



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution



KYSSAR President Douglas Collins



Message from the President

I cannot believe that my year in office is already just about over. I want to thank you for entrusting me to lead the Kentucky Society for this last year. It has been one of the most fulfilling years I have experienced and I appreciate your confidence. I have enjoyed my travels throughout the Commonwealth meeting scores of you at each of many the events I attended. While we continued to make great strides in membership and activities, there are still so many opportunities for each and every member to be a participant.

I know that Chuck Scott will continue to carry the torch as he steps into the role of President. Please give Chuck all the support that you can. Individually, each of us is a Compatriot, together; however, we are the KYSSAR.

Once again, thank you.

Doug

KYSSAR Officers-2014-15

President : Doug Collins
president@kyssar.org

President Elect: Charles R. Scott
president-elect@kyssar.org

Vice President: Dr. Larry Leslie
vice-president@kyssar.org

Secretary: Del White
secretary@kyssar.org

Recording Secretary: Roger Ratliff
roger-ratliff@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer: Richard B. Bierman
treasurer@kyssar.org

Chaplain: Michael Colegrove
chaplain@kyssar.org

Historian: Charles E. Scott
historian@kyssar.org

Registrar: Jessie L. Hagan
registrar@kyssar.org

Chancellor: Jason Reichenbach
chancellor@kyssar.org

Surgeon: Dr. Larry Leslie
surgeon@kyssar.org

National Trustee: Tom Geimeier
national-trustee@kyssar.org

Alt. Nat'l Trustee: Harry Geimeier
alt-national-trustee@kyssar.org

Editor (Newsletter): Charles E. Scott
editor@kyssar.org

Webmaster: Preston “Tom” Higgins, II
webmaster@kyssar.org

KYSSAR Website:

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

President George Washington's Kentucky Land by Alex Probus, special stories.



Historical Marker



Compatriot Alex Probus with a view of Washington's land.

Did you know that President George Washington once owned 5000 acres of land in the state of Kentucky? This tract of land is located in Grayson County, off state highway 54 just west of the Short Creek and Falls of the Rough areas near the community of Yeaman.

In Allen's History of Kentucky, page 144, published in 1872, Washington's land was mentioned by which George Washington was said to value his Kentucky land at \$2 an acre, and he regarded it as being more valuable on account of an abundance of iron ore on it. This is consistent with the facts, as there are outcroppings of iron ore on this land today.

This land was acquired by George Washington from Henry Lee. When the deed was executed by Lee to Washington on November 5, 1798 this land was then located in Hardin County, Kentucky, which had been formed from Nelson County in the year 1792. The deed set out as consideration 600 pounds current money of Virginia, but as a matter of fact, the real consideration was the transfer of Washington to Lee of the famous horse "Magnolia," which Henry Lee had a great longing to own.

On December 9, 1798, George Washington made this entry in his diary: "Concluded my exchange after dinner today with Col. Henry Lee of Magnolia for 5000 acres of Kentucky Land."

A year later President Washington passed away and probably never got to see his land in Kentucky. It appears, however, from the diary entry that President Washington thought more of his horse "Magnolia" than he did of the current money of Virginia.

George Washington bought Magnolia, an Arabian horse, for 500 pounds from his step-son Jon Parke Custis's estate after the British surrendered at Yorktown. Magnolia was thought to be one of the colonies' most beautiful horses, with a blonde mane and tail.

George Washington had another horse named Nelson who served him at Valley Forge. When Nelson got old, Washington kept him and his other warhorse Blueskin "in a nice stable, where they feed away at their ease for their past services."

February 22nd---Happy Birthday Mr. President!



Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Vic Bitter (center) poses with home-schooled students at the Frankfort, KY Library after giving a talk about George Rogers Clark and the settlement of Kentucky.



John Clay Barnett in the classroom with students of St. Mary in the Knobs School.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Peaks Mill Elementary School students rotated from classroom to classroom to hear Charlie Scott (Rev. Music and Flags), Vic Bitter (Early Kentucky History) and Scott Giltner (Weapons.) It was special for Charlie because in 1841 his Great, Great, Great Grandfather bought property in Peaks Mill, KY and the Scott family lived there for about 70 years.

