



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

Headquarters Renovation Progress

The back part of the building has been removed and will be rebuilt according to plan. Windows and doors are being framed and brick work will soon begin.



To keep up to date on the renovation progress, go to the NSSAR web site at:

<http://www.sar.org/>

Two videos, showing what has been done, have been posted.
Additional videos will be added until the renovation is complete.
Keep watching!

Have you made your donation?

Individual or Chapter ?

Any amount will help!

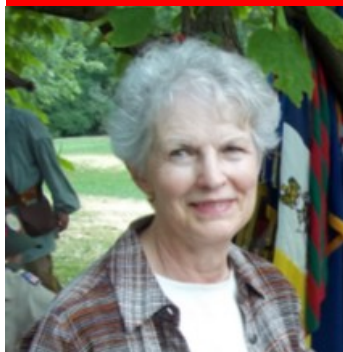
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DAR & CAR



My grandson, Matthew Olson, who attended the Liberty Tree ceremony as a member of the Jack Jouett Society N.S.C.A.R. is now watering the tree as a service project for the Beta Club. I thought you might be interested in seeing how it looks this month. Matthew is concerned about it because it looks a bit pitiful without any leaves. I told him to just take care of it and it should be fine in the spring.

Sharlene Cooper, Regent, John Marshall DAR

Regent, Sharlene Cooper



Matthew Olson & Liberty Tree



Denise Hall, NSSAR Genealogist receives a SAR Medal of Appreciation for referring her fifth new member to the SAR. Making the presentation is V.P. General Forrest Chilton. Forrest is wearing one of several hats he was selling to raise money for our "Service to Veterans."



Members of the Corn Island DAR Chapter who attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony. (L-R) are: Shelley Kuussalo, Terry Pyles, Regent Janet Upton and Laura Huffman



Regents Keitt Wood and Sharlene Cooper present a wreath for the DAR at Wreaths Across America.



KSSAR Regent
Jessieanne Wells

Thanks DAR Members

The unofficial records show that DAR members referred 65 new members to the SAR during 2012--Thanks DAR!

Special thanks to
Regent Jessieanne Wells
& SAR Liaison Barbara Smith



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Captain Charles Gatliff SAR & William Whitley DAR Chapters



On Saturday, November 10, The Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter of the SAR and the William Whitley Chapter of NSDAR co-hosted a joint luncheon meeting in commemoration of National Veterans Day. The focus of the program was the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War. The speaker was Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Michael Warren who served in Vietnam. The picture on the left shows Chapter President Dr. Michael Colegrove shaking hands with Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Michael Warren.



Captain Charles Gatliff SAR Chapter member Don Root (third from the left in the picture) is recognized for his efforts in the Flat Lick Elementary school's Blessing in a Backpack program. Each Friday, students from this school are given a backpack with food for seven meals. Without this program, some of the students would not have anything to eat over the weekend. Other positive effects from this program include improvement in both attendance and academic achievement.

Simon Kenton Chapter



Jesse Moore and Tom Geimeier

Jesse Moore is installed as the new President of the Simon Kenton Chapter. In the picture Jesse receives congratulations from the out-going President--Tom Geimeier. Tom is the current President-Elect of the Kentucky Society and will assume his new duties as KYSSAR President in March of 2013. Jesse has big shoes to fill but should be very capable as he has been a valued member of this very active chapter.

Louisville Thruston Chapter

The Burial Ceremony for Sammie Lee At Cave Hill Cemetery on November 25, 2012



Color Guard members Commander Dan Klinck, Henry Head, David Sympson, Jon Huffman and Hayden Fuller pay tribute at the burial of Louisville Thruston member Sammie Lee.



After a flag folding by the Air Force Honor Guard, Dan Klinck and Jon Huffman fire a gun salute. Photos by Clarice Fuller



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LEE, SAMMIE F.



83, passed away at his home on Thanksgiving Day following a typically determined fight with cancer, providing a keenly appreciated new meaning to the holiday for his family and friends who are deeply thankful for his remarkable life.

He was born on a farm near Sulphur in Henry County, KY, the only child of Oscar and Fannie Lee. After graduating as valedictorian of his high school class, he received both undergraduate and masters degrees in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 through 1954. His long and illustrious career in civil engineering included acting as Resident Engineer on the Watterson Expressway during the early years of its design and construction as well as what was then called the North-South Expressway, later part of Interstate 65.

In 1962, he was appointed County Engineer for Jefferson County and served in that capacity and that of Director of Public Works until 1969, when he became a principal at the design firm eventually known as Miller/Wihry/Lee, serving a variety of public and private clients throughout the U.S.

