



# Carala

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Greetings A.S.C.A.R. Friends,

Our Alabama State Conference is February 19, 2011 at the North River Yacht Club in Tuscaloosa. At the Conference I would like to have all of your stories that you gathered from veterans. Many of you may have visited a veteran's hospital and told our veterans thank you. While some of you may have written down your grandparent story of serving our country. This is great!

So for the state project to be really good I need all of these great stories, here are some guidelines for you getting those great stories to me.

1. Write what you did with your veteran and give his/her name and the date.
2. Tell how your veteran served our country and give his/her rank.
3. Send a photo of your veteran if possible.
4. You can e-mail this at [DWJ12@aol.com](mailto:DWJ12@aol.com) or write at 204 Brooke Trace Dr., Birmingham, AL 35244

*I'm looking  
forward to seeing  
you  
at State  
Conference!*

*Dan*



A.S.C.A.R. State President Dan Courter with ASDAR State Vice Regent Connie Grund and Princess Sehoy Regent Tad Douglas at the Constitution Day Ceremony in September

## **Calendar 2010-2011**

- January 23 - Deadline to Return Nominating Forms
- February 14 - Deadline for State Conference Registration
- February 19 - A.S.C.A.R. State Conference
- April 15-17 - N.S.C.A.R. National Convention
- July 26-27 - Southeastern Regional Convention, South Carolina

State President Dan Courter  
and  
Senior State President Mrs. Ann Boone

Invite you to the  
**A.S.C.A.R. STATE CONFERENCE**  
February 19, 2011  
North River Yacht Club  
2500 Yacht Club Way NE  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

I would like to encourage everyone who can to go to the upcoming National Convention in Washington D.C. I can say from past experience that it is a lot of fun and an experience you will never forget!

Peter Randolph  
State 2nd VP



## A Note From the Senior State President



Dear Patriots,

I am so glad Daniel chose the project that he did. It is with sadness that I learned of another of my parent's generation's death. There was something so extraordinary about that generation that it prompted Tom Brokaw to write about them in a book entitled *The Greatest Generation*. I think of their sacrifices and their generosity to a generation yet unborn, and I am reminded of our Revolutionary Forefathers who said, "If there is to be war, let it be in my time, that my child may have peace." Could we be so brave and self-sacrificing? I hope so. With Daniel's project, we have an opportunity to preserve their stories.

State Conference will be here in five short weeks. Have you volunteered for a veteran yet? Don't delay. You have less time than you think, and these are stories that should be preserved as an example for those of us who follow in their footsteps. In this new year, let us resolve to become the people the generations before us thought enough of to die for.



*Looking forward to the next time we are together,  
Miss Ann*

### State President's Program 2010-2011

Daniel Courter, Alabama Society Children of the American Revolution State President, encouraged members to participate in this years project "*Volunteers for Veterans* -- Service to those who have served us." Thank you Alabama Service Men and Women for protecting our country and helping to make it great!

#### Alabama State Veterans Nursing Homes

##### **Bill Nichols State Veterans Home**

1784 Elkahatchee Road  
Alexander City, AL 3501  
(256)329-3311



*Dan*

##### **Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veterans Home**

2701 Meridian Street  
Huntsville, AL 35811  
(256)851-2807

##### **William F. Green State Veterans Home**

300 Faulkner Drive  
Bay Minette, AL 36507-1461  
(251)937-8049



# SAR Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation sponsored by Birmingham Chapter, SAR



ASDAR State Vice Regent Connie Grund



The Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation was a major part of SAR President John Bryan's life during 2010. Without his belief and dedication this spectacular event may never have happened. Mr. Bryan along with ASDAR Vice Regent Connie Grund and A.S.C.A.R. Senior State President Ann Bone worked countless hours to bring this long awaited occasion to fruition.

Our deep and sincere gratitude is extended to these self-sacrificing leaders whose dedication and loyalty make these organizations thrive.



Young ladies dream and plan.



SAR President John Bryan and Senior State President Ann Boone

Though, in reviewing the incidents of my administration, I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence; and that, after forty five years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion, as myself must soon be to the mansions of rest.

**From the Farewell Address  
General George Washington, 1796**

Capt. Don Lewis with his fellow pilots in front of the Taj Mahal. During World War II, Capt. Lewis served in the China, Burma, India Theatre, flying reconnaissance over China.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

You see we are to trust in the Lord like it said in this verse. It is very important to God that we trust Him.

