



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution



President
Harry Geimeier

Next State meeting

When: July 21, 2012

Where: NSSAR Library
809 West Main Street
Louisville, KY

BOG at 10:15 Meeting 10:30--2:30 PM

No charge
Lunch at a local restaurant

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John Howe Chapter receives SAR charter



The John Howe Chapter, KYSSAR's newest chapter, received their charter in a ceremony recently at Newtown, KY. Pictured left to right are: National Trustee Rev. Forrest Chilton, KYSSAR President-Elect Tom Geimeier, Pat Berry, Jesse Moore, KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier, Chapter President Lance Carter and past KYSSAR President Tom Higgins.
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Remember
those who fought
for the Freedoms
we enjoy!



John Howe Chapter (continued)



Heritage trackers

Sons of American Revolution chapter chartered at Oldtown

By **CARRIE STAMBAUGH**
The Independent

OLDTOWN Founded by white settlers in the 1780s along the well-traveled Native American Warrior Trail, Oldtown is one of the old-

est communities in Greenup County. Shortly after its founding, Oldtown Christian Church was built on land granted to Revolutionary War Gen. Thompson Ward. Families, including the Wards, Virgins,

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Members of the Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution fire a salute during Saturday's ceremony in Oldtown.



**Charter Meeting
Of the
John Howe Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**

**March 24, 2012
1:00 PM**

**Oldtown Christian Church
Oldtown, Kentucky**

**Lance Carter
Chapter Organizer**

CHURCH AND CEMETERY HISTORY

General Thompson Ward (Revolutionary War) owned a great track of land in the Oldtown area. Thompson Ward gave land for a Methodist-Episcopal Church and cemetery (now Oldtown Christian Church). A one room log building was constructed. Protracted (long) meetings were conducted by circuit-riding preachers. The building was also used as a school. James Howe acquired the church/cemetery site and adjoining land. In 1841 a deed was made and recorded by James Howe for the Methodist-Episcopal Church and cemetery. (Greenup Co. Deed Book G, page 332)

There are approximately 100 unmarked graves in the cemetery beside the church. The earliest recorded graves are the Lyon children in 1801 and 1805.

Early settlers in the Oldtown area were the Wards, Virgins, Downs, Deerings, Howes, and Womacks.

In 1890, the church partially burned; it was rebuilt using the same foundation. At this time, the church name was changed from Methodist-Episcopal to the Methodist Church of Oldtown. In 1929 the Methodist Church was unable to keep the church open and it closed. In 1939, the Christian Church with elders Virgil, Harry, and Paul Virgin obtained permission to use the old Methodist building. This is the present Oldtown Christian Church.



Lance Carter, organizer of the new chapter, has been active in the West Virginia SAR.

We welcome Lance and the John Howe Chapter to the KYSSAR.

Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter

The Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met April 12th at the Hutton School of Business located on the campus of the University of the Cumberlands. Following the opening ceremony and invocation, dinner was served.

Following dinner chapter president, Chapter President Michael Colegrove updated those in attendance about a program that brought more than 1,000 5th grade students to the University of the Cumberlands campus to learn more about the founding of our nation. The "How We Became the United States of America: The Values that Built Our Nation" program provides in-service training to teachers and follow-up experiences for their students.

The program is being funded by a grant from the Steele-Reese foundation and is a partnership involving the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, The University of Louisville, The University of the Cumberlands and the William Whitley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Member Don Root then updated to chapter related to an educational effort being conducted in partnership with the Military Science Department of Knox Central High School. This program is providing instructional materials to JROTC classes to support the curriculum in the area of Early American History. Cadets completing the course of instruction will be presented certificates of completion at a ceremony to be conducted in May.



Pictured are those in attendance: Front Row: Gillis Wilder, Wesley Jones, David Moore, Wanda Jeffries (Guest), Clifford Jones, J. B. Mountjoy, Eugene Siler, III and Jimmy Moses (Guest). Back Row: Mike Warren, Eugene Siler, Jr., Don Root, Arthur Jeffries, Milford Moses (Guest), Paul Falin, Donnie Rains, John Mountjoy, Herman Moore Roy Siler and Michael Colegrove.

Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter (continued) at Knox Central High School, Barbourville, KY

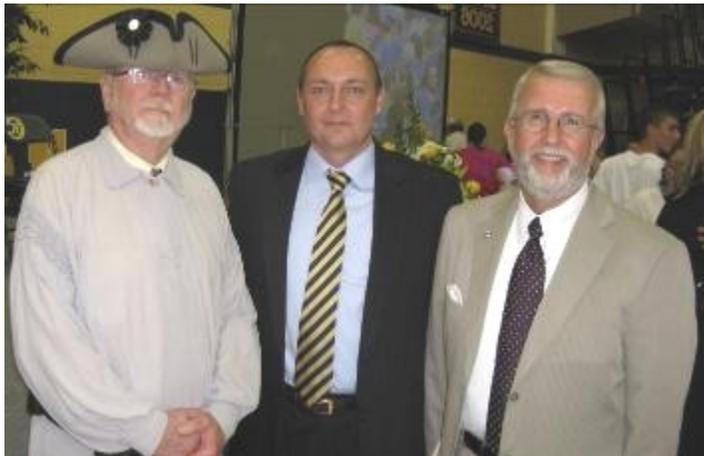
The Charles Gatliff Chapter, with the help of six members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter plus two JROTC Cadets and the high school drummer, presented Colors and Standards at the Knox Central High School graduation. An estimated crowd of between 4000 and 5000 people packed the gym and enjoyed the patriotism and pageantry added to the service with the SAR uniforms and flags.



Picture of some of the graduates and the crowd.



Picture of the color guard at Knox Central High School



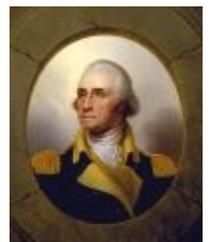
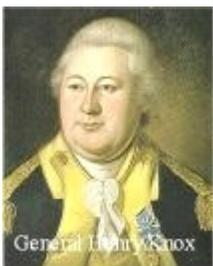
David Jackson, Principal of Knox Central High School (middle) thanks Don Root (dressed in militia uniform) and Michal Colegrove (chapter President.) Principal Jackson served multiple tours of duty in Iraq. Thanks to Major Jackson for his military service.



LTC Richard Shackelford (Senior Military Instructor) looks on as Charlie Scott congratulates Outstanding Cadet Patterson. On the left are chapter members Mike Warren, Don Root and Chapter President Dr. Michael Colegrove.

At the graduation ceremony the Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter presented completion certificates to seventeen JROTC cadets who passed an Advanced American History--Revolutionary War course. The chapter purchased this course and introduced it to the school. **What a great way for the youth of America to learn about the Revolutionary War!**

At Don Root's suggestion, a hallway in the school will be named "Revolutionary War Hall" with the following pictures. Copies of the Bill of Rights, The Constitution and The Declaration of Independence will also be displayed in the hallway.



Louisville Thruston Chapter

For over ten years the Color Guard of the Louisville Thruston SAR Chapter has been part of opening ceremonies of the St. Matthews Little League in Louisville. Shown below are some pictures from this year's opening day. (Pictures by John Huffman, Sr.)



Members taking part at St. Matthews Little League from left to right are: David Head, Hayden Fuller, Terry Brown, Renee Shields, Les Black, Jon Huffman, Christopher Woo, Henry Head and Commander Dan Klinck.



The flags and drummers are in place and all eyes are on Terry Brown, Jon Huffman and Les Black with their guns.



David Head, Henry Head, Commander Dan Klinck and Jon Huffman pose with four of the Little Leaguers.



Jon Huffman, Terry Brown and Les Black with two of the ball players.



Terry Brown firing his musket.



Drummers Hayden Fuller and Renee Shields

Louisville Thruston Chapter (continued)



Valley High School Navy JROTC Cadet Jack Hagan receives the SAR JROTC medal from Chapter President John Huffman, Sr.



Norb Rawert presents the SAR JROTC medal to Jeffersontown High School Cadet Zachary Pietrasiewicz.



Color Guard Commander Dan Klinck and Past President Henry Head posted the Colors at the National Prayer Rally held on the steps of the Jefferson Co. Court House.

Veterans of World War II will be honored at a Louisville Thruston Chapter meeting. Jon Huffman, Chapter Historian, has interviewed each of the Veterans and will publish the individual bios and pictures in a three-part series in the chapter's newsletter.



Fundraiser and Recognition For our troops and Veterans



A concert presented by the Pride of Kentucky Chorus of the Sweet Adelines

Internationally renowned women's organization singing barbershop harmony.

Sponsored by

The Corn Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

A non-profit organization consisting of descendants of patriots of the American Revolution

Date: Sunday – October 14, 2012

Place: Clifton Center

2117 Payne Street

Louisville, Kentucky

Time: 2:00 p.m. til about 3:30p.m.

