



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

Message from the KYSSAR President



President Doug Collins

Compatriots,

The Kentucky Society recently hosted a National Event at the Blue Licks Battlefield Memorial. We were honored to have newly elected President-General Lindsey Brock and First Lady Billie Brock join us for the KYSSAR State Meeting and the Memorial service. Although they are based in Florida today, both are Kentucky natives and we proudly claim them as two of our own. Additionally, Treasurer General Michael Tomme and his wife Cilla, were able to attend, along with VPG of the Central District Tony

Robinson and his wife Vickie. Also making the trek to Blue Licks was the VPG of the Southern District Rick Hollis and the State Society President of Virginia, Bill Broadus. Rev. Forrest Chilton once again impeccably handled master of ceremony duties. I would like to extend my personal “thank you” to all who were involved to make the event this year a success. It made me very proud to be associated with this terrific program. In all, over 100 people attended the meeting and even more than that came to the memorial service where over 30 wreaths were presented. To paraphrase PG Brock, “It was a great day to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.”

Awards presented to the Society at the 2014 Annual Congress were distributed at the State Meeting. We were well represented in the Youth Program categories with solid entries in JROTC, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, Middle School Brochure, and Poster Contests. Our candidate was named National Teacher of the Year. Additionally, as part of PG Dooley’s initiatives, several Chapters were presented streamers for the placement of a permanent memorial or marker honoring a revolutionary war event or person, placing a George Washington Portrait in a local school, and support of the USO.

Special congratulations to Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter President, Scott Giltner, who was presented the Westmorland Award. This award is presented to the SAR member who has the most outstanding record of service as a VA Volunteer donating time to veterans in the VA hospital. It is presented to only one person per year as selected by the Veterans committee. His dedication and activities with veterans, continues a long tradition of the Kentucky Society and service to veterans.

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Message from the KYSSAR President (continued)

At present count, the KYSSAR has reached the millennial mark of over 1,000 members. We welcome our newest KYSSAR Chapter – Three Rivers – based in Letcher County. Vice President Brent Hutchinson was on hand to be sworn in by PG Brock and receive the Chapter Charter. They are starting with 17 members with the potential to grow rapidly. There is also discussion of a Chapter being formed in Butler County. Membership is our life blood, I ask that you continue the efforts to recruit new members.

As this is the end of summer, this means that it is time for our students to go back to school. This is one of the biggest opportunities that we have to spread the word about our history and the foundation of our country. As I mentioned earlier, we do very well with the youth programs, but there is so much more we can be doing. If you are not already involved, I encourage you to contact your local school to see how you can make a difference. There are a number of ways for you to interact. If you have questions, let me or Tom Geimeier know, and we will provide you assistance.

I want to thank each of you for the service you continue to provide. Regardless of your level of involvement, each of you contributes to, and is a part of, the Kentucky Society. Together we can do great things.

Fraternally,

Doug

Douglas T. Collins

VPG International District (2014-2015)

President Kentucky Society (2014-2015)

Awards and Rewards from Congress.



Kentucky's nominee Doug Logan won the National Teacher of the year award.



Scott Giltner, President of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter won the Wm. Westmoreland award for Service to Veterans.



KYSSAR President Doug Collins was appointed Vice President General of the International District.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter

Approximately seventy participants, descendants, and guests gathered at the James Thomas Cemetery near the Donaldson Creek in Trigg County to mark the grave of Pvt. James Thomas of the 1st Regiment, North Carolina Line. James Thomas is the “patriarch” ancestor of the vast majority of Thomases who now populate Trigg County and surrounding areas, having arrived on the Donaldson Creek before 1805.



Fourteen compatriots of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter were present, thirteen of those in uniform. They also welcomed a contingent of four Compatriots from the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter in Owensboro.

Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter President Geoff Baggett served as Master of Ceremonies. Descendant Linda Fritz brought the Biographical Tribute. Ladies from the James Thomas Chapter of the KSDAR were in attendance, as well. The local chapter of the Woodmen of the World just completed the installation of a large, permanent flag pole at the entrance to the cemetery.



