



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Fourth of July Bell Ringing



“Let Freedom Ring”

Thursday, July 4, 2013

**The Charles Gatliff SAR Chapter
and
The William Whitley Chapter DAR**

**Invite you, your family and guests
to a Bell Ringing Ceremony**

The Location: Patriot Park
Hutton School of Business
University of the Cumberlands
Williamsburg, Kentucky

Our Speaker: Tom Geimeier –President, KYSSAR
Our Program: The Ringing of the Liberty Bell

The Ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The Bell Ringing will take place at 2:00 p.m.

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Tom Geimeier
KYSSAR President

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter

Owensboro

The Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter was contacted by Dr. Francis Keenan of New York State SAR about the condition of his Patriot Ancestor's gravestone after reading an article in the last issue of The Kentucky Pioneer on the KSSAR website. His ancestor, Sgt. Benjamin Burch, served in the Maryland Continental line under Captain Tannehill and is buried in a remote family graveyard in Breckenridge Co., KY. A large oak tree fell and the stone went down. Dr. Keenan was not sure of the condition of the stone after this and asked if anyone from the SAR would assist in checking out the condition of the stone. On Tuesday May 28th Compatriots Robert Brooks and Gary Tunget found the site and cut the limb to expose an undamaged 1830 marker. At a later time we will put it back in its original slot base and hope to perform a SAR grave marking.



JROTC Presentations



Compatriot Gary Tunget and Robert Brooks presented Cadet CPO Dakota Ibarra the Bronze SAR JROTC award.

Also the Moseley Chapter presented the Butler Co High School JROTC with a plaque to hold the names of future SAR award winners. Mr Brooks presented the Plaque to Chief petty Officer Jim Melton and Major Robert Redmond. The Cadets and Officers are very appreciative of this plaque



Gary Tunget and Robert Brooks presented the Bronze JROTC medal to Cadet Captain Thomas Jurmu. In the picture on the right a plaque is presented to the Logan County High School JROTC on which names of future winners of the SAR JROTC medal will be inscribed. (L-R) Robert Brooks, Sgt. Major Steven Malnar, Cadet Captain Thomas Jurmu, Battalion Commander Haley Mayhar, Command Sgt. Major Joseph Brockman and Gary Tunget.

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter (continued)

The Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter along with the Gen Evan Shelby Chapter DAR held a Flag Day Picnic June 14th at the Yellow Creek Park. Flag chairman for Daviess Co. Gary Tunget along with president Tom Payne presented Pioneer Village Director Sean Dysinger a Flag Certificate for keeping an American Flag on display at the Village. During the Picnic the Owensboro Community Band played Patriotic selections.



Pictured are Color Guard members (L-R) Maurice Worthington, Frankey Jones, Gary Tunget, Tom Payne, Sean Dysinger, Spencer Brewer and Robert Brooks.



Gary Tunget, Chapter President Tom Payne and Pioneer Village Director Sean Dysinger.



Robert Brooks and Tom Higgins at Western Cemetery in Louisville.

Captain Charles Duncan Chapter

For the past couple of years, the Captain Charles Duncan Chapter has posted Colors and had a booth at the Glasgow Highland Game at Barren River State Park. They have been assisted by a few members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter. Shown below are a few pictures from this year's event.



Left to right: Charlie Scott, Captain Charles Duncan Chapter President Tom Peznick, Gov. Isaac Shelby President Chuck Scott, Jim Johnson and John Clay Barnett.



Staffing the Captain Charles Duncan Chapter booth at the Highland Games were: Jim Johnson, his wife Darlene and Chapter President Tom Peznick.



Drum Major of the bagpipe band salutes.



Members of the bagpipe band.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Chuck Scott, John Clay Barnett and Charlie Scott assisted the Captain Charles Duncan members at the Glasgow Highland games. Pictures show Chuck with two mean looking guys, J.C. with a Highlander and Captain Charles Duncan President Tom Peznick. The picture on the right shows Charlie (with his wife) jamming with a very good flute player.