Cost: Tickets \$10.00

Proceeds to benefit our troops and veterans

Please contact Janet Hickey Upton, Regent at 502-426-7091 to purchase tickets

Vincennes Rendezvous

Louisville Thruston members PG Dave Sympson, Paul Whitty and Color Guard Commander Dan Klinck spent the day at Vincennes, Indiana to see the reenactment of the Battle of Fort Sackville, where Gen. George Rogers Clark defeated Col. Richard Hamilton on December 17, 1778. Dan sent the following pictures from that event:



Dan, Paul and David visited with compatriots at the Indiana SAR area.



The British re-enactors fired at the Americans. Notice that they had a 3 pounder cannon.



The Americans counterattack and carry the day. The Kentuckians had a good time visiting many of the 100 or so booths where vendors were selling 18th century wares. Dan said that they all bought something and the food was also very good!

Keep this event in mind for next year!



Calendar of State or National Events

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| July 7-11 | NSSAR National Congress, Phoenix, Arizona |
| July 21 | KYSSAR Meeting---NSSAR Library, Louisville, KY |
| August 18 | Blue Licks Luncheon and Memorial Service
Blue Licks State Park |
| September 14-15 | 225th Anniversary of the U. S. Constitution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, |
| September 14-15 | Ceremony at Sycamore Shoals, site where over-mountain men gathered before Battle of Kings Mountain |
| October 7 | Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC |

Memorial Day Services

@ Zachary Taylor Cemetery



Joseph Woo and Renee Shields play the drums with Dan Klinck commanding the Color Guard of the Louisville Thruston Chapter. President General David Sympson salutes after presenting the chapter's wreath.

@ Jeffersontown Veterans Park



Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter pose before the Jeffersontown ceremony. (L-R) Chuck Scott, Scott Giltner, Charlie Scott, Joe Parish, Rev. Forrest Chilton, Bob Bynum and Dennis Scott.



Tommy Jones and Larry Selby also took part in the Jeffersontown ceremony.

C.A.R & DAR



Paige Elizabeth Harper, member of the Jack Jouett C.A.R. all dressed up in period attire, attended the KSDAR banquet with her Grandmother Maryanne Moore.



Lara Rose and Elizabeth Giltner (members of the Jack Jouett C.A.R with wreathes they made for their Patriot ancestor Robert Leeper Jr. and his wife Jane Neel Leeper.



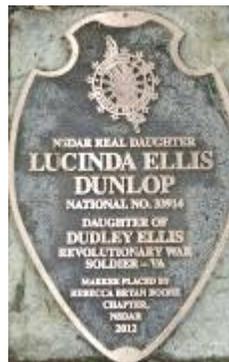
DAR & SAR at the KSDAR state conference. (L-R) Scott Giltner, Julie Hardaway, Chuck Scott, Rev. Forrest Chilton and Jimmie Spradlin.



Dena Green (Limestone Chapter DAR and C.A.R.) presenting flowers from her chapters at the Patriot James Thompson grave marking service at Germantown, KY. On either side of Dena is Rev. Forrest Chilton and Pat Berry.



Winnie Townsend of the Jacob VanMeter DAR Chapter presented a DAR medal to Cadet Talia Priddy at Central Hardin HS.



Members of the Rebecca Bryan Boone DAR Chapter and Simon Kenton SAR Chapter joined together to help mark the grave of NSDAR Real Daughter Lucinda Ellis Dunlop.

C.A.R & DAR (continued)



Winnie Townsend of the Jacob VanMeter DAR Chapter presented a DAR medal at North Hardin HS to Cadet Kimberly Meyer.



Charlie Scott, SAR/DAR Liaison, presents Teresa Taylor both the Medal of Appreciation and Daughters of Liberty medal at a recent Patriot Grave marking service.

Teresa, a member of the Pikeville DAR Chapter has referred eleven new members to the Big Sandy SAR Chapter--nine this year.

Great job Teresa!

Thanks
We sincerely appreciate the new member referrals sent our way by the Kentucky Daughters of the American Revolution
Kentucky Society
Sons of the American Revolution

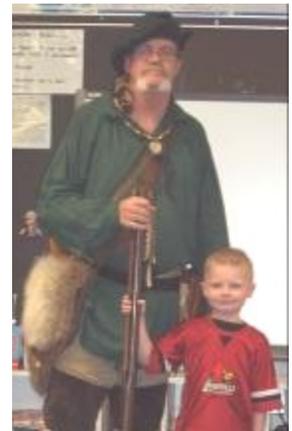


At the recent KSDAR Conference Charlie Scott, SAR/DAR Liaison presented a medal of appreciation to Barbara Smith the DAR/SAR Liaison for her help in the SAR referral program.