Steve Mallory Presents the Veteran's Appreciation Certificate and Medallion to O'Daniel Buckner.



Pennyroyal Veteran's Center Director Jeff Broadbent receives a \$1000 check from Crossroads Fellowship Pastor and Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter President Geoff Baggett.

Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter (Continued)

Compatriots Dr. Dennis Adams and Geoff Baggett hosted a table at the annual Trigg County Schools' "Gala of Tables" on Tuesday morning. This event is a catered breakfast honoring the faculty, staff, and support personnel in our local school system. Over fifty local churches, businesses, and clubs sponsor a table and host 4-6 school personnel. Each table has a specific theme, and competition between tables is "furious."

Naturally, our hosts went with a patriotic/historical theme. This included a deep red table cloth, a reproduction Bennington flag, wooden plates and utensils, and stoneware mugs. The centerpiece was an antique bread bowl full of "apples for the teachers."



Our two compatriots were, easily, the most photographed participants in the event. It was an excellent opportunity to display the spirit and activities of our chapter in front of a very large group.



Two Medals Awarded: Compatriots of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter decorated two men from the Trigg County community with much-deserved medals today. The first award was to Jeff Broadbent, Director of the Pennyroyal Veteran's Center in Hopkinsville. Jeff is a resident of Cerulean and a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard. His work with homeless veterans has had a tremendous impact upon our region. The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter decorated him with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Compatriots also encouraged him to make application for membership, since he is a direct descendant of local Patriot Absalom Humphries.

The second award was the Medal for Heroism. The recipient was Mac Barnes, a 23-year veteran of the infantry in the U.S. Army, now resides in Cadiz and works at a local factory. Earlier this year he was present when an industrial accident occurred and a young man received a traumatic, life-threatening injury. Mr. Barnes took charge of the situation, removed the man from danger, triaged and stabilized him, and maintained care until the medical evacuation helicopter arrived. Without his rapid response, leadership, and training in battlefield first aid, the young man might have perished or been disabled for life. Instead, he was evacuated successfully, received emergency surgical care, and survived the event. He has even returned to work at the plant. Mr. Barnes is very interested in becoming a SAR member, but his lineage prior to the Civil War has served as a major roadblock. The investigation continues ...

DAR & C.A.R.



The Hart Chapter of Winchester has received approval to place a DAR marker on the home of Lt. Alvin Mountjoy in Falmouth, KY. Mr. Carol Houchin, the owner of the cabin has been an enthusiastic advocate for placing a marker to honor the historical significance of the cabin. Plans have been made for the dedication and the date is Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 2 or 3 pm. We invite you to join us. Descendants of Lt. Mountjoy will be coming from as far away as Kansas City and St. Louis.

If you can attend this event contact Leslie Miller at miller444@bellsouth.net for details.



Members of Martin's Fort Society C.A.R., Paris, KY at the Blue Licks Memorial Service. (L-R) Catherine Cox, Elizabeth Kalinyak, Nelson and Spencer Paul.



Picture of some of those who satisfactorily completed the on-line "Keyhole to History" program sponsored by the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter.



Limestone Society C.A.R. members at Blue Licks. (L-R) Corey Humphries, Samantha Humphries, Randy Humphries, Abigail Humphries, and David Cartmell, President of the George Mason SAR Chapter, Maysville, KY.



Dena Green, a Senior Officer with the Kentucky Children of the American Revolution, presents a wreath for the Limestone DAR, KSDAR

Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter

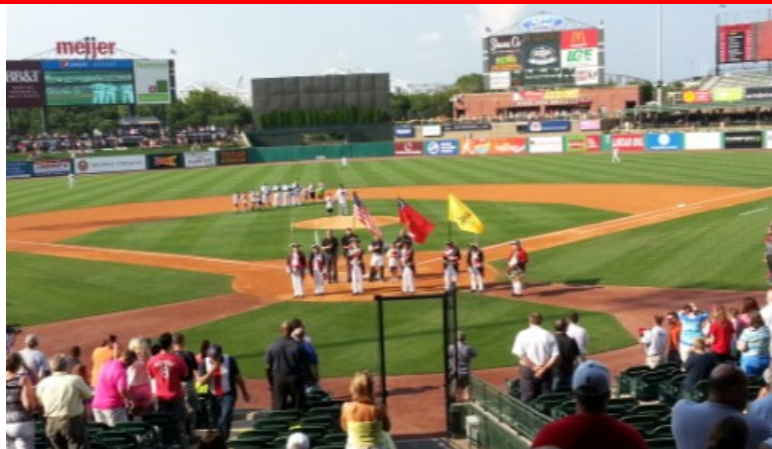


Robert Brooks, Maurice Worthington, Frankie Jones and Gary Tunget from the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter took part in the Patriot James Thomas grave marking service..



Maurice Worthington and Gary Tungett attended the Blue Licks Memorial service. Here Maurice is saluting during the wreath laying tribute. Gary took part in the black-powder gun salute.

Louisville Thruston Chapter



The Louisville Thruston Color Guard presented Colors at a recent Louisville River Bats baseball game.



Color Guard member, Randy Lane, stands by the tombstone of his Patriot ancestor-- Major Benjamin Stites. Major Stites is buried in Cincinnati, Ohio in a Pioneer Cemetery. His grave will be marked in the near future.



KYSSAR Color Guard Commander Dan Klinck and black-powder shooters (L-R) Bill Manby, Randy Lane and Jon Huffman at the Blue Licks Memorial service.

Captain William Arnold Chapter



Chapters working together: Eight SAR members from four chapters posted colors at a recent Florence Freedom baseball game. From left to right in both pictures are: (Standing) Charlie Scott, Randy Lane, Bob Gibson, Jackie Miller, II, Brian Schilling, Billy Courts and Chuck Scott. Seated in the picture on the right is Jackie Miller, I (President of the Captain William Arnold Chapter and organizer of this event.)



Brian Schilling presents the Captain William Arnold Chapter wreath at Blue Licks.



Terry Osborne receives the Military Service medal from KYSSAR Surgeon Dr. Larry Leslie.

Three Rivers Chapter



Brent Hutchinson, from our new Three Rivers Chapter, is sworn into office by President General Lindsey Brock. He also received the charter for the chapter. Gary Howard and KYSSAR President Doug Collins assisted in the ceremony.

Patriot Grave Marking Service

A grave marking service was scheduled to happen at the Bellevue Cemetery in Danville, KY to honor six Patriots of the Revolutionary War. Both DAR and SAR grave markers were in place, the Color Guard was ready--only problem, the weatherman predicted rain off and on all day! The contingency plan went into effect and the service was moved indoors at the local Baptist Church. Fourteen color guardsmen presented the Colors and Standards to the tune of "Chester" played by two SAR fifers. Several wreaths were presented by members of DAR, C.A.R. and SAR Chapters. A flag folding ceremony, a black-powder gun salute and taps were done to pay tribute to the following Patriots: Willis Green, Joshua Fry, Jr., John Reed, Lettice Reed, Joshua Barbee and John Cowan. This was a very nice service with the C.A.R., DAR and SAR working together!



We were honored to have SAR's President General Lindsey Brock and KSDAR Regent Barbara Zink in attendance. Here they pose with Ryan Clarkson and Abigail Anderson who accepted the flag in honor of Patriot Joshua Fry, Jr., who was the great grandfather of Mary G. Hogsett, their school's namesake. They also acted as our greeters and passed out programs to people as they came into the church.



St. Asaph DAR Chapter Regent Stephanie Griffin and Deborah Peckler were presented SAR's Good Citizenship medals.



Jack Jouett C.A.R. members Elizabeth, Andrew and Lara Rose Giltner pose with Dad, Gov. Isaac Shelby SAR President Scott Giltner and Rev. Forrest Chilton who was moderator of the service.



Tommy Jones, Steve Mallory, Joe Parish and Marshall Wilkins fired the black-powder gun salute.

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service



It was a special day at Blue Licks State Park where President General Lindsey Brock and First Lady Billie Brock joined over 100 SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members, representing 31 chapters and societies, in honoring the Patriots that fought and died in the Battle of Blue Licks.



