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“United we stand, divided we fall.”



## Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

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## The Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual meeting



John Manire Chapter President shows the Meritorious Service medal he was just awarded. He is surrounded by his wife and proud members of his chapter.

Pictured left to right are: Chad A. Word; Mrs Robert L. (Peggy) Fears; James "Tommy" Henderson (partially hidden) President Robert L. Fears Sr., Eddie C. Deason Sr. and KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier.



Simon Kenton Chapter members James Hough and President Jesse Moore stand with Eagle Scout essay winner Eljia Austin King and KYSSAR Historian Charlie Scott.



Big Sandy Chapter members pose with a few of the awards presented to their chapter. Big Sandy Chapter had the most new members (39) and the largest percent increase in membership (118%).

Pictured above from left to right: KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier, Sam Hatcher, Gary Howard, Chapter President Dr. Larry Leslie, Roger Ratliff and Jason Reichenbach.



New KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier was the Distinguished Service medal winner.

## The Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual meeting (continued)



DAR Liaison Charlie Scott presents KSDAR Regent Jessieanne Wells a Martha Washington medal for referring her Grandson as a new SAR member.



Essay contest winner William James Strench is congratulated by KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier.



History teacher of the year Lisa Heiert is presented the Liberty Bell Award by KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier and Simon Kenton President Jesse Moore.



Big Sandy Chapter President Dr. Larry Leslie was awarded a Meritorious Service medal for leading the states fastest growing chapter. He was also elected as the KYSSAR's first Surgeon.



Big Sandy Chapter member Gary Howard shakes hands with KYSSAR Historian Charlie Scott after receiving recognition for a CAAH donation. Gary was also the states top first-line signer with 20 new members for his chapter. He topped the day off by being awarded the prestigious Patriot medal.



Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter member Gary Tungett was awarded a State Meritorious Service medal for his efforts in Western Kentucky.



Out going President Harry Geimeier was awarded a Patriot medal.

## Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter

The Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hutton School of Business located on the campus of the University of the Cumberlands. Following the opening ceremony and invocation, dinner was served.

Following dinner Dr. Mary Ruth Isaacs, Associate Professor of Education presented a program titled SGT Alvin C. York – The People Remember the Man behind the Medals. Following the presentation questions were addressed.



Pictured are those in attendance: Front Row: Wesley Jones, Clifford Jones, John Mountjoy, Dr. Mary Ruth Isaacs, J.B. Mountjoy and Gillis Wilder. Back Row: Dave Bergman, Don Root, Herman Moore and Dr. Michael Colegrove.



Don Root, Captain Charles Gatliff member helped out with the Center for Advancing America's Heritage program at the College of the Cumberlands. Here he poses with Jordan, a/k/a Betsy Ross by her flag.

This type of activity is just one of the benefits of wearing a Revolutionary War type uniform.

## Louisville Thruston Chapter



U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell is pictured accepting his SAR Member Certificate from NSSAR President General Stephen Leishman. Watching the presentation were Janet Leishman, wife of the President General, and Senator McConnell's wife, Elaine Chao.



Dick Bierman, KYSSAR treasurer poses with a newly naturalized citizen at a recent naturalization ceremony.



Louisville Thruston President John H. Huffman, Sr. presented the "Stars and Stripes" to Regent Janet Upton of the Corn Island Chapter, DAR at their monthly meeting on February 7, 2013.



Chapter President-Elect Doug Collins accepts the award for sponsoring the KYSSAR Essay winner from KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier. Essay Winner William James Strench, from North Oldham High School, wears the winner's medal and shows his certificate.

## Simon Kenton Chapter



Jenny McClurg, daughter of KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier, doing classroom presentations. Chapter President Jesse Moore sits in the corner waiting his turn.



A cold day to march to Harrison's tomb but these guys did it. From left to right is: Tom Geimeier, Robert Cunningham, Brig.Gen. Alton Berry, Jesse Moore, Harry Geimeier, Mayor of North Bend, Bill Schwartz, Terry Collis, Pat Berry, and John Rogers III.

# Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter at The Battle of Kettle Creek



Group picture: (L-R) Charlie Scott, NSSAR Foundation President Sam Powell, DAR member Karen Powell, VP General Southeast District Stephen Pittard, Junion Murdock, Chuck Scott, SCSAR Mark Anthony, DAR member Cilla Tomme, NSSAR Registrar General and National Color Guard Commander Michael Tomme and NSSAR Secretary General Joe Dooley



(L-R) Tom Higgins, Chuck Scott, Charlie Scott, former Peter Foree DAR Regent Julie Hardaway and Junior Murdock.



British Colonel Boyd (Georgia Compatriot Bill Hay) is comforted by Tory Jim Mitchell after being shot by the local Wilkes County militia. Militiamen Michael Tomme and the "Skunkman" move in on the fallen commander..



