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### Biographies

**Nathan E. White, Jr.**  
**TXSSAR President 2001 – 2002**

I was sworn in as State President at the 106th TXSSAR State Convention at the Hilton Hotel North in Austin on March 10, 2001, after serving as State Treasurer for 3 years and as President-elect, under State President Richard Arnold, for one year.

I was fortunate enough to be able to visit 41 of the 49 chapters during 2001-2002, and had previously attended the installation of the Burleson and Live Oak Chapters. I regret not being able to attend meetings in San Angelo, Baytown, Huntsville, Lufkin, Kingwood & Victoria but most of our chapters meet on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays or Thursdays making it virtually impossible to visit all in a 12 month period.

Highlights of the year had to be (1) the installation of the Laredo Chapter on May 5, 2002, a unique Chapter in that the members are Hispanic and descendants of Patrick Henry. This Chapter has proved to be a vibrant addition to our State Society; (2) the swearing in as a new member, former President of the U.S. George Herbert Walker Bush, in his office in Houston. He and his son, President George W. Bush are, through the generosity of the Patrick Henry Chapter, Perpetual Members of that Chapter. I was former President Bush's sponsor and attendees at the swearing-in included PG Bruce Butler, Former PGs Brakebill and Aston, and former Congressman Jack Hightower; (3) Participating in the largest George Washington Day Parade in the world on February 23, 2002 in Laredo. It was truly a great experience; (4) the reinstatement of almost 500 Texas Compatriots who had previously been dropped; and (5) the TXSSAR's receipt of many awards at the 2002 Congress.



I attended the NSSAR Congress in Louisville in July 2001, both Trustees meetings (Fall 2001 – Spring 2002) and the South Central District Meeting in Wichita, Kansas, BOM meetings in College Station (August) and Wichita Falls (November). I made award presentations to Al' Louise Ramp, State Regent of the TXDAR, at the 25th Anniversary of the John Aston DAR Chapter in McKinney, and to the Plano Symphony. I represented the Society at the DAR Convention in Houston, the Memorial Day Service in Austin and, along with a color guard contingent from Texas, the Yorktown celebration in Virginia.

A couple of interesting items: I was scheduled to attend the meeting of the Permian Basin Chapter in Midland on September 11, 2001. Unfortunately the Chapter President could not get a group together and we had to postpone the meeting to another date. If I had taken the 8:30 a.m. flight from Dallas, I'd have been in the air at the time of the tragedy in NYC, and would not likely have made it back. In June

2001, I was to attend a meeting of the Houston Chapter. The floods did not prevent my flying to Houston Bush Airport, but did prevent my leaving the airport. After consulting with Emmett Parkinson and seeing the state of the freeways, I had to turn around and get the last flight out of Houston.

The year ended all too soon at the 107th State convention in Tyler. We were pleased to have PG Larry McClanahan join us. My special thanks go to the State and Chapter officers who made the year a success and to my wife Wanda, without whom my service as State President would not have been possible or as productive.

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THE COVER PHOTO was taken during the Annual Congress in the InterContinental Hotel, which served as headquarters for the event. Since PG and Mrs. White are Texans, it is appropriate that the banner flying behind the photo be the "Lone Star" Flag, which dates back to the 1800s when the state was the Republic of Texas, an independent nation.



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### The President General's Message

Dear Compatriots:

The dictionary defines "vibrant" as "energetic, vigorous". On our recent travels to Battle Days in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, the celebration of the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown and meetings of the Atlantic Middle States, South Central, Central and Great Lakes Districts, Wanda and I have witnessed the vibrant nature of our organization. We attended The American Legion Convention in Salt Lake City where I addressed several thousand delegates. And by the time this issue of our magazine reaches you, I will also have taken the traditional "western tour" of Society meetings in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. The Color Guards are serving in the traditional ways: parades and other public events. But they are also creating niches: Naturalization ceremonies, fairs, joint activities with the DAR.

