



# The Kentucky Pioneer



## KENTUCKY SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### Message from the KYSSAR President

### KYSSAR Officers-2011-12



Picture from the July KYSSAR meeting at the NSSAR Library

#### President's Message

Since our meeting on July 16 we have all enjoyed the warmth of Summer. Our meeting for the 229<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was attended by representatives from seven Kentucky Chapters and the state of West Virginia. Kentucky chapters attending were Big Sandy, George Mason, Governor Isaac Shelby, John Scott, Layfayette, Louisville-Thruston and Simon Kenton. Three DAR chapters, Boone, Limestone and John Marshall joined in the festivities. The Jack Jouett Chapter

President Forrest Chilton

represented the CAR. Twenty-seven SAR members participated in uniform in the Color Guard and black-powder gun Salute. My sincere thanks to all of you.

I'm also happy to report that gratifying progress is being made toward establishing three new chapters in Pulaski, Trigg and Howe counties. Unlike many societies across the country, the Kentucky Society is growing. We now have over 800 members. Keep up the good work!

Rev. Forrest Bond Chilton, President

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#### Officer nominations for 2012-13 As of September 2, 2011

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Other nominations accepted from the floor.

Election at KYSSAR meeting October 8

Must be present to vote



## Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter



The Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter meeting was held 23rd Aug at the Owensboro Police Dept. Our program was "Elizabeth Grisom Claypool a/k/a Betsy Ross" presented by Peggy Gilkey Caldwell Co., KY DAR member. She was assisted by her husband Ken Gilkey, Ohio Valley INSSAR member. The program was informative about the life of this extraordinary woman.



We had two prospective members in attendance. Copies of our new chapter newsletter was passed out. It contained a schedule of future events and information about past accomplishments.

## Lafayette Chapter



The Lafayette Chapter Color Guard took part in honoring Elizabeth Calloway Buford Parkes. Ms Parkes was a first generation Daughter.

Laura Steidle, historian of the Boonesboro Chapter DAR talks about Ms. Parkes with color guard John Burch, color bearers Del White and Roger Bain, and Color Guard Commander Greg Hodge in the background preparing to post the colors.

### Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Pictures from the Fourth of July children's parade and bell ring-ing service at the Owl Creek Community in Louisville.



GIS members at recent Honor Flight. On the left is: Lloyd Fowler, Scott Giltner, Dennis Scott, Joe Parish and Chuck Scott (kneeling.) On the right is: Noble Roberts, Ed Myles, Bob Bynum and Chuck Scott.

Louisville Thruston Chapter



Will Schrader and Dan Klinck presents ROTC medals.



Will Schrader pictured with a new naturalized citizen.



Jon Huffman, Dan Klinck, ???, and David Head prepare for a black-powder gun salute.



Commander Dan Klinck leads the Color Guard in a Fourth of July Louisville neighborhood parade.



Commander Dan Klinck and Jon Huffman leave after posting Colors at a church Fourth of July patriotic service.



Members of the Louisville Thruston Color Guard (Joseph Woo, Will Schrader, David Head, Commander Dan Klinck and Hayden Fuller) at a recent DAR outing.



Doug Collins and John Huffman at a recent Honor Flight reception.

Simon Kenton Chapter



Patrick Berry, Justin Schwebler, John Ziegler, Steve McCain, Tom Geimeier, & Josh McCain.



Picture shows George McCain retiring a flag & the SK Rifle Squad firing a gun salute in the background.



Descendant James Hough.



This is a group shot group shot of the attendees at the Patriot Moses Hough Patriot grave marking service. The Simon Kenton Color Guard assisted by members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Color Guard conducted the service. Also attending the service were members of the Mt. Washington, Bullitt County, & Spencer County Historical & Genealogical Societies ...& representatives of the Troutman -McFarland Funeral Home.



Members of the Simon Kenton Chapter, assisted by some members of the GIS Chapter, marked the grave of Patriot George Mason.

## Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter



Group picture of those who attended the "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony sponsored by the Capt. Charles Gatliff chapter of the SAR and The William Whitley chapter of the DAR. The ceremony was held on the campus of the College of the Cumberlands.