Elizabeth and Lara Rose Giltner (members of the Jack Jouett C.A.R.) with donations for Veterans Hospital.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



John Clay Barnett with a class from Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School. The students impressed John with some of their remarks and answers to John's questions. They must have a good teacher!

Painted Stone Settlers sponsors Daniel Boone Lecture



Scott New as Daniel Boone



Attending the Daniel Boone lecture were (L-R) Noble Roberts, Chuck Scott, Kathy Cummings, Charlie Scott, Junior Murdock, Tom Higgins and Vic Bitter.



Dennis Scott presents JROTC medal to Cadet Mark Goings at Nelson County High School.



At a recent CAAH event Joe Parish and Bob Bynum talk with students from Greenwood Elementary school.



Charlie Scott presented the SAR JROTC medal to Oren Robbins at Central Hardin High School.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (continued)



Ed Myles and Joe Parish at Robley Rex VA Hospital awards luncheon where they received honors for their volunteer service at the hospital.



Chuck Scott and Scott Giltner carried flags and Charlie Scott played his fife in the Kentucky Derby parade.



Martin's Station, Ewing, VA



For the sixth straight year, members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter have attended the festivities at Martin's Station, Ewing, VA.



(L-R) Dennis Scott, Forrest Chilton, Scott Giltner, Lara Rose and Elizabeth Giltner, Sam Hatcher (Big Sandy Chapter) and Marshall Wilkins.

Patriot James Philips Grave marking service



Each year after the Derby parade, there has been a Patriot grave marking service. This year the ceremony was to honor Patriot James Philips. Rick Smurdon, INSSAR, and his family attended the service.

Cox's Station DAR Chapter Patriot Grave Marking Service Real Daughter Sarah Crist Thomas



(L-R) Betsy Burch, Boonesborough Chapter Regent; Carol Rogow, District IV Director; Jessianne Wells, State Regent; Carolyn Goodman, District II Director; Kitt Wood, Fincastle Chapter Regent.



Cox's Station DAR Chapter members: Mary Ellen Marquess, Treasurer; Susan Lewis, registrar; Patsy McGee, Myra Evans, Jessianne Wells, Carolyn Goodman, Regent; Nancy Bean, Betty Shelton, Chaplain; and Karen Wallace.



Grave stone and DAR marker for Real Daughter Sarah Crist Thomas



KSDAR State Board members..(left to right) State Regent Jessianne Wells; State Vice Regent Barb Zink; State Corresponding Secretary JeanEllen Melton; State Registrar Ruth Korzenborn; State Historian Mary K. Kauffman.

Washington's Flag



Pictured left to right are Don Root, LTC Richard Shackelford (Senior Military Instructor) and CSM Keith Hembree (Military Instructor).

Don Root, a member of the Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter of the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presented a replica of General George Washington's Position Flag to the Army JROTC unit of Knox Central High School, Barbourville, KY.

Description of the flag

This is an almost square blue flag with 13 white six-pointed stars arranged 3:2:3:2:3 Rather than the normal stars which appear to be composed of triangles, they're composed of three lines that intersect. The ends of the lines are slightly tapered.

Editor's note: Don Root is a descendant of one of George Washington's Life Guards!

KYSSAR Color Guard

Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby and Simon Kenton Chapters represented the KYSSAR at a recent grave marking for Patriot James Thompson. The service was held on a private farm in Germantown, KY. (Photo credit to Dena Green, Limestone DAR & C.A.R.)



Colors and Standards being presented at Patriot Grave Marking service.



Bob Bynum describes the SAR marker during the tribute part of the service.



Descendants of Patriot James Thompson pose with members of the KYSSAR Color Guard.



Joe Parish and Charlie Scott fold the American flag which is then presented to a descendant of Patriot James Thompson.



Joe Parish, Dennis Scott and Ray Hughes loads and fires weapons during gun salute.



Scott Giltner plays taps



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National event--Kentucky Derby Parade



Compatriots from Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri and Kentucky--plus a couple of camp followers, line up for a picture before the Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade. The crowd was estimated at 250,000.



This year we had a flat-bed truck, decorated with eight battle flags, that carried several compatriots. This choice, march or ride, gave some members an opportunity to take part in the parade. In the picture to the left, SAR members John Test, Chuck Scott, Bob Bynum and Scott Giltner decorate the truck. On the right, Bob Bynum, Reggie Roberson and John Test right before the start of the parade.



NSSAR vehicle during the parade.



Father and son (Rick and Trevor Smurdon) carry the SAR banner. Acting Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony and drummer Dan Woodruff stand in between.

