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George Mason Chapter

George Mason Chapter resumed in-person meetings with their joint meeting on June 15th to honor Flag Day in Mays Lick. Other groups in attendance were Limestone Chapter DAR, William Dudley Chapter DAR, and Limestone Society C.A.R. Those in attendance enjoyed a boxed meal and program by Michael Jones. Mr. Jones portrays Col. Charles Young as part of the Kentucky Humanities Council's Chautauqua Series. Col. Young was born in Mason County, then his family would move to Ripley, Ohio while he was a boy. He was the third African-American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Col. Young had a long military career and served around the world including a period as superintendent of Sequoia National Park. Several of the members and guests toured the Young cabin prior to the Flag Day Picnic. The cabin has been restored by the Mason County Fiscal Court.



Abraham Hestand Patriot Grave Marking at Old Mulkey



Old Mulkey

Charlie Scott and Scott Giltner play Amazing Grace on their fifes.



Black-Powder gun salute



Emery Wilson, MD

Surgeon, KYSSAR

Compatriots

The NSSAR and KSAAR have a Surgeon General or Surgeon among the list of officers. The responsibilities of this office are similar: advise the organization of any health matters which may be of concern to the membership, offer advice on good health to the members, and be available during meetings if required by the members. According to the KSSAR constitution, “Each chapter shall have a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and such other officers as it may elect.” At its meeting in December 2020, the Lafayette Chapter added a surgeon to its list of approved officers. Other chapters in the state may want to consider adding the position. Although the NSSAR requires the surgeon be a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathy, other health professionals (dentist, nurse, emergency medical technician, etc.) could serve in this position. The Lafayette Chapter constitutional amendment states: ‘The Surgeon shall be a member of the Medical Profession licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He shall offer advice on good health to the members and be available during meetings if required by the members.’ The current health environment supports the need for such a position at the chapter level, and chapter surgeons could provide a pipeline for the office at the state and national levels.



If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, here is a metaphorical apple: [Talking to a group of medical scientists, football coach Lou Holtz said, “We have rats that die of too much of something and we have rats that die of too little of something. What we need are healthier rats.”](#)

Emery Wilson

KSSAR Surgeon

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Wreaths Across America



**DAR
Members
helping
at WAA**

Wreaths Across America-Louisville, KY



**Black powder gun salute
John Doss, Rod Smothers & Melvin Rowe with Patrick Wesolosky**



John Doss, Rod Smothers, Bill Lawrence, Kent Hathaway & Patrick Wesolosky



Rod Smothers & Melvin Rowe



Tommy Jones



**Retired General Silverthorne presents wreath at grave
of President Zachary Taylor**



(L-R) Phil Bloyd, Patrick Wesolosky, Rod Smothers, Kris Hawkins, Jon Canine, Wm. Redmons & Scott Giltner



**Ralph Crume, Sr.
Patriot Grave Marking Service**



Chris Canine & Steve Gahafer fold American Flag



Gary Tunget, ????????, John Doss & Robert Brooks



Black powder gun salute



Simon Kenton Chapter



A photo of our new officers with our fire safety and law enforcement recipients. Fireman is Jimmy Adam's, the law enforcement is Hobert Strange. The group shot is Tom Geimeier, Pat Berry, Steve McCain, Dave Gilbert, Jimmy Adam's, Don Drewry, Hobert Strange and Jim Conrad.

Chapter officers are:

President – Thomas E. Geimeier
Vice President – Pat Berry
Secretary – George Steven McCain
Treasurer – Harry Geimeier
Registrar -Brian Schilling
Genealogist -Dave Gilbert
Historian – Jim Conrad
Chaplain – Donald Wesley Drewry
Color Guard Commander – Don Drewry
Youth Contests Chair – Pat Berry
Veterans Activities Chair – Thomas E. Geimeier
Newsletter Editor -George Steven McCain



Simon Kenton Chapter



A few photos from a vets day at Lloyd High School.



