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Compatriots, in 2009, our ranks continue to grow. Our State Registrar Carlen Booth reports the SAR National Headquarters in Louisville has given final approval to the application of the following Compatriot:

Paul William Smith
Amston, CT.

Mr. Booth also reports that there are still several applications in Louisville and that more and more people are applying for membership.

The National Society has decided to publish the Leader Express in digital form only as a cost savings. Here is a copy for you to catch up on National events: http://www.sar.org/hq/LeaderExpress/2009summer.pdf

National has also developed a program for Compatriots to donate to the CAAH (The Center for Advancing America's Heritage) online. Here is the path to bring you to this site: http://www.sarfoundation.org/waystogive.htm

The Marietta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is having a ‘dedication and memorial service’ for Gen. James Mitchell Varnum on July 2nd, 2010. For those of you that are interested in attending, please contact President Bruce MacGunnigle, k8bcm@cox.net or VPG Carlen Booth, cpbarri@aol.com. For more information, follow this link: http://mariettasar.com/
For those of you that participated in the W3R (Washington-Rochambeau-Revolutionary Route), the following site offers updates on activities that are still going on: 
http://www.w3r-us.org/

The Varnum Continentals hosted Jan Ragno, Assistant Principal of Ponagansett Middle School on September 14th, for a program on her schools 8th Grade participation in the ‘Wreaths-Across-America Program’. This program is supported by the National Society. 
http://wreathsacrossamerica.org/

The National Society has advised us that the dues for the coming year will be raised from $25.00 per Compatriot to $30.00. With the constant need for operating funds, the National Society felt compelled to this action. With our State Dues of $20.00 per member, that means that the bill coming out at the beginning of November will be for $50.00 for membership for one year for both organizations—National and State.

Ann Jeffries, Rhode Island DAR, is offering genealogy classes for anyone interested on the following dates:

October 24th, Slatersville Library, 10-12PM
November 28th, Greenville Library, 10-12PM

Please contact Ann at arnjeff@mypoint.net for more information.

Norman Desmarais is about to publish another non-fiction book on the American Revolution. Please go to his site and learn more: 
http://www.revolutionaryimprints.com/index.html His research is extensive and offers anyone a comprehensive guide to his subject matter.

The New England District Council of the SAR is having a meeting in Wethersfield, CT. on October 31st. The meeting will start at 10:00AM and include a luncheon. For those of you that might want to attend, please contact VPG Carlen Booth at 401-439-8549 or cpbarri@aol.com. Here is the site of the event: http://www.jmichaelstavern.com/
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