Group picture

Included in picture are compatriots from: Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service (Continued)



NSSAR Treasurer General Michael Tomme speaks at the Blue Licks ceremony.



Cilla Tomme, Billie Brock and April Legler



KYSSAR President Doug Collins, NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock and Bill Broadus, President of the Virginia Society.



Vice President General of the Central District Tony Robinson during the wreath laying tribute.

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service (Continued)



Black-Powder gun salute:

If these 16 shooters had been at Blue Licks on August 19, 1782 we might have won the battle.



John Clark, compatriot from the Lt. Andrew Crockett SAR Chapter, Franklin, TN (a descendant of James Swart--a survivor of the battle) and his son Christopher.

Wreaths from State Societies



Indiana Society
Les Legler



Ohio Society
1st VP James Schaffer



Georgia Society
Michael Tomme



Virginia Society
President Bill Broadus

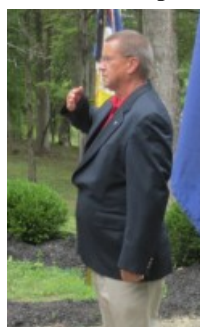
Wreaths from Chapters



Big Sandy Chapter, KY
Dr. Larry Leslie



Cincinnati, Ohio
Paul Wilke



Clifty Creek, IN
Allen Manning



Daniel Guthrie, IN
Ed Hitchcock



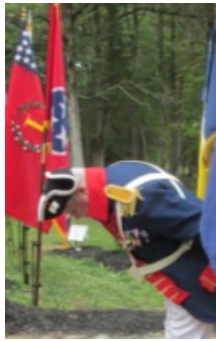
George Mason, KY
David Cartmell

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service (Continued)

Wreaths from chapters continued (not on other pages)



Lafayette, KY
Col. Al Coleman



Lou. Thruston, KY
Will Schrader



Marquis de
Lafayette, GA
Michael Tomme



Lt. Robert Moseley, KY
Maurice Worthington



Simon Kenton Chapter, KY
Kent Marcum



Col. Stephen Trigg
Geoff Baggett



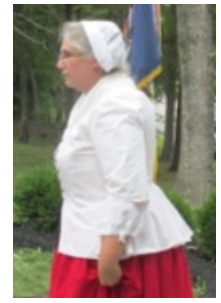
Capt. Wm. Arnold
Brian Schilling



Gov. Isaac Shelby
Scott Giltner



John Paul, DAR, IN
Donna Denning



Mary Ingles, DAR
Esther Drewry



Cilla Leed Tomme, Chaplain, NSSAR Ladies Aux.



Billie Brock, Kan Yuk sa DAR Chapter, Jacksonville, Florida



Group at Blue Licks Memorial Service



PG having a good time at Blue Licks

Congress 2014 Pictures



Back row L-R: Tony Robinson, Tom Higgins, Bruce Pickett, Randy Moody, Tom Geimeier, Dr. Larry Leslie, Tom Payne and Chuck Scott. Front row L-R: Lance Carter, Forrest Chilton, Harry Geimeier and Steve Vest.



Back row L-R: Lance Carter, Dr. Larry Leslie, Tom Geimeier, Rudy Byrd, Tom Higgins, Jim Strohmeier, Bill Broadus (Dual-VA), Chuck Scott, Harry Geimeier, Steve Vest, Tom Payne, Michael Tomme (Dual GA). Front row L-R: Judy Carter, Lynn Leslie, Doug Collins, Allison Collins, Billie Brock, PG Lindsey Brock (Dual Fla), Forrest Chilton, Kay Vest, Carolyn Payne and Cilla Tomme.

Congress Pictures



President General Joe Dooley honors his commitment to have his head shaved based on donations of the members.



President General Joe Dooley presents the General William Westmoreland award to Kentucky's Veteran Chairman Rev. Forrest Chilton. The award was won by Gov. Isaac Shelby President Scott Giltner.



Harry Geimeier holds the Stark Memorial award won by the Simon Kenton Chapter. Kentucky won the state competition in that category and that certificate was accepted by Rev. Forrest Chilton.



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