



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

Message from the KYSSAR President--Douglas T. Collins



Compatriots: It is hard to believe that 2014 is winding down quickly. What a year it was. As exciting as 2014 was, 2015 is setting up to be even better. The 125th National Congress is just six months away. There, we will be able to showcase the Kentucky Society as we host the 2015 edition of our annual meeting. We will soon be calling for many of you to help. I hope you can join us.

It is not too late to canvass for candidates for our Youth Programs. Time is short, but there are thousands of talented students throughout the Commonwealth who just need encouragement to participate. Do you have a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, nephew/niece, neighbor or child of a friend who you might entice? A little encouragement can go a long way. Hopefully you might be able to engage a few for the various competitions.

With the end of the year comes our obligation to report on our activities. Charlie Scott does a terrific job of keeping up with the activities for the Kentucky Society on the annual Americanism Score-sheet. However, he does not know of every activity each Chapter does. Your help is needed. Whether your Chapter has participated in many activities, or just a few, it is important for you to submit that on the Score-sheet for Charlie to consolidate for the Kentucky Society. Everything matters! If you participated in a parade, a grave marking, any patriotic event; you have helped fulfill the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution. Let us know so we can account for everything you do. I plan to wear out the carpet on awards night at Congress next June, but I need your help doing that. Let Charlie know of ANY participation and he will add into the Score-sheet.

For those that have paid their dues, “Thank You!” The Kentucky Society reached the 1,000 member mile-stone in 2014 and we need to maintain our numbers in order to grow. For those who have not yet done so, please send them in as soon as possible. If you are unsure about renewing your membership, I ask you to consider all the things we are able to accomplish with your member dues: Knight Essay contest, Eagle Scout program, JROTC programs, Poster contest, Brochure contest, school programs, grave marking contests, patriotic events throughout the Commonwealth, support of our veterans, and in general fulfilling the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution – “... to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of ‘e pluribus unum’ that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.”

From my family to yours, I hope each of you has a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season.
Fraternally, Douglas T. Collins

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DAR & C.A.R.



DAR members at the Jeffersontown Veterans Day Service. From left to right are: Carole Seals (Fincastle Chapter), Kathy Stammerman, Shelley Kuussalo and Regent Terry Pyles (all three from the Corn Island Chapter), Laura Jones (John Marshall Chapter) and Dottie Nutler (Corn Island Chapter).



DAR members at the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Pearl Harbor and Awards dinner.



Leslie Miller, Hart DAR Chapter, and Past KYSSAR President Tom Higgins.



KYSSAR President Doug Collins presents SAR's Bronze C.A.R. medal to Jordan Hall, President of the Kentucky Children of the American Revolution. Senior C.A.R. President Sharlene Cooper received a Silver C.A.R. medal. President Hall also received a check from the KYSSAR to help with her state project.



KYSSAR President Doug Collins and wife Alison.

DAR & C.A.R.



Jennifer Brown, Cox's Station DAR member, and her daughter Kate Brown, a member of the Nelson County C.A.R., present a wreath at the Patriot Thomas Wilkins grave marking service.



The Lafayette Color Guard presented Colors at a Tribute to Mary DeSha, Founder of the National Society DAR. From L-R are: Al Coleman, Regent Mikie McKelway (John Waller DAR), Barney Judd and Don Adams.



Fincastle DAR Chapter members Regent Priscilla Fikes and Keitt Wood at the Louisville Veterans Day parade.



Jack Jouett C.A.R. Chapter members Elizabeth and Andrew Giltner pose by stone of a Civil War Soldier. Elizabeth and Andrew helped clean the cemetery and placed flags on some of the graves.

Louisville Thruston Chapter



Will Schrader poses with newly Naturalized citizens.



Chapter President Doug Collins presents a wreath at the Thomas Wilkins Patriot grave marking service.



Randy Lane stands by his flag after posting Colors at the Patriot Thomas Wilkins grave marking service.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter



Members of the Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter march in a Veterans Day parade in Cadiz, KY.



Compatriot Jerry Burlingame and his wife, Sue, met a very interesting Marine at Cracker Barrel yesterday. They found out that he served in both WWII and the Korean War, and he was out for dinner to celebrate the Marine Corps Anniversary (Nov. 10). Jerry and Sue bought his meal, thanked him for his service, and got some information about the assisted living center where he resides.



Chapter President Geoff Baggett presents the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter's "Veteran's Appreciation Medal" to Ronnie Byers of Cadiz.