Throughout his life he displayed an untiring love of public and civic service, always striving to bring higher standards to the engineering profession, the political process, and a number of civic organizations. He served as president both of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers, during which time he was active in governmental affairs and testified before Congress on behalf of the profession. He was chair of the Jefferson County Republican Party and continued to work diligently on behalf of the party, and was called upon by both the Democratic and Republican national committees for input into their campaign platforms during the presidential election of 1980.

He was a member of a dozen professional organizations and also served in leadership roles with the Jaycees, Lions, and the Louisville Chamber of Commerce. He was a thirty-second-degree Mason, Louisville Lodge #400, Valley of Louisville Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Jesters Louisville Court 131, National Sojourners, Inc. Daniel Boone Chapter #512, a member of the Kosair Shrine Temple and served with the color guard for the Sons of the American Revolution.

An avid fan of his alma mater, he was a life member of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association and a UK Fellow, and was profoundly honored with a lifetime achievement award by the College of Engineering in 2001. He was a faithful member of Christ Church United Methodist, where he also served in a variety of leadership roles.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, the former Frances Farmer; his son, David Lee (Terrie); daughters, Cynthia Burgess (Dan) and Karen Vidal; grandsons, Eric Masters, M.D., Bryan Lee, Matthew Burgess (Arlyn) and Christopher Burgess (Ruthie); and great-granddaughter, Nancy Lee Burgess.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



John Clay Barnett gives a historical presentation at St. Mary of the Knobs School in Southern Indiana.



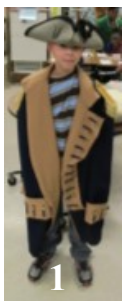
Students try on hats and uniforms at a Center for Advancing America's Heritage event at headquarters. Joe Parish, Chuck Scott and John Clay Barnett conducted part of the activities which included ringing the Liberty Bell and writing with a quill pen.



At another CAAH event, Scott Giltner shows the students his rifle and Charlie Scott plays a song on his fife.



Chuck Scott and Dennis Scott talk with students at the Meadow View Elementary School in Radcliff, KY. This was part of an off-site CAAH event.



Pictures from Meadow View Elementary School. A student tries on a coat like one George Washington might have worn. RaeAnn Sauer talks about items carried in a haversack and Colleen Wilson introduces students to a quill pen.

Wreaths Across America

Two SAR Chapters (Louisville Thruston and Gov. Isaac Shelby) Four DAR Chapters (John Marshall, Fincastle, Corn Island and Peter Foree) and one C.A.R. Chapter (Jack Jouett) worked together in a recent Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Zachary Taylor Cemetery in Louisville. It rained, but it did not dampen the spirits of those that came to pay tribute to our military buried at the cemetery. This type of ceremony was held at many locations across the nation.



(1) Members of the Louisville Thruston Chapter Color Guard: (L-R) Henry Head, David Head, President John H. Huffman, Sr., Hayden Fuller, Renee Shields and Jon Huffman.



(2) President John H. Huffman, Sr. salutes after presenting his chapter wreath.



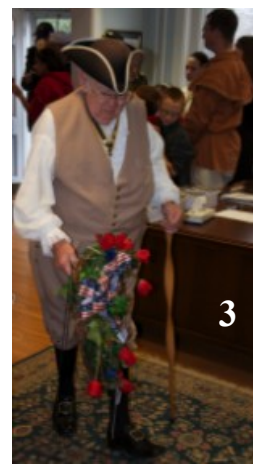
(3) Hayden Fuller and Renee Shields perform a drum duet at the ceremony. (Pictures by Doug Collins)



(1) Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Color Guard: Kneeling: Chuck Scott and Charlie Scott. Back Row: Scott Giltner, Dennis Scott, Marshall Wilkins, Tom Jones, President Rev. Forrest Chilton and John Clay Barnett. Joe Parish and Mark Johnston were unavailable for the picture.



(2) Chuck Scott presents the chapter wreath.



(3) Vice President General Rev. Forrest Chilton presents the Central District wreath.



The picture on the left shows members of the Jack Jouett C.A.R. Chapter presenting their wreath at the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

On the right are Regents of four DAR Chapters. They and some of their members braved the elements to honor those buried at the Zachary Taylor military cemetery. (L-R) Adele McCoy (Peter Foree Chapter), Keitt Wood (Fincastle Chapter), Janet Upton (Corn Island Chapter) and Sharlene Cooper (John Marshall Chapter.)

