



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

Charles Richard (Chuck) Scott
sworn in as KYSSAR President



Outgoing President Doug Collins hands the KYSSAR's President's gavel over to Chuck Scott.

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Message from the President



KYSSAR President "Chuck" Scott

Compatriots and Associates:

It was a humbling experience being installed as your KYSSAR State President. As I looked upon the 50 members that attended the State meeting I realized how extremely fortunate our society is to have so many talents. I could not understand why I was the "fortunate one". Was it truly because I would not say "no"? Would you, if you were ask to serve your chapter or state society?

Our chapters are growing in numbers; we currently have over 1000 members. The Three Rivers Chapter was formed by spinning off from the Big Sandy Chapter in 2014. Another may soon be formed by a compatriot in Morgantown, KY. One of our newer chapters, the Colonel

Stephen Trigg Chapter, more than doubled in size last year. They did this, in part, because of their outstanding patriotic activities.

It encourages me that all our works continue to rise above our minimal goals of service and support for educating our children, veterans and community. Kentucky is proud to lead the nation in Service to Veterans year after year but the key is the Veterans are rewarded for their service. It is imperative that we get out and support the outreach education programs sponsored by National Headquarters and our community programs. Be ACTIVE, do not watch while others participate. You do have a valuable story to share.

We are the Host Society for the 125th NSSAR Congress which begins 26 June and ends 1 July 2015. It will be up to all Kentucky Compatriots to rise up in support of this momentous occasion. The first NSSAR Congress was celebrated in Louisville on 4 April 1890 at the old Galt House. (One year was skipped during the war, therefore this year we are celebrating our 125th congress. I implore you to attend and volunteer to make this an extremely successful celebration in honor of your ancestor.

Our Society's existence depends on your work to grow in numbers. It is up to all, to volunteer and support your Chapter and National activities. Otherwise we will become a club that will dwindle through natural human attrition.

Warm Regards,

Charles R. "Chuck" Scott



Simon Kenton Chapter



The picture on the left shows Tom Geimeier with the Simon Kenton Chapter Poster winners: 2nd place-Claudia Donnachie, 1st place Mary Lauren Yeazey and 3rd place Nayeli Ballinas. In the center is the winning brochure done by Nicholas Katsikas. On the right are the top three chapter winners in the essay contest: 3rd place- McKenzie Ryle, 2nd place- Ruslan Dzhorgov and the winner-Nathan Shearn.



Larry & Joan McClanahan

New member, Larry McClanahan, also signed up two sons, seven grandchildren and his son-in-law.

President General NSSAR Lindsey Brock (second from the left) hosted the volunteers luncheon at National Headquarters. In the picture, he is flanked by Tom and Harry Geimeier-both former Presidents of the KYSSAR. On the right is the 2014-15 KYSSAR President Doug Collins.



Northern KY Regional History day at Northern KY University. Pat Berry and Jeff Hampton (on the left) and members of the Boone Co. DAR (on the right).



Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter Jan 20 2015 held its first meeting of the New Year our program was Recognition of the Moseley Chapter's representative to the KYSSAR Arthur M. and Berdena Knight Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Cory Burdette an outstanding young gentleman described his \$37, 000.00 Eagle Scout project at his local Church, telling about the ways he raised funds and completed this amazing project. He also read his 500 word essay "MILITIA, CORAGE OR COWARD"



Gary Tunget and President Tom Payne present Eagle Scout Cory Burdette with various certificates and badges for his outstanding job with his project and essay.



Compatriot Spencer Brewer gave a informative talk about pensions during the American Revolution. He is holding the flag in which one of the pensioners fought under during his service. His wife Linda holding the other end of the flag.



Event scheduled: April 18--Grave marking ceremony for Patriot Samuel Johnson, Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY@ 2pm CST (south of Owensboro on US Hwy. 231, then turn west on State Hwy. 140.)

George Mason Chapter

The George Mason Chapter joined with Limestone Society C.A.R. for their annual day of service on the Martin L. King Jr. Holiday on Jan. 19, 2015. They traveled from Maysville to Ft. Thomas for bingo and refreshments with the veteran residents at the Veterans Administration Community Living Center.

