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George Washington's 1776 Christmas Present: Saving the American Revolution

The [American Revolution](#) was over. The United States of America was finished. The Continental Army was all but finished in December 1776 as the British and their Hessian (German) mercenary allies settled in for a long winter rest. In those days, it was customary that armies rest and refit in the winter months in preparation for the campaign seasons of spring and summer. And the British were all about custom and tradition.

No matter, thought the British. They saw little need to move directly against Washington's army and risk further casualties. The Continental Army was disintegrating. Unpaid, ill-equipped, cold, and hungry, soldiers in the Continental Army were deserting or walking away as soon as their enlistments expired. A few were even switching sides! In fact, at the civilian level, hundreds of American families were reaffirming their allegiance to King George III.

It appeared that New York and New Jersey would be firmly back under King George's "protection" within just a few months. They had already humiliated the Continentals out of New York, inflicting heavy damage on Washington's army. There was no reason for the British to mess up their Christmas in 1776. Everything was going their way.

On the American side, despair and hopelessness were the order of the day. The situation was worse than grim. The American cause was all but over. Except for one man, that is - a man who refused to give up. George Washington was the "Rocky" of the American Revolution. In spite of countless setbacks and up against incredible odds, Washington never threw in the towel. He never gave up. And his legendary perseverance was on full display in Christmas 1776.

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K E N T U C K Y S A R C O L O R G U A R D

Calling all KYSSAR Members, You are welcome to join!

A Kentucky Color Guard unit is now being formed that will be able to assist chapters with events held in your area. We are looking for members from all chapters throughout our state. We will march in parades, assist in Patriot Grave marking services and much more. We will also attend National events—like visiting sites of Rev. War battles, where we will carry flags and present wreaths from our state society and local chapters. You can wear any type of uniform. If you don't have one, we can suggest vendors that can help you get started.

If you are interested in being part of the Kentucky Color Guard and want to be included in future details about this unit, send an e-mail to: cscott@insightbb.com

Be HEP! (Historical, Educational, Patriotic)

Join compatriots from different chapters in the Kentucky Color Guard.

If you have a uniform, wear it—If you don't, come anyway. We will find a spot for you!

Washington's Christmas present in 1776 (continued from page 1)

In an audacious display of desperation and determination, General Washington decided to attack. In a few days, his army would be virtually gone, due to the scheduled expiration of enlistments. If he was going to lose his army, he was going to go down fighting. So, he attacked.

On Christmas night 1776, General George Washington led the rag-tag Continental Army across the Delaware River to attack the Hessian outpost at Trenton, New Jersey. Two Continental Army soldiers froze to death on the long trek to Trenton after crossing the icy Delaware. Three of Washington's detached units never made it across the Delaware. When word reached him that the muskets were unlikely to fire due to the inclement weather, he told his officers to "use the bayonet." He was absolutely "resolved to take Trenton." Nothing would stand in his way!

The morning of December 26, 1776, as the Hessians were rising for a new day, they were startled by an attack by Washington's forces on the town. Two Americans were wounded in the attack, including future President James Monroe. The Hessians suffered numerous casualties and most of the Hessian garrison was forced to surrender. Johann Raul, the Hessian commander, was mortally wounded before surrendering.

It was a brilliant victory for George Washington - and a tremendous morale boost for the Americans. Within a few days, Washington followed up his victory with another at Princeton, and then quartered his troops at Morristown. The British were forced to redeploy in a way that gave up most of New Jersey and limited their reach in New York. It was a masterful campaign that stabilized the American Revolution and made victory possible.

And it was all due to George Washington. So, this Christmas, remember Washington and the greatest Christmas present he ever gave the United States. The gift of hope. The gift of victory. The gift of America.

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Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter



Gary Tunget



Robert Brooks and Gary Tunget take part in the black-powder gun salute at Fredonia, KY Patriot Grave marking services.



Maurice Worthington presents the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter wreath during the floral tributes.



Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter members: Robert Brooks, Maurice Worthington and Gary Tunget



Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter had a joint Veterans Day meeting with the Gen Evan Shelby DAR Chapter. Sheriff Keith Cain was the guest speaker. His subject was Veterans and their impact on all our lives. Pictured here are: (Front row L-R) Ryan Worthington and Gary Tunget. (Back row L-R) Don Lock, Dean Worthington, Maurice Worthington, Tom Payne, Dr. Noel Maddox and Robert Brooks.

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter (Continued)



Members of the Lt. Robert Moseley and Ohio Valley Chapter Color Guards marched in a Veterans Day parade in Owensboro. Pictured (L-R) are: Gary Tunget, Maurice Worthington, Ryan Worthington, Dean Worthington, Michael McCannon, Robert Brooks and Terry Daughtery

KYSSAR Compatriots who died in 2010

Ben Ray Brewer

Robert Shelley Brown

Norfleet Lynn Carney III

MAJ Ralph E Clark Jr

Raleigh Davidson

Rivers Atwood Ford

John Bartram Frazee

Don Perkins

Martin Frederick Schmidt

COL Cooper R. Smith USAF (Ret.)

James Harold Utley

Francis Leroy Wortham

In Memory



KYSSAR Fall Meeting Williamsburg, KY



SAR members at KYSSAR meeting held at the College of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, KY



Business being conducted at KYSSAR state meeting.

Kentucky SAR at University of the Cumberlands football game



Members of the Kentucky SAR pose with a University of the Cumberlands football player.



Members from Kentucky SAR chapters present Colors and Standards at a University of the Cumberlands football game.



SAR members get final instructions from one of the band members. Pictured left to right: Drummer Harry Geimeier, band member, Dennis Scott, Rev. Forrest Chilton, Jackie Miller, Chuck Scott, Bob Bynum, Tom Geimeier and John Clay Barnett.

The University of the Cumberland Patriots won the football game 73-6.

Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter



The William Whitley Chapter of the DAR and the Charles Gatliff Chapter of SAR enjoyed a joint dinner meeting on November 6 at the Cumberland Inn to commemorate Veterans Day. The meeting was opened by Regent Carolyn Falin, guided by the DAR ritual. Marcella Mountjoy, Chaplain, gave the invocation. Mr. Jake Mountjoy lead the group in the pledge to the flag; Donna Rains, registrar, led in the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution. Dr. Michael Colegrove, president, Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Jim Strohmeier, KYSSAR President. Mr. Strohmeier is also president of the Lafayette SAR Chapter in Lexington. Mr. Strohmeier has taught chemistry and physical science for over 25 years at Henry Clay High School in the Fayette County Public Schools. Mr. Strohmeier spoke on how our history is shared across geographical areas. The William Whitley Daughters' presented a chapter display that traced the American Veterans from the Continental Army, World War II, Code Talkers, Tuskegee Airmen, Japanese-American veterans, Korean & Vietnam through Afghanistan and Iraq. K-9 veterans were also included. The display can be viewed in the Whitley County Public Library throughout the month of November. Books are presented to the public library to commemorate Veterans Day and all veterans groups. Members and guests attending the joint meeting contributed to the annual fund for Christmas gifts for Veterans. After enjoying dinner and awarding of door prizes, John David Mountjoy gave the benediction.



DAR members with the display-- (left side--Donna Colegrove, Betty Olsen, Marcella Mountjoy. right side--Fannie Morgan, Emma Alder, Wanda Jeffries, Brenda Rains, Carolyn Falin, Lynda Steely)

Captain William Arnold Chapter



Jackie Miller standing on porch of the Captain William Arnold cabin.



Chapter members Harry Boone and Jackie Miller standing in front of the traveling Vietnam exhibit.