Black Acre Pioneer Day



Vic Bitter and two of his Grandsons fold the flag during the flag folding ceremony. Unknown Union soldier stands guard.



Seated: Rev. Forrest Chilton
Standing (L-R) Vic Bitter, Charlie Scott, Scott Giltner, Chuck Scott and John Clay Barnett

Honor Flight



Members at Honor Flight: (L-R) Chuck Scott, Joe Parish, Joe Noffsinger, Charlie Scott, Marshall Wilkins, Scott Giltner, Tommy Jones and Chuck Scott.

Town Charter for Louisville received from Commonwealth of Virginia--May 1780 Celebration

On May 1, 1780, the Virginia General Assembly and then-Governor Thomas Jefferson approved the town charter of Louisville. George Rogers Clark recruited early Kentucky pioneer James John Floyd, who was placed on the town's board of trustees and was given the authority to plan and lay out the town. Jefferson County, named after Thomas Jefferson, was formed at this time as one of three original Kentucky counties from the old Kentucky County, Virginia. Louisville was the county seat.¹



Group consisting of SAR, DAR, Colonial Dames, Daughters of the Confederacy and the War of 1812 Societies gathered in front of a statue of Thomas Jefferson at the Louisville Courthouse before going to the Western Cemetery to honor early settlers of Louisville and Veterans from the wars represented by the societies mentioned.



SAR members from four chapters provided the Color Guard and took part in the black-powder gun salute.
Photos by John H. Huffman, Sr.

Louisville Thruston Chapter



Western Cemetery, Louisville, KY

Former Chapter President Gordon Snyder receives a proclamation from the Mayor's office in honor of his Patriot ancestor. Mr. Snyder also received a certificate honoring him as a WWII Veteran.



Honor Flight

Chapter Secretary Jon Huffman, Chapter President Doug Collins and Immediate Past President John H. Huffman, Sr. attended a recent Honor Flight.



Will Schrader, a regular at the Naturalization ceremonies, is pictured here with newly naturalized citizens.

James Early Chapter



Jack Early, President of the James Early Chapter, all decked out in the War of 1812 attire, stands proudly with a Kentucky Militia flag. Jack took part in the celebration of Louisville receiving a town charter from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Lafayette Chapter



Lafayette Chapter President Al Coleman (second from right) carried the Kentucky Flag at a ceremony in the George Rogers Clark Memorial at Vincennes, Indiana. The picture on the right shows President Coleman saluting after presenting his chapter wreath.

Captain Charles Gatliff SAR Chapter & William Whitley DAR Chapter

The William Whitley Chapter of the NSDAR joined the Charles A. Gatliff chapter of the SAR at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, to honor veterans in commemoration of Armed Forces Day. Members of both chapters shared lunch, fellowship and great stories with the veteran residents of the Williamsburg Nursing Home.



Row 1: Marcella Mountjoy, Imogene Neighbert, Julie Ann Goodan
Row 2: Brenda Rains, Rebecca Gibson, Aretta Moses, Wanda Jeffries, Emily Meadors, Carolyn Falin, Betty Olson.



Row 1: Addie Campbell and Harold Woehrle
Row 2: Michael Colegrove, Eugene Siler, Jake Mountjoy, Clifford Jones, Elmer Olson

Honor Flight, Louisville, KY

Members of three SAR chapters and five DAR chapters assembled to pay tribute to Veterans of both WWII and the Korean War when they returned on an Honor Flight after visiting the War Memorials in Washington, D.C.



SAR members



DAR members

Big Sandy Chapter



KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier presides over the installation of the Big Sandy Chapter officers. From left to right are: KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier, Larry Leslie, John Preston, Gary Howard, Sam Hatcher, Roger Ratliff & Robert Young.



Lynn Leslie received an award from the DAR for Patriot finder work. Tom Geimeier congratulates Mrs. Leslie while Gary Howard looks on.



Big Sandy Chapter members pose for a picture outside of the Jenny Wiley state lodge.

Simon Kenton Chapter



KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier standing in front of the George Rogers Clark Memorial, Vincennes, Indiana. On the right, Tom poses inside the Memorial by the statue of George Rogers Clark.



