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THE PRESIDENT'S PARCHMENT

Greetings Compatriots,

Let me once again extend to each of you my appreciation for your continued efforts in support of not only the Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution, but also for support of your local chapter and the many members it serves. Your commitment to our organization continues to honor our forefathers, and the sacrifices they made on behalf of liberty.



December seems to be that time of year when many chapters are holding elections and conducting the installation of their officers. This annual process is what ultimately helps to ensure the success and security of the SAR, its mission, and its positive impact on others. No matter the office, every officer is a leader. Now...it's been said that before one can be an effective leader, they must first be a follower. There's no shame in being a follower, and for many of us we have been doing it most of our lives. As such, we have already established the necessary foundation as a follower, and only need a little bit of encouragement to be a leader.

I've said many times that as a member of the SAR, you can be as active or as inactive as you want to be. When I joined the SAR, I had no intention to be as active as I currently am. However, I saw areas where I knew that I could add value to the program, and I simply volunteered to help. In the short seven years that I've been a member of the SAR, I have personally held leadership positions at the chapter, state, and national levels...and I have no doubt that there is a leadership position somewhere out there for each of you. Regardless of the position, I've always strived to be the best leader that I could be, and I'm constantly reminded that good leaders don't just lead...they inspire others to lead. It is my hope that I've inspired some of you to lead.

In closing... On behalf of the KYSSAR, I once again encourage each of you to continue your support of the State Society, your Chapter, or your local community. As President Theodore Roosevelt once said... "Do the best you can, with what you have, where you are."

Timothy C. Brown

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Editor's Note



With the Boston Tea Party having occurred on December 16, 1773, we are now fully in the sesquicentennial of the American Revolution. This significant milestone beckons us to not only celebrate our historical roots but also to rekindle a profound connection with the foundational principles that have shaped the nation's identity. Beyond the grandeur of festivities, the sesquicentennial provides a unique opportunity for civic renewal and engagement, inviting citizens to delve into the very fabric of our American government.

At its core, the 250th anniversary serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring nature of the American experiment. It is an occasion to reflect on the remarkable journey from the first voices of protest to the establishment of the Constitution—a journey marked by struggles, triumphs, and an unwavering commitment to the ideals of freedom and self-governance. Commemorating this history should not be a mere

exercise in nostalgia; it must be a deliberate act of reconnecting with the essence of our nation's story.

This anniversary's importance lies in honoring the past and leveraging it as a potent educational tool. In an era where civic knowledge is waning, the sesquicentennial provides a gateway for individuals to explore the fundamental concepts of American government and civics. Understanding the principles that guided our nation's framers equips citizens to become active participants in the democratic process, fostering a more informed and engaged electorate.

The celebration encourages a revisit to the foundational principles defining our nation—representative government, the rule of law, and the protection of individual rights. It invites classrooms, halls of government, and homes to engage in conversations about our political system. Through this collective exploration, we deepen our understanding of the past and equip ourselves to navigate present and future challenges.

As we commemorate this milestone, let's remember that history is not static but a dynamic force shaping our present and future. The sesquicentennial is a reminder that the American experiment is ongoing, requiring active citizen involvement. It challenges us to confront imperfections, encouraging a collective effort to build a more perfect union.

In essence, the 250th anniversary offers us a canvas to paint a vision for a better America. It's a chance to bridge divides, promote understanding, and cultivate a shared commitment to the values binding us as a nation. By seizing this opportunity for reflection and engagement, we contribute to the creation of a more enlightened, empathetic, and participatory society—a nation living up to the ideals inspiring its founding 250 years ago. As we embark on this celebratory journey, let it be a collective reaffirmation of our commitment to building a stronger and more resilient America for generations to come.

Tommy Druen

Member Profile



Judge John David Preston in his office shortly prior to his 2022 retirement.

John David Preston

In 1973, John David Preston graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University. Equipped with a degree in history and an appetite for public service, the world was wide open to him. He knew where he was headed though. He was headed to the hills of Eastern Kentucky, where his family had been since Private Moses Preston, who served under General Washington at Yorktown, first settled in present-day Lawrence County in 1800. With the exception of three years in Lexington to earn a law degree, John David would spend the next five decades building a career and family in those same hills that Moses, his third great-grandfather, had settled. 1973 would also be the year that John David Preston joined the

Big Sandy Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The SAR was not an organization unfamiliar to Preston, though. His mother and sister had long been involved with the DAR, both serving as regent for their local chapter. As a young child, he had heard stories about his 13 ancestors who had fought to win our nation's independence. "When the time came to join [the SAR], my sister handed me the application completely filled out and said 'Sign this.' There was no point in putting up any resistance," said Preston.

Over the decades, Preston would enjoy the camaraderie built with fellow SAR members. An added feature of his involvement in the SAR is his lifelong pursuit of learning more about the Revolutionary Era. He has prepared and presented lectures to his local chapter, as well as having authored nearly a dozen books about the history of Eastern Kentucky.

An attorney by profession, Preston soon found a calling to public service. In 1982, he won his first election as Commonwealth's Attorney for the 24th Circuit, which includes Johnson, Lawrence and Martin counties. He would go on to serve on the city council and as mayor of Paintsville, as well as a member of the Kentucky State Senate.

In 2005, Preston achieved a lifetime goal to serve as circuit judge, a position he would hold until 2023. "I practiced law for 28 years in front of every judge in Eastern Kentucky, and I always observed how they conducted court, with an eye to learning what worked and what did not," said Preston. "I was engaged in a wide variety of pursuits during my judicial apprenticeship, and, when I became circuit judge, one of my predecessors remarked that I was the best prepared circuit judge we ever had."

Having served nearly 18 years on the bench, Judge Preston announced his retirement in 2022. Today he finds himself engaged in equally as important of pursuits. "What captivates me most now are my two grandchildren,

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ages four and six months,” he remarked with a smile. “Five years ago I attended my 45th class reunion at Harvard. One of my old roommates told me there was nothing in the world like grandchildren. I did not understand at the time what he meant, but I now do.”

His time is also spent with academic pursuits. “I am writing a general history of Johnson County, where my wife and I lived.”

Preston also is an advocate for alterations to our educational system. “My hope going forward is for a thorough reform of our educational system, particularly with regard to the teaching of history and economics,” said Preston

“The failure to conduct a serious review of history and the lessons that can be learned presents a danger to our country. The current fad of isolationism can be fatally reckless. There are totalitarian regimes and barbaric terrorist organizations which exist for the sole purpose of destroying us, our freedoms, and our republican form of government. We simply do not have the luxury of hiding our collective heads in the sand and hope they will go away. We have no option but to engage them, not only now, but for a lengthy, indefinite time in the future.”

Speaking further on the issue of economics education, Preston stated, “The lessons of economics that must be taught are that there is no substitute for the market system of economics. We have many college graduates who are incapable of giving even a superficial description of our economic system. There are people in this country clamoring for socialism who do not know how to define that economic system, much less appreciate the harm such a system would cause this country. Our current educational system fails to properly educate our young (and not so young). That must be reformed.”



Judge Preston speaking on the Scots-Irish in Eastern Kentucky at Jenny Wiley State Park in 2022.

Johnson County

Among the numerous patriots who resided in present-day Johnson County was Samuel Auxier. Auxier volunteered for the Revolutionary War when he was 15 years old and served in the last 3 years of the war. A Virginian,

he served as a private in Captain Isaac Taylor's Company of Volunteers in General George Rogers Clark's Illinois Regiment. During this time, the young soldier served as a spy.

