five years. He joined the SAR to combine his interest in history and genealogy with his wish to be more patriotic.

Bill is married to Jocelyn Muggli. They have two boys, Christopher and Gregory, ages 17 and 14. Bill also has two sons and two daughters from his first family, all grown and scattered. He has four grandchildren.

Bill Miller is the Professor of Entomology at the University of Minnesota, Saint Paul campus. He states that he is semi-retired in that he chooses his tasks and works only nine months of the year. Bill has B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Louisiana State, Ohio State, and Michigan State in zoology, entomology, and forestry. He does research on topics such as causes of forest insect outbreaks, insect taxonomy or classification, and life history evolution in moths and butter-

flies. He advises graduate students doing research in these areas. He has been at his occupation for forty years.

His ancestor Elisha Cole, Jr. is the patriot by which he entered the SAR. Elisha Cole, Jr. was a private in the Seventh Regiment, Dutchess Co., New York Militia under Col. Henry Ludington. Elisha Cole, Sr. also served in the same regiment during the Revolution. These ancestors were descendants of Daniel Cole, who arrived from England in the same decade as the Mayflower families. Daniel and his children married into Mayflower families. The line seems to have been thoroughly American by Revolutionary times. These Coles and most of the line after them were farmers who, the records show, were also active in community affairs.

Joshua, a son of Elisha, Jr., was a soldier in the War of 1812. For his military service, Joshua obtained a land grant in St. Joseph Co., Indiana, moving there from Dutchess Co., New York. Bill's Cole line continued as

farmers in Indiana down to his father, who was the first college-educated male member of the lineage that he knows of, and in whose footsteps he followed in becoming an entomologist. In the 1850s, during the grand period of rural cemetery establishment in America, Joshua's son, Alvah, donated a piece of the St. Joseph County land grant for use as a community cemetery, where forbearers of Bill's and many others are now buried. The nearest town is Plymouth, Indiana, which Bill bets was named for Plymouth, Massachusetts by immigrants from the east like Joshua.

Instead of doing genealogical research during his summers off, Bill has spent the last four of them in the northwoods south of Ely, Minnesota, building by his own hand a log house, which is nearing completion. He has often been asked why he's doing this. Those who know him and his history just say, "It's in the genes."

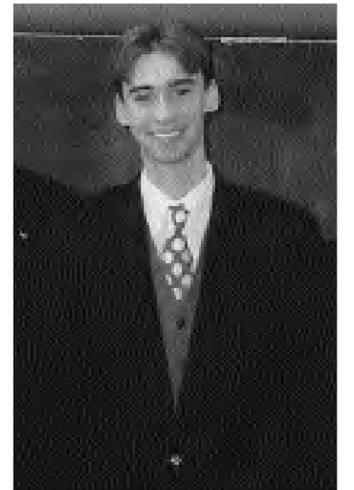


## MNSAR RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTEST WINNER SELECTED

On February 13, 1999, at Cretin-Derham Hall, Paul Ostendorf, the Oration Contest Chair, three MNSAR member judges, an alternate and the MNSAR President selected Scott S. Eckert as the Minnesota Oration Contest Winner. The contest, in honor of Joseph S. Rumbaugh, required an original composition on a personality, event or document pertaining to the American Revolution, showing the relationship it bears to America today. Scott spoke eloquently about Samuel and John Adams, citing Samuel as the Father of the Revolution and John as the Atlas of the Revolution. The memorized address was between five and six minutes in length.

Scott received an Olympic-sized medal from Page Whitmore. As winner, Scott has been invited to represent the MNSAR at the NSSAR Congress in San Diego on July 4, 1999, to compete nationally for a \$3,000 scholarship and other prizes.

Scott Eckert is a graduating senior at St. Anthony Senior High where, among



his many academic achievements, he is also the only male cheerleader and Husky mascot at sporting events. His coach was James Struter. Scott has received many oration medals and was chosen as one of the two Youth Senators of Minnesota for the Youth Government Conference in Washington DC later this month.

Scott plans to get his college education at Princeton University with an history or political science degree. Then he wants to become a public servant, perhaps a teacher, government official or even a legislator.