On Feb. 15th, Mark Humphries represented the George Mason Chapter at the C.A.R.'s commemorative ceremony to remember the end of the War of 1812. The C.A.R. conducted a service at the Mason County Courthouse where they shared Kentucky's important role and facts about the war. A boxwood wreath was placed on display for the remainder of the week.

Further activities remembering the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 were observed on Feb. 24th at the President's Day Dinner at the Maysville Country Club for the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. A special program was presented by Harry Smith who portrays Private William Greathouse as part of the Kentucky Chautauqua series.

Three members of George Mason Chapter attended the Kentucky State Society Children of the American Revolution 81st State Conference in Bardstown on Mar. 20-22. Randy Humphries holds membership in both C.A.R. and SAR. He served as the State Chaplain for K.S.C.A.R. during the past year. Andrew Green was recently appointed Senior Society President for Limestone Society C.A.R. in February; he is the first SAR member to serve in this capacity for Limestone Society in its 65 year history. Mark Humphries also attended the conference and assisted with the hospitality and chaperoning activities.



SAR & C.A.R. working together at Mason Co. Courthouse



SAR member Randy Humphries is also the Chaplain for the K.S.C.A.R.



Mark Humphries talking to a vet at the Ft. Thomas Community Living Center.



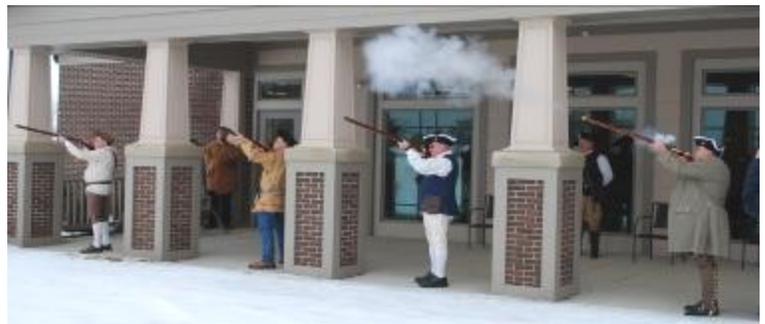
President's Day Dinner showing SAR members with Harry Smith, a 1812 story teller.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter



George Washington Birthday Celebration

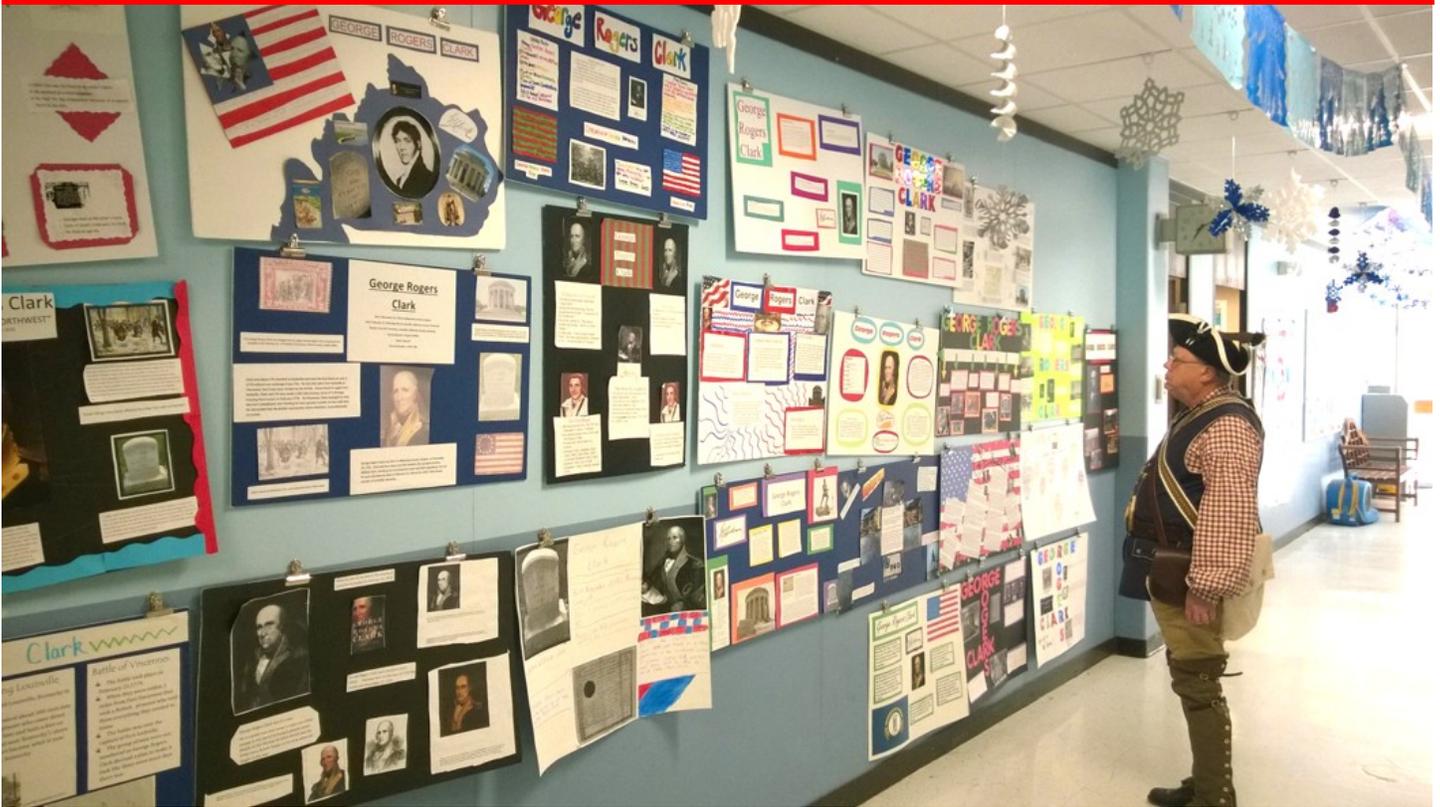
The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter honored the memory of George Washington on his birthday. Despite having received a foot of snow and sleet during the week, the roads cleared just enough for Compatriots and citizens to gather in the warmth and comfort of the beautiful Trigg County Senior Center at 3:00 this afternoon. Attendees enjoyed a display of flags, including a beautiful reproduction of the George Washington Headquarters flag, paintings of George Washington, and a cocked hat and sword display.



The chapter honored the host, Cissy Lawrence, administrator of the center, with several items. They presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her cooperation in making the event possible, a Certificate of Appreciation for display at the Senior Center, and a beautiful collector's lithograph of Arnold Friberg's classic painting, *The Prayer at Valley Forge*. The chapter purchased this beautiful framed lithograph from Friberg's Fine Art, the estate of Arnold Friberg, and it came with a Certificate of Authenticity. Mrs. Lawrence will place the painting on display in the Senior Center.

Chapter President Geoff Baggett shared a story and a speech by George Washington given in 1783 in response to a potential military coup by his officers because of the inability of Congress to meet its financial obligations to the officers for their service in the war. After the speech, Compatriots rendered a salute to the likeness of George Washington, then four shooters stepped outside and fired their weapons over the snowy landscape in a black-powder military salute to General Washington.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter (continued)



Steve Mallory reviews George Rogers Clark posters from Southwest Calloway Elementary School.



New member--Rick Sheets

Rick Sheets is a unique member of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter. He is one of our growing band of “long distance” members. Rick is a horn maker and folk artist from Durham, North Carolina, creating beautiful replica powder horns, horn cups, horn books, and other similar items. He adds his beautiful art in the form of scrimshaw on the horns. He markets his art through his web site (see our links on the right) and appears at living history events and re-enactments throughout the Carolinas.

Chapter president Geoff Baggett recruited him to the SAR last year when he hired Rick to make him a horn in honor of his ancestor Capt. James Shelton of the Henry County, Virginia, militia. Rick had hit a “brick wall” in his ancestry research and Geoff put his genealogy skills to work and broke through the wall, connecting him with his ancestor David Johnston, who served in the Virginia militia under George Rogers Clark. His application was received for consideration on December 31, 2014. It was approved in the later part of February!