National event--Kentucky Derby Parade (continued)



Trevor and Rick Smurdon carry the SAR banner while Mark Anthony commands the troops.



Drummer Dan Woodruff and fifer Charlie Scott



Camp follower



Left to right: Jon Huffman, Terry Brown, John Thornhill, Joe Parish, Scott Giltner and Richard Lane.



NSSAR vehicle on parade route. Left to right: Bob Bynum, Forrest Chilton, Reggie Roberson John Test and a camp follower.



This is really a "Parade Rest!" While stopped, Charlie plays a song on his fife.



Compatriots in parade. Kneeling: John Thornhill and Richard Lane. Standing (L-R) Terry Brown, Forrest Chilton, Charlie Scott, Joe Parish, Dan Woodruff, Mark Anthony and Jon Huffman.

Simon Kenton Chapter



Chapter President Tom Geimeier presents a Service to Veterans medal to Past President George McCain.



George McCain is pictured here at the public library collecting books for the Veterans.



Honor flight reception: As World War II Veterans return from visiting the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC Simon Kenton members are at the airport to welcome them home. The picture on the right shows Tom Geimeier and Jeffrey Hampton, in uniform, waiting for their arrival. Attending an Honor Flight reception can be very emotional.



The grave marking of “real daughter” Lucinda Ellis Dunlap at the Independence Cemetery.

Lt. to rt. Harry Geimeier, Ruth Korzenborn, Tom Geimeier, Kent Marcum, Deena Greene, Donald Drewry, John Ziegler, Pat Berry, Jesse Moore, Janice Northcutt, Zella Rahe (Rebecca Bryan Boone Regent), Mary K. Kaufmann

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter



Compatriots Gary Tunget and Robert Brooks of the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter, presented Cadet Steven Stevens the JROTC medal and certificate Friday evening, April 13th at the Henderson County High School.



Compatriots Robert Brooks and Gary Tunget presented Cadet Eric Tipton the Bronze SAR JROTC medal at the Butler Co. High School in Morgantown, KY. This is one of the eight High Schools where the Moseley Chapter presents the



Maurice Worthington and Robert Brooks posted the Colors for the chapter meeting. This was the first time the chapter did this and it added a special touch to the meeting.



Tom Payne congratulates new member Scott Norris. Gary Tunget is ready to pin on Scott's membership rosette.



Compatriot Robert Brooks presented two SAR bronze JROTC medals and certificates Thursday May 17 at the Logan Co High School.

Pictured left to right Sgt Major Steven Malnar, 2011 Medal recipient Cadet Jackson Pryor, 2012 medal recipient Cadet Capt. Hayley Mayhar and Robert Brooks.

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter (continued)

The Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter KYSSAR and the Ohio Valley INSSAR combined color guards helped conduct a joint grave marking for Major General Samuel Hopkins on Saturday May 19th at Spring Garden Cemetery In Henderson KY . Five Societies, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Cincinnati and two War of 1812 Societies placed bronze markers on the final resting place of this Historic Patriot.



Stone of Patriot Major General Samuel Hopkins
Spring Garden Cemetery, Henderson, KY

Left to right: Ohio Valley INSSAR members John West, Ken Gilkey and Bob Hall and Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter members: Maurice Worthington, Robert Brooks, Gary Tunget and Dean Worthington

Memorial Day Celebrations



Ken Gilkey and Maurice Worthington

The Lt. Robert Moseley and Ohio Valley chapters worked together to Honor Rev. War Patriots who lived in Daviess Co., KY after the war.



Flag Folding Ceremony

Tom Payne, Robert Brooks, Dean Worthington, Gary Tunget and Ken Gilkey.



Robert Brooks, Dean Worthington and Gary Tunget fire a three volley Musket Salute with Ken Gilkey calling commands.



Ken Gilkey, Ohio Valley Chapter, INSSAR salutes the Colors.

Lafayette Chapter



John Russell Burch, Sr., 66, passed from this life on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Born on August 6, 1945 in Lexington and raised in Cynthiana, Kentucky, he was the son of Frances Ramsey Burch and the late Oakley Burch. John Russell had a distinguished military career, serving for twenty-five years in Special Forces, Green Berets, retiring with the rank of Captain USAR and First Sergeant US Army. He was decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star. He also has a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

John was President of the Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR in 2011.

Captain Charles Duncan Chapter



Bagpipe Band Concert



Competition at the Highland games

Tom Petznick, President of the Captain Charles Duncan Chapter (second from left) stands proudly with four members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (John Clay Barnett, Marshall Wilkins, Dennis Scott and Charlie Scott). This group was part of the Honor Guard as they posted Colors at the opening ceremony of the Glasgow Highland games. The Bowling Green Chapter had a tent at the games and attracted several SAR prospects.