# NOW & THEN



## APPLE VALLEY EAGLE SCOUT HONORED AT WASHINGTON DAY DINNER



*David Engel and his uncle, Scout Master Rob Swanson*

David James Engel, of the Indianhead Council Boy Scouts of America, received the Spreading Wings Bronze Eagle Trophy as the Minnesota winner of the Sons of the American Revolution's Eagle Scout Scholarship and Awards Program. David was honored at the annual George Washington Day observance and dinner. His mother, father, both grandmothers, and his uncle/scout master were also in attendance.

David's application, four generation ancestor chart and his patriotic essay were sent to National SAR headquarters in Louisville Kentucky to compete with other state

winner for a \$5,000 scholarship. A \$1,000 scholarship was also chosen. This year's national winner was the Oklahoma Society candidate, Clayton Gaddis. The runner-up is Philip Stephens of Florida. David's patriotic theme, entitled *Common Sense in an American Crisis*, is presented in its entirety.

### NEXT MEETING:

All members are encouraged to attend the MNSAR Board of Managers luncheon meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 17, 1999 at the Fort Snelling Officers Club.

Please watch for details to be mailed to you.

## "COMMON SENSE" IN AN "AMERICAN CRISIS"

by David James Engel—  
1998 MNSAR Eagle Scout Contest Winner

*Common Sense* and *American Crisis* influenced the colonists during the American Revolution. "The cause of America is, in great measure, the cause of all mankind."

The famous writings were widely published. There were over 500,000 copies sold of *Common Sense*. Thomas Paine, the author of these writings, could easily persuade by both reason and emotion.

In *Common Sense*, Thomas Paine "offered nothing more than simple facts, plain arguments, and common sense." This pamphlet stated reasons for our independence. For example, it was introducing a new method of government instead of monarchy. It stated we could use a new type of democracy and all we had to do was become independent, then start our new government. For these reasons Thomas Paine declared "The sun never shined on a greater worth." Today there are

more democratic governments than there are monarchies.

*American Crisis* encouraged the colonists to keep striving for our independence in the face of the adversity of war. During our struggling revolution this pamphlet was published and distributed, which gave the colonists the extra push to become our own country. As Thomas Paine wrote, "These are the times that try men's souls."

In conclusion, these famous pamphlets, *Common Sense* and *American Crisis* influenced the colonists during the American Revolution by persuading with reason, emotion, and common sense to the causes of independence and by encouraging the colonists in troubling times to the revolution. William Shakespeare once said "The pen is mightier than the sword." Thomas Paine has proven this.

### NEW MEMBERS:

Robert Austin Lamson, III 151046, MN-1956, Daniel Barney, Jr. Reed Hunter Saunders, 151114, MN-1957, Gershom Reed Charles Norman Wilson, 150608, MN-1955, Nathan Denison

### Reinstatements:

Clinton A. Caswell and William L. DeCoursey

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# SAR Salute



THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1999



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

### Page Whitmore, MNSAR President

Greetings to the Minnesota SAR:  
Arvella and I attended the NSSAR Congress in San Diego as did our delegate, Duane Galles. The weather was delightful. We discussed many topics including automated membership applications and a family membership program. We heard many committee reports, etc. Please see the article inside for more about the NSSAR Congress.

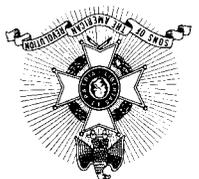
The highlight of the SAR National Congress was of course the national competition for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. The Minnesota Oration Contest winner, Scott Eckert, and his mother Jane attended the SAR National Congress as our guests. Scott was the Minnesota contestant of the oration contest.

Scott and his mother were also our guests at the MNSAR Board of Managers meeting held at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club. Many compatriots were in attendance.

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## CAPT. CHARLES E. FOX SPEAKS AT THE MNSAR BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

Jones, reported that ROTC Medals had been presented in all seven college units and all ten high school units in Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Chapter reported that Bronze Good Citizenship Medals had been presented in 26 area high schools. Compatriot James Church was presented with his Past President's Certificate and Pin. Minneapolis Chapter President Stevenson introduced several guests, who are prospective members.

The Saint Paul Chapter reported presentation of twelve Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to Saint Paul area high schools and five Flag Certificates to businesses that fly the flag on a regular basis.

The Eagle Scout program is again in place. Indications are that about 750 Eagle Scouts will receive an information packet and certificate this year.