Thomas Randolph, State Chaplain

### Jane Bland Society



Other Veterans honored were Samuel Wayne Barton, Graham Walters, John Carter, and Dr. Gilbert Douglas, Jr.

Jane Bland Society met October 17, 2010 at the Veterans Memorial Park, to learn about Alabama Veterans. Jane Bland Society President, Catherine Duffee, told members and friends about her grandfather, Daniel Jackson Duffee, and his service to our country.



Pictured above: Caroline Seier, Madison Seier, David Duffee, Jr., Catherine Duffee, Caroline Duffee, and Daniel Courter

### John Hunt Society

George Jennings of John Hunt Society, along with John Hunt seniors, Carroll Strickland and Betty Vaughan, and other Huntsville Chapter DAR members, helped distribute Huntsville Chapter's framed DAR certificates of appreciation and pictures of the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC to the 90+ WWII veterans of Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville on November 23, 2010. A party for the veterans followed.

George, age six, especially enjoyed visiting with one veteran, who assured him that he would make a fine Navy man. George was also able to meet another veteran, who at one time had presented a program on caving conservation to the society. Caroline Nickolson of John Hunt, along with John Hunt seniors, had visited this veteran with Halloween treats in October.

Regrettably, we have no official release for using either these veterans' names or photos.

### Newsletter Information

Please send any information or announcements about you or your society for inclusion in the Carala. You can e-mail Miss Mindy at [eptesicus@juno.com](mailto:eptesicus@juno.com), or send me a hard copy to the address on the back. We would love to hear from you and will include your information in the next newsletter. Meantime, check out the A.S.C.A.R. web page at <http://alabama-car.com>.

*Catherine Duffee, Editor*

# A.S.C.A.R. State Conference 2011

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

North River Yacht Club, 2500 Yacht Club Way NE, Tuscaloosa, AL 35206

(205) 343-4000

<http://northriveryc.com>

Registration-9:30-10:00

Business Session-10:00-12:00

Lunch-12:00-1:00

Museum Tour-1:00-2:00

## **Lunch-Hot Sandwich Buffet \$20**

Includes: your choice of Roast Beef or Grilled Chicken; Sautéed Mushrooms; Sautéed Peppers and Onions; Lettuce, Tomato and Pickles; Assorted Cheeses, Breads and Condiments; Pasta Salad; Marinated and Grilled Vegetables; Cookies and Brownies.

**Deadline for lunch reservations is Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Send Reservations to:

Mrs. Jo Thomas  
1975 Cahaba Valley Road  
Indian Springs, AL 35124-3261  
205-988-5925  
[thomases@bellsouth.net](mailto:thomases@bellsouth.net)

make checks payable to A.S.C.A.R.

## **Directions from Birmingham**

From Birmingham, go west to Tuscaloosa on I-20/ I-59, take the McFarland Boulevard Exit, which is also Highway 82 West. Go through 7 traffic lights on Hwy 82, and then you will cross one bridge. Look for and take the Rice Mine Road Exit (right). As you approach a traffic light; go left on Rice Mine Road. Continue on Rice Mine Road about 3 miles. When you reach an intersection with a CVS Pharmacy, turn right onto Watermelon Road/County Road 47. NorthRiver is approximately 3 ½ miles on the left.

## **Museum Tour**

**\$10 per person (Children 10 and under are free)**

Features: Several George Washington portraits; a Benjamin Franklin portrait; Ed Hicks's *Signing of the Declaration of Independence*; A. M. Willard's *Spirit of '76*; a cannon captured at the Battle of Saratoga. For more information visit the website: [www.warnermuseum.org](http://www.warnermuseum.org). Tickets are purchased at the door.

**Head count for the museum must be made by Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Please include the number of people to visit the museum with your lunch reservations, but do not send payment for the museum tour.

Tickets for the museum tour will be purchased at the door.

## **Accommodations**

The Yellow Hammer Lodge is located next to the Yacht Club. Rooms are \$99 per night plus 14% tax. For room reservations, please speak directly with Edwina Bishop at (205) 343-4217 and mention C.A.R. for her to honor the \$99 rate. Feel free to explore other hotel accommodation options in Tuscaloosa if you wish; this one is the most advantageously located as the Yacht Club is a bit of a distance from town.