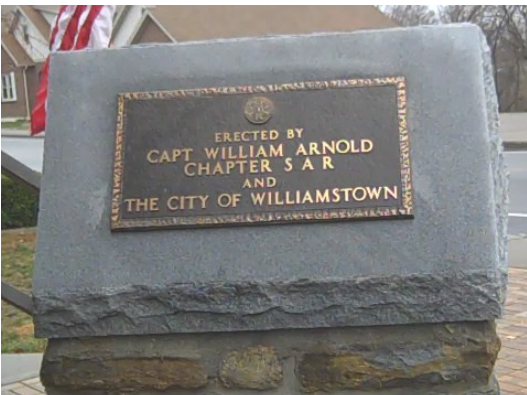
Jackie Miller and Harry Boone at the Joseph and Martin Parker grave marking service at Lawrenceburg, KY.



Jackie Miller in Color Guard at the District meeting.



Jackie Miller at University of the Cumberlands football game.



Chapter President Terry Conrad, Billy Court, Jackie Miller, DAR and Grant County Historical Society members pose by the new marker.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter members Scott Giltner, John Clay Barnett, Chuck Scott and Dennis Scott while taking part in the 230th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.



At Kings Mountain, Scott Giltner and Don Boone stand by the memorial to Lt. Col. James Hawthorn for his service at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Col. Hawthorn is buried on property in Fredonia, KY owned by Mr. Boone. Just recently, Scott, Don and several SAR members marked this Patriots grave. (See write-up about Fredonia, KY grave markings in this newsletter)



The ladies at the VA Hospital are smiling because they just finished unloading the last box of books donated by the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter. Other items in this truckload of items included: Razors, soap, shaving cream and deodorant. Chapter President, Rev. Forrest Chilton directs the operation.



Dennis Scott shows a fifth grade class at headquarters how Revolutionary War soldiers might have started a fire with flint and steel. Philip Yenowine and RaeAnn Sauer, who also took part in the lecture looks on.

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (continued)



GIS members at Veterans Day Massing of the Colors



Dr. Noble Roberts talks about his service in the U.S. Coast Guard during a Veteran Day Ceremony at a Shelbyville Cemetery.



Kathy Cummings, President of the Painted Stone Settlers, presents a certificate to SAR Chapter President Rev. Forrest Chilton naming members of the GIS Chapter honorary members of the Painted Stone Settlers. Vic Bitter, a member of both groups looks on.



GIS members Joe Parish, Chuck Scott, Dennis Scott and J.C. Barnett pose with two new naturalized citizens (both in the U.S. Army) at a recent Naturalization ceremony.



The GIS Color Guard posted Colors and Standards and did a flag-folding ceremony and Dr. Noble Roberts was the guest speaker at a Veterans Day ceremony at Clark Middle School, Winchester, KY.

SAR Library now open



Phase I of the SAR library renovation project is now complete and all books and genealogical records have been moved to the 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY location.

Your continued support is needed as we head into Phase II, that is the renovation of 803-807 West Main Street that will eventually be our National Headquarters and NSSAR Museum.

Anyone contributing at least \$100.00 will receive a collector series pin shown here.

Chapters donating at least \$500.00 will receive a streamer for their flag.



Lafayette Chapter Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of your chapter

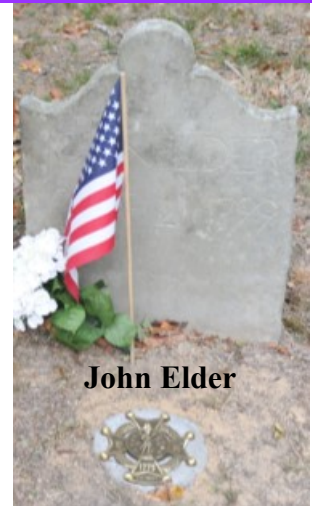


The Lafayette Chapter Color Guard preparing to post the colors at the Lexington Country Club where the Lexington, Hart and Transylvania Chapters DAR and the Lafayette Chapter SAR had a joint meeting saluting veterans. (L-R) Del White, John Burch, Greg Hodge and Don Adams.



Tom Higgins, past KYSSAR President with two Lafayette Chapter members, Del White and Don Adams at Locust Grove. Don was looking for clothing for a Color Guard uniform.