Auxier and his wife would settle in the Blockhouse Bottom community in 1793. Following an accident with a horse, he died in 1800 and is buried in Auxier Cemetery.

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New Members!



Claude James Allen

Ronald Andrew Overton

Jesse Harris Smith

Gerald Gibson Hubbs

Christopher Glenn Padgett

Leroy Dillman Smith

Austin Pace Jacobs

Jon Eugene Park

Timothy Evan Stinnett

James Edward Johnson

Andrew John Rylee

Timothy Ray Tallent

Eric Jason Morton

William Taylor Samuels

National Guard Ceremonies

Due to the efforts of SAR compatriots Major General Bob Silverthorn and Rod Smothers, the path has been made clear for SAR chapters to participate in Kentucky National Guard deployment and redeployment ceremonies.

When a National Guard unit is activated to deploy in support of an operation or mission, there is generally a pre-deployment ceremony at their home armory where they are honored right before they board buses that will take them to the airport. Likewise, when they return home, buses will bring them back to their home armory where the families and communities are waiting at a "welcome home" post-deployment ceremony.

The ways of supporting these events vary and are best discussed with the unit commander or ceremony coordinator. They can range from providing a color guard to simply shaking hands as a SAR compatriot. Moreover, these are excellent opportunities to develop relationships and lay the foundation for future support and recruitment.

When contacting the unit commander or ceremony coordinator, simply reference the SAR and that there is approval from the Public Affairs Office of the Kentucky National Guard.

Special thanks to our compatriots Rod and Bob for laying the groundwork to involve the SAR in these important ceremonies for our the men and women of the Kentucky National Guard and the important work they do so we may all enjoy our freedoms!



Compatriots Rod Smothers (L) and Major General Bob Silverthorn (R)

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Among the business conducted at the Kentucky Society's Fall Meeting was the nomination of officers for the forthcoming year. If elected during the March meeting, the individuals listed below will assume their roles and serve a one-year term.

We extend our appreciation to each of these dedicated compatriots who have demonstrated their willingness to take on leadership responsibilities and generously contribute their time and talents to further the goals and missions of the Sons of the American Revolution.



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Note:
The Trustee &
Alternate
Trustee positions
are nominated,
but elected at the
2024 National
Congress

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The only office known to be contested at the March meeting will be that of Chaplain. Compatriots Don Drewry and James Gearhart are both candidates for the position.

In an effort to have a more informed electorate, questions were asked of both candidates. Their answers are published here below.



Don Drewry



James Gearhart

Why did you join the SAR?

JG: “I received a copy of the genealogy of Johnathon Wright from one of my distant relatives and it proved that he was a Revolutionary War patriot and, my 4th great-grandfather! That's when I heard about SAR and that a friend of mine was in the local chapter. After learning of the organization's mission to, in a non-partisan manner, educate the public about the patriotic ideals that lead to the creation of our nation and the importance of defending the constitution, as well as service to the community, I wanted to be a part of that mission.”

DD: “I am very proud of my family history and especially of Captain John Drury’s participation in the Revolution and I joined SAR to recognize his and all the others participation. It is a means of giving thanks for what our ancestors have given us. As a living historian it is also a way to share our history.”

What has been your activity level at both the chapter and state levels?

JG: “ I attended chapter meetings regularly, but when I became an SAR member I was elected Vice President, with the understanding that at the next election I would be a nominee for Chapter President. Before and after my election as President I attend(ed) chapter and state meetings. I have been to PGM's around the state and recently earned the Patriot Grave Marking Medal. I also attend DAR functions and events.”

DD: “I have been state chaplain for a year and half. I am a Color Guard Brigade Commander and have been State Color Guard Commander. I have been Simon Kenton Chapter Chaplain and Color Guard Commander for ten years. I have also been chapter secretary and president.”

Outside of the SAR, how do you spend most of your time?

JG: “My hobbies include reading, movies and gardening. Organizations I volunteer with are; the church I attend, the KY Region Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) , CASA, NAACP, Poor Peoples Campaign, and I am a County Election Official.”

DD: “Esther and I are living historians. As such we are researching revolutionary history, especially the individuals involved. We produce and present a number of programs on various aspects of that history.”

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What do you envision the role of the chaplain to be?

JG: “As a U.S. Army chaplain, and later as a Board Certified Chaplain my primary role was to remind people that through the worst of times God is present and provides a way through. As a spiritual authority the chaplain educates his/her 'flock' about Faith and Faiths, and provides for meaningful worship experiences. At times the chaplain advocates for the 'flock', speaking to the powers that be about what God requires, "...to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 CEB. The Chaplain of this organization is expected to primarily provide for worship, and yet the Chaplain may be called to act in these other capacities.”

DD: “In addition to offering the prayers and state events the chaplain should in prayer for the organization and its members continually. Also, he should offer aid to families of members who are ill or have passed away when they are aware and take the chaplain's roll in the ritual for the decease when asked.”

What is about you that should make people believe you are the better option?

JG: “I don't think of myself as a better option. Ministry in any setting needs a servant heart and a humble spirit. I accept the will of the voters without trepidation.”

DD: “I would not argue that I am a better choice only list my credentials. I am an ordained minister who has over 50 years of service as a pastor in several churches. I am also a certified police chaplain with 25 years as chaplain to the Newport Police and Fire Departments. I have trained as a hospital chaplain and have served in that capacity several times. I have served on a Red Cross Clergy Disaster Team and have responded to a number of disasters. I have a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy and Religion and a Masters of Divinity Degree. I am a member of the 18th Century Parsons and conduct worship services at living history events regularly.”

What is a unique fact about you that most of us would not know?

JG: “I worked in a slaughterhouse during college. My hands still bear scars from shoveling rock salt and cracklins.”

DD: “I have also been a firefighter.”

The High Priest of the Rebellion

Rev. James Caldwell was a Presbyterian minister who served the Continental Army as a chaplain between the years 1776 and 1781. When his company ran out of musket wadding at the battle of Springfield, New Jersey, Caldwell ran to the nearby Presbyterian Church and carried several Isaac Watts hymnals to the troops. He is reported to have shouted, "Now put Watts into them, boys!"

After his church was burned to the ground by Tories, Caldwell started preaching with his pistols lying on the pulpit, one on each side of his Bible.



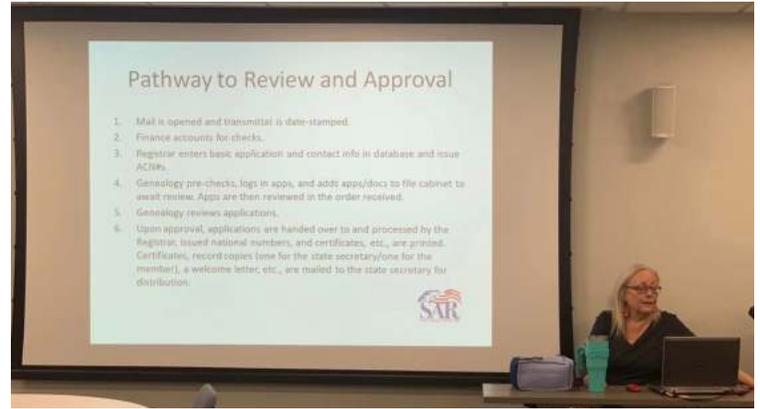
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Fall Meeting

On November 4th, compatriots across the Commonwealth joined together in Elizabethtown for the Kentucky Society's annual fall meeting.