## **Dress Code**

Appropriate dress is required for all members, adults, and guests at all times. Ladies and girls should wear dresses or skirts and blouses or military uniforms. Gentlemen and boys should wear coat and tie or military uniforms. Footwear must be worn at all times.

## **Reports**

Reports of State Officers, State Chairmen, and Society Presidents are to be typed, double-spaced, dated, and signed by the officer and his/her corresponding senior officer. Three copies of the report should be prepared: one copy for your records, one copy to be submitted to the State Recording Secretary, and one copy to be submitted to the State President. Both copies may be submitted to the State Recording Secretary at the time the report is given.



# “The SAR Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation”

at  
**The Club, Birmingham**  
**December 17, 2010**  
sponsored by **Birmingham Chapter, SAR**



These young ladies, both C.A.R. and bridging members from C.A.R. to DAR were honored by the Birmingham Chapter SAR at the Colonial Ball Debutante Presentation on December 17<sup>th</sup> in Birmingham, Alabama.



Debutantes pictured above from left to right

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Caroline Seier - Jane Bland Society, C.A.R.     | Presented by Mr. John Seier         |
| 2. Michelle Clay - Lily of the Cahaba Chapter, DAR | Presented by Dr. Mark Clay          |
| 3. Megan Southern - Williamsburg Chapter, DAR      | Presented by Col. Kermitt Southern  |
| 4. Kristen Kitterman - Princess Sehoy Chapter, DAR | Presented by Mr. Brett Kitterman    |
| 5. Catherine Duffee - Jane Bland Society, C.A.R.   | Presented by Mr. David Duffee       |
| 6. Sara Beth Redmon - John Hunt Society, C.A.R.    | Presented by Dr. James Wall, Jr.    |
| 7. Emily Boone - Jane Bland Society, C.A.R.        | Presented by Mr. John Boone         |
| 8. Callie Courter - Jane Bland Society, C.A.R.     | Presented by Mr. David Courter      |
| 9. Katy Beth Gillian - Isaac Ross Society, C.A.R.  | Presented by Mr. Earl Gillian, Jr.  |
| 10. Elizabeth Boone - Cahawba Chapter, DAR         | Presented by Mr. Mark Lewis         |
| 11. Laura Douglas - Jane Bland Society, C.A.R.     | Presented by Mr. Herbert Douglas    |
| 12. Trisha Gresham - Cahawba Chapter, DAR          | Presented by Mr. James Gresham, Jr. |
| 13. Meredith Hubbard - Cahawba Chapter, DAR        | Presented by Dr. Philip Hubbard     |
| 14. Sarah Cox - Birmingham Territory Chapter, DAR  | Presented by Mr. Glenn Cox          |



Rebecca always ready with a smile.



Miss Sara Beth is presented by her grandfather, Mr. Wall.



Mr. Bob Thomas as Master of Ceremonies; Miss Rebecca Harris, Miss Elizabeth Boone presented by her uncle, Mr. Mark Lewis



Miss Katy Beth Gillian is presented by her father, Mr. Earl Gillian



Miss Callie Courter presented by her father, Mr. David Courter.



Miss Emily Boone is presented by her brother, Mr. John Boone



Mr. Gillian and Katy Beth shown here with her escort, Mr. John Nickles.



Mr. David Duffee presented his daughter, Catherine shown here with her escort, Mr. Tyler Nix.



(above) Daniel Courter, Mr. Bob Thomas, and Mr. David Courter



After the formal presentation each debutante danced with her father and then her escort beginning a beautiful evening for everyone.



Let's Dance!

John Boone and Jacob Bodden with Emily and Callie (below)



Daniel Douglas, Miss Tad, Mr. Douglas, and Laura



Emily, Callie, Sara Beth, and Elizabeth



Mrs. Carla Duffee, Catherine, and Mr. David Duffee



Mr. Gillian, Katy Beth, John Nickles, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gillian

(above Callie & Emily  
(below) Callie & Dan



Mr. Courter, Mrs. Jan Courter, Callie and Daniel



Pictured to the right:  
Miss Catherine Duffee,  
Miss Sara Beth Redmon,  
Miss Emily Boone, Miss  
Callie Courter, Miss Katy  
Beth Gillian, Miss  
Elizabeth Boone, and  
Miss Laura Douglas



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**National Theme:  
Preserving The Great Essentials**

**National Project:  
Funds for the Restoration  
of the Great Essentials Exhibit**

**State Theme:  
Volunteers for Veterans**

**State Project:  
Service to those who served us**



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