Mr. Byers served as a United States Navy Field Medic during the Vietnam War. He entered the Navy via the draft in 1964 and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines in Vietnam in 1965.

This afternoon, after the Veteran's Day Parade and Service, they made a special "extra trip" to that home and surprised Mr. Carlos Lynch with the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter's "Veteran's Appreciation Medal."



Geoff Baggett, President of the Col. Stephen Trigg SAR Chapter, James Thomas DAR Chapter Regent Virginia Alexander and Dr. Mary F. Futrell. Dr. Futrell recently received a National DAR award in the field of education. President Baggett presented Dr. Futrell with SAR's Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter (continued)

On Sunday, Dec. 7, compatriots from the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter visited Barkley Plantation, an assisted living home in Cadiz, to honor veterans in residence who served in World War II and the Korean War.

Chapter President Geoff Baggett noted that it was the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and America's entry into the Second World War. He personally thanked the men of the "Greatest Generation" for their heroism and service.

In honor of the sacrifice of the men and women of World War II, the chapter presented its Veteran's Appreciation Medal and accompanying certificate to World War II and Korean War veterans in residence at Barkley Plantation. Honorees included: Carlos Lynch - United States Marine Corps, Wade Groves – United States Navy, Kenneth Ingram – United States Army, Don Cloud – United States Army and Merritt Sutherland – United States Army Air Corps/Air Force.

After the brief ceremony, Col. Stephen Trigg Compatriots and their families, family members of the honorees, residents of Barkley Plantation and some members of Crossroads Fellowship who provided snacks for the event, enjoyed a time of fellowship and conversation over coffee, tea and sweets. A "Big Band" CD played music from the World War II era and posters from World War II decorated each table.

The presentation of the Veteran's Service Medal to World War II servicemen is a priority for the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in 2015.



Col. Stephen Trigg Compatriot Steve Mallory pins the Veteran's Appreciation Medal on U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran and B-17 "Flying Fortress" Pilot Merritt Sutherland.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter (continued)

Chapter Poster Contest at Heritage Christian Academy

Three students in 4th Grade teacher Tammy Hayes' history classes recently won the title of "Class Poster Winner" in the Americanism Poster Contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution. Mrs. Hayes has partnered with the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz for the past two school years and included the national contest as a part of her history curriculum. The theme for this year's contest is, "George Rogers Clark."

Class winners were: Elle Heltsley (Ms. Hayes' homeroom), Ryan Riggs and Emma Harris (tied – Mrs. Riggs' homeroom). Each received a winner's certificate and a book about George Rogers Clark. Posters were judged "blind" by the school's teachers and administrators, who had no knowledge of the identity of the student who created each poster. Chapter compatriots will choose one of these three winners to enter into the state level of competition.



Winners Elle Heltsley, Emma Harris and Ryan Riggs.



Steve Mallory, Medal Awardee Tammy Hayes, and Chapter President Geoff Baggett.

In addition to presenting certificates to each student contest participant, the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter recognized Ms. Hayes for her dedicated efforts to teach American History to the children of the community by awarding her the "Bronze Good Citizenship Medal." Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter President Geoff Baggett and Vice-President Steve Mallory presented the medal after their "Revolutionary War in a Trunk" educational presentation.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter (continued)



Colonel Stephen Trigg members in the Cadiz, KY Christmas parade.



Compatriot John Humphries places a wreath on the grave of his uncle.



Jerry Burlingame presents a wreath at the Veterans of the American Revolution Monument.



Members of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter.

Grave Marking Service

for Patriots: John Hunt, John Harper and David Engler



Grave stones of Patriots John Hunt, David Engler and John Harper.



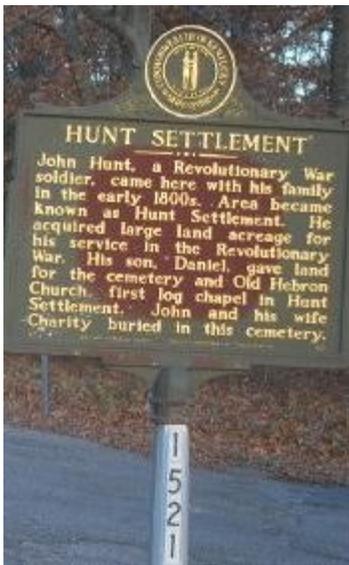
Compatriots from four chapters gathered for a picture after the grave marking service hosted by the Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter. All three Patriots are ancestors of Compatriot Steve Mallory--front row, third from the right. The group is standing in front of the Old Hebron Church.

