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S O N S O F T H E A M E R I C A N R E V O L U T I O N

KYSSAR President
James Bach Strohmeier



As we KYSSAR members prepare for the ceremonies at Blue Licks and like ceremonies at Sycamore Shoals and Point Pleasant, we can only imagine to reflect on what it must have been like to enter this pristine countryside that our ancestors came to in early Virginia and now Kentucky/West Virginia. It has been both my honor and enjoyment to interact with you at our meetings, graveside markings, and ceremonies.

First I want to again thank all of those of you who have so diligently worked to make each of these events such a huge success. Second, I would like to talk with you about two of the graveside events that I was able to attend: The Worthington grave marking in Owensboro and the Higgins grave marking in Higginsport, Ohio. Both of these events embody the true spirit of our organization; we honored the graves of our ancestors, brothers in arms, who contributed through their actions to the establishment of this Great United States of America. We, through our work in CAR/DAR/SAR, continued to remind ourselves and this generation of the commitment of these brave souls and their families to our future and the future we make for our families.

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K E N T U C K Y S A R C O L O R G U A R D

Calling all KYSSAR Members, You are welcome at these events!

- August 21 Battle of Blue Licks, Luncheon program 11AM—1:30PM, Memorial service at 2PM
- August 27 Patriot grave marking service (Louisville) Patriots Bullitt and Christian 4PM
- September 17 Memorial service for John Sevier, Courthouse Square, Knoxville, Tennessee 1PM
Dinner and activities, Johnson City, Tennessee
- September 18 Anniversary service at Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, Tennessee

Be HEP! (Historical, Educational, Patriotic)

Join compatriots from Kentucky in the activities listed above.

If you have a uniform, wear it—If you don't, come anyway. We will find a spot for you!

Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter

The Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met June 10th at the Hutton School of Business located on the campus of the University of the Cumberland. Following the opening ceremony and invocation, dinner was served.

Following dinner Jessica Melton, Director of Youth Programs for the Center for Rural Development presented a program outlining the youth opportunities offered by the Center. One program discussed was the Rogers Explorers Program hosted annually by the University of the Cumberland.



Pictured are those in attendance: Front Row: Mike Colegrove, Eugene Siler, Ernie Siler, Jessica Melton, Arthur Jeffries, J. B. Mountjoy and David Moore. Back Row: Donnie Rains, Paul Falin, Don Root, John Mountjoy, Wesley Jones and Clifford Jones.

Wm. Whitley Chapter, NSDAR

The Wm. Whitley Chapter of the NSDAR celebrated Flag Day at the Regular Meeting and annual pot luck picnic on June 12, 2010 at the home of Ms. Fannie Morgan in Whitley City, KY. Hostesses/Host: Fannie Morgan and Elmer and Betty Jo Olson. Regent Carolyn Falin presented the program 'The Meaning of Our Flag'. The flag was born June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia. The thirteen stripes alternating red and white represent our original 13 colonies. Fifty stars represent each of the fifty sovereign states.



Pictured left to right are: Rebecca Gibson, Emily Meadors, Betty Jo Olson, Barbara Wasano, Carolyn Falin, Emma Kate Alder, Donna Rains, Fannie Morgan, Bonnie Sutton (guest), Maxine Sutton, Peggy Wilson (guest) and Kathleen Eaton.

Watch 2009 activities of KYSSAR Chapters

Activities reported to the KYSSAR Historian by the KYSSAR Chapters can be seen at the following Internet address:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvpZGRUSb9A>

4th of July Bell Ringing Service—Williamsburg, KY

The annual **"Let Freedom Ring"** was Sunday, July 4 at Patriot Park, Hutton School of Business, on the University of the Cumberlands Campus. The ceremony was jointly sponsored by the Charles Gatliff Chapter of the SAR and the Wm. Whitley Chapter of the DAR. The signing of the Constitution was observed by tolling the bell, a replica of the Liberty Bell, 13 times. A joint Color Guard consisted of members from the Charles Gatliff, Gov. Isaac Shelby, and Lafayette chapters. KYSSAR President James Bach Strohmeier was the principle speaker. Also on the program: Donna Colegrove who sang some Patriotic songs, DAR Regent Carolyn Falin, SAR President Dr. Michael Colegrove and Past SAR President J.B. Mountjoy. 3000 American flags had been placed in the lawn besides the Liberty Bell—what a beautiful sight!



President Dr. Michael Colegrove



John Manire Chapter



This picture was taken at a joint meeting of the John Manire SAR Chapter and the Colonel John Green DAR Chapter.