The morning provided opportunities for education with the following sessions:

- Use of the National Blue Database - Richard Quire
- Social Media Usage - Patrick Wesolosky
- Registrar Training - Denise Hall (NSSAR Staff)



NSSAR Senior Genealogist Denise Hall leads a presentation for chapter registrars

The business portion of the meeting took place in the afternoon. Upon completion of the meeting preliminaries of posting colors, invocation and pledges, those in attendance heard brief remarks from Steve Hinson, Central District Vice President General and Wayne Eels, Central District Vice President General Nominee.

Afterwards, those in attendance heard updates from State President Tim Brown, as well as other state officers, committee chairmen and individual chapters. Among the highlights are that the Kentucky Society now boasts approximately 1,125 members among 23 chapters. This is an increase of nearly 100 members since last year.

President Brown updated those in attendance on the efforts to make online payments an available option for annual dues. It is speculated that ease will cause members to renew more frequently and with greater speed. This is a priority subject for the state officers and hopes are that it will be in place in the very near future.



Jon Canine aligns the American flag as compatriots Patrick Wesolosky, Steve Gahafer and Gage Overton stand at attention

With the upcoming national focus on our nation's sesquicentennial, it was announced that Patrick McMurchie will serve as Chairman of the KYSSAR's American 250 Committee. Chapters are encouraged to let Compatriot McMurchie know of activities they are hosting or supporting related to the 250th Anniversary.

Chapters were reminded that all youth contest applicants must be submitted to the state by no later than January 15, 2024, with the exceptions of the poster and brochure, which are due by January 31, 2024.

Guest Column

Christmas at Valley Forge



Jennifer K. Bathon
Park Ranger
Valley Forge
National Historical Park

“The Enemy’s main body, remain as yet, in status quo, I wish your Excellency a merry Christmas & all the Compliments of the Season.” ~ Major John Clark Jr. to General George Washington. December 25, 1777.

On December 19, Washington and the Continental Army arrived at Valley Forge. There, they established a winter encampment twenty miles northwest of British-occupied Philadelphia. Many wonder how the army celebrated Christmas that year. It depended on several factors, partly because observances varied between different religious demographics. Traditions also changed drastically between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries. By taking a broad perspective, a clearer understanding of revolutionary-era celebrations emerges.

The Continental Army comprised a diverse demographic of soldiers and civilian followers. Christian adherents included Lutherans, Episcopalians,

Congregationalists, Methodists, and Baptists (among others). Folklorist Don Yoder writes, “If one belonged to the Episcopalians or Lutherans or some other pro-Christmas denomination, one celebrated Christmas; if one was a Quaker or a Mennonite or a Presbyterian, one did one’s best, like the Puritans, to ignore it.” So, many Christians would not have observed the holiday at Valley Forge, especially New Englanders. Some individuals (such as Dr. Philip Moses Russell) practiced Judaism. Additionally, over seven hundred Black soldiers encamped at Valley Forge. A few probably practiced Islam or different African religious traditions, unrelated to Christianity. Members of the Mashantucket Pequot had enlisted on an individual basis, as did other Native American Indians. While many of them had converted to Christianity, they might have practiced a syncretized form of the faith or not have celebrated Christmas in a form we would recognize. In short, holiday observances would have appeared as diverse as the citizens and soldiery themselves.

The Christmas as we know it today differed from historical customs. During the English Civil War between 1642 and 1651, the Puritans gained political power. Hailing from the Puritan tradition, New Englanders held more conservative religious beliefs than Anglicans. The former saw Christmas as an increasingly debauched holiday of drinking and merriment. Puritans also associated Christmas celebrations with Catholicism, which they abhorred. So, they passed legislation banning Christmas celebrations in England. Many New Englanders shared the Puritans’ beliefs, so they also discouraged and later banned Christmas celebrations. The holiday festivities remained illegal in Massachusetts until 1856. By the mid-nineteenth century, the Puritan influence waned, and traditions (that we associate with the holiday today) developed anew.

But how did diverse peoples celebrate Christmas during the revolutionary era?

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In the eighteenth century, Christmas observances varied among Virginia's Anglicans (such as George Washington). A family might have Christmas dinner, or they might not. Some attended religious services, while others stayed home. And their holiday observance could vary from one year to the next. Virginian Anglicans considered Twelfth Night or Epiphany (January 5 or 6) more significant than Christmas, and they often enjoyed the Twelve Days of Christmas between the two dates. An itinerant teacher, Phillip Vickers Fithian wrote that Virginians "will dance or die." They often danced late into the night, and parties could get bawdy. Some also celebrated the morning by firing Christmas guns—something that Virginia's Baptists or Methodists frowned upon. Virginians often married during one of the Twelve Days of Christmas, especially since it took place during a low point in the agricultural year. Thomas Jefferson married on New Year's Day and George Washington married on Epiphany. Usually, marriages occurred in the home, rather than at church—which differed from English practices.

For many enslaved people, the Christmas season offered one of the few times they could rest and enjoy themselves. Enslaved laborers experienced different levels of free time, depending on work in either the task or gang systems of labor. And of course, enslaved chefs, manservants, and other household workers likely remained busy during the holiday festivities. Also, enslavers sometimes leased out enslaved people, with leases potentially beginning in the new year. Families experienced separation, but they might have someone return home as well—a potentially bittersweet time of year. Nonetheless, most slaveholders granted enslaved African Americans an opportunity to break from enslaved labor and enjoy themselves.



Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge.
Painted by A. Chappel, Engraved by H.B. Hall

Guest Column

Lancaster resident Christopher Marshall corresponded frequently with Continental Army officers at Valley Forge. As a Quaker, he had a negative view overall of Christmas. On December 25, 1777, however, he wrote that “no company dined with us to-day, except Dr. Phyle, one of our standing family. We had a good roast turkey, plain pudding, and minced pies.” Ironically, the Quaker Marshall had a more festive Christmas than many in the Continental Army, since the poor supply situation meant that they had more pressing concerns. Congress had established December 18 as a day of Thanksgiving. It occurred a day prior to the army’s march into Valley Forge. Yet Surgeon’s Mate Jonathan Todd Jr. wrote to his father about their meager celebration during the holiday season, “I never saw A Christmas when I had no other Covering than Tow Cloth before – On the Day appointed for the Continental Thanksgiving We drew ½ Gill of Rice pr man which with Beef & Flower were the dainties of our Feast.

Other primary source documents offer clues on Christmas observances during the Valley Forge encampment, such as they existed. Many soldiers subsisted on firecake, which consisted of flour and water cooked over a fire. With little nutritional value, it often made them sick. On December 22, Surgeon Albigeance Waldo wrote that Providence had “sent us a little Mutton, with which we immediately had some Broth made, & a fine Stomach for same.” He went on to criticize the ungratefulness of those in better circumstances: “Ye who Eat Pumpkin Pie and Roast Turkeys, and yet Curse fortune for using you ill, Curse her no more, least she reduce your Allowance of her favours to a bit of Fire Cake, & a draught of Cold Water, & in Cold Weather too.”[1] Others fared worse, doing entirely without. Lieutenant Samuel Armstrong wrote in his diary: “Christmas Day. We was without provisions therefore I was sent out to procure some [...] As soon as I returned, I was call’d out to go upon Scout & did not return ‘till about 10 OC. in the Evening. This was my Christmas frolick.”