Fredonia, KY Grave Marking Services



Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, assisted by members of the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter from Owensboro and the Ohio Valley Chapter from Indiana, marked the graves of Patriots Robert Leeper, Jr., James Hawthorn and John Elder. Local Boy Scouts, C.A.R and DAR members helped out before a large crowd from the community.



Wounded warrior medal presented to Chase Matthews by Scott Giltner.



Scott Giltner, descendant of Patriot Robert Leeper, planned the day's activities.



Sally Whittington, Regent of the General John Caldwell DAR Chapter takes part in the Grave Marking ceremony.



Dennis Scott leads the combined Color Guard in route to post the Colors and Standards.

Simon Kenton Chapter

Frederick Tanner Grave Marking



Daughter and Granddaughters of Harry Geimeier



Picture shows those who took part in the Patriot Grave marking service.

Simon Kenton Chapter continued



Members of the Simon Kenton Chapter took part in the recent Salt Fest. About 3000 students attended the festival. Pictures above show Simon Kenton's camp site, students with one of the Indians and Simon Kenton member Josh McCain fighting with two Indians before being subdued and taken captive.



Flags posted at Tanner Grave Marking service.



Floral tribute presented by Daughter and Granddaughters of Harry Geimeier.



Tom Geimeier welcomes those in attendance.



Black-powder gun salute by Josh McCain and Terry Collis.



Music Salute by Charlie Scott, Chuck Scott and Rev. Forrest Chilton.



Compatriots at Grave Marking Service

DAR & C.A.R.



Carolyn Goodman, District 2 Director and Regent of Cox's Station DAR (second from the left) and Margaret Martin, Regent of the Jacob Van Meter DAR (fourth from the right) at the Adam Nichols grave marking service, Sonora, KY. Others are: Susan McCrobie, Dolly Marcum, Joyce Cowley, Julia Richardson, Beverly Heath, Rita Byars, Eva Betts, and Rose Booth.



Jimmie Spratlin and Regent Julie Hardaway, both members of the Peter Force DAR Chapter, at a recent Honor Flight.



Laura Jones, Regent of the John Marshall DAR Chapter, with Rev. Forrest Chilton inside the Salt River Baptist Church. An ancestor of Laura's, the Rev. John Penney, was the church's first preacher. Later, Laura placed flowers at a grave marking service for Patriots Joseph and Martin Parker.



Sarah Frances Hamilton, Regent of the Lexington Chapter, NSDAR at a Grave marking Service for Patriot Alexander Dale.



Gen. Marquis Calmes DAR members attended the Alexander Dale Grave Marking service. Here they pose with Gov. Isaac Shelby President, Rev. Forrest Chilton.



Lara Rose and Elizabeth Giltner, members of the Jack Jouett CAR Chapter presents the chapter wreath at a grave marking service for their Patriot ancestor at Fredonia, KY.

DAR and C.A.R. continued

Just in time for Halloween, the daughters of the William Whitley Chapter enjoyed a program on Heritage preservation. Each of us will be prepared to roam the graveyards on Halloween night looking for graves that might need our attention. Donna Rains, long-time member and current registrar, presented a program on cemetery reclamation and gravestone preservation. Donna is a member of a volunteer group of dedicated community members who search for old abandoned cemeteries throughout the area with the goal of reclaiming and mapping them.

Brush and brambles are cut down, roads cleared, and whenever possible, gravestones are reset and repaired. The group will at times receive contributions for setting new markers.

Donna gave a very interesting presentation on how to clean, restore and read old gravestones. She brought in a piece of an old gravestone that was found 3-4 inches under the ground. She demonstrated acceptable techniques using tools recommended for the job. She also showed how to do rubbings with chalk and powder.



Members of the William Whitley DAR Chapter



Donna Rains during her presentation.