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter (continued)



Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter Compatriot John Humphries presented the chapter's Veteran's Appreciation Medal to Princeton, Kentucky, Mayor Danny Beavers.

Mayor Beavers is a veteran of the United States Army, having served in the famed 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star for his service in the war, and was discharged in 1972.



Col. Stephen Trigg Compatriot and powerhouse football star [Dallas McCloud](#) is headed to Florida Tech in Melbourne, Florida! He will be playing linebacker and studying mechanical engineering. So ... we're going to lose him around here (except for school breaks).

But maybe we can convince him to don his uniform and represent our chapter at some Florida events!



Cody Burlingame, age 22, is the grandson of Jerry Burlingame, and descended from his common Patriot ancestor, Robert Montgomery of Rhode Island. He works as a welder at Transcraft. Cody submitted his application a couple of weeks ago, and has already participated in his first event! He carried a flag, in uniform, at our George Washington Birthday Commemoration.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Dennis Scott and Tom Higgins receive the esteemed Von Steuben medals from Chapter President Scott Giltner. To earn this award, one must have earned both the Bronze and Silver Color Guard medals with an additional five years with events at District and National events.



American Heritage Girl Anna McCain recently earned the Stars and Stripes Award from her society. This award is like the Eagle award to the Boy Scouts. Here, she is presented a Good Citizenship Award from Chapter President Scott Giltner.



Charlie Scott delivers a Flag presentation to students from St. Francis School at a recent Center for Advancing America's Heritage event at National Headquarters.

Chapter poster contest winner, Elizabeth Giltner, receives a certificate from her father, Chapter President Scott Giltner.



Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (continued)



Charlie Scott talks about different American Flags before students of Lagrange Elementary School.



Charlie Scott talks with artist Richard Luce. Mr. Luce will have some of his work on display and for sale at the NSSAR Congress.

Take a look at his paintings at:

<http://www.richardluce.com/historical.htm>



Compatriots at the Beverly Daniels and William Hall Patriot grave markings. From Left to right are: KYSSAR President Chuck Scott, Al Coleman, Rev. Forrest Chilton and Joe Noffsinger.

Dennis Scott, Tommy Jones and Vic Bitter fire a black-powder gun salute at the grave markings.



Louisville Thruston Chapter



President-Elect Drake Rinesmith congratulates (L) Chandler Parsons, winner of the chapter Knight Essay Contest and J.R.O.T.C. winner, Marine Corps Cadet Mary Taylor.



Don Thom presented a Flag Certificate to Pat O'Bryant (L) & Charles Brunner of the Wyndham Place Homeowners Assn.



Color Guard member Randy Lane and his wife at a recent chapter luncheon.

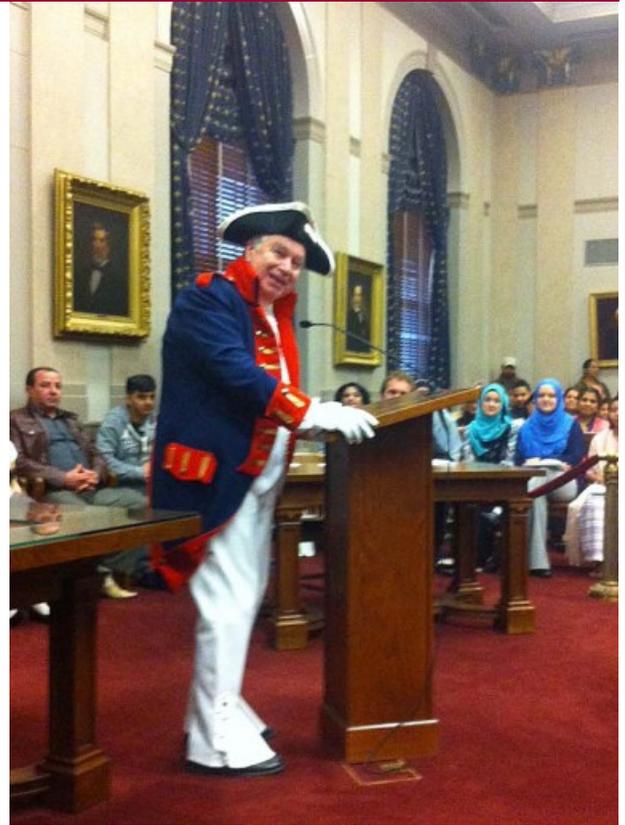


Color Guard member Terry Brown at a recent chapter event.