So, as many of you gather ‘round to celebrate the season with loved ones over a festive meal, consider those less fortunate, to include the soldiers and civilians who supported the Continental Army during the Christmas of 1777, at Valley Forge.

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Surgeon's Report

Fall and winter are beautiful seasons for many, but also can be times of sadness and loneliness. Our national celebration of Thanksgiving leads into the joyful season of our religious traditions. For Christians, the celebration of the birth of Christ should be a time of optimism and comfort. We often have the idea that if we live our lives a certain way, if we follow the rules, then we will avoid the struggles and pitfalls of life. As a family physician for nearly 40 years, I have seen this many times, and at times fallen into the belief myself that I don't deserve to experience the pain, heartbreak and disappointments of life.

Several years ago, someone gave me a poem which I have given many people. At first it seems a bit negative, but many people have found that it helps to reestablish priorities and gives us a clear pathway with which we are meant to travel.

And God Said, "No"

by Claudia Minden Weisz

I asked God to take away my pride,
And God said, "No."
He said it was not for Him to take away,
but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole,
And God said, "No."
He said her spirit is whole,
Her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience,
And God said, "No."
He said that patience is a byproduct of tribulation,
it isn't granted, it's earned.

I asked God to give me happiness,
And God said, "No."
He said he gives blessings,
Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain,
And God said, "No."
He said, "Suffering draws you apart from worldly
cares and brings you closer to Me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow,
And God said, "No."
He said I must grow on my own,
but He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked God if He loved me,
And God said, "Yes."
He gave me His only Son who died for me, and I
will be in Heaven someday because I believe.

I asked God to help me love others,
as much as He loves me.
And God said,
"Ah, finally, you have the idea."

I hope this poem will help us simplify our lives, reduce our unreasonable expectations and help alleviate the anxiety which we all face.

Dr. Thomas J. Burchett, M.D., serves as Surgeon for the Kentucky Society. He lives in Clark County, where he practiced general family medicine prior to his retirement. He is a 1978 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

Information



REMINDER

If you are a National Life Member of the SAR, please remember that your Life Member status only covers your national dues (currently \$50.00).

You still need to pay your state dues (currently \$13.00) and your chapter dues (amount varies by chapter).

If you were a member of the Kentucky Life Member Trust Fund, your state and chapter dues are covered and payment is not required.

If you are unsure of your Life Member status, please contact Douglas Collins, State Treasurer, at aliedoug1776@gmail.com for clarification.

The 134th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will take place from July 10-16 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The official hotel for the Congress is the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. This landmark hotel is located in Downtown Lancaster and beautifully integrated with a world-class convention center.

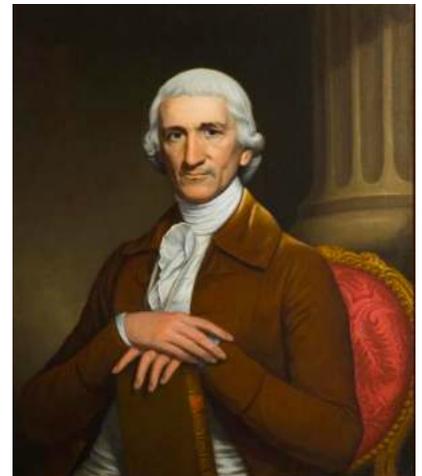
Just steps away in Downtown Lancaster, guests can explore over 90 art galleries, a burgeoning food scene, shopping, and historic landmarks including one of the largest National Historic Register Districts in the country.

Visit the Pennsylvania Society's website at www.passar.org to learn more about Lancaster and the Congress.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

The Continental Congress met for fifteen years, from the spring of 1774 until the spring of 1789. Of the 342 different members, only one delegate participated in every session. That person was Charles Thomson of Philadelphia, who served as secretary for the body. Thomson, an Irish immigrant, died in 1824 and is buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia.



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Service to Veterans Committee

Compatriots,

Service to Veterans is a cornerstone of the SAR and our organization prides itself in that service. As you likely already know, the USS Stark Memorial Award is the SAR mechanism to recognize the service to Veterans by outstanding chapters and societies. Also as you likely already know, the USS Stark Memorial Report is how a chapter and a society captures and reports that service.

Richard L. Quire
Major, U.S. Army (Ret)
Committee Chairman

Your Chapter's USS Stark Memorial Report is due to me no later than January 15th. If your chapter has never submitted one, I humbly ask you to consider doing it this year. I'm sure that your chapters are doing SOMETHING that you could put on the

report. I know that the report can seem overwhelming and tedious, but if you will submit a report with at least 50 points on it, and I get reports from over 50% of the chapters with at least 50 points on each, then our society will qualify for a service to veterans award for the state at the national congress.

I know that some compatriots say that doing the service is what is important; not awards for that service. While the actual service is indeed the most important part of this program, consider what the NSSAR Veterans Committee emphasises in their USS Stark Memorial Report Overview slideshow:

"The USS Stark Memorial reports are about more than just an award. When societies and chapters submit the report, they are providing information on their service to Veterans activities. The Veterans Committee uses this information to determine where the strengths and gaps are in the SAR's Veterans programs so we can better serve the Veteran community in the future."

So I ask you, compatriots, to understand that by simply submitting your reports, you are serving our nation's Veterans by providing that needed feedback.

On the NSSAR Veterans Committee webpage (<https://www.sar.org/committees/veterans-committee/>), you can find a host of information on the USS Stark Memorial Award Program and report. If you need some help with the form, please check out the training video that the national committee has kindly put together for you. If you still have trouble after that, let me know and we'll see what we can do to get your report in. The report period runs from January 1 to December 31. Send them in, my brothers. I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard

State Society News

Veterans Healthcare

Great news for Kentucky veterans! The Department of Veterans Affairs is expanding access to healthcare services by allowing veterans to take advantage of medical facilities at Fort Campbell.



This expansion marks a significant milestone in VA and Department of Defense collaboration, showcasing their commitment to improving veterans' healthcare. It's part of a broader trend where the VA is reaching out to military hospitals to better serve veterans due to challenges posed by aging VA facilities and a growing number of veterans seeking healthcare services, particularly in the wake of the PACT Act.



"We are trying to use every authority we have to address what is obviously a challenging infrastructure situation," VA Secretary Denis McDonough said, adding that many current VA health facilities are over 60 years old and due for an overhaul.

The VA has not released the date when the Fort Campbell hospital will start accepting veteran patients, though other collaborative efforts with Department of Defense health-care facilities in several other states are set to begin in the next few months.

Left: Secretary Denis McDonough, Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Mural

Downtown Versailles now has a new tribute to Woodford County's veterans. Local artist Stephen Sawyer recently finished a year long project of painting a mural on the side of American Legion Post 67, which is located on Main Street opposite of the Woodford County Courthouse.