Pictures from the Washington, GA parade.

Pictures by Julie Hardaway



## Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter at Guilford Courthouse



Chapter Vice President Scott Giltner stands with the Ft. Moultrie Flag in front of the Nathanael Greene monument. The picture on the right has Vice President General Forrest Chilton with the Central District Flag.

### Center for Advancing America's Heritage at the College of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, KY

About 700 students from Eastern Kentucky attended the two day program. Four members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (J.C. Barnett, Chuck Scott, Vic Bitter and Charlie Scott) assisted Colleen Wilson and Rae Ann Sauer from NSSAR Headquarters with the program.



Here, Dr. Sam Powell (President of the SAR Foundation) and Charlie Scott do a flag folding ceremony.



Vic Bitter and Elizabeth Ross a/k/a "Betsy."

**Center for Advancing America's Heritage (continued)**



SAR Foundation President Dr. Sam Powell taking part in the Center for Advancing America's Heritage program at the College of the Cumberlands. Over 700 students from Eastern Kentucky attended the sessions.



Students from one of the 14 schools that took part in the program pose with Dr. Sam Powell, John Clay Barnett and Chuck Scott.

## Chapters working together



Members from the Simon Kenton Chapter, William Arnold Chapter and the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter work together at the Four Chaplains event in Northern Kentucky.



**Poster Contest:** Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter sponsored the Elementary School and the Simon Kenton Chapter sponsored the Middle School. Pictured here are the award winners.

**DAR & C.A.R.**



Regent Janet Upton, Corn Island DAR Chapter, presents a check to the SAR to be used as a Veterans donation. Items purchased will be presented by the Louisville Thruston and Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapters on behalf of the Corn Island DAR Chapter. SAR members from left to right are: Louisville Thruston President John H. Huffman, Sr., Louisville Thruston Secretary Jon Huffman and Gov. Isaac Shelby member, KYSSAR Historian Charlie Scott. All three SAR members were also presented Certificates of Appreciation for helping the DAR Chapter in their first year.



DAR Liaison Charlie Scott and District 2 DAR Director Carolyn Goodman at the Corn Island DAR Chapter Birthday party.



Mitchell Clouse, KSCAR President brought greetings from his society at the KYSSAR state meeting. Here he stands with his mother (Sharon) and Dena Greene.

## KSCAR State Conference



President Tom Geimeier brings greetings from the KYSSAR at the KSCAR state meeting.



Out going President Mitchell Clouse and new KSCAR President Jonas Bastien.



National C.A.R President Greg Thorne and KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier.

Wonder if Tom tried to talk Greg out of his pink bow-tie?

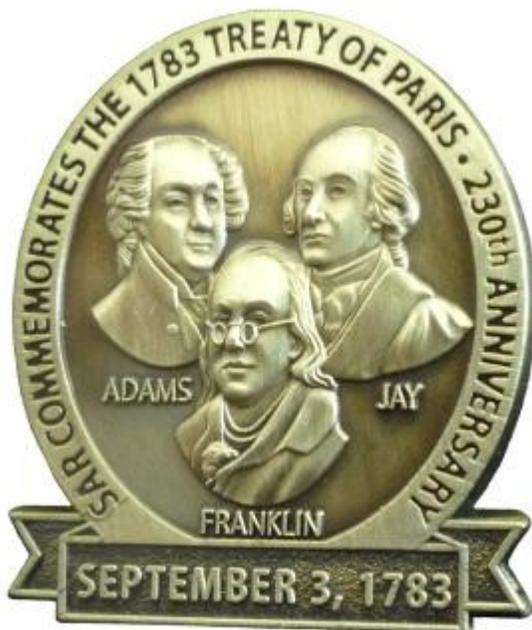


KYSSAR President Tom Geimeier presents a silver C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to Senior KSCAR President Rita Johnson.

## KYSSAR makes donation to Center for Advancing America's Heritage



KYSSAR President Harry Geimeier at a recent NSSAR Leadership dinner. While there, Harry presented a \$2,000.00 check to the building fund. Because of the matching donation program, Kentucky gets credit for double that amount--\$4,000.00.



### Matching Donation Program

When you make a donation, you receive credit for twice the amount.

That's right, donate \$50 and you receive credit for a \$100 donation!

Plus, since 2013 is the 230th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, you will also receive the handsome pin on the left.

25% of KYSSAR members have made some type of donation.

Have you made your donation?



