



# The Kentucky Pioneer

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## Louisville Thruston Chapter



Dan Klinck, Chapter Color Guard Commander receives a chapter Distinguished Service medal from Past Chapter President Will Schrader.



Immediate Past Chapter President John H. Huffman, Sr. presents Will Schrader the Chapter Distinguished Service medal.



Louisville Thruston Chapter Color Guard at Zachary Taylor Veterans Cemetery.



Pictures from the Louisville Chorus concert, Beargrass Christian Church.  
Color Guardsmen are: Gary Lane, Commander Dan Klinck, Hayden Fuller, Henry Head and Jon Huffman



## 2013 NSSAR Congress (Kansas City, MO.)



**Kentucky group at NSSAR Congress**

**Left to right:** Lance Carter, Tom Payne, Judy Carter, Harry Geimeier, Carolyn Payne, Dr. Larry Leslie, Teresa Leslie, David Sympson, Evelyn Sympson, Chuck Scott, Allison Collins, Rev. Forrest Chilton, Doug Collins and Tom Geimeier.



Compatriots from the Central District ready to take part in the Color Guard at the NSSAR Congress.

## Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Chapter members took their bells and flags to the Middletown United Church Freedom Festival. Members also took part in the Patriotic music program by presenting the flags and doing a black-powder gun salute.



**Let Freedom Ring:** Charlie Scott and young boy ring the bells at the Owl Creek community Fourth of July celebration. Moving inside, Chuck Scott and Scott Giltner with our flag display. And the last picture shows Scott Giltner and Charlie Scott playing a song on their fifes.

## Independence Day at Fort Knox



For the second year in a row members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter have taken part in the Independence Day ceremony at Fort Knox. The ceremony is tailored around several flags that we carry. For instance, when the Betsy Ross Flag is presented, the cannon shown above fires thirteen times--one for each of the original colonies. Then the Star Spangled Banner is presented and there is a cannon salute for the fourteenth and fifteenth states--Vermont and Kentucky.

There was a cannon salute for each state and one for our territories for a total of 51 shots.



**Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (continued)**

# Independence Day Ceremony



**Ft. Knox Kentucky**



**United States Army  
Cadet Command**



**July  
3rd  
2013**



## General William Westmoreland Award winner



Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter member Philip Yenowine was awarded the General William Westmoreland Award as the Outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer for Service to Veterans. This award is a National award and only one is given each year. Philip is the third Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter member to receive this prestigious award.

## Big Sandy Chapter



Big Sandy Chapter President Dr. Larry Leslie and his wife Teresa at a NSSAR Congress banquet.

## Captain William Arnold Chapter



Jackie Miller (center) with the City of Walton Commissioner and Mayor  
The City of Walton is providing the finances for the Captain William Arnold Chapter project of installing a Purple Heart Monument in the city's Veterans area.



## Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter

### Fourth of July Let Freedom Ring Ceremony



Chapter President Dr. Michael Colegrove rings the bell during the Fourth of July "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony.



Chapter member Don Root was the winner of this National award for his work with the schools in Eastern Kentucky.



Members of both the Captain Charles Gatliff SAR and William Whitley DAR Chapters

## Simon Kenton Chapter



KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier poses by the Liberty Bell while in Williamsburg, KY for the Fourth of July ceremony.



Activity at Highland Cemetery  
(L-R) Brian Schilling, Jesse Moore, Pat Berry, Harry Geimeier and Kent Marcum.



**Simon Kenton Color Guard**  
This picture has been entered in the NSSAR photo contest.



## Simon Kenton Chapter (continued)



Harvey Hampton is pictured receiving the "Service to Veterans" medal.



Deanna Beneke who heads up Honor Flight receptions at the Cincinnati Airport receives a Martha Washington medal from President Jessie Moore.



Harry Geimeier and Jessie Moore at a recent outing.



Picture from recent Flag Retirement ceremony



Simon Kenton Color Guard



## KYSSAR State Meeting



KYSSAR President  
Tom Geimeier



Historical Wickland--Bardstown, KY



V.P. General  
Central District  
Lance Carter



Gary Howard (Big Sandy Chapter) and Del White (Lafayette Chapter) receive Liberty Medals for being first line signers on new applications. The Rev. Forrest Chilton and KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier made the presentations.



Dr. Larry Leslie (President of the Big Sandy Chapter) accepts a Liberty medal for one of his members.



Chuck Scott (President of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter) and Harry Geimeier (past President of the Simon Kenton Chapter) accept awards for their respective chapters or chapter members.





## National Awards

The Liberty Bell Americanism Award is presented to a chapter, based on size, which produces evidence of best implementing S.A.R. resolutions and principles. A chapter cannot win this award two years in a row, even if it has the most Americanism points. When this occurs, the chapter receives an Honorable Mention certificate.

Likewise, The USS Stark Memorial Award is presented to the chapter, based on size, with the best record of Service to Veterans during the year.

The Gov. Isaac Shelby and Simon Kenton Chapters are consistently leaders in their peer groups.

### Simon Kenton Chapter (0-50 members)



### Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (50-100 members)



## DAR & CAR



Lara Rose Giltner, Jack Jouett C.A.R. member, receives a certificate from Chuck Scott for completing the “Keyhole to History” program on the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter web site. Lara Rose’s father, Scott Giltner looks on. The picture on the right shows Lara Rose (far right) playing the early American game of “Graces” at the Middletown United Methodist Church Freedom Festival. Tom Higgins (far left) watches the game.