Simon Kenton Color Guard at Grant's Lick, KY

John Howe Chapter



John Howe Chapter President Lance Carter and his wife Judy at the wreath presentations at the George Rogers Clark Memorial, Vincennes, Indiana



In this picture at the George Rogers Clark Memorial are from left to right: Vice President General of the Central District Rev. Forrest Chilton, Judy Carter, Chapter President Lance Carter and NSSAR President General Stephen Leishman

Headquarters Renovation Progress



Metal beams installed in building



Back of building being bricked.

Don't forget the matching donation plan!

**You receive credit for twice what you donate
until the matching funds run out.**

C.A.R. & DAR



Jack Jouett C.A.R. member Andrew Giltner, (6 years old) son of Scott Giltner, leads the pledge to the Flag at the ceremony at Martin's Station.



KSDAR Regent Jessianne Wells with World War II Veteran at a recent Honor Flight reception.



Becky Malone and Hilary Burns (John Marshall DAR Chapter members) with members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby SAR color guard Tom Higgins, Charlie Scott, Chuck Scott and Junior Murdock. The picture was taken at the John Marshall DAR Chapter Flag Day luncheon.



William Whitley DAR Chapter Flag Day
Front row (L-R): Wanda Jeffries, Wanda Cornelius, Betty Olson, Carolyn Falin, Aretta Moses and Gail Deering, Back row (L-R): Rebecca Gibson, Pat Wells, Donna Rains and Barbara Wasano.

Flag Retirement Service ** Cox's Station DAR Chapter



About 150 people attended the Cox's Station DAR Flag Retirement Service on Flag Day. After several flags were retired and a flag folding ceremony was conducted by members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby SAR Chapter, the attendees were entertained by a brass quintet from Fort Knox.



Operation Ancestor Search Seeks State, Local Committee Members

*by Rick Kincaid, Program Director
Operation Ancestor Search*



Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) is a free NSSAR genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors and their families. It provides participants with the knowledge and tools that allow them to conduct their own genealogy research as they recover from their injuries at military hospitals and VA medical centers across the country.

The OAS program is conducted through SAR state societies and local affiliate chapters and their volunteer members. The national committee evolved from a local program developed at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (now the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) by the DCSSAR. The program proved so successful that Ancestry.com became a major national sponsor, contributing a \$180,000 grant over three years, renewable for another three years after the initial period.

National Chairman Carl Bedell presides over the OAS Committee. Each State Society has its own OAS Chairman to spearhead these efforts and organize each state's program. State chairmen serve as ex officio members of the national committee.

State OAS Committee Members are volunteers who desire to share the genealogy expertise within the SAR in order to give back to the Wounded Warriors who were injured in their service to our nation. They provide injured service members with the knowledge and tools they need to conduct their own genealogy research in training classes, work sessions, individual hands-on assistance, and most notably, access to Ancestry.com databases.

OAS volunteers perform the following:

1. Help target the military medical facilities within their respective states that are most open and receptive to offering the OAS program to their Wounded Warriors.
2. Help identify the key personnel at those facilities and ensure that the facilities have adequate meeting space and computer facilities.
3. Help match the facilities with the leadership of the SAR local chapters in their closest geographic proximity in order to ensure adequate volunteer support.
4. Ensure that the state and local OAS committees are "visionary," meaning that they will not only serve the needs of the Wounded Warriors while they are inpatients, but that they will collaborate with local genealogical societies, lineage societies, libraries and other organizations as appropriate for support with training, reintegration and mentoring after they transition back to their local communities.
5. Ensure that the SAR's greatest resources – our MEMBERS in local chapters across the country, in concert with our State and National Societies – continue to develop Operation Ancestor Search as the preeminent SAR program, not only for us, but for our OAS partners who provide the resources that support our nation's Wounded Warriors and their families.

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If you are interested in helping with Operation Ancestor Search at the state or local level, please contact your State OAS Chairman. If your state does not yet have an OAS Chairman, please contact your State President if you are interested in serving in that position.

