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John Doss & Kent Hathaway stand guard at Washington's Tomb



Gold Star Monument dedication service at South Oldham High School



This picture is of Joe Parrish placing flags on veteran's graves in Rest Haven Cemetery in Louisville. Joe has been doing this each year since 2009. Joe has family members buried in this section of the cemetery and noticed that there were a lot of veterans there who did not receive flags. So he took it upon himself to purchase flags and placed them on the graves in this section of the cemetery.

The other photos are of Andrew Giltner placing flags on a group burial in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery and on the grave of a Patriot in the Long Run Baptist Cemetery. These graves are the ones Andrew has adopted to take care of.









2020 KYSSAR Veterans Census Form

Please complete and email to stgilt@earthlink.net by December 30 or mail to Scott Giltner; 605 Dorsey Way; Louisville, KY 40223.	
Veteran's KYSSAR Chapter:	
Veteran's Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number: Home	Mobile
Email address:	
NSSAR Member Number:	
Branch of Service: Yea	ars of Service (ie. 1968-71)
Rank Held at the end of your service:	
Have you been awarded the NSSAR Military Servi	ce Medal or War Service Medal? Yes 🗆 No 🗆
Does your chapter have a Service to Veterans Com	mittee? Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Grand Union Flag

The Continental Colors, also known as the Grand Union Flag, was first hoisted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the ship Alfred, a Continental Man-of-War. The flag was hoisted by Lieutenant John Paul Jones. Letters written to Congress verify this event. The Grand Union flag was used by the American Continental forces as both a naval ensign and garrison flag through 1776 and early 1777. It served as the flag of the Revolution until it was replaced in a declaration of the Continental Congress on 14 June, 1777. The Grand Union Flag consisted of a field of thirteen stripes combined with the British Union flag. The British Union was used in the flag because at the time the colonists still considered themselves British citizens as independence had not yet been declared.



Alena Cruz, President Kentucky Society Children of the American Revolution



Each year, the Sate President of the Kentucky Children of the American Revolution has a state project. This year, the K.S.C.A.R. theme is "A Haven for our Heroes".

This project will raise funds for Active Heroes new retreat center in Shepherdsville, KY. The retreat center is only one of the many amenities that Active Heroes provides for the veterans. At the moment, the retreat center has hiking trails, archery, camping and a playground.

By the end of the C.A.R. year, the retreat center will be better designed to help veterans both mentally and physically.

At the summer state SAR meeting, a \$250.00 donation for this project was approved.

President Cruz, Good Luck on your project!

Lafayette Chapter

The Lafayette Chapter donated 200 meals to the University of Kentucky Healthcare workers for their efforts fighting the Covid-19 virus. These meals were distributed with the help of Price Club and Donna Price.

The healthcare workers work tirelessly and with risk to their own health to help patients. The Lafayette wanted them to know we appreciate their efforts.





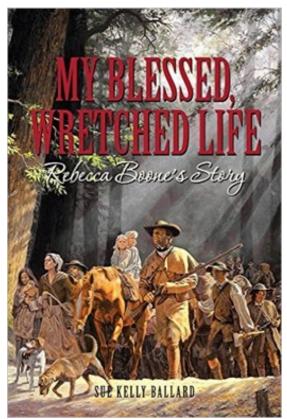
Blue Licks Chapter

It's with great pride that we announce we have meet the Thanksgiving Food Box goal. As of 12:19 this morning a pledge came in that helped make our goal. I will start in the morning getting everything lined up. Again, thanks for helping Blue Licks continue its community services. Christmas is coming, we need funds to help buy shoes for those in need. Send donation to Blue Licks Chapter Christmas Shoes Program, P.O. Box 94, Berry, KY, 41003. Make checks payable to the Blue Licks Chapter. Jackie Miller, President

The Continental Army establishes winter headquarters at Morristown, New Jersey. George Washington's army had suffered some serious defeats in the month's leading up to what would turn out to be the harshest winter of the 18th century, even worse than the winter at Valley Forge in 1777-1778. In June, the disastrous Penobscot Expedition in Maine had resulted in the loss of 43 American ships and nearly 500 men killed, wounded or captured. Lieutenant Colonel Paul Revere, who was an officer in the Massachusetts militia, lost his appointment over his role in the failed mission. In October, the Americans had failed to retake the city of Savannah. Washington's army had failed to make any serious headway against the British since the victory at Saratoga in

George Washington made his headquarters at the home of Theodosia Ford, a wealthy widow with four children. Theodosia's husband, Colonel Jacob Ford, Jr. had died shortly after contracting pneumonia at the Battle of Princeton. Jacob and his father owned extensive iron mines and foundries and other businesses. George Washington, with his wife Martha, and several aides and servants stayed at the home. Visitors to the house included the Marquis de Lafayette, Benedict Arnold, French Ambassador the Chevalier de la Lucerne and Generals John Stark, Henry Knox, Israel Putnam and Anthony Wayne. The Ford home is still standing today and is part of the National Park Service's Morristown National Historical Park.





My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story by Sue Kelly Ballard

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Rebecca's own story, as imagined creatively by Sue Kelly Ballard, is so captivating, so gut-wrenchingly realistic, so obviously genuine, we begin to acknowledge who really moved America westward: our pioneer mother ancestors. Ballard captures every mood and moment of Rebecca's life in the backwoods and on the frontier with accuracy and passion, with authenticity and beauty, and at a pace that keeps the reader diving headlong into each new page eager to swallow up what happens next. Ballard's descriptions of the sights and sounds of the sylvan wilderness, of life's daily routine around a cabin set in a clearing made in the woods, and of the people and animals, both welcomed and unwelcomed, who come there are not segregated into long passages, but are tossed in generously as short snippets on top of the action, keeping the reader easily imagining the setting and circumstances as the story roars ahead. When a dozen things are happening at once, it takes a skilled frontier woman and a talented writer to keep everyone and everything moving along together.

- reviewed by Randell Jones, author of *In* the Footsteps of Daniel Boone

Contact the author at <u>sue.ballard@kctcs.edu</u> My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story is available through <u>www.butlerbooks.com</u>, and <u>www.amazon.com</u>

Readers may order the book from Amazon (found in SEARCH under title or my name, Sue Kelly Ballard) or from my publisher: Butler Books (<u>www.butlerbooks.com</u>). Each will charge about \$24.99 plus shipping.



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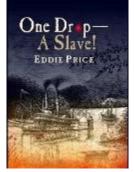
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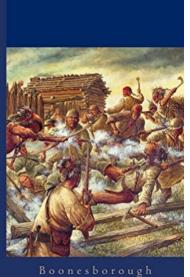
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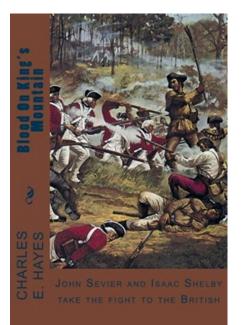
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