A strong indication of the vibrancy of our State Societies is the extent to which they are creating new Chapters. I set a goal for each of the Vice-Presidents General to encourage each State President to establish a new Chapter this year. I am delighted to report that several Chapters were established in October alone. A report of these Chapters will be made in the next magazine and at the leadership meeting in Louisville. At the end of the year appropriate recognition will be given to the Chapter Builders whose efforts can have long-lasting effects.

The National Society is only as strong as the sum of its State Societies and individual Chapters. Most of our Societies and Chapters are performing great service to our members, the public and to the youth of our nation. At the recent 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Fox Valley Chapter in suburban Chicago, an outstanding program highlighted the accomplishments of this excellent Chapter.

Your Executive Committee has reduced the price of the ROTC medals to ease the burden on local Chapters, particularly those with many JROTC and ROTC units in their area.

Your SAR Foundation continues to plan ways to enhance our endowment funds which will enable our Society to fund patriotic education initiatives. The funding for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage continues to grow. We're over the halfway mark - \$3 million - with every expectation of success in the near future. Please consider the inclusion of the SAR Foundation in your estate planning. Several of our largest bequests have come from departed Compatriots.



President General White was one of the scores of Compatriots and guests who were on hand in Yorktown during October to participate in the 225th anniversary of the battle that took place there ending the Revolutionary War. Here he is shown placing a wreath at the grave site of Governor Thomas Nelson. A full report of other activities begins on page 4.

The new Membership Directory should be in your hands by the time you receive this magazine. Use it to increase membership and build new Chapters. You will find areas where members live but have no Chapter nearby. These are great places to start new Chapters.

What I have seen and heard in these past several months gives me great reason to be optimistic for the future. So until next time, keep up the Good Work!

Yours in Patriotic Service,  
*Nathan E. White, Jr.*  
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President General

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### President General White Addresses August American Legion Convention

By Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, Virginia Society Secretary

President General Nathan E. White and his wife, Wanda, attended the 88th National Convention of The American Legion in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 25-31, as distinguished guests. Others on the dais during the Convention were President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

White, a 30-year life member of Harding Blame American Legion Post 321 in Piano, Texas, is the third SAR Pre ident General to speak to a National Convention of The American Legion. Charles F. Printz of West Virginia addressed the group when the National Convention was held in Louisville in 1989. Ray Musgrave, also of West Virginia, addressed the Legionnaires when their National Convention was held in St. Louis in 2003.

#### "We Are Partners In Patriotism"

"In many ways the SAR and American Legion are partners in patriotism," PG White told the 12,000 Legionnaires in attendance. "The Citizens Flag Alliance and the Blue Star Salute program are two examples of the cooperative effort by modern veterans and the descendants of our first veterans, many of whom are the same people, working together for patriotic causes.



"One of our partnership efforts was working for passage of the Flag Amendment. The recent attempt to gain a Flag Protection Amendment was narrowly defeated, but whenever it is passed, it will take several years for ratification and perhaps a few years after that for Congress to pass appropriate legislation. What are we to do until then? My personal opinion is that the answer to Flag Burning is Flag Waving! I believe that Flag wavers far exceed the Flag burners. I'm sure you've witnessed the patriotism of tremendous crowds at the July parades and of the throngs at baseball games across the land, removing their cap and singing the National Anthem - the kind of patriotism that reacts with anger to the antics of a Roseanne Barr and The Dixie Chicks."

He described the Blue Star Salute program as a partnership between local SAR member and local American Legion posts and "I hope that partnership will expand in the coming years."

PG White went on the say, "the late President Ronald Reagan said: 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We don't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United State where men were free.'



"The National Society of Son of the American Revolution looks forward to continued partnership with The American Legion, to protect that Freedom and hand it on to our children and our children's children."