The highlight of our luncheon meeting was provided by our guest speaker, Capt. Charles E. Fox, USNR (Retired). Captain

The Summer Meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club on Saturday, 17 July 1999. In attendance were eleven Compatriots of the Board of Managers. Additional Compatriots and guests brought the total to 25 in all.

The meeting was called to order by President Page Whitmore, who led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the SAR Pledge. Compatriot John H. Jones offered the invocation.

A delicious meal was served for luncheon, including a garden salad, swiss steak, vegetable medley, mashed potatoes and gravy and vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce for dessert.

An interim membership report was presented indicating that the MNSAR has 110 members plus four dual members.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, John Hallberg



Fox spoke of the history of the Fort Snelling Officers Club. He handed everyone in attendance a pamphlet including photocopies of pictures and the cover of the "Reveille" printed in 1919 for the centennial of Fort Snelling.

The earliest known existence of the Officers' Club at Fort Snelling dates back to March 1, 1905. On the lower level of the Bachelor Officers' Quarters a military club was installed to provide the officers a place to relax and socialize. Very little is known about this building but it still exists today on the grounds of historic Fort Snelling.

The present building was built in 1934 using private donations funded

under W.P.A. project #3468. Included on the grounds of the Officers' Club were a swimming pool and a golf course with its own clubhouse, and a large picnic grounds. The airport expansion in 1969 and the freeway changed the exterior of the grounds forever.

In the early days guests would drive up to the west entrance of the building and an enlisted man would park their car. As they entered the building, they came into the ballroom. The ballroom had a dance floor and a large crystal chandelier. It was an elegant setting for fancy parties and galas. Many weddings were, and still are celebrated at the Officers' Club.



## SAR NATIONAL CONGRESS REPORT



*Jane Eckert, Duane L.C.M. Galles, Scott Eckert, Page and Arvella Whitmore represented the MNSAR at the NSSAR Congress in San Diego.*

MNSAR President Page Whitmore and the Minnesota Delegate Duane L.C.M. Galles reported on the San Diego National Congress, which had been an enjoyable one. They enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Compatriot Galles reported that an on-line version of the current NSSAR Membership Application Form is now available at the NSSAR Web Site (<http://www.sar.org>). Also, the NSSAR will soon field a Family Membership Application to be used when several related persons in a family apply as a group. The concept of recruiting groups of related

people versus recruiting one person at a time for membership seems to be a logical step to increasing membership.

Minnesota/Washington DC dual member, Peter Arrott Dixon, came in third as a candidate for Historian General.

Scott Eckert won the Minnesota Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest last February and placed third in the national competition in San Diego. He won \$1,000 from the NSSAR.

The NSSAR Congress in 2000 will be held at the Copley Plaza, Boston, and will be on a schedule one day shorter than the current format.

## NOW & THEN

David Douglas Stevenson, Jr. is currently the President of the Minneapolis Chapter of the Minnesota Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He has been a member of the SAR for about ten years. Doug joined the SAR mainly because of his friendship with our Secretary-Treasurer John H. Jones and because his maternal grandmother was in the DAR.

Doug is currently the president of the downtown Kiwanis Club and a past president of the Saint Andrews Society of Minneapolis, a Scottish heritage organization. He is also on the program committee for the downtown Minneapolis Rotary Club and is a member of the Fort Snelling Officers' Club. Doug served in the United States Air Force—S.A.C. from 1958-1960.

Doug has four daughters: Cassandra, Laura, Kimberly and Margaret. He has four grandchildren. Doug is married to Lori Jane Kushlan.

Doug is Vice President of Investments at Everen Securities, Inc., located in

the IDS Tower.

Doug has three ancestors who fought in the American Revolution plus one who fought with the Loyalists:

- Charles Faulkner
- Jacob Laird, born 1759  
Huntington Co. PA,  
was in the militia.
- Johann Henrich  
Bartholomew was a  
Hessian Soldier in  
Hunters Battalion.

Doug's ancestor, Josiah Elam is the patriot by which he entered the SAR. It is said that Josiah Elam enlisted at the breaking out, and served through the revolution. The public records are— A notation in War Book 4, page 171 as follows: "A list of soldiers of the Virginia line, a Continental establishment who have received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeable to an act of assembly passed November sessions 1781... Josiah Elam, by William Mosley, July 5, 1783, 16 pounds, 19 shillings, 9 pence." His will was dated 29 December 1819 and probated March 1821, in Green County, Ohio.