Grave Marking Service

for Patriots: John Hunt, John Harper and David Engler (continued)



Twenty compatriots turned out to honor Patriots John Hunt, John Harper and David Engler.



Hunt Settlement historical sign; Col. Stephen Trigg President Geoff Baggett conducted the program and Fifer (Charlie Scott) led the audience with a musical tribute of Amazing Grace.

Compatriot talks about his Patriot ancestors.



SAR members prepare to post Colors and Standards.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Chapter President Scott Giltner and Charlie Scott representing the Sons of the American Revolution join re-enactors of the Wars of 1812 and the First and Second World Wars at a Veterans Day program at Doss High School in Louisville.



At a recent event at the JFK Montessori school a student tried her hand at playing the fife. Chapter President Scott Giltner watches her efforts.



Flag folding ceremony

L-R: Chuck Scott, Joe Noffsinger and Charlie Scott

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (continued)



Chapter President Scott Giltner places a wreath and Marshall Wilkins, Tommy Jones and Rod Smothers fire their weapons in a black-powder gun salute at the Louisville Wreaths across America ceremony. Scott later plays taps in honor of the military buried at Zachary Taylor Cemetery.



World War II Veterans (Noble Roberts, Ken Corbin and Ed Myles) were honored at the Gov. Isaac Shelby Pearl Harbor and awards dinner.



New members: Father and son, Cal and Rod Smothers. DAR member Mary Audrey Lanham Smothers received a Martha Washington medal for referring her husband and son to the SAR.

Terry Giltner, wife of Chapter President Scott Giltner, received a Martha Washington medal for being the chapter's first lady.



Simon Kenton Chapter



Compatriots Pat Berry and Tom Geimeier flank DAV Director Bob Maze at the Highland Cemetery Veterans Day event.



Charles "Chuck" Korzenborn, Sheriff of Kenton County awards one of his K-9's a Hero medal for a recent act of valor. A man, barricaded inside his mobile home and fired shots at officers outside. Once tear gas was deployed and the man still didn't surrender, Santo was dispatched to locate the suspect. But then the dog's leash went limp and Santo could not be heard. That's when officers rushed into the trailer and found the suspect choking the dog unconscious. When the officers got hold of the man he dropped Santo who regained conscious and bit him, subduing him long enough for the arrest to be made.



Simon Kenton Color Guard at a Veterans Day Ceremony at Highland Cemetery.

Simon Kenton Chapter (continued)



Simon Kenton award winners at annual awards dinner: Don Drewry, Chapter Secretary & Chaplain, Ester Drewry, SAR Medal of Appreciation, James Cambron, War Service Medal (Vietnam), Charles Pangburn III, War Service Medal (Iraq), Jeff Hampton, Good Citizenship Medals, Pat Berry, Chapter President Insignia, Doug Logan, Guest Speaker, Harry Geimeier, Good Citizenship Medal, Santo, Heroism Medal, Kent Marcum, Roger Sherman Leadership Medal, Detective Miguel Rodriguiz,(Kenton County Sheriff's Office) Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Chuck Korzenborn, Kenton County Sheriff, and Lt. Bart Beck,(Ludlow Police Dept.) Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.



Kenton County Sheriff Chuck Korzenborn, Kent Marcum, Simon Kenton President, Santo, Heroism Award, Detective Miguel Rodriguiz & Lt. Bart Beck, Law Enforcement Commendation Medals.



New Chapter President Pat Berry with out-going President Kent Marcum.

Simon Kenton Chapter (continued)



Chapter officers and Committee Chairmen: Jesse Moore, (KYSSAR VP /SK Color Guard Commander), Don Drewry, (Secretary & Chaplain), Harvey Hampton, Harry Geimeier (Treasurer), Charlie Hampton (2nd VP), Steve McCain (1st VP) Tom Geimeier (Youth Events / Veterans / newsletter/events) and Kent Marcum (Genealogist).



War Service Medals: Charles Pangburn III, (Iraq), James Sandy Cambrom (Vietnam) and 2014 President Kent Marcum.



While in Boston, Tom Geimeier checked out the Green Dragon for the 2016 Congress.

Patriot Thomas Wilkins Grave Marking Service



The music tributes for the grave marking service were performed by drummer Kevin Combs and fifers Charlie Scott and Scott Giltner. Scott also played taps after the black-powder gun salute.