### **Busy Schedule of Special Events**

In addition to addressing the delegates at the Wednesday session, PG White and Wanda attended a special musical broadcast program of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir conducted in the city's 20,000 seat Conference Center; the annual American Legion Memorial Service with the 360-member Mormon Tabernacle Choir in a supporting role; the National Convention Parade; a special Liberty Rally; and the National Commander's Tuesday night Banquet.

Among the other Compatriots in attendance at the National Convention were Lyman Brenner, Vice Commander of The American Legion in Delaware and Chairman of the SAR's new American Legion Committee, Andy Johnson, a member of the Legion's National Security Commission and Chairman of the SAR's Reenactor's Committee, and Steve Leishman, a delegate to the National Convention from Delaware and Chairman of the SAR's George Washington Endowment Fund Raising Committee.

Following his remarks, President General White, with Lyman Brenner assisting, presented National Commander Thomas Bock of Colorado with the SAR's Distinguished Patriot Award.

President General White's eligibility for membership in The American Legion is based on his service as a naval supply officer aboard the *USS O'Brien (DD725)* in waters off Vietnam in 1968. His four years of naval service began in 1966 and ended following a tour as an Administrative Assistant with the Congressional Appropriations Committee on Capitol Hill in 1969.



In addressing delegates to the Legion's National Convention, President General Nathan E. White, Jr. emphasized the strong ties existing between the Legion and the Sons of the American Revolution.

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### SARs Mark Battle of Point Pleasant, West Virginia

President General Nathan E. White, Jr. and his wife Wanda led a large parade of Compatriots from nine State Societies who gathered at Point Pleasant, West Virginia October 6-8 to commemorate the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant.

In a news report submitted to the magazine by Virginia Compatriot Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, who serves as Special Contributing Editor, he stated that the event included a children's education day on Friday, with more than 700 elementary school children from West Virginia and Ohio in attendance. That night, there was a candle light tour of the battlefield with reenactors explaining the battle between Shawnee and Mingo Indians led by Chief Cornstalk and militiamen from Southwest Virginia under the command of Col. Andrew Lewis. Saturday featured a late morning parade and a Colonial Ball held at The American Legion Post that evening. On Sunday, the Compatriots and their families attended a Colonial Church Service at Tu Endie Wei State Park, ate lunch at a local Methodist Church and attended a Memorial Service where members of the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. presented 42 wreaths in memory of those who fought at the confluence of the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers on October 10, 1774. President General White was the principal speaker.



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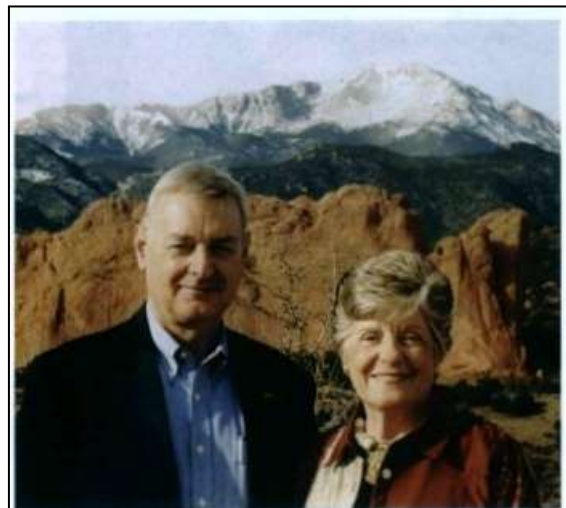
### The Presidents General's Message

Dear Compatriots:

An event three weeks ago reminded me of two phrases from my past: The first is, "Men's lives are influenced less by their fathers than by the times in which they live." Think about your own lives. Some of our older members were born in (or even before) the 1920s. Their fathers grew up in an era before the first automobiles, with the impact of the first telephones and radio on their lives and the disruption caused by World War I. The automobile changed EVERYTHING. Our older members could not appreciate a world before the horseless carriage and the telephone, of the Victorian culture and a time of lasting peace. On the other hand their lives were indelibly etched with the effects of the Depression. They appreciated the value of the dollar, the concept of investment with minimal risk, and then of course, the enormity of World War II. My own life differed significantly from that of my own father (he was born in 1914, I in 1941) We obtained a television with a really small screen when I was in the second grade, and a new automobile every two-three years was normal, even in my very middle class upbringing. The Vietnam War interrupted my life in a way that my father never experienced. Television changed EVERYTHING for us, but my children have never lived in a world without it. They in turn experienced the development of the computer, Email and Digital telephones. My grandchildren will take all these devices for granted. And so on it goes. And speaking of changes on the culture, The Pill changed EVERYTHING. Developments in transportation, communication, music, entertainment, fashion, influence each new generation in a tidal wave of cultural change.

The second phrase, "If you would sell Mary Helen, some means you must devise, to perceive the needs of Mary Helen, through Mary Helen's eyes", came to me from a very successful Realtor. This phrase, not unlike the first, reminds us that "If we would sell the SAR, we must perceive the needs and wants of the new generations." The two phrases together suggest that to us that we must recognize the impact of the times on each successive generation and the ideas and organizations that they deem relevant and worthwhile.

Many of you have heard me speak optimistically about the future growth of the SAR in that the baby boomers are reaching the prime time to consider history and the importance of our values to their lives and to their posterity. While we must never abandon our principles, our requirements and our commitment to our patriot ancestors, we must nevertheless tailor our methods of communication and our technology to these younger men. Our message must be attuned to THEIR needs and wants.



In November President General Nathan White and First Lady Wanda made an official visit to the Colorado Society. One of the event's highlights was a tour of the famed Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs. Pike's Peak is in the background.

Unfortunately, this requires CHANGE, something with which most of us are not totally comfortable. We must be receptive to making the changes necessary to insure the growth of our Society.


Yours in Patriotic Service,  
*Nathan E. White, Jr.*  
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President General

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### Jamestown 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Jamestown Marking 400th Anniversary;  
SAR Participating In Commemoration**

President General Nathan White has signed a Letter of Agreement with Jamestown 2007, whereby the SAR and Jamestown 2007 have become National Partners in the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Jamestown. Among the organizations that are National Partners with Jamestown 2007 are The History Channel, American Bar Association, National Council for History Education and the U.S. Department of Education.



As part of the National Partnership between the SAR and Jamestown 2007, the SAR can reproduce the Jamestown 2007 logo on its website and publications, and Jamestown 2007 can reproduce the SAR logo on its website and publications. Look for the SAR logo on the Jamestown 2007 website at <http://www.jamestown2007.org/partners-national.cfm>.

In a similar vein, the Virginia Society SAR, which is hosting the 2007 SAR Annual Congress, has become a Statewide Partner with Jamestown 2007. Look for the Virginia Society SAR logo on the Jamestown 2007 website at <http://www.jamestown2007.org/partners-stateandlocal.cfm>.



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### The Presidents General's Message

Dear Fellow Compatriots:

My year as President General is rapidly drawing to a close. By the time you read this Message. Wanda and I will have been to recent meetings in California (including the Western District), Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Mississippi and Texas - plus Patriots' Day weekend in Massachusetts. By the time we reach Williamsburg for the Annual Congress in July, we will have attended meetings in 26 states (plus an additional nine as a General Officer over the past three years.)

It has been a wonderful experience and has given us a unique opportunity to see the SAR in action across the nation. And it has enabled us to make wonderful friendships as we have been greeted and received as representatives of all of you in the National Society.

While I have been reasonably acquainted with the details of the American Revolution, I must admit that I am continually educated about it. Over a weekend in April in New Bedford, Massachusetts, I along with Former President General Hank McCarl, Vice-President General Jack Manning, Genealogist General Chuck Bragg and members of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Societies, participated in the rededication of the memorial to Peter Francisco, a hero of the Revolution and one of whom I was totally unacquainted. Suffice it to say, the "Paul Bunyan, bigger than life" hero, referred to by George Washington as a "one man army" is worth reading about. I invite you to "google" him and you will be amazed as I was about this relatively unknown, but extraordinary man. By the way, he was a Virginian, but is celebrated and revered in New England because of his Portuguese heredity.



