

The Kentucky Pioneer



KENTUCKY SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

President's Message—Preston Thomas Higgins, II



After attending meetings of most of the state's chapters, I have been encouraged to see what is being done by many of you. Chapters are working more closely to further the ideals of the SAR. For example, there were six chapters represented in the Color Guard at the Patriot Grave Marking Service at the Old Mud Meeting House Cemetery near Harrodsburg in Mercer County. This must be a Record! During this year we have made an effort to include Kentucky's DAR and CAR Chapters in many of our functions and have also encourage Chapters to participate

in DAR and CAR functions. This interaction between KYSSAR, KSDAR and KSCAR has produced many fruits for all of our Societies. I believe that the growth in our Kentucky Membership can be directly attributed to our collective efforts to recruit new members. Our growth more than doubled during the year. We Chartered a new Chapter this year and also visited with a group in Trigg County Kentucky interested in founding a chapter there. Virginia Alexander, DAR Member and former Trigg County Court Clerk has been and is a guiding force the potential creation of this chapter. DAR members in Northern Kentucky have worked closely with our Simon Kenton Chapter. Our Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter in Williamsburg, the Lafayette Chapter in Lexington, the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter in Shelbyville, the Louisville-Thruston Chapter in Louisville and also the John Scott Chapter in Georgetown and John Metcalfe Chapter in Madisonville have many events in partnership with local DAR chapters. The John Manire SAR Chapter and the Col. John Green DAR Chapters had a joint meeting which I was privileged to attend. The Color Guard for that meeting came from the Valentine Severe SAR Chapter in Clarksville, TN.

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KENTUCKY SAR COLOR GUARD

Calling all KYSSAR Members

You are invited to join Compatriots from KYSSAR chapters and other states at the following events:

April 16-17 Overnight trip to **Colbert's Raid on Arkansas Post**, Gillett, Arkansas.

Only Rev. War Battle west of the Mississippi. One of the last Battles of the Revolutionary War

May 8 Day trip to **Raid on Martin's Station**, Ewing, VA. Ewing is just East of Middlesboro, KY

Watch as Indians raid the fort. Take part in the Memorial Service

Wear your uniform. If you have a gun—bring it. Present a wreath from your chapter if you have one. Bring a flag or you can carry one of ours. Get more out of your membership! Start having fun by taking part in SAR activities.

If you plan to attend and/or need a ride, contact Charlie Scott at cscott@insightbb.com for details. (See pictures on page 7)

Be HEP! (Historical, Educational, Patriotic)
Join compatriots from Kentucky in the activities listed above.

Louisville Thruston Chapter Year-End Dinner/ Dance



Posting colors at the Louisville Thruston year-end dinner and dance are: (L-R) NSSAR Secretary General J. David Sympson, Past President Will Schrader, Drummer Paul Whitty, Chaplain Rev. Paul Smith and Louisville Thruston President- Elect Henry Head.



Drummer Paul Whitty leads the way as the colors and standards are led into the banquet room. Secretary General J. David Sympson is carrying the Betsy Ross flag.



Attending Louisville Thruston's dinner and dance were: J.B. Hitt, his wife Kathryn, Louisville Thruston President Stephen Emery and his son Jesse, and Dick Bierman, KYSSAR Treasurer.



George Earl Meyers, Louisville Thruston Chapter First Vice President.

Simon Kenton Chapter Service to Veterans Projects



Tom and Harry Geimeier delivered a truck-load of items to the Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. Harry guards the truck while Tom takes the pictures.

Simon Kenton Chapter shares secrets of collecting items for Veterans

The truckload of items, displayed above, picked up 10,136m Service to Veterans points for the Simon Kenton Chapter. Our secret is finding a large middle school with about a 1000 students and have a contest offering the homeroom bringing in the most personal care, personal comfort, books, recent magazines, coats, sweaters...gloves..hats..socks...etc a pizza party, which costs about \$60. We usually have donations to offset the cost, but I'm sure if we passed the hat around at a meeting we could cover the cost. In November we had a Veterans Day contest. The December contest was a Christmas collection for needy & homeless Vets. The contest was so successful we awarded the school four homeroom pizza parties. The school principal picked up half of the cost from his account. In March we will use another school or two. Also, Jackie Miller was a huge contributor who worked on all the vendors at the Flea Market where he has several booths. We collected books....mostly hard-back & also paperback, magazines, personal hygiene & comfort items, movie DVDs, VHS tapes, music CDs, a variety of clothing (coats, hats, socks, gloves, sweaters,, pants), large screen, but older style TV sets .. I will attach a flyer later I used at the school. Tom Geimeier



Jackie Miller at the Richwood Flea Market. Items collected are stacked behind him.