Color Guard during massed bagpipe concert.



Chapter member Jim Johnson and President Tom Petznick at SAR table.

Big Sandy Chapter

Copied below is an article sent to one of the local newspapers near the Big Sandy Chapter--The Appalachian News-Express. Roger Ratliff, a Big Sandy SAR Chapter member, did this to create an awareness of the events in the Revolutionary War and to advise local students about the George and Stella Knight Essay contest. **Good work Roger!**

SAR contest open to high schoolers

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-EXPRESS

The National Office of the Sons of American Revolution sponsors an annual writing contest, inviting students to submit essays on events that shaped American history.

Approved for listing by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the George & Stella Knight Essay Contest is open to sophomore, juniors and seniors in high school who are U.S. citizens or legal aliens.

The contest is for an original, researched and proven essay topic written in English. The topic of each essay shall deal with one of the following: An event, per-

son, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence or the framing of the United States Constitution.

The month of April offers several historical dates that might stimulate students' thoughts and encourage their participation.

• April 13, 1743: Thomas Jefferson's birthday, lead author of the Declaration of Independence and concepts embodied in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

• April 18, 1775: Paul Revere's ride to Concord and Lexington, Mass., with the message that the British were coming.

• April 19, 1775: Start

date for the American Revolutionary War at Lexington and Concord.

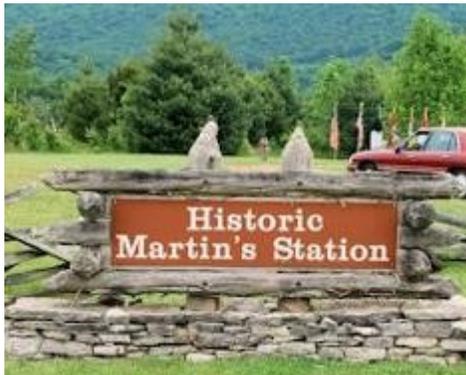
• April 30, 1789: Birthday of the United States, George Washington inaugurated as first president.

This is a national contest and each state chapter will submit that state's winning essay to the national office of Sons of American Revolution.

The first-place winner will receive \$2,000, second-place will receive \$1,000, and third-place will receive \$500.

For a complete list of the Knight Essay Contest rules, send requests to the Big Sandy SAR Chapter Representative Roger Ratliff, at ratliffroger@yahoo.com.

Big Sandy members visits Martins Station



Big Sandy Chapter members Gary Howard and Sam Hatcher attended the annual Raid on Martin's Station, Ewing, Virginia. Sam presented the wreath at Col. Joseph Martin's monument but it is Gary posing with Rev. Forrest Chilton in the picture to the right.

Not being in the picture is the price Sam must pay for having a nice camera!

Big Sandy Chapter (continued)

Chapter's first Grave marking service Patriot Thomas Pinson, Sr.

Color Guard ready to march to grave site and post Colors and Standards. Four chapter members wore their Rev. War period attire for the first time and took part in the Color Guard either with a gun or a flag!



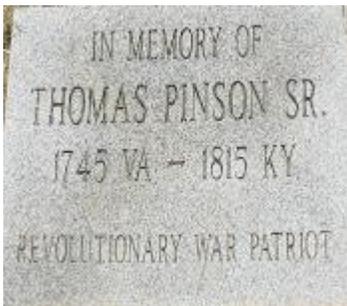
National Trustee Rev. Forrest Chilton inducts new member Jason Reichenbach. Chapter President Dr. Larry Leslie pinned on his SAR membership rosette.



J. D. Preston with opening remarks.



Chaplain Roger Ratliff says opening prayer and with wreaths at the grave site.



Patriot Thomas Pinson Rev. War Stone.



Wreaths presented at grave site,

More Patriot Graves marked!

Ancestors of Gary and Betty Howard.



Jacob Hess came to this country with General Rochambeau, the French General, who came during the Revolution in aid of this country.

Big Sandy Chapter (continued)

SAR remembers Thomas Pinson Sr.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-EXPRESS

On Sunday, May 20, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a marker in memory of Thomas Pinson Sr. on the Pinson Cemetery located behind the Joes Creek Church of Christ on Lower Johns Creek.

Pinson supplied beef to the Revolutionary Army during the war and was rewarded with a land grant for his service.

In about 1795 Pinson loaded up his family of nine children and made the trek from his home in Grayson County, Va., to what was then Floyd County, Ky., where they came to the banks of the Big Sandy River near the current town of Pikeville in search of land to raise his family.