Steve Mallory, with his gun, before taking part in the black-powder gun salute.



Group picture at the Patriot Thomas Wilkins grave marking service.

Patriot Thomas Wilkins Grave Marking Service



Thomas Wilkins grave stone.



David Wilkins received the Folded Flag.



Black-powder gun salute.



Jennifer Wilkins Brown with her proud father Marshall Wilkins.

Lafayette Chapter



Don Adams, Glen Newman and Colonel Al Coleman at the Patriot Thomas Wilkins grave marking. (11-15-2014)



Lafayette members at Blue Licks Battlefield Monument.

From left to right are: Don Adams, President Ted Kuster, Glen Newman, Al Coleman and Barney Judd.

Center for Advancing America's Heritage

Students from Hancock County and Hartstern schools attended Colonial Day at our new Headquarters. About 200 students took part as DAR and SAR members headed up the various stations the students visited.



NSSAR Director of Education Colleen Wilson talks about the Liberty Bell.



Before the students left the building they were led in an Indian chant by Russell Wilson.



Esther and Donald Drewry play Colonial music on period instruments.



Vic Bitter talks with students about camp life.



J.C. Barnett talks about Rev. War weapons.



Scott Giltner manned the Flag station.



Tom Geimeier worked the fur table.

Center for Advancing America's Heritage



On the left, John Clay Barnett talks with the students about camp life during the revolution. On the right, Vic Bitter and John Clay Barnett pose with a group of students.



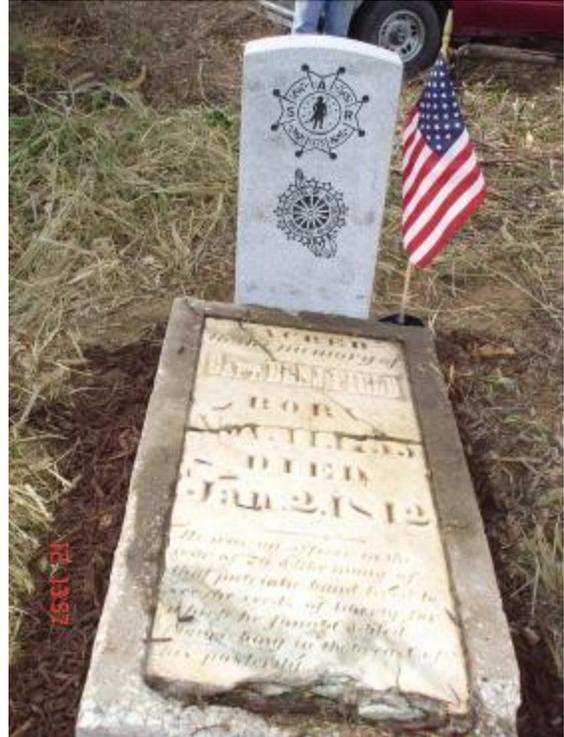
DAR members Keitt Wood and Adele McCoy ran the “writing with a quill pen” station.



Rae Ann Sauer, sits by the Liberty Bell as she talks with the students.

**To avoid having membership dropped
dues must be paid by December 31st.**

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter



Compatriots Robert Brooks, Charles Evans and Gary Tunget set a VA marker on Monday before Veterans Day 2014 for Charles Evans' Patriot Ancestor Captian Benjamin T. Field. A Patriot Grave Marking is planned for the Spring of 2015.



Compatriot Gary Tunget presents Leslie McCarty, Director of the Kentucky Room at the Daviess Co. Public Library, a SAR challenge coin for the outstanding job in presenting a program on The Greatest Generation Tribute. Leslie presented a power point and video of the event held in Owensboro. She is a member of the DAR, War of 1812 society and president of the Eli Murray Daughters of the Union 1865.



Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter sponsored wreaths to be placed on the graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers in this area and also to be placed at various Veterans Memorials-- three in the downtown Owensboro area.

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter (continued)

The Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter coordinated the Wreaths Across America program in Owensboro, KY. Compatriot Robert Brooks was master of ceremonies for the event. The Moseley Color Guard was assisted by Alan Bivens, 17th KY, and Patrick Sharp, Mike and Terry Cannon (North Creek Long Knives.) The location was held in the Field of Honor at the Owensboro Memorial Gardens. The Chapter placed 150 wreaths including wreaths on Five Revolutionary Patriots Graves and at various Veterans Memorials in our Area. The Local Amvets also provided assistance in this event



Compatriot Robert Brooks, Master of Ceremonies at the Wreath Across America event in Owensboro.