## Captain Charles Duncan Chapter



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson hosted the chapter meeting at their home in Bowling Green. Good food and fellowship was had by all. After the meal, a video showing Mad Anne Bailey's life on the frontier was viewed.

## 1782 Battle of Blue Licks

The **Battle of Blue Licks**, fought on August 19, 1782, was one of the last battles of the American Revolutionary War. The battle occurred ten months after Lord Cornwallis's famous surrender at Yorktown, which had effectively ended the war in the east. On a hill next to the Licking River in what is now Robertson County, Kentucky (but was then in Fayette County, Virginia), a force of about 50 American and Canadian Loyalists along with 300 American Indians ambushed and routed 182 Kentucky militiamen. It was the worst defeat for the Kentuckians during the frontier war.

The Kentucky militia who came to the relief of Bryan Station on August 18 consisted of about 47 men from Fayette County and about 135 from Lincoln County. The highest-ranking officer, Colonel John Todd of the Fayette militia, was in overall command; under him were two lieutenant colonels, Stephen Trigg of Lincoln County and Daniel Boone of Fayette County. Benjamin Logan, colonel of the Lincoln militia, was still gathering men and was not present.

The officers discussed whether to pursue the enemy force immediately before it could escape across the Ohio River or to wait for Colonel Logan to arrive with reinforcements. Major Hugh McGary recommended waiting for Logan, but he was overruled by Colonel Todd, who shamed McGary by suggesting that he was timid. The Kentuckians therefore pursued the retreating British and Indian force, covering nearly 40 miles (60 km) on horseback over an old buffalo trail before making camp.

The Kentuckians reached the Licking River on the morning of August 19, near a spring and salt lick known as the Lower Blue Licks. On the other side of the river, a few Indian scouts could be seen. Behind the Indians was a hill around which the river made a loop. Colonel Todd called a council and asked Boone, the most experienced woodsman, for his opinion. Boone, who had been growing increasingly suspicious of the obvious trail the Indians had been leaving, advised his fellow officers that the Indians were trying to draw them into an ambush.

Major McGary, apparently eager to prove that he was not a coward as Todd's earlier criticism had suggested, urged an immediate attack. He mounted his horse and rode across the ford in the river, shouting, "Them that ain't cowards, follow me." Men began to follow, as did the officers, who hoped to at least make an orderly attack. "We are all slaughtered men," said Boone as he crossed the river.

On the other side of the river, most of the men dismounted and formed into a battle line of three or four divisions. They advanced up the hill, Todd and McGary in the center, Trigg on the right, Boone on the left. As Boone had suspected, Caldwell's force was waiting on the other side of the hill, concealed in ravines. As the Kentuckians reached the summit, the Indians opened fire with devastating effect. After only five minutes, the center and right of the Kentucky line gave way; only Boone's men on the left managed to push forward. Todd and Trigg, easy targets on horseback, were quickly shot down.

The Kentuckians began to flee wildly back down the hill, fighting hand-to-hand with the Indians who had flanked them. McGary rode up to Boone's company and told him that everyone was retreating and that Boone was now surrounded. Boone gathered his men for a withdrawal. He grabbed a riderless horse and ordered his son, Israel Boone, to mount and make an escape. Israel refused to leave his father, however, and was shot through the neck as Daniel searched for another horse. Boone saw that his son's wound was mortal, mounted the horse, and fled. According to legend, Boone hid his son's body before leaving, but in reality there was no time.



2011  
229th Anniversary  
Battle of Blue Licks



Dennis Scott, Jon Huffman and Del White post colors.



Mad Anne Bailey shows some emotion as she delivers her presentation during the Blue Lick Luncheon--then she meets KYSSAR President Forrest Chilton and she is all smiles.



Medals presented by KYSSAR President Forrest Chilton: (1) Tom Geimeier receives the Bronze Color Guard medal; (2) Joe Parish is awarded a Service to Veterans medal; (3) Bob Brent receives the Liberty medal and (4) Dick Beirman a Meritorious Service medal.



**Blue Licks** (continued)

Compatriots from seven Kentucky Chapters (Gov. Isaac Shelby, Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, Big Sandy, George Mason and a pending chapter from Pulaski County) took part in the festivities at the luncheon and Memorial Service for the Patriots that fought at the Battle of Blue Licks. This shows what we can do as we work together.