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## 1999 MNSAR MEDALS AND AWARDS PROGRAMS



### ROTC AWARDS

Cadets and midshipmen from seventeen ROTC units located throughout Minnesota were presented with certificates and ROTC medals by the Minnesota SAR. A gala event was presented by the University of Minnesota Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC Units including a full dress parade and review shown above.

### BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDALS

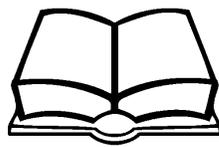
The Bronze Good Citizenship award was presented to outstanding graduating seniors from twenty-six Minneapolis and twelve Saint Paul area high schools this year. The

criteria for the recipient of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is *Scholarship, Leadership, Character, Service*, and an appreciation of *Patriotism*.

### FLAG CERTIFICATES

On Flag Day five Saint Paul area businesses were presented with flag certificates by the Saint Paul Chapter SAR for showing their patriotism and love of country. This years recipients are:

- American Freight Ways, Roseville.
- Hypro Corporation, New Brighton.
- Northstar Financial Forms, Roseville.
- Signergy Sign Group, New Brighton.
- Willamette Industries, Inc., Roseville.



## BOOK REPORT SECTION

Compatriot Arthur Louis Finnell

**Mayflower Vital Records, Deed and Wills 1600-1900's** by Susan Roser. Price: \$29.99 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co. 1001 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

This CD contains images of the pages of the following works by Susan Roser's *Mayflower Increasing, Mayflower Marriages; Mayflower Birth and Deaths and Mayflower Deeds and Probates*. These five volumes are combined to make available in one source some 85,000 persons descended from Mayflower passengers. Included is a combined index to the names in the four original titles and is essential to any serious Mayflower researcher.

The records were originally extracted from the birth, death, marriage, deed

and probate records as compiled by the *Bowman Files*. George Ernest Bowman was a genealogist who spent fifty years tracing mayflower families, producing over 20,000 pages of records.

The records span as many as ten generations though the individual information varies, depending on the books extracted. A wealth of materials that would be of great value to anyone interested in passengers who arrived on the Mayflower. A great source for the new age of genealogical research.

### NEXT MEETING:

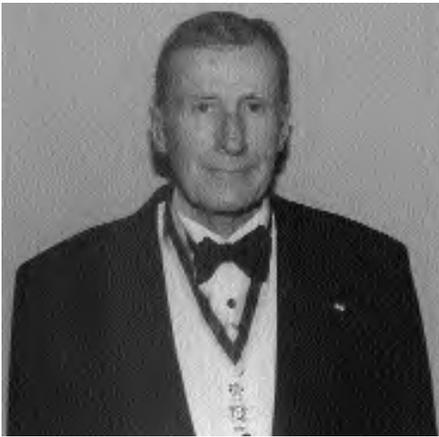
The Minnesota SAR's annual Constitution Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 25, 1999 at the Lexington Restaurant. This will be a joint meeting with the SR. The speaker is Dr. Patrick Henry, Executive Director of the Ecumenical Center at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. He is a direct descendant of his namesake.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Page Whitmore, MNSAR President

It was wonderful to see thirty-five members and guests of the SR and SAR who attended the joint Constitution Week Dinner at the Lexington Restaurant.

Congratulations to Doug Orton who received a new member certificate and to Brother Paul Ostendorf, who received four supplemental

ancestral certificates.

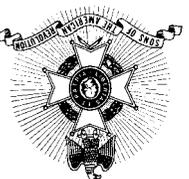
Dr. Patrick Henry gave us a scholarly comparison of revolutionary rhetoric today and during the American Revolution. He concluded that the world today has many keen thinkers as during the American Revolution.

I attended a Children of the American Revolution meeting recently. They need new members. Please see the article inside for details.

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## SPECIAL GUEST PATRICK HENRY SPEAKS AT ANNUAL CONSTITUTION DAY DINNER



*SR President Arthur Finnell,  
Dr. Patrick Henry, MNSAR  
President Page Whitmore, and  
Secretary-Treasurer  
John Hallberg Jones.*

The Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution joined with the Society of the Sons of the Revolution at the Lexington Restaurant for our annual Constitution Week Dinner.