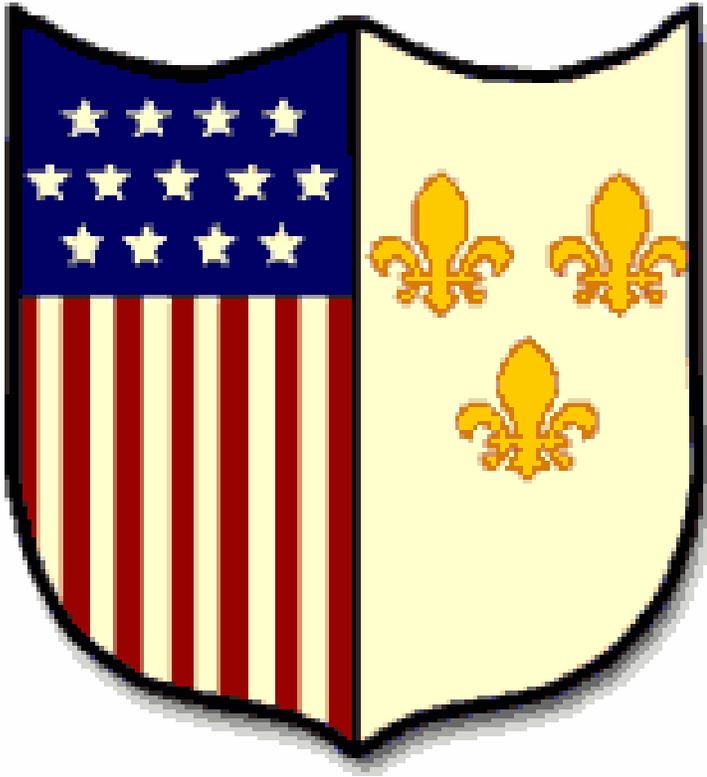
Unveiled on Veterans Day, the mural features actual Woodford Countians in the military uniforms they would have worn spanning from the American Revolution to the War on Terror.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony, Versailles Mayor Brian Traugott said, "The United States has an insurance policy against all enemies foreign and domestic. And the premiums on that insurance policy are paid by the faces you see on that wall."



National Society News

2024 SAR Trip to France



Bonjour Compatriots!

As previewed at Congress, after a hiatus, your SAR again is journeying abroad for an exciting two weeks of fun, fellowship, and history. John Berik and his MAGIC team have assembled an extraordinary program for our SAR adventure honoring our French Allies in the Revolution. I am sure those of you who have joined previous MAGIC SAR adventures in Europe will agree these memorable experiences are not to be missed.

Our journey will venture out of Paris, beginning in Normandy, then we are off to Tours, Lyon, Dijon and back to Paris. We will share memorable experiences and some fine food and wine. We are working with the France Society for visits to vineyards, lunch venues, and possible additional activities. Finally, we will have multiple SAR meetings while there so this may be tax deductible. “Consult your own tax advisor” as they say.

Please go to

<http://prod.groupandevent.net/ONLINE/regLogin.asp> (Password is *vivelafrance*) for both registration and to see the trip highlights as well as clicking through to the detailed itinerary. Clicking through does not obligate you, so please explore, but I do hope you will click “continue” to make your deposit as spots are limited.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Leadership meetings and then in France in April. Thank you again for your service to the SAR.

John L. Dodd

President General 2023-2024

State Society News

Essay Competition

GEORGE & STELLA
KNIGHT



ESSAY CONTEST

The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest was originally established and named in honor of President Calvin Coolidge, who won a local SAR essay contest while a student at Amherst. In 1995, the contest was renamed the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest in honor of their generous gift to the SAR to support this contest. The program is designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history.

Guidelines for the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

- The essay contest is open to all high school students in grades 9 through 12.
- The student will submit an original essay of between 800-1,200 words based upon an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or establishment of the US Constitution.
- The essay will be evaluated for its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar, spelling, and documentation/research which means the use of a minimum of five outside sources, three of which must be published sources and not internet or encyclopedia sources.
- Specific details concerning the application, title page, and bibliography format can be found at: www.SAR.org.
- Student submission deadline should be no later than December 31, 2023. Chapters must submit their entrants to Dale Henley by February 1, 2024.
- Monetary prizes are awarded at the local level for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place ranging from \$100-\$250. Prizes at the state level are \$750 for 1st Place, \$400 for 2nd Place, and \$200 for 3rd Place. Prizes at the national level are \$6,000 for 1st Place (plus a medallion), \$3,000 for 2nd Place and \$1,500 for 3rd Place.
- There have been two national winners from Kentucky since 2007, the most recent being Noah Grebe of DuPont Manual High School in 2021.

Questions regarding the contest or submissions lacking a chapter sponsor may be directed to Contest Chairman Dale Henley at the following address and/or email.

Dale Henley, Chairman
3513 Castlegate Wynd
Lexington, Kentucky 40502
dalehenley8848@gmail.com

Across the Commonwealth

Jack Jouett House Frontier Days



On September 14th and 15th, SAR members from the Governor Isaac Shelby, Louisville Thruston, Lafayette and Colonel James Harrod chapters collaborated to provide support to the Jack Jouett House Historic Site's Frontier Days in Woodford County. SAR members demonstrated fieldcraft, music, and everyday items of the era to hundreds of students.



Above (l-r): Reed Martin, a fellow reenactor, Richard Quire, Patrick Wesolosky and Jay Doss



Across the Commonwealth

World War II Internment



A memorial service was held this September to honor a Kentucky soldier who was killed in Europe during World War II, but whose remains weren't identified until recently. U.S. Army Pvt. J.C. Brooks of Rockfield, Kentucky, was a member of Company I, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. His unit was part of Operation HUSKY, the Allied effort from July 10 to Aug. 17, 1943, to capture Sicily. Brooks was killed Aug. 1 while leading an advance against German forces as first scout during the Battle of Troina. His body was unable to be recovered because of the fighting. The American Graves Registration Command (AGRC) was charged with recovering the remains of fallen service members in the European Theater following the war. Though they searched the area near Troina, they were unable to find remains that could be identified as Brooks. He was declared non-recoverable on April 9, 1947.

***Private J.C. Brooks of Rockfield,
Kentucky***

unknown body was disinterred in June 2019 and sent to the DPAA Laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, for analysis. To identify Brooks' remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical examiner System used DNA analysis.

Private Brooks was interred at Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens in Cecilia, Kentucky, on Saturday, September 23rd. Various veterans and patriotic organizations assisted in the memorial service, including members of the SAR.

***Right (l-r): Compatriots
Richard Quire, Donnie
Bradley, Steve Kopsick
(Continental Chapter of
Pennsylvania) and Brett
Osborn (NSSAR Color
Guard Safety Officer) share
a lighthearted moment
following the service.***



Across the Commonwealth

DAR Trail Marking

On September 23rd, members of the Kentucky Society's Color Guard traveled to Shelbyville, Kentucky to assist the DAR with a dedication of the Lafayette Trail.



SAR compatriots gather by the sign marking Lafayette's Tour following its unveiling.



Kentucky Society President Tim Brown offers remarks on behalf of the SAR at the unveiling ceremony.

NSSAR Leadership Conference



On September 22nd, quite a few members of the Kentucky Society participated in the National Society's Leadership Conference in Louisville.

Here are the majority of those in attendance at a lunch break at Sicilian Pizza and Pasta Downtown.

L-R: Steve Vest, Tim Brown, Steve Gahafer, Richard Quire, Pat McMurchie, Chris Canine, Patrick Wesolosky, Jay Doss, Doug Collins and Phil Bloyd.

Across the Commonwealth

Veterans Day Ceremony

On Veterans Day, members of several chapters participated in Frankfort's parade and ceremony to honor all veterans in our nation's history.



The State Color Guard is greeted by Frankfort Mayor Layne Wilkerson in front of the State Office Building.



Compatriots Richard Quire and Patrick Parker lead the parade past the Kentucky History Center.



Compatriot Patrick Wesolosky brings the colors to the front of the ceremonial grounds.