Pinson could not obtain title for suitable land for the family to settle on in the Pikeville area. His family then moved on to settle land all up and down the waters of Johns Creek from Millers Creek to Bent Branch and more.

Pinson's children and their descendants populated much of the Johns Creek area with family ties that include Carter, Meade, Howard, Ratliff, Clevenger, Clark and many

others that still reside there.

The ceremony was attended by about 50 descendants of Thomas Pinson along with state and local SAR and DAR representatives.

Big Sandy SAR Chancellor John David Preston opened the ceremony by introducing a color guard made up of SAR members from the Big Sandy and Governor Isaac Shelby chapters in period dress.

The color guard then marched up the hill to the marker site and displayed a number of flags — from the current stars and stripes to Revolutionary War battle flags.

SAR member Bruce Austin played the national anthem on a trumpet followed by an invocation by Sam Hatcher. After the SAR and DAR pledge was recited, descendants Roger Ratliff, Shalimar Labreche and Charlie Pinson spoke of the life and achievements of the patriot Thomas Pinson.

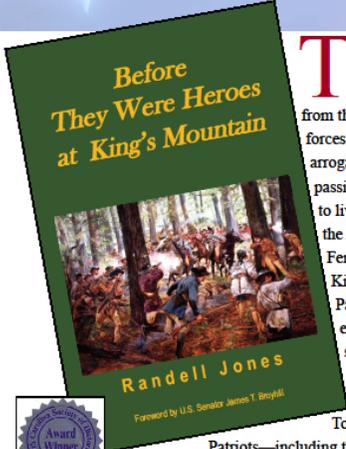
The dedication concluded with the Big Sandy and Governor Isaac Shelby SAR chapters placing a floral wreath by the marker while taps was played on a bugle by Austin.

A reception was held in the Joes Creek Community center immediately following the dedication.



Big Sandy and Gov. Isaac Shelby Color Guards

Before They Were Heroes at King's Mountain



The Battle of King's Mountain was the "turning of the tide" in the American Revolution, a conflict between Americans—Whigs rebels from the backcountry against Loyalists trained as British forces. Major Patrick Ferguson's arrogant threat stirred the passions of a people determined to live free. They marched over the Appalachians and defeated Ferguson's army atop Little King's Mountain. These Patriots were well experienced fighters through six years of conflicts with Shawnees, Cherokees, Chickamaugas, Scots Highlanders, Loyalist Tories, Royal grenadiers, robbers and thieves. These Patriots—including the redoubtable Col. Isaac Shelby—faced them all.

Award-winning author and storyteller Randell Jones shares stories from America's fight for independence.

Author of *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone* and *In the Footsteps of Davy Crockett*

www.danielboonefootsteps.com

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, KYSSAR
Friday, July 13, 7:00pm
 First Baptist Church, US 60 West, Shelbyville, KY

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter

Members of the Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter participated in a memorial day service in Cadiz, Kentucky sponsored by the James Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Those attending were: John R. Vinson, Kenneth Oakley, President, Gary Thompson, Robert Skinner, James Sumner, Billy Redd, Ernest Lawrence, Judge Stanley Humphries and Steve Skinner.



Honor Flight

A BIG DAY

World War II vets from Kentucky, Ind. visit D.C. memorial on anniversary of invasion

By James R. Carroll

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The Courier-Journal

WASHINGTON — On the 68th anniversary of D-Day, World War II veterans from Kentucky and Indiana were cheered, serenaded and saluted Wednesday by members of Congress and others on a one-day visit to the nation's capital.

"It's wonderful, wonderful," said Harry Bush, 91, of Richmond, Ky., as he gazed across the expanse of the National World War II Memorial moments after Louisville's Ladies for Liberty — Wanda Martin, Angela Glotzbach and Jeanette Kays — sang "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" in perfect Andrews Sisters harmony.

Bush was one of 30 veterans and 26 volunteers from Kentucky and Indiana who saw Washington through the Honor Flight program, which transports veterans to Washington to see their memorials free of charge.

MORE PHOTOGRAPHS ONLINE

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While none of those from Kentucky and Indiana were on the beaches of Normandy in France on June 6, 1944, making the trip on D-Day's 68th anniversary "added an extra punctuation point," said Brian Duffy, president of the Bluegrass Chapter of Honor Flight.

John Vaughn, 91, of Glasgow, Ky., was visiting the Vatican in Rome — which was liberated on June 4, 1944 — the day of the Normandy landings.