Bucksnort Trade Show



Chapter members Richard Ace Spencer, Chuck Scott and Joe Noffsinger work a booth where NSSAR Congress items were sold. The main sale was tickets for the Fowler--several others worked the booth. The middle picture shows Chapter President Scott Giltner talking with a couple who were interested in learning more about our society. Despite the number of tickets sold and the money raised for Congress, the great success of the show was the number of people we spoke to about the Sons of the American Revolution.



New member Cal Smothers (right) talks with Junior Murdock and his son Rod Smothers. They might have been talking about the items and bargains on display at the show. On the picture on the right is Junior Murdock, NSSAR Executive Director Don Shaw, NSSAR Merchandise Director Susan Griffin and Center for Advancing America's Heritage Director Colleen Wilson. Susan found several bargains that she will be selling in her area.

Big Sandy Chapter



KYSSAR Vice President Dr. Larry Leslie attended the Battle of Cowpens ceremony recently. On the left he places a flower at the General Morgan Monument . On the right he prepares to present his chapter wreath at the battlefield.

Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter



(L-R) Paul Falin, William Elam, Clifford Jones, Herman Moore and Michael Colegrove.

The Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met February 12th at the Hutton School of Business located on the campus of the University of the Cumberlands.

Following an opening ceremony and dinner chapter members were updated on the activities of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. The information was provided by Mike Colegrove, a member of the local Red Cross Board.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter



Compatriot Eddie Price poses with his Mother at the grave of his Patriot ancestor Samuel Johnson. A grave marking ceremony is being planned for the near future.



Col. Stephen Trigg Compatriot John Humphries honored former Kentucky State Representative Mike Cherry of Princeton today with the chapter's "Veteran's Appreciation Medal." Rep. Cherry is the highest-ranking military official in the Kentucky General Assembly, having retired from the U.S. Navy as a Captain after twenty-seven years of service. He served in the Vietnam War. The Princeton Times-Leader newspaper covered the presentation, and will soon feature a story about Rep. Cherry and his military service!



Compatriot Dr. Dennis Adams honored another United States Marine with the chapter's "Veteran's Appreciation Medal" this weekend. The recipient was Gunnery Sergeant Larry Jasper. Gunnery Jasper presently serves the community of Trigg County as the instructor of the Alternative Learning Center at Trigg County High School. We gratefully thank him for his service!



Compatriot John Humphries decorated a good friend of his today. He awarded the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter's Veteran's Appreciation Medal to Mr. Richard G (Dick) Morgan of Princeton.



Caldwell County resident and Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter Compatriot John Humphries honored two brave marines from Caldwell County last week. He presented each with the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter's Veteran's Appreciation Medal and accompanying certificate.



R.J. Kem (top) and H.C. Beck (bottom) both served in the Marines during WWII. We are honored to recognize both of these great marines, and are eternally grateful for their sacrificial service to our nation.



Compatriots Dennis Adams and Geoff Baggett visited the Pennyroyal Veterans Center in Hopkinsville this afternoon. They delivered several items and gift cards that compatriots at Crossroads Fellowship have collected through their church. In addition, they recognized two resident veterans and honored them for their military service with the Veteran's Appreciation Certificate and Challenge Coin.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter (continued)

Living History at Southwest Calloway Elementary – Murray, Kentucky!

During the month of January Southwest Calloway Elementary social studies teacher Andy Davenport has been leading his fifth grade classes in their study of the American colonial period and the Revolutionary War. Part of that study has included a special focus upon the hero of the Northwest Theater in the war, a man with a distinct Kentucky connection, George Rogers Clark.

Partnering with the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in Cadiz, Mr. Davenport required all seventy-four of his students to make creative posters, as a graded exercise, in the theme of George Rogers Clark. Clark is the theme of this year's annual SAR poster contest. Classroom winners were selected from each homeroom, along with a School Champion winner.