**Lafayette Chapter members**



Dr. Larry Leslie, President of the Big Sandy Chapter, talks with West Virginia SAR Trustee Lance Carter.



**George Mason Chapter President David Cartmell**



**Blue Licks Monument**



KY Color Guard members, Jon Huffman (Louisville Thruston) and Del White (Lafayette) post colors at the luncheon.



Tom Higgins and Charlie Scott  
Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter sing "The Parting Glass" as the music tribute. They were assisted by Jasmyn Johnston on the violin.



**Simon Kenton members with Mad Anne Bailey**

**Blue Licks** (continued)



C.A.R., DAR & SAR members



Tom Higgins, Chuck Scott & Jon Huffman (Kentucky Color Guard members) taking part during Flag folding ceremony.

	<p>Special thanks to <b>John Huffman, Sr.</b> &amp; <b>John Clay Barnett</b> For all the Blue Lick pictures.</p>	
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## Children of the American Revolution



Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby SAR Chapter assisted the Jack Jouett C.A.R. Chapter in a special day at the Jack Jouett House.

Lara Rose and Elizabeth Giltner with items collected for the V.A. Hospital by members of the Jack Jouett C.A.R. Chapter.



C.A.R. members at the 2011 KSCAR Conference



Representing the Jack Jouett C.A.R. Chapter at Blue Licks were: Back row: Sr. V.P. Anne Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnston and baby Johnston; Middle row: Chapter President Natalia Johnston; Front row: Nicia Johnston, Paige Harper and Jasmyn Johnston.



Jack Jouett C.A.R. member Jasmyn Johnston assisted in the service by playing several songs on her violin.

**Thanks Jasmyn!**

## DAR FINDER REPORT FORM DAR STATE SOCIETY MAKING REFERRAL (KENTUCKY)

Every year at the NSSAR National Congress the National Society presents the DAR/SAR Award to the DAR state society that recruits the most members for SAR during the calendar year. This is calculated as a percentage of the respective SAR State Society's membership. (This is a \$500.00 award to the DAR state society.)

This form must be forwarded to NSSAR HQ with the SAR application.

The Staff Registrar at HQ will use these forms to determine the state and individual winners.

This application is for the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, KYSSAR

Name of SAR Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of DAR Member making referral :

\_\_\_\_\_ NSDAR# \_\_\_\_\_

(SAR medals previously received \_\_\_\_\_)

Name of her DAR Chapter :

\_\_\_\_\_ DAR Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

First Line Sponsor (SAR):

\_\_\_\_\_ NSSAR # \_\_\_\_\_

### Kentucky Society SAR Referral Program:

- Any DAR member that refers a new member to the KYSSAR will receive a SAR Martha Washington Medal. (The above form must be used and attached to the SAR application)
- DAR members, that refer five (5) approved SAR members will receive the SAR Medal of Appreciation.

(If you already have the SAR Medal of Appreciation, you will receive the SAR Martha Washington Medal on your fifth referral.)

- DAR members, that refer ten (10) approved SAR members will receive the SAR Daughters of Liberty medal.

(Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters will be presented on 15th, 20th, 25th and 30th referral.)

The Kentucky Society will consider SAR referrals made in the past if referral forms are filled out and sent to the SAR/DAR Liaison, 10703 Boxwood Hill Court, Louisville, KY 40223. (Must be received by 4/1/2011)

Martha Washington Medal



SAR medal of Appreciation



Daughters of Liberty Medal



Please read: [DAR members making a referral, attach form to the completed SAR application.](#)  
[SAR chapter Registrars, keep the referral form attached to the application when it is sent to headquarters.](#)

**KYSSAR Meeting  
Saturday, October 8th  
James Harrod Conference Center  
400 West Lexington Street  
Harrodsburg, KY**

The Center is located on the Old Fort Harrod State Park grounds adjacent to the amphitheater.



**James Harrod Conference Center**

**Registration : 10AM--10:45AM  
BOG meeting: 10:45AM  
Meeting starts @ 11 AM  
Lunch: \$16.00**

**Lunch reservation deadline: October 3rd**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

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