Arthur Louis Finnell, President of the SR, presided over the event for both societies.

Caesar salad was served to begin our wonderful dinner. Grilled chicken breast with a lime sauce marinade, a vegetable medly of green beans, broccoli, zucchini, carrots, and red pepper and a generous portion of mashed potatoes with bits of skin and a hint of garlic smothered in gravy made up our entree. For dessert we were treated to vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce decoratively served with an Oblatan cracker.

After dinner the SR

conducted their business. The SAR presented a certificate and rosette to our newest member, Douglas Vail Orton. Compatriot Paul Ostendorf was presented with four supplemental certificates. President Page Whitmore announced that the MNSAR was honored at the National Society Convention this past July with the Len Young Smith Award for the largest number of new members under the age of forty and the Ohio Award for the highest percentage of new members under the age of thirty.

Dr. Patrick Henry, Executive Director of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research at St. John's University, was our special guest. He is an eloquent orator of the Revolutionary War era. His program was entitled "The

Rhetoric of Revolutions, Then and Now" which gave him the opportunity to speak about his ancestor and namesake. He handed everyone in attendance a paper with citations for discussion. Besides Patrick Henry he had quotes from the Declaration of Independence, Václav Havel and Charter 77 from the Czechoslovakian Revolution, from Nelson Mandela, and from Aung San Suu Kyi, a Burmese revolutionary under house arrest.

He talked about how their words were chosen to explain the history, society and ethics for their respective revolutions. It was a very interesting and informative oratory.

Afterwards President Whitmore presented him with a certificate of appreciation and a donation for the institute of Ecumenical and Cultural Research at St. John's University.

As past president of the Saint Paul Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Tom Harris is now a member of the Board of Managers. He is also currently the Librarian of the MNSAR.

Tom and his wife Pat are proud owners of a Victorian-era house in Northeast Minneapolis. Tom is a Development Programmer for Disc Computer Systems, a company that writes computer software for medical clinics. Tom has worked there for ten years now.

Tom has seven ancestors who fought for American Independence:

- 1st Lt. Isaac Holden, MA—marched on the alarm of Lexington, fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill, Battles of Long Island, Harlem Heights, Trenton, and Princeton.
- Samuel Mills, CT, was Captain of Militia Co. 9, Regiment 14.
- Private Noah Cowles, CT, (future son-in-law of Samuel Mills) served on the galley ship Washington as a marine on Lake Champlain when

Benedict Arnold built his fleet and was defeated in the Battle of Valcour Island. 16-year-old Noah Cowles was captured and paroled under condition that he would not take up arms against the King until exchanged.

- Samuel Cowles, CT, a veteran of the French and Indian War and father of Noah Cowles, marched on the Lexington alarm and was an Ensign in Samuel Mills' Company, 14th Connecticut Militia.
- Private Oliver Randall, MA, fought at the Battle of Newport, RI in July 1778. He also served at West Point and was present at the execution of André.
- John Randall, MA, another veteran of the French and Indian War and father of Oliver Randall marched on the alarm of Lexington and in 1780 was a sergeant.

Tom joined the MNSAR in 1989 to honor his ancestor Zaccheus Dustin. Zaccheus Dustin joined the Continental Army in November, 1776 from Londonderry, New

Hampshire. He served as a Private under General Enoch Poor. Zaccheus was immediately sent to Fort Ticonderoga and was part of the retreat when General "Johnny" Burgoyne captured it. General Poor's brigade was in heavy fighting at the Battles of Freeman's Farm and Saratoga in September and October, 1777. The surrender of Burgoyne, as a direct result of these two engagements, suspended the war in the north, and Poor's brigade now joined Washington's army near Philadelphia. They took up winter quarters at Valley Forge.

Afterwards, General Poor's brigade, along with Zaccheus Dustin, was chosen as a part of General Sullivan's army for the subjection of the "Six Nations" of Indians. This historic but lesser known engagement took place in the Genesee country in western New York. They saw heavy fighting as they sacked Indian villages and feasted upon their crops in the autumn of 1779. This campaign was much like Sherman's march through

Georgia in the American Civil War. Zaccheus Dustin was discharged at Pumptown, New Jersey, having served in the Revolutionary War three years.