Above: Some of the veterans honored during the ceremony.



Left: Some young attendees feeling patriotic

Across the Nation

Central District Meeting

Members of the Kentucky Society traveled to Milford, Ohio for the Central District meeting on October 22nd. In addition to the meeting, there was a grave marking ceremony and banquet dinner held at the Millcroft Gallery.



President Tim Brown and Lafayette Chapter President Patrick Wesolosky at the Millcroft Gallery.



L-R: Scott Giltner, Chris Canine, Patrick Wesolosky and President Tim Brown participate in the grave marking ceremony.



Scene from inside the business meeting, as Vice-President General L. Stephen Hinson presides.



L-R: Lafayette Chapter President Patrick Wesolosky, Marika Wesolosky, Diane Lyles, National Society Historian General Brooks Lyles

Across the Nation

Kings Mountain

The Kentucky Society was honored to provide much of the music of the day for the 243rd anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain on the border of North Carolina and South Carolina.

L-R: Compatriots **Greg Strouse, Ivan Daniels, Chris Canine, Scott Giltner and Cohen Daniels.**



Yorktown Commemoration



Members of the Kentucky Society traveled to Yorktown, Virginia this October to participate in the Yorktown Day Parade and Patriotic Exercises.

Those participating joined with others from numerous states to honor those who achieved the notable victory in 1781.

L-R: **Mike King, Patrick McMurchie, Tim Wisner, Patrick Wesolosky, Jay Doss, Rod Smother and Gary Hodges.**



Revolutionary Kentuckians

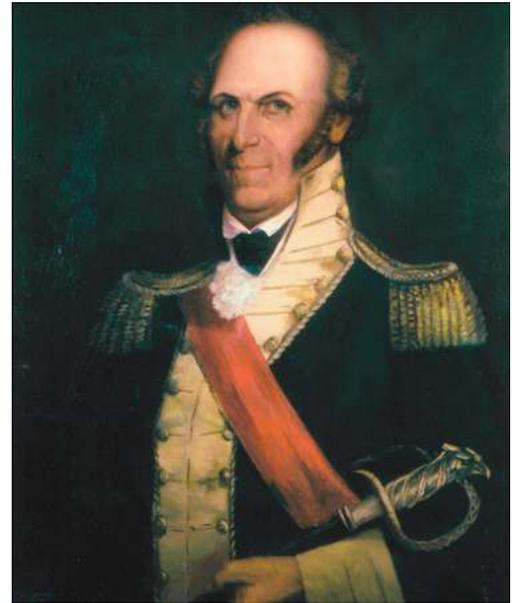
CHARLES SCOTT

The story of Charles Scott stands as a testament to unwavering patriotism, undying commitment to the American cause, and a remarkable post-Revolutionary career that helped shape the early United States. Major General Charles Scott, Kentucky's fourth governor, left a legacy for our Commonwealth extending far beyond his battlefield exploits during the American Revolution.

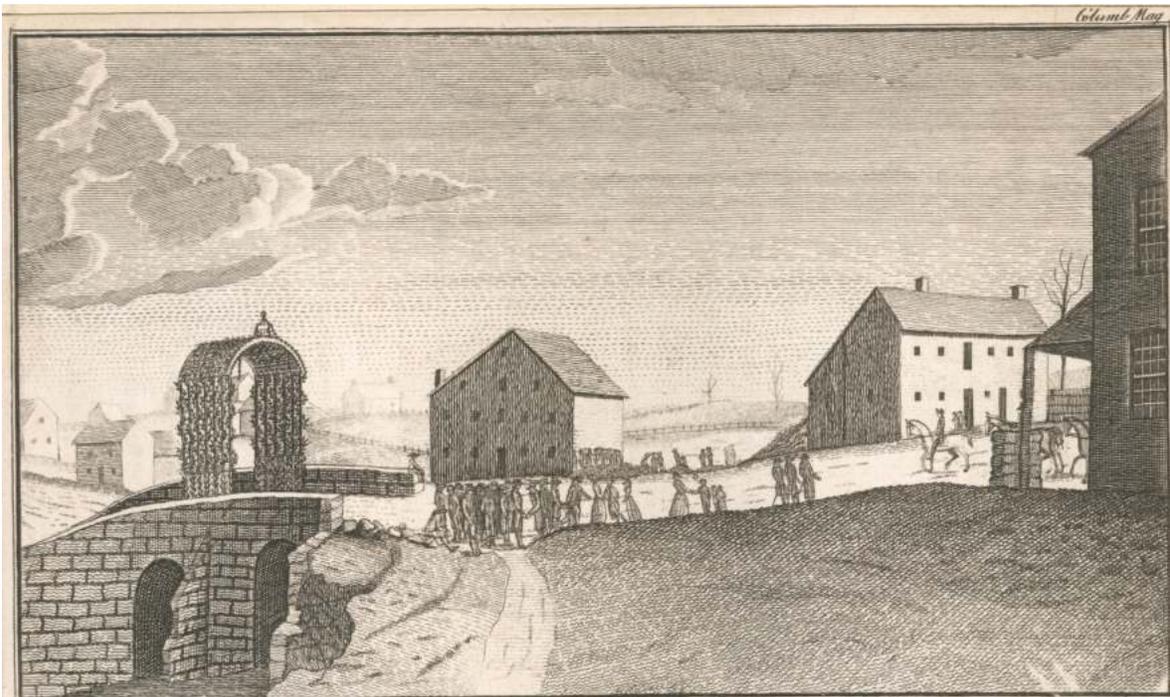
Charles Scott, born on April 16, 1739, in Powhatan County, Virginia, emerged as a steadfast patriot in the turbulent times leading up to the American Revolution. He was a man of humble origins, hailing from a family of farmers, but his deep-seated belief in the principles of liberty and self-governance propelled him into the heart of the revolutionary struggle.

By the time hostilities broke out in 1775, Scott had already earned his stripes as a militia leader. He joined the Virginia forces under George Washington's command and played an instrumental role in the early stages of the conflict. It was his leadership and unwavering determination that made him a force to be reckoned with on the battlefield.

General Scott would be present at such notable battles as Trenton, Assunpink Creek, Drake's Farm, Quibbletown, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, and Charleston. Major George Johnston, a member of the 5th Virginia, opined that Scott had "acquired immortal honor" from his performance at Assunpink Creek.



Portrait of Charles Scott by Paul Sawyier, in the collection of the Kentucky Historical Society



The bridge over the Assunpink Creek as shown in the View of the "Triumphal Arch", engraving attributed to James Trenchard, 1789.

From the Emmet Collection of Manuscripts, held by the New York Public Library.

Revolutionary Kentuckians

CHARLES SCOTT *cont.*

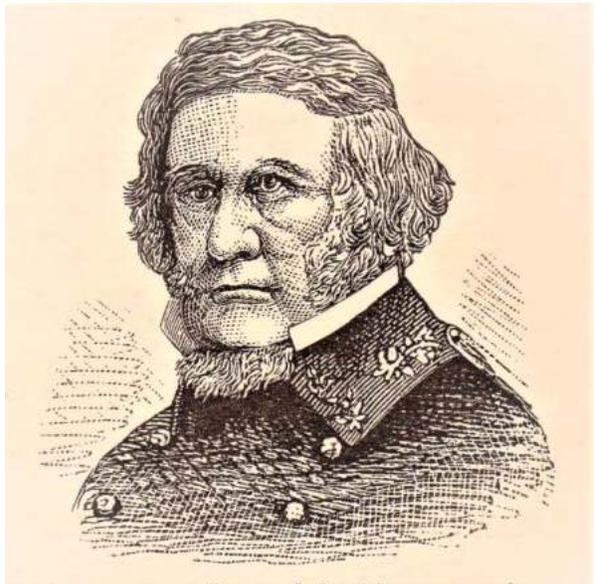


Illustration of Governor Scott published in *First Lessons in Our Country's History* by William Swinton, A.M. (Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor, & Company, New York and Chicago) in 1872.