"When I came out, people on the street said, 'They've crossed the (English) Channel,'" Vaughn recalled. "It was just another invasion to me."

Vaughn had joined the National Guard in 1940, a year before the United States entered the war.

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Louisville's Ladies for Liberty — from left, Wanda Martin, Angela Glotzbach and Jeanette Kays — sing for the veterans at the National World War II Memorial. Thirty veterans and 26 volunteers from Kentucky and Indiana were flown to Washington for the day through the Honor Flight program.

The singer on the right (Jeanette Kays) is married to new Louisville Thruston SAR member Jim Kays.

Honor Flight (continued)

FLIGHT: Vets honored at WWII memorial

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After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the Americans joined the fight against Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany, Vaughn and his artillery unit moved in and out of various Army divisions in England, North Africa, Sicily, France, and into Germany.

A veteran of five beach landings, Vaughn earned eight battle stars and the French Medal of Honor. He suffered one flesh wound, during the fierce fighting at Anzio, Italy.

"I didn't even know I was hit," and because it didn't look very serious, he didn't call for a medic. "So I didn't get a Purple Heart," he said, chuckling.

Edgar Casada, 88, of Somerset, Ky., wore his Air Force radioman's uniform and walked ramrod straight onto the memorial grounds.

He taught radio mechanics school in Madison, Wis., during the war.

Asked his secret for keeping trim enough to fit perfectly into his uniform, Casada smiled. "I didn't know I had one."

The veterans got off their chartered bus to cheers and waving flags held by schoolchildren from Virginia. People visiting the National World War II Memorial frequently walked up to the vets to shake their hands and thank them for their service.

George Snyder, 90, of Owensboro, Ky., was in the U.S. Signal Corps in Italy, France, Germany and Austria during the war. This was his first look at the memorial.

"It looks great," Snyder said. Earl Fort, 87, and his brother,

"These men are celebrities for the first time in their lives today, and it is nice to be able to come here today and help them receive these honors."

REP. JOHN YARMUTH,
D-3rd District

Wilburn Fort, 90, both of Owensboro, Ky., came to Washington together.

Earl Fort was a Navy seaman 1st Class, while Wilburn Fort served in the Army Corps of Engineers. Both were in the Pacific.

Earl Fort's merchant ship carried the first radar systems "to every Allied port in the southwest Pacific," he said.

"They told us they were a secret and there were 50 soldiers guarding" the equipment, he said. Whenever there was any shooting, his ship's job was to "go and hide," he said.

Wilburn Fort came behind the Marines after Pacific island invasions — "for me, the war was 100 yards in diameter," he said.

His equipment was ready to go to Japan when the atomic bomb suddenly ended the war.

"When Harry Truman dropped that bomb, I thanked the good Lord," he said.

Bush, in the Army a year before the United States entered the war, was a medic in New Guinea and the Philippines.

"I was the only one of 115 (medics) who didn't get malar-

WHO ARE THE VETERANS?

To see a list of the veterans who were on the Honor Flight, go to this story at www.courier-journal.com.

ia," Bush said, adding he still can walk 10 miles any time he wishes. "God's been good to me."

While Bush was in New Guinea, his unit was visited by a U.S. senator from Kentucky, Albert Benjamin "Happy" Chandler Sr.

"He asked us a lot of questions," Bush recalled as he spoke to Chandler's grandson, Rep. Ben Chandler, D-6th District, who has known Bush for years.

"That's right," Chandler said of his grandfather. "He was on the Senate Military Affairs Committee and he wanted to do anything he could for the troops."

Other Kentucky lawmakers who came to pay their respects to the soldiers, sailors and airmen were Reps. John Yarmuth, D-3rd District, and Brett Guthrie, R-2nd District, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

"These men are celebrities for the first time in their lives today, and it is nice to be able to come here today and help them receive these honors," Yarmuth said.

McConnell, whose father was in the war, said, "We have no finer people than the greatest generation."

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Honor Flight (continued)



World War II Memorial



Part of Honor Flight reception line



Chuck Scott, Scott Giltner, Marshall Wilkins and Joe Parish in the flag line.



Scouts with Welcome Home sign.



Chuck Scott and Wanda Martin (Ladies for Liberty singer.)



WWII Veteran returns to Louisville



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John, we wish you good luck as you lead Kentucky's largest chapter!



Joshua Jose received a certificate and cash award for being the winner at Bowen Elementary School in the SAR poster contest. Standing with Joshua is Joe Parish, teacher Helen Barnes and Rev. Forrest Chilton.

Students who will be studying the Revolutionary War next year attended the ceremony. Based on their enthusiasm we look for even more entries next year.