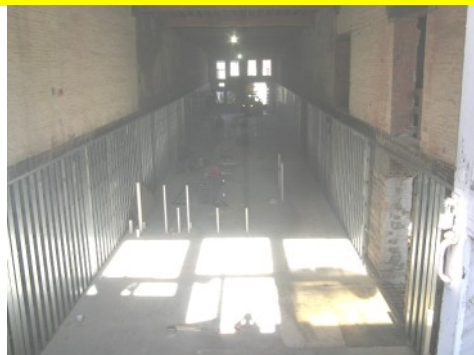
Tom Geimeier by sign at VA Hospital.

Richland Flea Market

The Veterans Food and Coat drive was announced in several local papers, 5 TV Stations and 6 local radio stations. We got a lot of community support for this event. We collected over 1,250 VHS movies, 50 + DVD's, blankets, coats, toys, food items, and a lot more. We also got some money donated. Our Veterans Food and Coat drive was a great hit!

Jackie Dean Miller, Veterans Food Drive Chairman

Progress report—Construction of SAR Genealogical Library



The library building was gutted. The wooden floor on the first floor was removed. The back wall was torn down and rebuilt at a height to match the false façade on the front of the building. A concrete floor has been poured in the basement and metal studs were placed around the perimeter. These studs now support metal beams that hold the new concrete floor recently poured for the first floor of the library.

The first floor of the library has just been framed. The mezzanine is now being built and the roof will be removed before building the second floor of the library building. Rooms in the basement have also been framed. The projected completion date for the library is mid 2010.

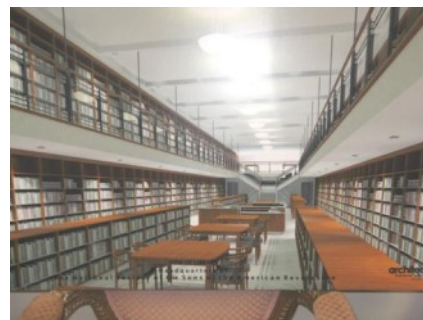
After the library is finished, construction for headquarters, the museum and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage will begin.



First floor of library—1/7/2010



Framed rooms in basement



Artist rendering of SAR Genealogical Library

Have you made a donation to help offset the renovation costs of our new SAR Genealogical Library and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage? Please consider making some type of gift. Official gift forms can be found on the Sons of the American Revolution web site.

Another idea is to acquire a brick removed from the Fulton Conway building during the construction process. At least \$10 from every donation will be either donated to the building fund or used to purchase a historical gift for our new facility in the name of the KYSSAR. (Order form below)



Donation Amount

\$27.00 _____ Non-Personalized souvenir brick with gold metal plate (without name)

\$32.00 _____ Personalized souvenir brick

Name to be inscribed _____
(two lines possible)

Address _____

Make check payable to: KYSSAR

Mail check and order form to: C. Scott, 10703 Boxwood Hill Ct., Louisville, KY 40223

I will pick up my brick at the next state meeting _____

I will pick up my brick at the Spring Leadership meeting _____

Bricks can be delivered for additional mailing and handling expense of: \$10.00

Mail my brick, extra amount included in my check _____

Additional \$10.00 included in check, please mail _____

President's message: (continued from page 1)

During the year a request for a Color Guard was received from the President of the Ohio Valley Chapter in Evansville, IN about a Patriot Grave Marking Service in Princeton, Caldwell Co., KY. A request was made to and answered by the Valentine Severe Chapter in Clarksville for their assistance. The Valentine Severe Chapter is to be commended for their support and excellent Color Guard. The Evansville IN Ohio Valley Chapter's Color Guard is also to be commended for regularly assisting our Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter in Owensboro by providing a Color Guard for that city's Christmas Parade. The Simon Kenton Chapter and the Cincinnati, OH Chapter also work closely on many joint events. These Chapters are all to be commended for their mutual support and cooperation.