Charles Scott's service to his country did not end with the American Revolution. In fact, it was only the beginning of a distinguished career in public service and governance.

Post-war, Scott found himself drawn to the frontier lands of Kentucky, an untamed territory brimming with promise and potential. His leadership extended to his role as Kentucky's fourth governor, serving from 1808 to 1812.

Scott's time as governor was marked by a fervent dedication to advancing the interests of Kentucky and its citizens. He championed increased salaries for public officials, economic development measures, and heavy punishments for persistent criminals.

While in office, Governor Scott would slip on icy steps at the Governor's Mansion. The injury would leave him confined to crutches for the remainder of his life. Often physically unable to leave his home, Scott would often clash with the General Assembly, who ignored his policy wishes.

On August 25, 1812, Scott's last day in office, he appointed William Henry Harrison as brevet major general over the Kentucky militia. The appointment was made on advice from incoming Governor Isaac Shelby and Henry Clay. The show of confidence from Scott and his aides influenced President James Madison to appoint Harrison as supreme commander of the Army of the Northwest. Harrison would become a heralded hero of the War of 1812, setting the stage for his election to the presidency decades later.

Following his term as governor, Scott retired to his Canewood estate in Clark County with his wife, Judith. By mid-1813, Scott's health had begun to fail rapidly. He died on October 22, 1813, and was buried on the grounds of Canewood. At the time of his death, he was one of the last surviving generals of the Revolutionary War.

His remains were re-interred at Frankfort Cemetery in 1854. Scott County, Kentucky, and Scott County, Indiana, are named in his honor, as are the cities of Scottsville, Kentucky, and Scottsville, Virginia.



Governor Scott's final resting place at the Frankfort Cemetery.



Affiliated Organizations

C.A.R.



K.S.C.A.R. members at their fall board meeting at the Orlando Brown House

The Kentucky Society of the Children of the American Revolution held their fall board meeting in Frankfort at Liberty Hall on Nov. 4, 2023. The members enjoyed touring both the Orlando Brown House, Liberty Hall, and learning about the important role that the Brown family played in Kentucky history. This was an excellent opportunity to also view one of the Lafayette trail markers that has been placed in our state by the William Pomeroy Foundation. K.S.C.A.R. continues to work toward raising the funds to be able to sponsor one of these trail markers.

your family's history about settlement in America and their part in American Independence.

State President Leah Emberton encourages you to tell your family and friends about C.A.R. With America's 250th birthday around the corner, this is a great opportunity to share

Membership has to continue to be a major focus for our organization, because we continue to have members to age out or the family lose interest in paying their dues. We need the help of our SAR leaders in recruiting members and having your leadership in our organization. The Limestone Society recently had a float in the Maysville VFW Veterans Day Parade, but this would not have been possible if we didn't have the manpower, truck, and trailer of our SAR leaders! There are different ways that SAR chapters can get involved with the Children of the American Revolution, but the best thing you can do is to tell people about us!



Right: Carter Drew Watts on the Limestone Society float in the Veterans Day Parade

Below: State President Leah Emberton in Frankfort



There are 15 C.A.R. chapters across Kentucky, as well as throughout the nation. Know someone under the age of 22 who would be interested in joining? Visit www.nscar.org!

Chapter News

BIG SANDY



On October 20th, the Big Sandy Chapter hosted a grave marking ceremony for Lt. John Fitzpatrick at Middle Creek National Battlefield in Floyd County.

In addition to SAR members, descendants and local dignitaries, WYMT, the CBS affiliate for Eastern Kentucky, was on hand and ran a story on the event during their evening newscast.

CAPTAIN CHARLES GATLIFF



The Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter held a grave marking ceremony for Private William Kindred in Red Lick, Kentucky. Above, compatriot **Charles Hayes** speaks about the life of Private Kindred to those in attendance.

COLONEL DANIEL BOONE



Members of the Colonel Daniel Boone Chapter paid homage to their namesake on Sunday, October 22nd, the 289th anniversary of Daniel Boone's birth.

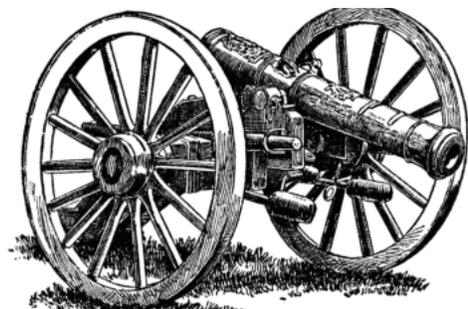
Boone's final resting

place at the Frankfort Cemetery was the site where historians and enthusiasts gathered to discuss his life and legacy.

COLONEL JAMES HARROD



The Colonel James Harrod Chapter is in the final planning stages to place and dedicate a monument to the patriots buried in and around Fort Harrod as well as conduct a five Patriot Grave Marking Service on June 8, 2024 at the fort to be followed by a Harrodsburg 250th Anniversary Parade through downtown Harrodsburg. More detail to follow!



Chapter News

COLONEL STEPHEN TRIGG



The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter, as part of the SAR's America 250 Campaign, dedicated a granite bench celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States and honoring all veterans who sacrificed for our nation's enduring freedom. The bench is placed on city grounds beside the Trigg County Justice Center in downtown Cadiz. Chapter President Steve Mallory presided over the November 5th ceremony, and Trigg County Judge-Executive Stan Humphries and Cadiz Mayor Todd King participated. KYSSAR President Tim Brown and KYSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee Chair Patrick McMurchie unveiled the bench. A commemorative Betsy Ross flag in a triangular case was presented to Mayor King.

GENERAL RICHARD BUTLER



On October 2nd, members of the General Richard Butler Chapter honored Jimmy Givens, a local resident, for properly displaying the American flag. Pictured above are chapter members greeting Givens and presenting him with a certificate of honor.

GOVERNOR ISAAC SHELBY



On October 14, the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter hosted a retirement event for worn and damaged flags at Clear Creek Park in Shelbyville. The flags were burned in a solemn ceremony.



Following the ceremony, members were treated to an old-fashioned pig roast.



Chapter News

LAFAYETTE



On September 26, the Lafayette Chapter joined with the Fairfax Resolves Chapter to host three grave marking ceremonies honoring signers of the Fairfax Resolves. The three patriots moved to Kentucky and now rest in Plesureville and Lexington. Above, President **Tim Brown** speaks about the history of the Fairfax Resolves.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT MOSELEY



Compatriot **Spencer Brewer** and his wife, Linda, have been representing the SAR by making presentations about historic flags at schools, libraries and museums across Western Kentucky. Pictured above is a presentation made to the McLean County History Museum, focusing on the George Washington Flag.

SIMON KENTON



On September 16, the Simon Kenton Chapter joined with the John Guill-Polly Hawkins Craig Chapter of the DAR to host a grave marking ceremony for Private Sherwood Maddox (1761-1840) at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Owen County. Pictured above, Compatriot **Dave Gilbert** presents a flag to former Owenton Mayor David “Milkweed” Wotier, who serves as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.