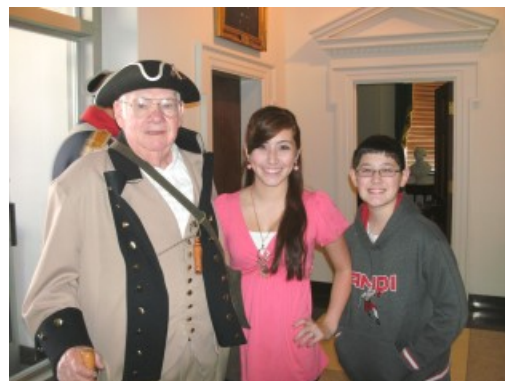


In observance of the 2010 Constitution Week, the William Whitley Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution the Constitution Committee set up a display in the entrance to the Whitley County Public Library. The display included word scramble activities for the children based on the Constitution, and a large poster which focused on strong power verbs and promises in the Constitution of a more perfect union, justice, domestic tranquility, common defense, general welfare and blessings of liberty. The librarian provided books to include in the display.

The local radio, TV and newspaper news media assisted the Chapter in commemorating Constitution Week in Whitley County. Public Service announcements about Constitution Week were made on radio stations: WJJT Jellico, WEZJ Williamsburg, WCWC Williamsburg, WEKC Williamsburg, WCTT Corbin both stations, WVCT Keavy, University of Cumberland Radio WCCR 94.5 and UC TV Channel 19. News articles appeared in the two local newspapers.

Julie Hardaway, Regent of the Peter Foree DAR Chapter took her children to a recent Naturalization ceremony to witness how a person becomes a citizen (lawfully) and see how many people want to be US Citizens.

In the picture to the right, Regan Hardaway, President of the Jack Jouett C.A.R. Chapter and Hayden Hardaway, Chaplain of Jack Jouett C.A.R. pose with KYSSAR President-Elect, Rev. Forrest Chilton.



Louisville Thruston Chapter



Rev. Jim Lewis, WWII Veteran and member of the Louisville Thruston Chapter returns from an Honor Flight to Washington, DC



Jon Huffman, 3rd VP of the Louisville Thruston Chapter and his Father-In-Law, WWII Veteran Louis A. Chiles, return from Washington, DC after visiting the WWII Memorial.



Henry Head, former fighter pilot and Louisville Thruston President, attended his first Honor Flight reception. Forty WWII Veterans were honored by apx. 200 patriotic attendees.



Louisville Thruston Color Guard members Bill Carroll, Henry Head and Dan Klinck at the Massing of the Colors Veterans Day program.



George Earl Meyers, Louisville Thruston President-elect and Michael Colegrove, President of the host chapter at the KYSSAR state meeting.



Historical marker for site that was called "Fort-on-shore" was dedicated recently. Members of the Louisville Thruston Chapter Color Guard represented the KY society at this event.

To the right is Alex Probus, SAR member, standing by the new marker.



DAR STATE SOCIETY MAKING REFERRAL (KENTUCKY)

DAR FINDER REPORT FORM

Every year at the NSSAR National Congress the National Society presents the DAR/SAR Award to the DAR state society that recruits the most members for SAR during the calendar year. This is calculated as a percentage of the respective SAR State Society's membership. (This is a \$500.00 award to the DAR state society.)

This form must be forwarded to NSSAR HQ with the SAR application. The Staff Registrar at HQ will use these forms to determine the winner.

(One DAR Finder Form to be submitted with each SAR application.)

This application is for the _____ Chapter, KYSSAR

Name of SAR Applicant _____

Name of DAR Member making referral :

_____ NSDAR# _____
(SAR medals previously received _____)

Name of her DAR Chapter :

_____ DAR Chapter # _____

First Line Sponsor (SAR):

_____ NSSAR # _____

Kentucky Society SAR Referral Program

- Any DAR member that refers a new member to the KYSSAR will receive a SAR Martha Washington Medal.
 - (The above form must be used and attached to the SAR application)
- DAR members, that refer five (5) approved SAR members will receive the SAR Medal of Appreciation.
(If you already have the SAR Medal of Appreciation, you will receive the SAR Martha Washington Medal on your fifth referral.)
- DAR members, that refer ten (10) approved SAR members will receive the SAR Daughters of Liberty medal.
(Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters will be presented on 15th, 20th, 25th and 30th referral.)