Louisville Thruston Chapter (continued)



Dick Bierman (L) and Howard Roberson congratulate a new citizen at the Naturalization Ceremony on Jan. 30th.



Will Schrader participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at the U.S. Federal courthouse



Former Presidents of the Louisville Thruston Chapter.(L-R) John Huffman, George Meyers, Henry Head and Will Schrader.

Center for Advancing America's Heritage

Students from the St. Francis School of Goshen, KY attended a Center for Advancing America's Heritage event recently. Compatriots from the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (Vic Bitter, Charlie Scott and Beirne Miles) joined staff members Colleen Wilson and Rae Ann Sauer in conducting sessions that included: Flag program, weapons, clothing, items carried and used during the Revolutionary War, use of a compass, Liberty Bell, writing with a quill pen and singing around the camp fire.



Vic Bitter (left) has the students attention as he talks about the Revolutionary War soldier. He talked about their clothing, weapons and even demonstrated how to start a fire using flint and steel. On the right, Rae Ann Sauer gives instructions on the use of a compass.



After giving a lecture about the Liberty Bell, Education Director Colleen Wilson let the students ring the bell. Meanwhile, Compatriot Beirne Miles instructs students on the art of writing with a quill pen.

Patriot Biographies (Read & Write)

SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies Committee:

The purpose of this committee is to perpetuate the memory of our Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors by providing a media for SAR members to submit biographies of their patriot ancestors' which will provide another tool in the recruitment of new members. Send your submission, of not more than 500 words, in a Microsoft Word compatible form to, patriotbios@sar.org.

As of March 31, we have 1,029 Patriot Biographies submitted for this program This represents submissions from 138 Chapters amongst the 34 State Societies currently participating. More are coming in daily, but we need your help to encourage your membership to participate. Currently, only one State Society and 38 Chapters qualify for a Streamer. There is still plenty of time. The deadline for submissions to be included for the Streamer is June 1.

Please forward any questions and/or send a biographical sketch of your ancestor(s) to patriotbios@sar.org. Biographical information should be provided in a file that is Microsoft WORD compatible. The data will then be merged into the Patriot and Grave Index. If you have a Patriot Number assigned (i.e., P-xxxxxx), please include it with your submission. If not, one will be assigned. Due to the potential volume and limitations on storage, it has been requested that we limit the biographical sketches to approximately 500 words. When you submit your entry, please include your name, Chapter and SAR Member number.

While this information should be as accurate as possible, it is not intended for use as primary documentation material for SAR or DAR applications, therefore, we are not requiring sourcing of the documentation. We intend for these biographies to encourage prospective applicants and provide a reference point from which to start (or continue) their research. It would also be helpful to identify SAR Compatriots who are descended from each of the patriots referenced. By including a name and SAR Member number, additional research and/or connections may be possible. This is of course, all voluntary, and not a requirement.

We hope that you will join us in celebrating your patriot ancestor with a submission to this database. As mentioned previously, Secretary General Tom Lawrence assured me that this endeavor will continue past June 2015. So even if you are unable to submit a biography prior to the June 1 deadline, please know that we will continue to update the database.

Please share this with your Chapter and State Society members.

Fraternally,

Douglas T. Collins
Chairman,
Patriot Biographies Committee

Editor's note: Our immediate Past-President is chairman of the Patriot Biographies Committee. He asked that our members be made aware of this project. The result of doing this is to perpetuate the memory of our Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors. So far, 27 Kentucky members have sent in bios about their Patriot ancestor. Please write a short bio about your Patriot ancestor and send it in as directed above.