Our Society and Chapters advanced to the modern age by creating websites and sending electronic newsletters to keep their memberships informed of coming activities and events. KYSSAR initiated a method to enable members to contact state officers by adding "@kyssar.org" to the officer's title. These e-Mail addresses will not change. Only the name of the person will change. For example if you want to contact your KYSSAR President all you will have to remember is president@kyssar.org. Other examples may be observed on our KYSSAR website at <http://www.kyssar.org> under the "Compatriots" menu option.

I am encouraged by what is being done by our Society and Chapters and ask that you continue to support President Elect James B. Strohmeier when he is installed. As my term of office comes to a close I want to thank all KYSSAR members for making 2009 an eventful year. It has truly been my honor to have served as your president!

Thank you,

Preston T. Higgins, II

True Story

When I joined the SAR, I noticed that Forrest Chilton was a member. I was in the library and told Michael Christian that I used to work with Forrest and we both played outfield on our company's championship softball team. Michael said that he knew the "Rev" and would mention to him that I was a new member. I was on my way to the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain when my cell phone rang—it was Forrest. I had not heard from him for over 45 years. Forrest invited me to attend an organization meeting of a new chapter being formed and also asked me to join him at a grave marking in Anderson County.

I did not have an uniform so I put together what I thought might substitute for one—an old fishing shirt, a pair on black levi's with the legs tucked down in some long socks and my Dad's hunting knife. After the ceremony, Forrest mentioned that we needed live music and flowers for future grave marking services. Right there, I decided that I would try to learn to play the fife. I took some lessons and practiced every day until I could play a few songs. I am not very good, but I try to add something by playing the fife at all of our grave marking services. We also purchased a chapter wreath that we present in honor of the Patriot.



First uniform

Then I purchased a hunting shirt (\$50) and a tricorn hat (\$40) and a pair of blue knee breeches (\$60).

I could have worn just the shirt and hat and an old pair of wash pants and got by for about \$90.

Actually, I got some of these items for Christmas. So I got by cheap.



First real uniform

I had purchased the hunting shirt because my Patriot ancestor was in the militia.

Then, because I play the fife I purchased a red 1770's waistcoat. (\$100)

I bought red because fifers reversed the colors that the soldiers wore.

These expenditures were spread over a couple of years.



My fifer's uniform

My purpose for writing the above is to encourage others to get some type of uniform and start taking part in SAR activities. In the last five years I have been involved in 140 SAR activities. When I first mentioned buying an uniform, my wife asked me: "How many times do you expect to wear a uniform???" By the way, I have loaned my hunting shirt to three members of our chapter. When they decide to get their own outfit, I pass it on to another new member—that \$50 has paid dividends! Charlie Scott

Pictures from Martins Station & Colbert's Raid at Arkansas Post

Martin's Station



Colbert's Raid at Arkansas Post



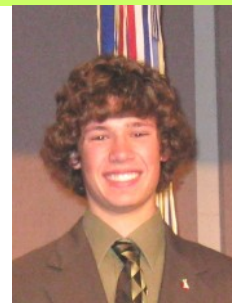
**Join with other KYSSAR members
at these events in 2010.**

Get more out of your membership!

C.A.R. President asks for SAR Support

Compatriots: Each year, when a new President is elected by the C.A.R. membership he/she has a program. Josh Malone, Kentucky C.A.R. President this year, needs our help to attain the lofty goals he set for his term of office.

Josh is trying to raise \$2,500.00 for Yew Dell Gardens, a Garden Conservancies Preservation Project Garden in Oldham County. Money raised will go to help Yew Dell build a dock that will reach across their pond so that students will be able to visit on field trips to learn and explore many different small ecosystems that all exist within one large ecosystem. Donations can be made in the form of either a personal and/or a chapter donation. I would like donations be sent in by April 1st 2010. Checks should be made payable to KSCAR and mailed to Josh Malone at 5321 Cross Creek Dr., Crestwood, KY, 40014.



Josh says: "Thank you for all of your support. I greatly appreciate it!"

P.S: Remember that your family members, new born up to 22, are eligible for C.A.R. membership! If you have family members who would be interested in joining KSCAR please indicate on the form below.

Please print clearly!

Your name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Information for joining C.A.R. Yes: _____ No: _____

Email: _____

The C.A.R. members are future members of the SAR & DAR. They support us. Now is a time when we can support them!



C.A.R. members at Yew Dell Gardens pond.



C.A.R. and adult sponsors at Yew Dell Gardens



C.A.R. members at Blue Licks

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter

Butler County Bicentennial—SAR, DAR & C.A.R. work together



SAR Color Guard ready to post colors and standards.