Compatriot Gary Tunget reads NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock's WAA proclamation at the Ceremony in Owensboro, KY.



(L-R): Dean Worthington, Gary Tunget, Maurice Worthington, Robert Brooks, Patrick Sharp, Terry Cannon, Alan Bivens, Mike Cannon and Frankie Jones



Wreaths at a Memorial for the different branches of service.

Captain Charles Duncan Chapter

BOWLING GREEN Ky. The Captain Charles Duncan Chapter of The Sons of The American Revolution gathered at the Warren County Court house in Bowling Green. They presented a wreath honoring the service  of Butler and Warren County veterans to our nation as a part of the Wreaths Across America event. The Bowling Green Police Department honor guard and members of the Sons of the American Revolution were there to present the colors.

Chapter president  Tom Petznick says the ceremony was about honoring more than just our veterans. "In this time of the year, the holidays, we are honoring not only those who served but their families as well," said Petznick.



Compatriots at a Civil War Monument at Fairview Cemetery.



Charlie Scott and Grandson Jack Wassom at the Warren County Courthouse monument. The wreath was placed in memory of those from Warren County, KY who have served in the Armed Forces of America.



Jim Johnson and Chapter President Tom Petznick at St. Joseph Cemetery.



Slave, who fought in the Civil War, honored at the Pioneer Cemetery in Bowling Green.

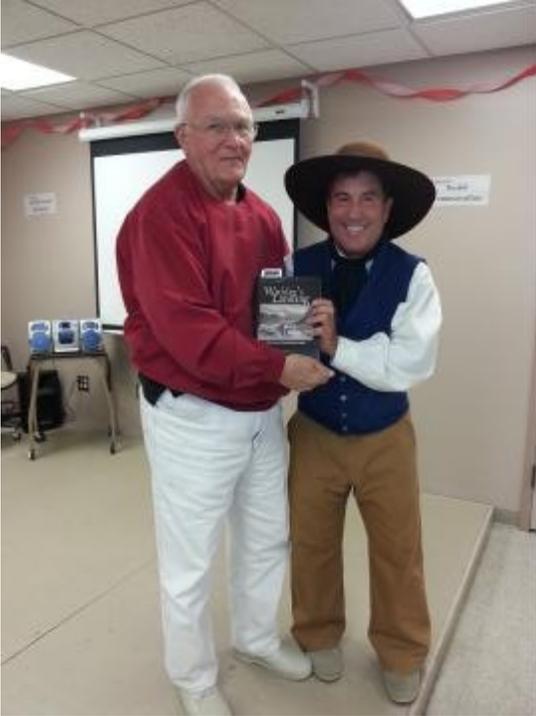


A wreath was placed here in tribute to the Armed Forces of America.

“Widder’s Landing” Life & Love on the Kentucky Frontier

Editors note: Eddie Price, a former school teacher and a new member of the Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter, wrote this award winning book. If you want to know what it was like living in Kentucky in the early 1800’s read the book and you will have a good understanding what it was like. The book also covers, in detail, battles of the War of 1812.

In addition to reading the book, I have heard Compatriot Price speak on two occasions. His two presentations are: The Cane Ridge Revival where many Kentuckians got religion and a talk about Kentuckians in the War of 1812.



Book review: "Widder's Landing" is historical fiction at its very, very best. Craig Ridgway, Martin McDonnell, his entire family including Mary, the Widow Fuqua, Colonel Stoner, Craig's friend Levi and all the many other characters are well-created and consistent as author Eddie Price gives the reader a clear picture of what life was like back in the early years of our country. Events like trapping raccoons and other wild animals for food and fur, building spring water wells, neighbors helping each other gather in crops and build barns, friends and relatives surviving earthquakes and river pirates and sons going off to fight in the war, are totally believable. All these happenings are so very well-written that the readers will feel as though they are standing right there as the story progresses to its final pages. Books like "Widder's Landing" come along so rarely that reading it is a true pleasure creating memories that will last a long time

To get a copy of this book, go to the following site:

<http://www.acclaimpress.com/store.aspx?panel=3&productid=156&categoryid=14>

For a speaking engagement, contact Eddie Price at: eddieprice.1954@att.net

All three fifth grade classes of the North Calloway Elementary School took a step back in time recently. Geoff Baggett, President of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter, took his chapter’s “Revolutionary War in a trunk” to their classroom. The students especially enjoyed the opportunity to dress in colonial era clothing.

