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President General J. David Sympton congratulates Forrest Chilton after administering oath of office.

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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 to join!

A Kentucky Color Guard unit is now being formed that will be able to assist chapters with events held in your area. We are looking for members from all chapters throughout our state. We will march in parades, assist in Patriot Grave marking services and much more. We will also attend National events—like visiting sites of Rev. War battles, where we will carry flags and present wreaths from our state society and local chapters. You can wear any type of uniform. If you don't have one, we can suggest vendors that can help you get started.

If you are interested in being part of the Kentucky Color Guard and want to be included in future details about this unit, send an e-mail to: cscott@insightbb.com

Be HEP! (Historical, Educational, Patriotic)

Join compatriots from different chapters in the Kentucky Color Guard.

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

Kentucky Society SAR Youth Awards



- (1) KYSSAR President James Strohmeier congratulates Will Ahlers as the winner of the Elementary School poster contest. Will's poster showed the troop positions at the Cowpen's Battlefield. The winner was sponsored by the Simon Kenton Chapter.
- (2) J.B. Mountjoy, former President of the Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter, stands by the Eagle Scout essay winner Alexander William Marson and accepts the sponsor's certificate on behalf of his chapter. Alex's essay was entitled "Valley Forge: Amazing Perseverance & Faith"
- (3) "The Outstanding JROTC Cadet award" was won by Lt. Colonel Mollie Mason of Covington Holmes High School. Here she accepts her medal, certificate and scholarship money from President Strohmeier and JROTC Committee Chairman and Alternate National Trustee Thomas Payne. Mollie's essay was: "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States." The winner was sponsored by the Simon Kenton Chapter.



Simon Kenton Chapter's Tom Geimeier presents Dorothy Meyers a Liberty Bell in recognition of her being selected as Kentucky SAR's "History Teacher of the Year." Kentucky's winner will now be entered in the "National Teacher of the Year" competition.

Future Trips

March 11-12	Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC
May 6-7	Raid on Martin's Station, Ewing, VA
August 20?	Blue Licks Battlefield, Carlisle, KY

Enjoy your membership—Take part in these activities

You are welcome!

Youth Awards (continued)



“Jake” Sims, a junior at DuPont Manual High School, won the state Knight Essay competition with his essay entitled “The Founding Fathers Got It Right: The U.S. Education System and How Constitutional Adherence Can Make It Better.”

The picture shows “Jake” receiving his medal, certificate and scholarship money from President James Strohmeier and Essay Chairman Don Adams.

The winning Knight essay was sponsored by the Louisville Thruston Chapter.



The finals in the Oration contest involved two outstanding speakers. John Aroutionian (left) and Gabe Moore (right) both gave great talks. Good sportsmanship was shown by the two contestants as they each complimented the other on their performance. Either of these young men could do well in the national competition!



Gabe Moore was announced as the winner of the KYSSAR Oration contest. Here he is being congratulated by the Orations Chairman Rev. Forrest Chilton and President Strohmeier.

In addition to receiving a medal, a certificate and scholarship money, Gabe will represent Kentucky at the Orations contest at the NSSAR National Congress.

Gabe has big shoes to fill as his sister placed third in the NSSAR oration competition last year.

KYSSAR Awards

- **Louisville Thruston Chapter** won the Gradie R. Rountree Award for enrolling the largest amount of new members.
- **Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter** was awarded the J.J. Colgan Norman Award for the greatest percent increase in membership.
- **Preston Thomas Higgins, II** received the Thomas J. Lyne Award as the individual sponsoring the largest number of new members.
- **Simon Kenton Chapter** received the Bluegrass Award for "Outstanding Newsletter."
- **Simon Kenton Chapter** was awarded the President's Silver Award for having a complete program based on Americanism/President General Cup competition.
- **Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter** won the President's Gold Award for having the most complete program based on Americanism/President General Cup competition.



Harry Geimeier, the new President-Elect for the KYSSAR and Tom Geimeier, the new Vice President for the KYSSAR, were presented with a State Meritorious Service medal for outstanding service to the state society.

Silver Good Citizenship Medal



The Silver Good Citizenship medal was presented to Rev. Forrest Bond Chilton. Forrest qualified in eight of the leadership areas required for this medal--two more than necessary.

Patriot Medal



Dedicated SAR rifleman Dennis Scott received the Patriot medal. Dennis has provided a gun salute at over 65 Patriot Grave markings and has taken part in another 100 activities in the past five years.

KYSSAR Awards (continued)

Distinguished Service Medal



Preston Thomas Higgins, II was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his efforts at the state level. While President of the KYSSAR he set a high standard for those who follow. He acted as a sounding board this past year while assisting the sitting President.

Tom is the webmaster of the state website and an authority on our state Constitution and by-laws.



Patriot Medal



It is a custom that the out-going President of the Kentucky Society is presented a Patriot Medal by the new President.

James B. Strohmeier received his medal from the new KYSSAR President, Rev. Forrest Bond Chilton.

Jim, thanks for your service!



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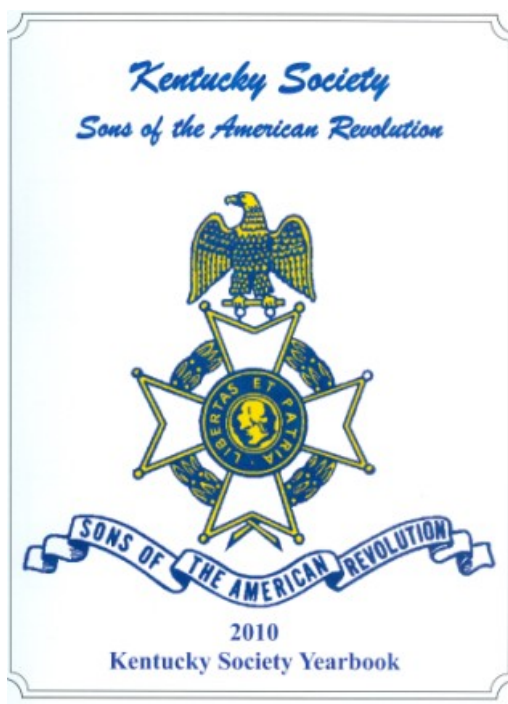
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Alternate National Trustee - Tom Payne



Left to right: Tom Geimeier-Vice President, Harry Geimeier-President-Elect, Tom Payne-Alternate National Trustee, Rev. Forrest Chilton-President, James Strohmeier-National Trustee, Charlie Scott-Historian, Del White-Secretary.

2010 KYSSAR Yearbook



KYSSAR Yearbook now available

- Yearbook Cost: \$12.00 If Mailed-\$15.00
- Contents:
- SAR Pledge and Recessional
- Pictures of 2010 KYSSAR officers
- List of KYSSAR Chapters, by city with President's name
- Pictures of KYSSAR members elected NSSAR President
- General
- KYSSAR Constitution
- KYSSAR By-Laws
- List of KYSSAR members with National numbers
- List of active KYSSAR members who died in 2010
- Pictures—Eight pages of 2010 KYSSAR activities

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