# PIONEER DAY

**SAR Flag presentation--3:30**

**SATURDAY JUNE 8 2013 - 12-6p.m.**

3200 Tucker Station Road

(off Taylorsville Rd., Jeffersontown)



Buggy Rides, Reenactors, SAR Flag History and Demonstrations. Crafts: Basket Weaving, Blacksmith, Candle Making, Corn Husk Dolls, Leatherworking, Split Rail Fence Demonstration, Woodcarving, Banjo Music. Vendors: Jams & Jellies, Granolas, Sweet Breads, Cookies & Cupcakes, Plants, Ehrler's Ice Cream, Bee-keeping Demo. Animals: Goats, Donkeys, Horses and Cows. and Nature Trail Walks.



**Admission - Per Car Load: Members \$10 /Non-Members \$15**

**For more information call: 502-266-9802**

**[www.blackacreconservancy.org](http://www.blackacreconservancy.org)**

**No charge for SAR members in uniform.**

## Two new chapter medals announced

### **The Roger Sherman Medal for Service to the SAR:**

This medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered faithful service to their chapter, state society, or to the National Society over multiple years. This medal is awarded for significant service such as: Serving as a chapter officer, being a committee chairman for a couple of years or serving actively on a committee for several years. This medal ranks below the Meritorious Service medal. The medal is in bronze and bears the picture of Roger Sherman who was the only person to sign all four great state papers of the U.S.; the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. This medal can also be given at the state level--the state medal is in silver.

**Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service:** Highest medal a chapter can present. The chapter President can only present one of these during his term of office. It looks like the state Distinguished Service medal except it is in bronze rather than silver.

**Please join the**

**John Marshall Chapter NSDAR**

**For Dedication of NSDAR Marker**

**for the**

**Nathaniel Burrus House**

**Revolutionary War Soldier and Kentucky Pioneer**

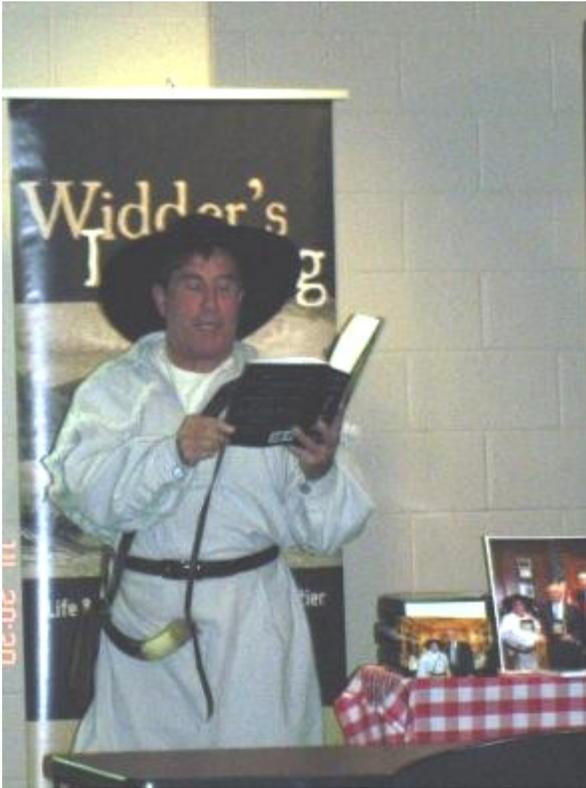


**955 Vanarsdall Road, Harrodsburg, KY**

**April 14, 2013**

**3:00 p.m.**

## Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter



The Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter hosted historic novel author Eddie Price who presented a review of his new novel "Widders Landing" set in Western Kentucky during the War of 1812. His main character migrates to Kentucky and settles in Breckenridge County.

Mr. Price is a retired History teacher and is eligible for the SAR.



Chapter President

Tom Payne



Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter held its first meeting of the New Year Jan 10, 2013. They had a large crowd of 37 to hear Compatriot Charles D. Evans speak about his Patriot Ancestor Capt. Ben Field. Three DAR chapters were represented. Color Guard Members Robert Brooks, Maurice Worthington and Gary Tunget presented the Colors for this meeting

**Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter (continued)**



Compatriots Scott Norris, Gary Tunget and Robert Brooks of the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter and Scott's Cousin Louis Norris reset his Great Great Grandfather Robert Norris headstone. Robert Norris was the son of Rev. War Patriot Thomas Norris of Virginia. Robert was killed in the Civil War Battle at Sacramento KY, Dec 28, 1861, leaving a wife and several small children. The Headstone had been knocked off its base and had been lying on the ground for several years. This is one of several stones the Moseley Chapter has preserved in the last couple of years. Pictured left to right are: Louis Norris, Scott Norris and Robert Brooks .

Photo by Gary Tunget

**John Hardin Memorial Grave Marking Service**



A Patriot Grave Marking Service will be held in Shelbyville, KY at 11am on Friday, May 3rd to honor Patriot John Hardin. Patriot Hardin was asked by General George Washington to go into Shawnee Indian Territory on a mission of peace. While traveling to see the Chief he was killed by a group of Indians.