Colonel Benjamin Logan Chapter



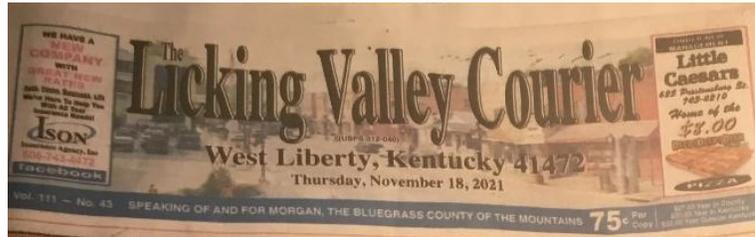
Members of the Benjamin Logan Chapter at Adairville Elementary School



Randy Parrish portraying George Blakey veteran of the Revolutionary War. George crossed the Delaware with George Washington on Christmas night to fight the Hessians at Trenton. It was a great victory for the Americans. He lived to fight many other battles. Thank you Randy for sharing this story.

Big Sandy Chapter Morgan event

The Big Sandy Chapter of KYSSAR sponsored an event at the Morgan County Judicial Center in West Liberty on Saturday, November 13th, 2021 dedicating a portrait of Gen. Daniel Morgan, revolutionary war soldier and hero of the great Patriotic victory at the 1781 battle of Cowpens, SC. Morgan County Kentucky is so named in his honor since many soldiers who served with him settled here. A nice turnout was had.



Pictured left to right at the portrait dedication ceremony for Gen. Daniel Morgan, Revolutionary War hero for whom Morgan County was named, are: Sons of the American Revolution members Dr. Larry Leslie and Edward Keeton, Circuit Judge Rebecca Phillips, and Sons of the American Revolution members John David Preston, Donnie Bradley and Jim Everman.

Gen. Daniel Morgan honored at portrait dedication event

Sons of American Rev. commemorated Revolutionary War hero for whom Morgan County was named

By Miranda M. Cantrell

Morgan Countians celebrated the life of their namesake, Revolutionary War Veteran General Daniel Morgan, with a special portrait dedication ceremony in his honor on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Morgan County Judicial Center.

The event was hosted by the Big Sandy Chapter of the Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and emceed by organization member Edward Keeton, who donated a framed portrait of General Morgan to be displayed on the second floor of the judicial center beneath the building's rotunda.

Keeton, a retired attorney and history aficionado, told an audience of approximately 30 people – including his fellow SAR members, as well as special guests District Judge Rupert Wilhoit and Circuit Judge Rebecca Phillips, both of Carter County, Family Court



This portrait of Revolutionary War Hero Gen. Daniel Morgan, donated by Edward Keeton, now hangs in the Morgan County Judicial Center.

Judge Joniffer Barker Niece, of Ellison County, and State Rep. Bobby McCool and Circuit Judge John David Preston, both

of Johnson County – that there had been no monuments or other displays commemorating General Morgan locally since a marker that existed prior to the 2012 tornado was lost in the storm.

"I have wanted to honor General Daniel Morgan for some time," Keeton said. "The people who settled here obviously had a very strong desire to name this county for him."

"The SAR is an organization of men who are direct descendants of patriots who served and fought in the American Revolution. We seek to preserve the memory of our Revolutionary War heroes and the memory of our ancestors of the Revolution. It is part of our duty to keep that legacy alive."

Keeton then shared a history of General Morgan, who was born in New Jersey to Welsh immigrants in 1733 or 1736, and later settled in Winchester, Va., to become an officer in the Virginia militia prior to the Revolutionary War.

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Pictured with the Gen. Daniel Morgan display in the judicial center are District Judge Rupert Wilhoit, Circuit Clerk Mary Coffee, Edward Keeton and Circuit Judge Rebecca Phillips.

of the Sons of the American Revolution is honored to dedicate his portrait to the people of Morgan County."

Keeton thanked all attendees, as well as local Daughters of the American Revolution members who gifted a plaque to the display detailing the historical significance of General Morgan.

In addition, Keeton expressed special thanks to Circuit Judge Rebecca Phillips for her assistance in making the event possible, to Frederick & May Construction Co. for hanging the portrait.

Local officials in attendance were Circuit Clerk Mary Coffee, County Clerk Randy Wil-

liams, Sheriff Greg Motley and Mayor Mark Walter – as well as Sgt. Robby Perry of West Liberty Police Department, who is a military veteran.

Additional Information
The SAR is a congressionally-chartered premier male lineage society with 16 U.S. Presidents and 27 Medal of Honor recipient Compatriots on its member rolls. More than 208,000 members have been admitted to the organization since its founding on April 30, 1889.

For additional information regarding SAR membership requirements and activities, visit the organization's website at www.sar.org.

Kentucky SAR State Meeting



Nine past State Presidents attended the State SAR meeting.