The Kentucky Society will consider SAR referrals made in the past if referral forms are filled out and sent to the SAR/DAR Liaison, Charlie Scott, 10703 Boxwood Hill Court, Louisville, KY 40223. (Must be received by 4/1/2011)

Martha Washington Medal



SAR Medal of Appreciation



Daughters of Liberty Medal



KYSSAR referral program for DAR members

Attention KYSSAR Members

Take a good look at the previous page to learn more about the SAR referral program for DAR members. It is important to make sure that the referral form is attached to the new member application. This is the only way that DAR members and the KSDAR will receive credit for their future referrals.

Compatriots: Remember to be on the lookout for referrals we can make to the DAR. Do you ask new members if their wife qualifies for DAR membership? Do the wives of your current members belong to the DAR?

Friends and co-workers are also good prospects for SAR and DAR membership.

While doing public speaking at meetings don't forget to ask if there are interested people in attendance. Take applications with you and/or give them the name of someone who will help them get started with the process.

In 2011 let's set a goal for each of us to talk to at least one person about membership in the SAR or DAR.

Want to visit a Revolutionary War Battle Site?

Get more out of your SAR membership by visiting Revolutionary War Battle Sites. Enjoy the fellowship with local Compatriots and make new friends from other state societies. If you have some type of uniform, you can march with the group carrying a flag or your gun. You can present a wreath from your chapter with or without a uniform. Listed below are some of the events we are considering. If you are interested in taking part at these activities, contact Charlie Scott at cscott@insightbb.com.

January 14-15, 2011 *230th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC*

Travel to South Carolina on Friday with the ceremony being on Saturday January 15th. Return on Saturday.

For details, see:

<http://www.mecklenburgsar.org/PDF%20Files/230th%20Anniversary%20of%20the%20Battle%20of%20Cowpens%202011.pdf>

Details not finalized on the following:

February 11-12, 2011 - Battle of Kettle Creek Anniversary Celebration, Washington, GA



Pictures from events last year.

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President's Message



To our Kentucky SAR Compatriots, thank you for the opportunity to wish you and your family and friends a wonderful, warm and happy Merry Christmas. May your best wishes come through in the Happy New Year of 2011!

To the KYSSAR Officers and Committee members, additionally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for your work for KYSSAR during the past year. Your actions and efforts have made a great, successful 2010 for our state organization.

As we reflect on the events of our KYSSAR year together the thoughts of our meetings and encounters with our fellow compatriots from all areas comes to mind. From the chapter meetings from western Kentucky to the meetings in Northern and South Eastern Kentucky, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as your State KYSSAR President. As much as our Kentucky meetings were enjoyable, the extension of the inter state meetings from Blue Licks in August to the Governor Sevier dedication/ Sycamore Shoals events in September to the Point Pleasant dedication in October were additional events that I will always treasure as our KYSSAR organization members attended functions where so many of our patriot ancestors helped to establish this great nation.

May we as an organization always be able to help others recognize the history of the great patriots who actually established this great nation.

With the December holiday events we have scheduled I hope that your local chapters have great and enjoyable meetings.

As we look forward to the meetings in 2011 which are events which our members work to make a memorable historical success, I look forward to seeing you at the functions.

Please accept my invitation to attend the NSSAR functions where I learned so much by being a participant. In my learning experience in attending our the September Fall NSSAR Leadership meeting I would hope that you are able to attend the March 2011 Leadership meeting in Louisville the second weekend in March and if possible look forward to seeing you in North Carolina for the National Congress in July.

To Forrest Chilton and the new slate of KYSSAR 2011 officers and Committee members, we in KYSSAR look forward to working with you next year. Jim Strohmeier, KYSSAR President