NEWS

Have news to share?

Send information and photos to tommydruen@gmail.com

Membership Dues



As you are probably aware, 2024 membership dues have to be paid by December 31st in order for you to remain an active member. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please send payment promptly to the address below. If you're contemplating not renewing, reflect on what your dues cover.

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating future generations about the founding principles of our country. At all levels of the organization, your dues promote those goals.

At the national level, we work with other organizations such as The Smithsonian Institution and the Georgian Papers Program, to further the understanding of the American Revolution.

At the state and local levels, our members make presentations at various SAR and civic events in our communities. Additionally, patriot graves are marked by chapters at the request of descendants. Kentucky is a leader in the marking of patriot graves with 12-15 ceremonies scheduled each year, many of which honor multiple patriot ancestors.

To promote the goals of the organization, we highlight the principles on which our nation was founded. Many members often wear Revolutionary War uniforms and participate in patriotic events and observances such as the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, Constitution Day, and important battles of the Revolutionary War.

We strive to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. Since 1994, the SAR has worked diligently to bring attention to what information is included in national standards for American history classes.

We provide recognition for public service. The state and chapters present numerous awards each year to law enforcement officers and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women such as high-ranking history students, Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC cadets, and midshipmen. Additionally, there are numerous youth educational programs that are sponsored at all levels of the SAR.

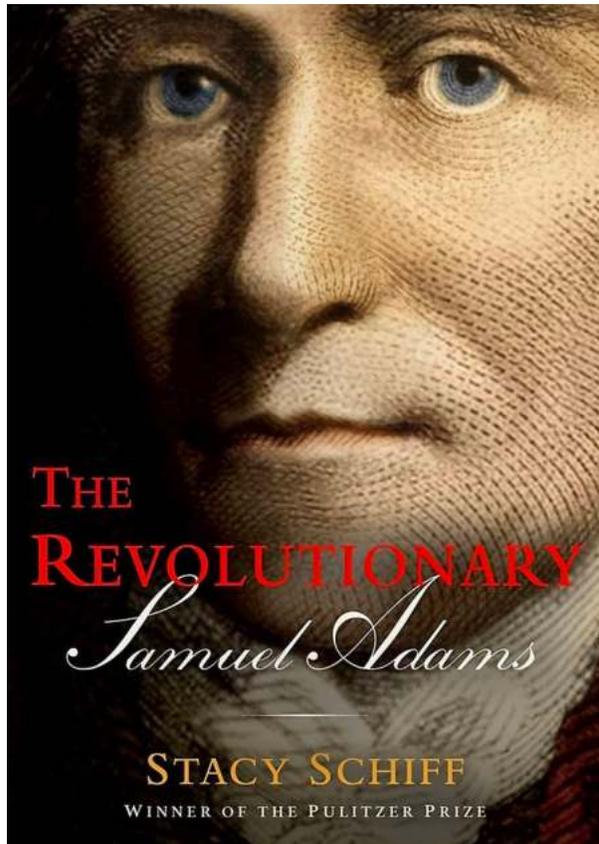
The organization strives to honor, respect, and support the sacrifices of our veterans, especially those confined to residential and hospital facilities provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In closing, as you consider whether you will renew your membership, consider all of the programs and outreach that your dollars support. I hope you will say "yes" to renewal.

Please send payment to:

Douglas Collins, Treasurer
7004 Shallow Lake Road
Prospect, KY 40059

Bookshelf



THE REVOLUTIONARY

Samuel Adams

by Stacy Schiff (Little, Brown & Company), 432 pgs
\$35.00 hardcover, \$14.99 ebook

This "glorious" revelatory biography from a Pulitzer Prize winner is about the most essential Founding Father—the one who stood behind the change in thinking that produced the American Revolution.

Thomas Jefferson asserted that if there was any leader of the Revolution, "Samuel Adams was the man." With high-minded ideals and bare-knuckle tactics, Adams led what could be called the greatest campaign of civil resistance in American history. Stacy Schiff returns Adams to his seat of glory, introducing us to the shrewd and eloquent man who supplied the moral backbone of the American Revolution. A singular figure at a singular moment, Adams amplified the Boston Massacre. He helped to mastermind the Boston Tea Party. He employed every tool available to rally a town, a colony, and eventually a band of colonies behind him, creating the

cause that created a country. For his efforts he became the most wanted man in America: When Paul Revere rode to Lexington in 1775, it was to warn Samuel Adams that he was about to be arrested for treason. In *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, Schiff brings her masterful skills to Adams's improbable life, illuminating his transformation from aimless son of a well-off family to tireless, beguiling radical who mobilized the colonies.

"With incomparable wit, grace, and insight, Schiff narrates the birth of the American Revolution in Boston and the artful, elusive magician who made it all happen: Samuel Adams. For too long, Adams, hiding behind his many masks and stratagems, has evaded historians, but Schiff draws him from the shadows into the spotlight he so richly deserves. A glorious book that is as entertaining as it is vitally important. This is a time for Americans to meditate on the fate of their republic and no better place to start than here, at the beginning, with this book."—Ron Chernow

About the Author

A Pulitzer Prize-winner, Stacy Schiff is the author of several bestselling biographies and historical works including, most recently, *The Witches: Salem, 1692*. Schiff is a Guggenheim and NEH Fellow and was a Director's Fellow at the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library. Schiff has written for *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Review of Books*, and *The Los Angeles Times*, among many other publications. She is a graduate of Williams College and lives in New York City.



Event Calendar

DECEMBER 16

Wreaths Across America Ceremony
12:00 PM EST
Lexington National Cemetery
833 West Main Street
Lexington, Kentucky

JANUARY 10

Simon Kenton Chapter Meeting
6:30 PM EST
Boone County Library
1786 Burlington Pike
Burlington, Kentucky

JANUARY 27

Color Guard Training
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM EST
Lexington Police Gym
1799 Old Frankfort Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

FEBRUARY 2-3

27th Annual 18th Century Market Fair
11:00-5:00 (F) and 9:00-4:00 (S) EST
Pritchard Community Center
404 South Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

FEBRUARY 10

Color Guard Training
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM EST
Middletown United Methodist Church
11902 Old Shelbyville Road
Middletown, Kentucky

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 2

NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting
Various Times
Brown Hotel
335 West Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

MARCH 9

Kentucky Society Spring Meeting
TBA
Old Boone County Courthouse
2988 Washington Street
Burlington, Kentucky

APRIL 13

Patriots Day Commemoration
2:00 PM CST
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West
5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

APRIL 20

James Shaw Grave Marking
2:00 PM EDT
Stephens Farm Cemetery
8420 Amy Lou Drive
Alexandria, Kentucky

MAY 11

William DeCoursey Grave Marking
2:00 PM EDT
Concord Cemetery
2224 Concord Fairhaven Road
Eaton, Ohio

JUNE 8

Harrodsburg 250th Anniversary
8:00 AM EDT
Old Fort Harrod State Park
100 South College Street
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

JUNE 8

Five Patriot Grave Marking
9:30 AM EDT
Old Fort Harrod State Park
100 South College Street
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

JULY 10-16

134th Annual Congress
All Day
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
25 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER 2

Chichester Matthews Grave Marking
2:00 PM EST
Sand Run Baptist Church Cemetery
1327 North Bend Road
Hebron, Kentucky