Hardin County, Kentucky is named after this Patriot.

The Hardin Memorial is located in a cemetery just south/west of downtown Shelbyville. You can enter the cemetery off of Highway 53 a few blocks south/west of Highway 60 or if traveling through Shelbyville coming from Louisville, turn right on Third Street and go a couple of blocks. The cemetery will be on your left.

Everyone is invited. SAR members, if you want to carry a flag, take part in a gun salute or present a wreath you are welcome. DAR members, if you want to present flowers or a wreath or just be mentioned let us know.

**Those planning to attend RSVP to: [cscott@insightbb.com](mailto:cscott@insightbb.com)**

## Sad story!



The picture on the left was cropped out of the picture on the right. It was taken at Guilford Courthouse. The hidden compatriot wrote:

“Sixteen hours of driving, \$125.00 of gas burned. A picture of my new shoes on the steps of a great Revolutionary Monument -- not in the picture-priceless. Words can not describe my thoughts of the photographer.”

Sent by the Rifleman behind the flag.



Rifleman Marshall Wilkins



## Lafayette Chapter



Del White, KYSSAR Secretary and Immediate Past President of the Lafayette Chapter is pictured with President General Steve Leishman after receiving the Meritorious Service and Volunteer Service Medals.



Al Coleman, President of the Lafayette Chapter, his wife Eleanor and Lafayette member Roger Bain before Al and Roger helped post colors at the KY DAR State Conference.

## KYSSAR Poster and Brochure Contest Winners



**KYSSAR  
Elementary School  
Poster Contest Winner**

**Claire Ward**

**KYSSAR  
Middle School  
Brochure Contest Winner**

**Cat Crupper**

Presenting the medal, certificate and prize money is Brochure Contest Chairman Pat Berry, Simon Kenton Chapter.



## Pictures from the KSDAR State Meeting

Kentucky Color Guard members from the Lafayette, Simon Kenton and Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapters presented Colors at the State DAR meeting in Lexington.



Tom Higgins, Susan Lewis and Don Drewry



Laura and Tom Jones.



DAR/SAR Liaison Barbara Smith  
and SAR/DAR Liaison Charlie Scott



Leslie Miller, Tom Higgins and Cindy Codell.



Kentucky Color Guard members waiting before posting Colors and Standards at the KSDAR state meeting.



Flags entering the hall.

## KSDAR Honors Reggie Roberson for Service to Veterans



Charlie Scott accepts the “Service to Veterans” award from Deanna Beineke, DAR Chair “Service to Veterans.”



**“Congratulations Reggie”**

### Presentation Remarks

Madame State Regent, Our friends and relatives in SAR work, as does DAR, to promote patriotism as part of its mission. Once in a while, an SAR member goes far above and beyond what many would consider acceptable and makes a place for himself that requires recognition from other societies. Reggie Roberson, a member of the Governor Isaac Shelby chapter of SAR, is one such member. Reggie has accumulated about 100,000 “Service to Veterans” points making him one of the tops in the nation in this category. Reggie has received a silver oak-leaf cluster to go with the medal and gold oak-leaf cluster already earned. He was also presented with the Liberty Bell award for his continued work with the Veterans. Reggie accumulated his service to Veterans points by collecting and distributing books and personal hygiene items to five different V.A. Hospitals in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Points are awarded according to a system: three points for each paper-back book and one point for each personal hygiene item. Points are also given for the hours spent while doing V.A. activities like Patriot Grave markings, visiting sick Veterans and those in nursing homes. Reggie also volunteered working in a soup kitchen that fed the homeless and those in need, many of whom were Veterans. That is a library of books, a whole drugstore full of personal care items, and a full-time job, not counting the miles traveled pulling a trailer full of goodies.

Reggie collected and delivered these books and personal items, over the last several years, to five V.A. hospitals in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Reggie was also awarded the Meritorious Service medal--the highest award a chapter can give. Reggie’s dedication has contributed to Governor Isaac Shelby chapter being the number one chapter in the nation for the past six years. Only the entire state of Georgia accumulated more Service to Veterans points than Governor Isaac Shelby chapter in 2011. The 2012 figures have not been published but they had another good year thanks mainly to the efforts of our President Rev. Forrest Chilton, Philip Yenowine and Reggie. Unfortunately, Reggie is currently battling cancer and is unable to be with us tonight, but his fellow compatriot Charlie Scott from Governor Isaac Shelby chapter is here to accept this award for "Outstanding Service to Veterans - SAR" on his behalf.



Reggie Roberson proudly wearing his “Service to Veterans” medal.



Trailer used to deliver items to several V.A. hospitals.



One of several V.A. hospitals where Reggie takes items to the Veterans.