The Southwest Elementary Champion for Spring 2015 was Laken McDaniel. She received an embossed SAR championship certificate, a Bronze Citizenship Medal, a book about George Rogers Clark, and a twenty dollar cash prize. Col. Stephen Trigg SAR Compatriots Geoff Baggett and Steve Mallory, dressed in Revolutionary War attire, made the presentation in front of her class. Her poster will be entered with the winners from other area schools in the chapter's regional Spring Poster Contest. The three homeroom winners were Rylee McCallon, Addy Bogart, and Kynzee Gray. Each received an SAR certificate and a Bronze Citizenship Medal.



Geoff Baggett, Poster Champion Laken McDaniel, and Steve Mallory



Geoff Baggett, Mr. Andy Davenport, and Steve Mallory

While visiting the school, Compatriots Baggett and Mallory presented their "Revolutionary War in a Trunk" hands-on program for all three of Mr. Davenport's fifth grade classes. They also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Davenport for providing his students with a creative living history experience.



Steve Mallory looks at posters at Southwest Calloway Elementary School.



Geoff Baggett and student having fun.

Lafayette Chapter



President Ted Kuster installed Lafayette Chapter officers for 2015 at the December 2014 meeting at Duncan Tavern. Pictured are: Historian, James Evans; Registrar, Al Coleman; Treasurer, Greg Landon; and Secretary Don Adams.



Don Adams Presents Bronze Grave Marking Oak Leaf to Compatriot Glen Newman for 30 grave markings.



President Kuster presents Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Barney Judd for representing Lafayette Chapter at Naturalization Ceremonies.



Compatriot Al Coleman received the Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate from Don Adams.



President Kuster presented his wife Betsy with a Medal of Appreciation and Certificate for rendering tremendous assistance to the President and Lafayette Chapter.



The Navy Sea Medal Ribbon and Certificate is presented to Cadet Brandon Montgomery from Henry Clay High School, Lexington, KY.



Jim Evans receives his **40th** year membership certificate from President Ted Kuster.

Genealogy Workshop at NSSAR Headquarters



NSSAR staff genealogist Denise Hall lead a genealogy seminar at NSSAR headquarters. The event was attended by members of several DAR chapters and some SAR members.



The picture on the left shows Denise having a one on one discussion with one of the attendees. On the right, the group listens as Denise makes a point during her presentation.

Captain William Arnold Chapter



Cheryl Whitt Rios conducts a genealogy seminar at the Captain William Arnold Chapter meeting. She then received a medal from Central District V.P Tony Robinson.



KYSSAR President Doug Collins swears in four new members.



New members receive their rosettes.



Chapter President Jackie Miller (holding the Congress Fowler) poses with chapter members, invited guests, and state and District officers.

Annual Meeting and Youth Awards

**Where: NSSAR Headquarters
809 West Main Street
Louisville, KY**

**When:
Saturday, March 21
(BOG 9:30am, meeting 10:00am--3:00pm)**

**Lunch \$16.00
\$20.00 at the door if no RSVP by March 16th**

**Please make your RSVPs as soon as possible to:
Dick Bierman: rbierman@twc.com**

Mail check payable to KYSSAR to:

**Richard Bierman
9302 Springbrooke Circle
Louisville, KY 40241**

Officers for 2015-16 will be installed at the meeting on Saturday.

Those elected include:

President: Charles R. Scott (Chuck)
President-Elect: Dr. Larry Leslie
Vice President: Jessie Moore
Secretary: Del White
Recording Secretary: Roger Ratliff
Treasurer: Richard Bierman
Assistant to the Treasurer: Dr. Scott Giltner
Historian: Charles E. Scott, Jr.
Assistant to the Historian (special projects) Alex Probus
Chancellor: Jason Reichenbach
Surgeon: Dr. Larry Leslie
National Trustee: Douglas Collins
Alt. Nat'l Trustee: Tom Geimeier
Registrar: Jessie L. Hagan
Chaplain: Benjamin J. Mann

Youth contest winners will be announced and some will read their winning essays.

Also, state finals in the oration contest will be held.