

## *Our President General and First Lady*

*President General Bruce Pickette is a 1968 ROTC graduate of Jacksonville State University in Alabama. His degrees include a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education with a major in history, a Masters in business administration, and a Masters in library science.*

*PG Pickette was commissioned in the Signal Corps and spent 24 years in the Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. After his military career, he worked full-time in the information technology field for defense contractor companies, retiring for a second time in 2007.*

*PG Pickette and his wife of 53 years, Rita, live in Montgomery, Alabama. They have two children and five grandchildren. Their daughter Laura is a schoolteacher in Montana with three children, two sons and one daughter. Their son Gregory, a retired lieutenant colonel and compatriot, and his wife, Lyz, have two sons, and live in the Tampa area. Gregory is a retired Air Force pilot and is now a pilot with FedEx. PG Pickette was proud to present Greg with the SAR War Service Medal and he and the grandsons with their member rosettes.*

*PG Pickette became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2002. He served the Alabama SAR as state president in 2010-2011 and has been involved with the National SAR since 2007. He was named as a Minuteman in 2017. As President General, he is now in his ninth year as a General Officer of the Society.*

*Our First Lady, Rita Pickette, is a member of DAR and Colonial Dames XVII Century. She is also the long-time treasurer of the Alabama Society Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR. Rita has chosen for her First Lady's project: the financial support for the SAR youth programs and contests. As PG and First Lady Pickette travel around, you'll hear more about the First Lady's project from her.*

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