William T. Turner, the Immediate Past President of the John Manire Chapter, and Barbara Oats Smith, Regent of the Colonel John Green Chapter and the KSDAR DAR/SAR Liaison are shown here with JROTC cadets who presented colors at the meeting. The Cadets, from Christian County High School are: Michael Lower and Robert Jordan. Also in picture is Tom Higgins, past KYSSAR President and JROTC Major

Renovation Progress of new SAR Library



Improvements on front of building. Notice panels and new doors and new windows on second floor.



Book cases are being installed on mezzanine of library.

Attention KYSSAR Members:

Have you made a donation to the NSSAR building fund? The state society has a goal of receiving an average of \$20.00 per member. Will you consider making a donation? If so, make your check out to NSSAR Building Fund and mail it to our State Treasurer: Richard Bierman, 9302 Springbrooke Circle, Louisville, KY 40241. If you have already made a donation—thank you!

\$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 Whatever you see fit to donate.

Anyone donating at least \$100 will receive the handsome pin shown here.



Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter

On June 5th, the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter hosted a Patriot Grave Marking Service for Revolutionary War Patriot Captain Edward Worthington and his son, War of 1812 Patriot Charles Worthington. Three descendants of these Patriots: Maurice, Dean and Ryan Worthington took part in the service and also received their SAR Rosettes as the newest members of the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter. Members from five SAR chapters: Lt. Robert Moseley (Owensboro), Captain Charles Duncan (Bowling Green), Lafayette (Lexington), Ohio Valley, INSSAR (Evansville) and the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (Shelbyville) took part in the ceremony with assistance from members of two DAR Chapters: General Evan Shelby (Owensboro) and the Captain William Rowan Chapter (Livermore).



Seated L-R: Don Counts, Philip Yenowine, Ken Gilkey, Charlie Scott, Chuck Scott, Dick Bierman. Standing L-R: Tom Higgins, Joe Parish, Frank Melton, Robert Hall, Jim Strohmeier, J.D. Strouth, Scott Giltner, Junior Murdock, Maurice Worthington, Ryan Worthington, Dean Worthington, Gary Tunget and Robert Brooks.



Father, Son and Grandson (Maurice, Dean and Ryan Worthington) pose with Gary Tunget and their chapter banner.

KYSSAR President Jim Strohmeier presents SAR membership certificates to Maurice, Ryan and Dean Worthington. (2) Gary Tunget pins SAR Rosette on Maurice Worthington who then pinned a Rosette on his son Dean. Grandson Ryan Worthington received his Rosette from Dean, his father. Former KYSSAR Presidents Tom Payne and Tom Higgins are on the extreme left and right of picture #2.



About half of the flags at the Patriot Grave Marking service.

Stone for Captain Edward Worthington and his son Charles Worthington.



Children of the American Revolution and KSDAR at Memorial Day Ceremony



Daughters of the American Revolution



Wm. Whitley DAR Chapter officers :Pictured left to right are: Chaplain Marcella Faulkner Mountjoy, Secretary Emily Murray Meadors, Regent Carolyn Murray Falin and Registrar Donna Renfro Rains.



Members of the Isaac Shelby DAR Chapter at joint Bland Ballard/Isaac Shelby DAR Flag Day luncheon.



Charlie Scott and Bob Brent with officers of the Bland Ballard DAR Chapter.



Low-Dutch Meeting House—Pleasureville, KY c1821
Site of Isaac Shelby DAR/ Bland Ballard DAR
Flag Day Luncheon

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter

On Flag Day, the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter conducted two Flag Retirement ceremonies—one at the NSSAR headquarters and the other near Bardstown, KY with the Cox's Station DAR Chapter.



Chuck Scott, Tom Higgins, Vic Bitter and Joe Parish retire flags that were tattered, torn and judged unusable.



Cox's Station DAR Regent Carolyn Goodman welcomes everyone as the Gov. Isaac Shelby Color Guard prepares to post the Colors and Standards. KSDAR Regent Jessieanne Wells, shown here saying the pledge to the flag, later recited the DAR's American Creed.

Patriot Grave Marking Services



Cousins Chuck and Charlie Scott during flag-folding ceremony for Captain Stephen Ashby—Hanson, KY.



The grave marking service for Colonel Robert Higgins, Patriot ancestor of Tom Higgins, was attended by 15 KYSSAR members from four chapters. The gun salute was given by Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter members (L-R) Joe Parish, Vic Bitter, Dennis Scott and John Clay Barnett.



Tom Higgins and his son Chris pose by grave of their Patriot ancestor—Robert Higgins.

Location-Higginsport, Ohio



The grave of Patriot William Higgins, Hillsboro, Ohio was also marked.

Louisville Thruston Chapter



Louisville Thruston Chapter's Color Guard at Memorial Day Service.