Victor Bitter with black-powder gun salute.



Mrs. Christine Porter Coleman, Regent of Green River DAR and C.A.R. and Chairperson of the Butler County Bicentennial Commission.



GIS members posing with: Front row (L-R) U.S. Congressman Ed Whitfield, Medal of Honor Recipient Don Jenkins, and the Hon. David Fields, Butler Co. Judge Executive.



Scott Giltner plays taps



SAR members from Owensboro and Bowling Green support the Bicentennial. Owensboro members Robert Brooks, Frank Jones and Gary Tunget with Rev. Forrest Chilton and Charlie Scott with Bowling Green member Jim Johnson.

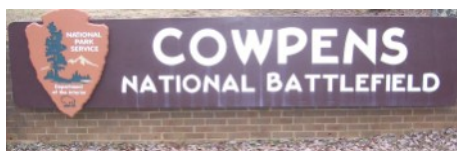


Members of the Green River, KSCAR helped with ceremony. Adult leader (top right is Joyce Creager)

Gov. Isaac Shelby and Simon Kenton members go to Cowpens Battlefield



Tom Geimeier,
President Simon Kenton



SAR members try to recruit new member for the DAR.
Actually, the waitress wanted her picture made with the guys from Kentucky!



(L-R) Tom Geimeier, Rev. Forrest Chilton, Joe Parish, John Clay Barnett at Daniel Morgan Statue in Spartanburg, SC..

Pictures by: J.C. Barnett

Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter

The Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met January 14th at the Hutton School of Business on the campus of the University of the Cumberlands.

The program was a video presentation by Ed Butler, President-General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. President-General Butler outlined his vision for the Society and encouraged clubs to take a more active role in their communities. Following the presentation the club members discussed plans for the upcoming year.



Front Row: Dr. John Mountjoy, Herman Moore, Jake Mountjoy, Michael Colegrove, Gillis Wilder, Hoyt Meadors and Ernie Siler. Back row: D. B. Root, Arthur Jeffries, Roy Siler, Clifford Jones, Donnie Rains and Wesley Jones.

KYSSAR Spring Meeting Tentative Agenda

(A revised agenda will be passed out prior to the meeting.)

9:00 AM —9:30 AM Registration

9:30 AM Business meeting starts

Colors and Standards presented

Invocation

Pledge to Flag & SAR

Guests introduced

Youth Contest Presentations and awards

Presentation: Activities of KYSSAR Chapters from 2009

Committee Reports

11:30 AM Break for lunch

12:30 PM Business meeting continues where we left off

Chapter reports (Chapter Presidents should submit written report for the minutes)

Special awards

New officers take oath of office

Recessional

KYSSAR Spring Meeting

When: Saturday, March 6th

Where: Louisville Boat Club
4200 River Road, Louisville, KY

Registration: 9:00—9:30 AM

Meeting: 9:30 AM—2:00 PM

Lunch: 11:30—12:30

Business meeting continues 12:30—2:00 PM

Meal Cost: \$22.00 per person if paid by February 15th; \$25.00 after the 15th; \$30 at the door.

Mail check payable to: KYSSAR and mail it to:

Dick Bierman, KY, KYSSAR Treasurer
9302 Springbrooke Court
Louisville, KY 40241

Number of reservations: _____ X \$22.00 = _____

Name _____

Chapter _____

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Louisville, KY 40223

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Check out the changes in the KYSSAR Web Site

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

- **Chapter contacts:** Names of contact person, e-mail link and chapter webpage.
- **KYSSAR officers:** Picture and e-mail link.
- **Outreach:** National battlefields visited, various Historic and Patriotic events.
- **Compatriots:**
 - Calendar of events
 - Back issues of the Kentucky Patriot
 - Patriot Ancestors
 - Chapter : Meeting information, Officer names and e-mail addresses
 - KYSSAR Constitution & By-Laws
 - Links: Research sites listed

Tom Higgins has done a great job in developing this site but he needs our help!

Look at the "Patriot Ancestor" section of the KYSSAR site and see if your Patriot ancestor is listed. If not, contact Tom with his/her name. If the name is listed and you are listed as a descendant, Tom would like to include a bio of your Patriot ancestor. Scroll down to the Patriot Robert Higgins and you can read about our President's Patriot ancestor.

Send Tom a "word" file about your Patriot ancestor and he will include it so others can read it.
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