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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.

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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>

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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>

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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/>

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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/>

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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://wreathscrossamerica.org/>

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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John W. Adams
Secretary