Left to Right: Geoff Baggett,, Thomas Payne, Doug Collins President General David Sympson, current State President Steve Mallory, Dr. Larry Leslie, Tom Geimeier, current Vice President General Jesse Moore and Pat Berry.



KYSSAR President Steve Mallory

Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter on Veterans Day



Flags of branches of the military.



Jon and Chris Canine, Kent Hathaway & Bill Lawrence



Laura Jones, Mike King and Patrick Wesolosky.

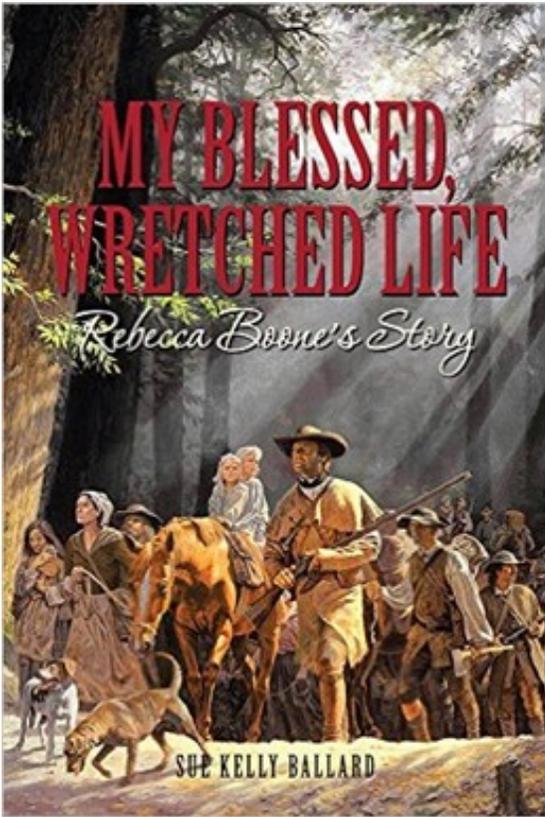


**Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter
Flags for Veterans Day**



For Veterans Day, Andrew and Scott Giltner helped Joe Parish set out flags on the graves of Veterans in a section of Rest Haven cemetery. This has been a project that Joe started many years ago and continues today. We set out about 180 flags.





My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story

by Sue Kelly Ballard

Butler Books Publishing Company

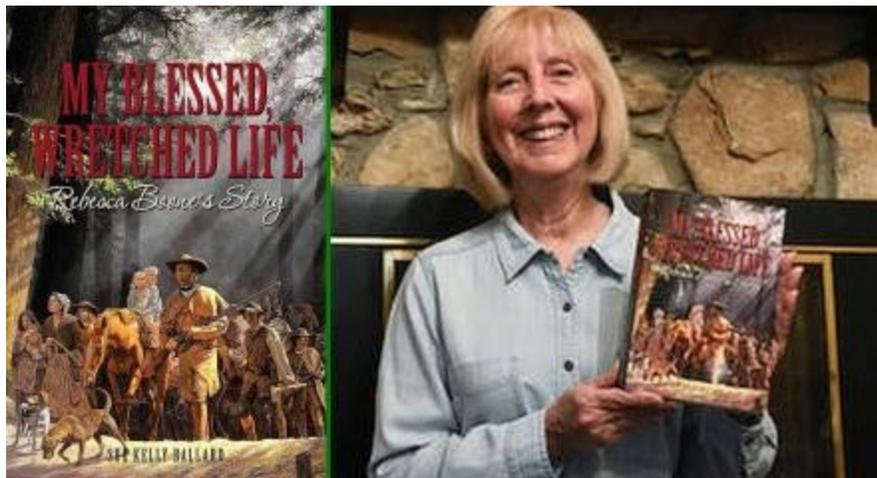
Rebecca's own story, as imagined creatively by Sue Kelly Ballard, is so captivating, so gut-wrenchingly realistic, so obviously genuine, we begin to acknowledge who really moved America westward: our pioneer mother ancestors. Ballard captures every mood and moment of Rebecca's life in the backwoods and 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*

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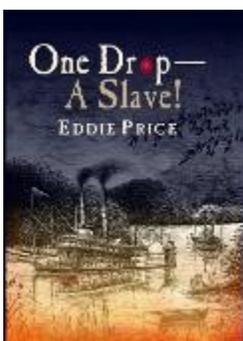
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