For additional information on the OAS program, please contact Rick Kincaid, the National Program Director, at rkincaid@sar.org or (502) 588-6147

The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals



The Washington County Regiment of North Carolina Militia is a living history organization dedicated to educating the public, obtaining and sharing knowledge, furthering awareness of the lives of the settlers and natives on the eighteenth century frontier, and sharing the history of that portion of Western North Carolina which is now Northeast Tennessee. The Washington County Regiment of North Carolina Militia is proud to be united with Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area as the host living history organization, and is committed to serving the park and other historic sites in their common cause. The Washington County Regiment of North Carolina Militia strives to provide a positive, family oriented atmosphere for both the public and its members. The Washington County Regiment of North Carolina Militia prides itself in being a quality living history organization with historical accuracy being a top priority.

For the first time, THE GATHERING AT SYCAMORE SHOALS will occur at the same time that the Washington County Regiment of North Carolina Militia will be stationed at Fort Watauga, occupying the shops, taverns, and cabins within the Fort. Their participation, combined with color guard units from the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Overmountain Victory Trail Association and others will make this the most outstanding GATHERING yet.

As an additional event, the 230th anniversary of the signing of the TREATY OF PARIS will be commemorated as a closing component of the ceremony at the GATHERING, in addition to a Dutch-treat dinner marking the occasion that will take place on Friday evening in Johnson City at Peerless Restaurant.

THE GATHERING AT SYCAMORE SHOALS is recognized by the National Society SAR as a national event and counts toward qualifying participants for the silver color guard medal. Plan now to attend. Contact Ronnie Lail at rllblail@comcast.net or 423.914.8677 for more information.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, September 20, 2013

4:00 p.m. **Ceremony at grave of Robert Young**
 2109 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN [*to the rear of the old National Guard Armory*]
 6:00 p.m. **Reception at Holiday Inn Johnson City**
 101 West Springbrook Dr, Johnson City, TN
 7:30 p.m. 230th TREATY OF PARIS DINNER
Peerless Restaurant (*Dutch-treat*)
 2531 North Roan Street Johnson City, TN

Saturday, September 21, 2013

10:00 a.m. **THE GATHERING AT SYCAMORE SHOALS**
 Fort Watauga, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area
 1651 W. Elk Ave., Elizabethton, TN
 3:00 p.m. Adjourn and depart

Hotel Reservations

HOLIDAY INN JOHNSON CITY, TN.

1091 West Springbrook Drive,
 Johnson City, TN 37604

Book online or call:
 1 888 HOLIDAY (1.888.465.4329)

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Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service

***Location: Blue Licks Battlefield State Park,
10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY***

August 17, 2013

- **Lunch and guest speaker**
- **Memorial service at Blue Licks Monument**
 - **Flag Posting**
 - **Wreath Laying**
 - **Black-Powder Gun Salute**
 - **Watch Battle Re-enactment**

SAR & DAR Invited

**If presenting a wreath, carrying flag or shooting your gun
please notify editor at cescott@twc.com
so we can list your name and chapter on our program.**



Compatriots at 2012 Blue Licks Memorial Service

The Kentucky Society

KYSSAR Summer Meeting

Sons of the American Revolution



Wickland Manor, “*Home of Three Governors,*” Bardstown

Address: 550 Bloomfield Road, Bardstown, KY 40004

Summer Meeting

July 20, 2013 (Saturday)

Registration 9:00 -10:00 AMBOG Meeting 9:30 -10:00 AM

Regular meeting begins at 10:00 AM

Program

** Will include reports from the National Congress, State Society and Chapter Awards.
Secretary, Del White, will be sending out requests for Chapter, Officer, and Committee
Chairmen Reports

Lunch

\$10.00 per person to include: ham, ham salad, & chicken salad sandwiches; pasta salad, fruit
cups, slaw and applesauce cake with coffee, iced tea and water.

**Please mail checks to: Dick Bierman, KYSSAR Treasurer, 9302 Springbrooke Circle,
Louisville, KY 40241-3002Checks due by July 13.**

Compatriot Name _____

Guests _____