

Concept/Purpose

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) was established by the Executive Committee and approved by the Trustees during the meeting of February 27, 1993. The fund was created to establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which would provide annual funding for support of NSSAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. The GWEF is managed by a GWEF Board with responsibility for oversight of all aspects of the George Washington Endowment Fund.

The endowment fund has grown annually to continue support of approved NSSAR activities and projects. The corpus of the fund is never touched. Eighty percent of the earnings are withdrawn each year to support NSSAR projects with twenty percent being rolled back into the corpus each year.

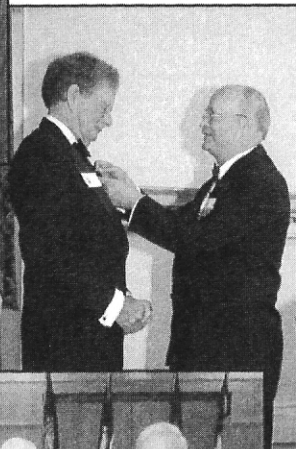
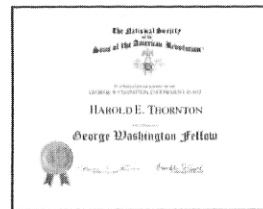
Earnings from the contributions over the years have helped to finance a wide variety of programs and projects. Some recent projects:

- Montana Sourdough Chapter SAR Chapter Starter Kit (\$92.74)
- Knoxville Congress, Rumbaugh Orations breakfasts (\$1,189.73)
- Youth Awards Council (\$1,000.00)
- *The American Revolution: Alabama* brochure (\$1,500)
- Public Service & Heroism Committee (\$500.00)
- SAR Conference on the American Revolution Committee – 2017 Annual Conference (\$2,000.00)
- Grave marking for Jim Capers - A Free Man of Color (\$500.00)
- Genealogy Committee – Revolutionary War New York State Tax Lists (\$260.00)
- Illinois Society Cemetery Patriot Marking Project (\$4,000.00)
- The SAR Presidents General Wall at the headquarters building to document the 114 President Generals who have served since 1889 (\$4,500)

Becoming a George Washington Fellow

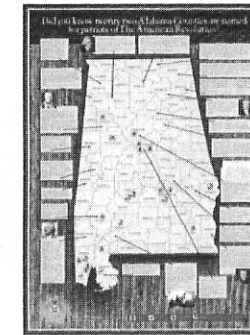
Becoming a George Washington Fellow is not limited to SAR members. Spouses, children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces are all eligible. And once a George Washington Fellow, you are always listed as a George Washington Fellow. Your donation is a perpetual gift which never dies, it is working to support the SAR in perpetuity.

All new George Washington Fellows receive a beautiful gold lapel pin, a certificate acknowledging their status as a GW Fellow, and their name is added to the list of all GW Fellows in the NSSAR Library.



The GWEF at Work

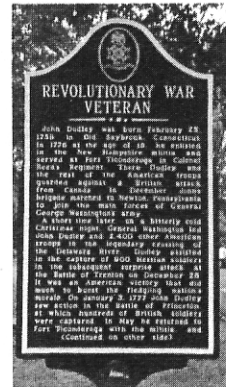
A brochure entitled *The American Revolution: Alabama* was partially funded by the GWEF. 20,000 copies of this brochure have been disseminated at the



Alabama Welcome Centers across the state. The map indicates all counties in Alabama which were named in honor of Patriots of the American Revolution with a short entry about the Patriot. On the reverse side are locations in Alabama which have historical relevancy to the Revolution. This is an

outstanding method to encourage the study of the American Revolution and advertise NSSAR to a broader audience.

The GWEF has assisted the Illinois Society in a project to mark select Illinois graveyards where Revolutionary Patriots are buried. Although many of the individual graves are already marked, the Illinois Society is placing a cast-aluminum plaque at the entrance to the graveyard to allow visitors to honor the graves of the Patriots.



The SAR Presidents General Wall visually documents the 129 year history of the Society's chief executive officer. Currently 114 President General portraits with brass nameplates

signifying their term in office create this historic time line from 1889 to 2017. Funding by the GWEF provided the means whereby all original portrait photographs were scanned and placed in the Society's archives.