William C. Schrader of the Louisville Thruston Chapter presents the SAR JROTC medal to Central High Cadet Lt. Commander Demetrius Lathram.



Louisville Thruston Chapter member, James David Simpson was recently sworn in as the new President General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Posing with the new PG is former Louisville Thruston President Will Schrader and chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Klinck.

President General Simpson is the third member of the Louisville Thruston Chapter to serve in this lofty position.



Dick Bierman with two new Naturalized Citizens at a recent Naturalization ceremony.



Richard Taylor House Marking: Henry Head and Dan Klinck pose with John Marshall DAR Chapter Regent Laura Jones.

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest



Ellen Moore, Kentucky's Oration Contest winner competed at the NSSAR Congress against winners from across the nation.

Ellen did our state proud as she finished in third place against some very strong competition.

Congratulations Ellen!

Simon Kenton Chapter



Tom Geimeier attended the JROTC awards program at Covington Holmes High school in May and presented the SAR JROTC medal to one of their outstanding cadets. The picture of the marines in their red blazers are mostly WWII vets from Iwo Jima service.



The Simon Kenton Chapter Color Guard posted colors at the July state meeting. Joining the compatriots were the wife, daughter and granddaughters of Harry Geimeier.



Honor Flight for World War II Veterans



World War II Veterans are welcomed home after visiting WWII Memorial in Washington DC.

Lafayette Chapter



Del White in new uniform

The Color Guard of the Lafayette Chapter marched in a parade at Wilmore, Kentucky.
This was the second activity of the newly-formed Color Guard.
Are we having fun yet?

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The third event was my opportunity to speak at Cumberland University on July 4. In the presentation, unbeknownst to the members of the Captain Charles Gatliff SAR Chapter, the story that was relayed was a history of our intertwined family histories in SAR. At the end of the message an encounter at Ft. Donnally (WVA) in 1778 when a group of sixty-six men (a young Charles Gatliff among them!) from the Lewisburg area went to the aid of the pioneers who had been attacked by over 200 Indians. Among the survivors of that attack was my ancestor! KYSSAR, let's keep the memories of our Patriot Ancestors alive for another generation yet to arrive!

Jim Strohmeier

Kentucky Society wins National Award

The Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was judged best in the nations in the following category:

- Best implementing S.A.R. resolutions and principles



Kentucky Society

has been awarded

The Allene Wilson Groves Award

to the State Society, based upon size which presents
evidence of best implementing S.A.R. resolutions and principles.

2009 - 2010



120th Congress
Cleveland, Ohio
June 28 - 30, 2010
Date


President General

Attn: Chapter Presidents

We need your help to continue winning awards like the one above. When you have an activity, other than a regular chapter meeting, please send details and pictures to me so I can include them in the state newsletter. Also, use the Presidents General/Americanism report to list your activities. (See page 1 for details) You need to list: Activity, date of activity, location of activity, compatriots involved.

Send a year-to-date copy of your report to both the Historian and President of the KYSSAR. Do this at the end of each quarter and at the end of the year.

Your assistance will be appreciated. Charlie Scott, KYSSAR Historian

**NSSAR President General
James David Simpson**



Congratulations

Kentucky's James David Simpson was recently elected President General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. President General Simpson, we wish you a successful and rewarding year as you direct our Society to new heights!

NSSAR President General Ceremony



President-General Elect James David Sympson and wife Evelyn arrive at the ceremony.



The oath of office is taken by Compatriot Sympson as Evelyn Sympson looks on.



A Revolutionary War era Bible was used during the swearing in process.

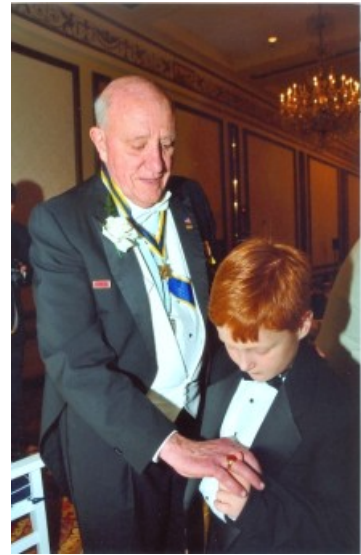


The neck ribbon and jewel of office is placed around the neck of the new President General—James David Sympson.

Family Affair



President General James David Simpson shares the gavel with his wife Evelyn who is President of the NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary.



Grandson Jonathon Simpson admires George Washington's ring that's proudly worn by his Grandfather.



Proud Family: Son Dan Simpson, with his wife Julie and Grandson Jonathan, and Daughter Laura and her husband Sam Cornelius share the moment with Presidents' David and Evelyn Simpson.

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