Some of the dignitaries on hand for the ceremony that saw rededication of the memorial to Patriot Peter Francisco (as mentioned in the accompanying Message) were (from left): Wanda White; President General Nathan E. White; Jack Manning, Vice-President General for the New England District and President of the Massachusetts Society; Sheila Manning; and Ken Sutcliffe, President of the Robert Treat Paine Chapter.

Since I will not be writing in the Magazine again as President General, let me express my thanks to all of you who have actively participated in the life of our wonderful Society, whether as a National, State or Chapter officer, Trustee, Committee Chairman or member, Color Guardsman, or simply a Chapter meeting attendee. A special thanks to the hundreds of you who have contributed money to support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, the GW Endowment Fund, the several youth program endowments, and the many state and local endowment funds. Your support with your time and resources enable the Society to fulfill its purposes. I would be remiss not to mention the special support we get from the ladies of the Auxiliaries at all levels.

Those of you who have helped start new Chapters are especially appreciated and I hope that the Chapter you organize will provide a legacy of your service to the NSSAR.

I hope to see many of you in Williamsburg as the Virginia Society hosts our Annual Congress.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

*Nathan E. White, Jr.*

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President General



**SAR Patriot Leadership Award given to The American Village**

**SAR Distinguished Patriot Leadership  
Award Presented To The American Village**

By Alabama Society Compatriot Larry P. Cornwell

President General Nathan E. White Jr., recently presented the SAR Distinguished Patriot Leadership Award to Compatriot Thomas G. Walker, Jr., the Founder and Executive Director of The American Village, located near Montevallo, Alabama. This is only the fourth time that this prestigious award has been given.

The setting was the colonial chapel at The American Village, sited on 113 acres where visitors and 40,000 school children a year from all over the southeast United States come to learn about our nation's founding. With new buildings in the planning stage, and an adjacent proposed national cemetery, visitors may tour Washington Hall patterned after Mt. Vernon, a replica of the Williamsburg Courthouse of 1770, a colonial home, a modern-day exact replica of the White House Oval Office, and other sites sure to stir patriotic feelings among young and old alike.

This award is given to recognize outstanding efforts to promote patriotism in the United States through educational activities in the community-at-large. During the presentation ceremony, Compatriot Rod Hildreth cited the many ways that The American Village and the SAR have cooperated together over the past years. Alabama Society President Larry Cornwell served as the Master of Ceremonies and read the nomination for the award, and President General White lauded Walker's work. President General White told the audience that *"The mission of The American Village supports the basic objects and mission of the SAR. I have been most impressed with your entire staff, and especially enjoyed joining a hands-on educational session with visiting school children. You are truly deserving of this award."* The Rev. John Killian, President of the Birmingham Chapter, gave a fitting invocation and benediction to complete the service.

Others attending the ceremony, held inside the full-scale replica of the Williamsburg Bruton Parish Church, were Wanda White; Genealogist General Charles F. Bragg and his wife Karen; Historian General David Sympton; National Society Director of Education Colleen Wilson; Vice-President General, Southern District, Hunter McDonald; former Vice-Presidents General; former Alabama Society Presidents; and numerous other well-wishers who have long appreciated Walker's dedication to bringing alive America's past. The Alabama Society Color Guard, led by Color Guard Commander Bradley Sanders, provided fitting pomp for the ceremony. Tom Walker provided a luncheon for the SAR national officers and the Alabama Society current and Past Presidents and their ladies.



President General Nathan E. White (left) is shown presenting the SAR Distinguished Patriot Leadership Award to Thomas G. Walker, Jr. Founder and Executive Director of The American Village in Alabama. (Photo courtesy Compatriot Jim Maples.)