**Avoiding Potholes on the
Road to Genealogical Discoveries
with
Elaine Kuhn
Saturday, May 16, 2015
10-11AM**

**SAR Genealogical Research Library
809 W. Main St.
Louisville, KY 40202
library.sar.org
Cost: \$5
Free for SAR/DAR
& Friends of the SAR Library**



2015
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125th NSSAR Congress

Volunteer Sign-up sheet

The Kentucky Society is the host Society for the 125th National Congress which will be held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY.

Please help us make this a great congress by volunteering for as many sessions as you can. We are flexible and can tailor what you do to match your availability.

Volunteers will be invited to a volunteer dinner on early Thursday evening and will receive a volunteer polo shirt just for helping out.

Show pride in your Kentucky Society membership--Volunteer today!

Wednesday, June 24th	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	(Prepare packets)
Thursday, June 25th	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	(Volunteer dinner) _____
Friday, June 26th	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	Evening _____
Saturday, June 27th	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	Evening _____
Sunday, June 28th	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	Evening _____
Monday, June 29th	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	Evening _____
Tuesday, June 30th	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	Evening _____
Wednesday, July 1st	Morning _____	Afternoon _____	Evening _____

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Shirt size: _____

Place an "X" next to whatever session you will be available and return the form to:

**Charlie Scott
10703 Boxwood Hill Court
Louisville, KY 40223**

WILLIAM BONNER

c. 1759-1834

**Patriot Grave Marking
Service**

**Captain Wendell Oury
Chapter, NSDAR**

**Col. Stephen Trigg
Chaper, KYSSAR**

**The grave of William Bonner, a Revolutionary War
Soldier, will be marked with special plaques
honoring him from the NSDAR and the KYSSAR.**

Saturday, April 11, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

**Bonner Cemetery
Murray, Calloway County, KY**

PATRIOT

KYSSAR State Meeting--Awards



Essay winner Nathan Shearn with Tom Geimeier and Chairman Don Adams.



Orations winner Parker Pritchett with KYSSAR President Doug Collins and Chairman Rev. Forrest Chilton.



Eagle Scout Essay winner Spencer Austin Paul with Doug Collins and Dr. Larry Leslie.



Mary Lauren Veazey was the winner in the Elementary School poster contest. Here she stands with Poster Chairman Pat Berry.



Chancellor Jason Reichenbach and Stephen Mallory (Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter) were presented State Roger Sherman medals. Tommy Henderson (Manire Chapter) and Robert Brooks (Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter) also earned this award but were not present at the state meeting.



Charles R. (Chuck) Scott received the State Meritorious Service medal for his work with congress.



Alfred E. Coleman received the Patriot medal from President Doug Collins.



Geoff Baggett, President of the Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter, was awarded the Distinguished Service medal.

Kentucky Combo Color Guard at DAR State Meeting

Members from three chapters: Gov. Isaac Shelby, Simon Kenton and Lafayette joined together to present Colors at the recent DAR State Conference in Lexington. Here they pose after the event.



Standing from left to right: Scott Giltner, Tom Higgins, Junior Murdock, Tom Geimeier, Harry Geimeier, Glen Newman, James Hough, Tommy Jones, Forrest Chilton, Al Coleman, Charlie Scott, Esther and Donald Drewery. Kneeling is KYSSAR President Chuck Scott.

KYSSAR President Chuck Scott brought greeting from the SAR earlier in the day. At the evening session, SAR's DAR liaison Charlie Scott thanked the DAR members for the 51 new members referred to the SAR. Regent Barbara Zink and DAR's SAR Liaison Barbara Smith were presented appreciation certificates. KSDAR Regent Barbara Zink, who attended several SAR events in 2014 was also presented a Daughters of Liberty medal from the state society.



SAR & DAR working together.



Patriot Grave Marking Service for Beverly Daniel and William Hall



Most of the ladies in this picture are members of the Red River Valley Daughters of the American Revolution.



Lafayette Chapter members Al Coleman and Mike Sullivan present their chapter wreath at the ceremony.



Big Sandy Chapter member Gary Howard salutes after presenting his chapter wreath.