During the 1780s Zaccheus Dustin married Elizabeth McCollom and had four children. After Elizabeth's death Zaccheus married Mary "Polly" Gibson as his second wife in 1796. Zaccheus had nine more children. They moved from Londonderry, New Hampshire to east-central Vermont, to Grand Isle, Vermont and finally to Plattsburgh, New York.

Zaccheus applied for a pension based upon his Revolutionary War service in 1818—and again in 1820 to retain his pension. Zaccheus Dustin died May 22, 1837 at the age of 87 and lies in Baker's Burying Ground in Plattsburgh, New York.

Tom has always been glad that he has a Zaccheus in his family tree.

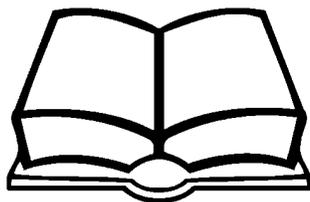
# NOW & THEN



## CAR WORKSHOP HELD AT DUPUIS HOUSE

MNSAR President Page Whitmore was in attendance at the Minnesota Children of the American Revolution (CAR) workshop held recently at the Historic DuPuis House in Mendota, Minnesota. The MNCAR needs more new members. Many of us have children or grand-children who are eligible to join the Minnesota CAR. Sandie Lamb Bunker, Minnesota Senior State President welcomes your inquiry at home: 612/948-3202 and work: 612/475-4717. A DAR contact is Norma G. Sedlack, State Regent: 517/288-1147.





## BOOK REPORT SECTION

Compatriot Arthur Louis Finnell

**Colonial Families of the United States of America** by George Norbury MacKenzie. One CD Indexed. Price: \$39.99 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. Available from Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

This is a new Family Archives CD containing images of the seven volumes *Colonial Families of the United State of America*; compiled over thirteen years by George Norbury MacKenzie. This encyclopedic collection of early American genealogies and family histories is like none others. *Colonial Families* treats only those families who trace their ancestry back to the Colonial period (1607-1776). Each article gives the British or European pedigree of the colonial ancestor. The seven volumes combined cover about 1,000 families and name 140,000 family members. For the searchers convenience an electronic name index allows you to search the CD quickly and effortlessly.

This series has long been hard to find and many library copies had long ago fallen apart and were no longer available. This now places a copy of this back in the hands of the public at a reasonable price and easy to use format. Any research or library with a Colonial collection or interests will want to have this title in the collection again.

**Heraldic Design A Handbook for Students** by Heather Child; 180 pages; Indexed; pub 1966 reprinted 1998. Published by and available from Clearfiled Company, Inc. 200 E. Eager St. Baltimore, MD 21202. Price: \$22.50 plus \$3.50 postage and handling.

If you have ever wondered about those Coats of Arms you see and what they all stand for, etc., here is your chance. This skillfully written book describes the basic rules and grammar of heraldry observed in the designing of a heraldic devise.

A careful explanation of the unique rules and language of heraldry and many remarkable pen drawn illustrations provide

sufficient information about the structure and detail of heraldic insignia. The book can also help you enjoy the color and romance of heraldic history. Most of your questions are answered and illustrated as you read through these pages.

A required part of any heraldic library or any one interested in the subject. An enjoyable book that will become a standard beginner's guide for some years to come.

## SAR AWARD ORGANIZERS SOUGHT

The MNSAR is seeking help in organizing the Bronze Good Citizenship medal and ROTC medal programs. Compatriot Jones is responsible for maintaining the 26 Minneapolis area high schools and 17 ROTC units throughout Minnesota—in addition to the work involved being the MNSAR and the Minneapolis Chapter Secretary-Treasurer. Help with one or both of these programs would be most appreciated. It would be an excellent way to be more involved in the MNSAR. If you are interested please contact John Hallberg Jones, 2700 East Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55406-3743, or call him at 612/721-4275.

### NEXT MEETING:

The Minnesota SAR's annual General Meeting will be held at The Lexington Restaurant, 1096 Grand Ave. Saint Paul on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1999. Committees meet at 10 AM. Meeting begins at 11 AM. Luncheon (from the menu) at noon.

Please watch for details to be mailed to you.