Jack Jouett C.A.R. members take part in an Independence Day program. On the left foreground Elizabeth Giltner starts to fold the American Flag with Chuck Scott, In the background Jordan Burns and Lara Rose Giltner are also doing a Flag folding. Rev. Forrest Chilton had just explained what each fold means is watching. On the right, Andrew Giltner prints his name and draws a picture with a quill pen.



## C.A.R. & DAR

### "Kentucky C.A.R. Members Attend National Convention"

These delegates represented Kentucky at the Children of the American Revolution National Convention in April in Arlington, VA. They are from the Jack Jouett, Limestone, and Long Hunters Societies. State President Mitchell Clouse reported to the convention on the Kentucky activities. Jonas Bastien was installed as the new state president at Mount Vernon. Mallory Clouse reported as the National Chairman for the C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee. Kentucky received many awards at the convention. Long Hunter Society was one of the most highly recognized of all societies while the Limestone Society was named the 2nd Most Outstanding Society in the Nation. To learn more about K.S.C.A.R. activities, check out [www.kscar.org](http://www.kscar.org).



Shown are (left column) Mitchell Clouse, Mallory Clouse, Sandy Humphries, Randy Humphries, (middle column) Ella Hall, Samantha Humphries, Jonas Bastien, Jordan Hall, (right) J. J. Gibson.



C.A.R., DAR & SAR take part in Fourth of July activity. (L-R) Jack Jouett C.A.R members Elizabeth, Lara Rose and Andrew Giltner and Jordan Burns. John Marshall DAR member Hilary Burns and Gov. Isaac Shelby SAR members Scott Giltner, Charlie Scott, Chuck Scott and Tom Higgins.

## Free Flag Stand for Chapters

From: Dan Klinck, Color Guard Commander (Louisville Thruston Chapter)

Another genealogical society has declared surplus the eight flag stands shown below. Dan Klinck, Louisville Thruston Chapter, would like to offer one of them to each of our chapters free. He asked that we promote this offer in our state newsletter. If they are not all disbursed, then a second offer will be made in a following newsletter and some chapters can have two. He would like to evenly disburse them.

These are used stands that cost \$40 new without shipping. They have the standard 1 ¼" bore, weight six pounds and have a shiny gold finish. The cost of shipping will not exceed \$13 by the Postal Service to anywhere in Kentucky. The box will cost \$3 and if he sprays them gild, add \$1. Anyone interested should call Dan Klinck at (502) 429-0382.





## **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](mailto:rkincaid@sar.org) or (502) 588-6147

## In our Memory

### Dr. Thomas V. Getchell



Tom was a member of the Lafayette Chapter and recently volunteered to be involved with Kentucky's Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) which is mentioned on the preceding page. OAS is a free NSSAR genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors and their families.

Letters penned by Compatriot Getchell's great-grandfather during the Civil War inspired his interest in genealogy and the publication of *Orrin's Story: Patriotism & Love of Country. The Union, Now and Forever*. Based on his genealogical research, he had recently become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Here is what Rick Kincaid, NSSAR's OAS Director had to say after hearing about Dr. Getchell's death: Thanks so much for sharing the sad news! Needless to say, it hit me like a ton of bricks! I can't believe I never had the opportunity to meet Tom personally. As I mentioned at Saturday's meeting, he contacted me out of the clear blue a couple of days after the OAS article ran in last month's "Kentucky Pioneer" newsletter.

Tom said that he would like to become a "working member" of the OAS program and that he and his wife, Marilyn, would be "honored to work with our Wounded Warriors and SAR in this capacity." No one has ever voluntarily approached me before in such a genuinely gracious and sincere manner. As you know, I was looking forward to meeting Tom on Saturday and working with him to expand the program in Kentucky. He was a proud SAR member and proud of his genealogical research, and especially his recent book "*Orrin's Story: Patriotism and Love of Country. The Union Now and Forever*." Please check out the book's web site: [www.orrinsstory.com](http://www.orrinsstory.com).

### Francis "Reggie" Roberson



Compatriot "Reggie" Roberson, a dual member of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, is pictured here after receiving a medal for "Service to Veterans." He wore it proudly! Reggie went on to become one of SAR's top "Service to Veterans" producers. He collected and took books and personal items to several Veterans Hospitals in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. It takes 5,000 points to earn the medal "Reggie" is wearing. Since that first medal, "Reggie" earned a bronze, silver and gold oak leaf cluster after accumulating over 100,000 "Service to Veterans" points.

He was a regular at the Kentucky Derby parade and attended several Patriot Grave Marking services in Kentucky despite the fact that he lived in Missouri. "Reggie" was a very devout person so I know he has gone to a better place.



## 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](mailto: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

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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 Entertainment 11 a.m.**

C.A.R. Under 12 (\$3.50)  
C.A.R. 12 & over (\$13.50)

**Adults Buffet (\$16.50) or Adult Soup & Salad Bar (13.50)**

**E-mail [cescott@twc.com](mailto:cescott@twc.com) with reservations by August 10th**  
(Mail checks payable to GISSAR to Scott Giltner, 605 Dorsey Way, Louisville, KY 40223)

- **Memorial service at Blue Licks Monument 1 p.m.**
  - **Flag Posting**
  - **Wreath Laying**
  - **Black-Powder Gun Salute**

### **SAR & DAR & C.A.R. Invited**

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



Compatriots at 2012 Blue Licks Memorial Service