



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution



**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year**

(Santa is a member of the KYSSAR)

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Wreaths across America



Preparing for Wreaths across America



Andrew Giltner, Scott Giltner, Chris Canine, Jon Canine and Rod Smothers.



Howard Roberson presents wreath at tomb of Zachary Taylor

Wreaths across America



**KYSSAR President Scott Giltner
conducts WAA ceremony.**



An estimated crowd of apx 1,500 people gathered Saturday, eight days before Christmas, to place over 8000 wreaths atop graves at Louisville's Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.

Message from KYSSAR President Scott Giltner

Compatriots of the Kentucky Society,

As we approach the end of 2022, it is time to reflect on all the accomplishments of the Kentucky Society and its chapters. While much has been accomplished, we must remember to continually push forward in our efforts, particularly as we approach the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of our Nation. Many chapters have returned to their pre-COVID-19 level of activities while others have not. I encourage all chapters to strive for increased activity in 2023, particularly in educational outreach and events that engage the public. All chapters should keep this in mind as they start planning their activities for 2023.

Youth Programs

Although the current year is ending, there is still work that can be undertaken. There is still an opportunity to recruit candidates for our Youth Programs although time is running out. Many students and schools are unaware of our contests so just a little outreach to schools could result in entrants. Contact the Youth Program Chairman, Pat Berry, at pwberry1776@gmail.com for advice or assistance in the Youth Programs. The programs include: the poster contest, brochure contest, oration contest, Eagle Scout contest, JROTC contest, and the Knight Essay contest.

Distinguished Chapter, Americanism, and USS Stark Memorial Reports

Please remember to submit your Distinguished Chapter, Americanism, and USS Stark Memorial reports. The deadline for the Distinguished Chapter report is 15 February, the USS Stark Memorial report deadline is 1 February 2023, while the Americanism report deadline is 15 March 2023. The USS Stark Memorial report should be submitted to the State Service to Veterans Chairman, Jesse Moore, at jessegordonm@netscape.net. The Distinguished Chapter and Americanism reports should be submitted to myself at stgilt@earthlink.net. The Americanism and USS Stark Memorial awards are based on chapter size. So, if you are in a small chapter with few activities, you may still have a chance to receive an award. All the report forms have been previously provided to all the chapter presidents. However, if you need a report let me know and the requested report form will be sent to you.

Even if your chapter does not have a lot of activities to report, we still need your reports as all your activities can be included in the combined Kentucky Society report. Every little bit matters! In addition, the reports help the Kentucky Society identify where the strengths and gaps are in our various programs. Without these reports we do not know what the chapters are doing and how the Kentucky Society can help your chapter. Below are brief lists of activities that can be reported.

The Americanism report covers various activities your chapter has likely performed. Reportable activities include:

presentations, certificates to law enforcement/first responders, activities with the DAR/CAR, color guard activities, grave markings, public service programs, and more.

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Message from KYSSAR President Scott Giltner

The USS Stark Memorial Award recognizes chapters and state societies within the SAR for their support of Veterans. Among the many activities that can be reported are the following:

participation in ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, Patriots Day,
attendance at the funeral of a Veteran,
volunteering at a VA hospital,
monetary and non-monetary donations made to organizations whose primary clients are Veterans,
visits to Veterans that are home bound or in the hospital, and
placing flags or wreaths on the graves of Veterans.

Membership Renewals

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have renewed their membership for 2023. I also remind all chapters to reach out to their members who have not yet renewed their membership. Lists of unpaid members have been sent out to the chapters, so please review the list. In many instances a friendly reminder is all that is needed for a member to renew.

I hope each of you have a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

In Patriotic Service

Scott G. Giltner

President

Kentucky Society, SAR



Scott G. Giltner
KYSSAR President

Living History Day at Farristown Middle School in Berea, KY



**Compatriots Reed Martin and John Buckler at Living History Day -
Farristown Middle School in Berea , KY**

Wreaths across America, Camp Nelson National Cemetery

Yesterday, it was my honor to participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Camp Nelson National Cemetery with my SAR Compatriots from Kentucky's Lafayette Chapter, [Patrick Wesolosky](#), [Steve Gahafer](#), and Tim Wisner... We were asked to serve as the rifle detail . Tim Brown, Present-Elect, KYSSAR



Tim Brown, President-Elect, Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution



Patriot Grave Marking Service Berry, KY



Patriot John Searcy Grave Marking Service



Black powder shooters Reed Martin, Steve McCain, Pat Berry & Patrick Wesolosky

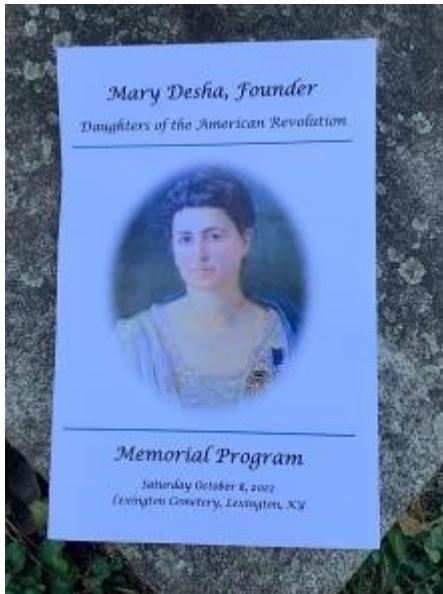


Pat Berry present flag to ancestor of Patriot John Searcy.



President Giltner plays taps.

Mary Desha Memorial Service



Mary Desha

Founder of the
Daughters of the American Revolution



SAR Color Guard for the Mary Desha memorial service: (L-R) Mike Sullivan, Tim Wiser, Joe Clancy, Steve Vest and Patrick Parker.

Flag certificate presented by Jay Doss



John “Jay” Doss, Vice President of the Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter said: “It was my great honor to present this certificate from the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter to my good friend and neighbor, Carl Gladstone, for his exemplary display of our nation's flag. He is a WWII Marine vet, wounded on the beach in Okinawa. Thank you for your service and sacrifice. “



KYSSAR President Scott Giltner and his son Andrew installed a William G. Pomeroy Foundation Patriot Burial Historic Marker near the burial site of their Patriot ancestor, Fredonia, Kentucky.

**Remains of MIA Korean War Veteran
Robert Wright returned to Kentucky**



John Searcy Patriot Grave Marking Service



Tom Geimeier at wreath presentation.



KYSSAR President Scott Giltner plays the fife.



Pat Berry presents flag to descendant .



Black powder gun salute.



Wreaths for Patriot Graves

Members of the Lafayette Chapter along with members of Lexington Chapter DAR placed wreaths on the graves of 27 Veteran Patriots and SAR President General (1900-1901) Joseph C Breckinridge, Maj General US Army. The graves are located at Lexington Cemetery, Bethel Presbyterian Church, and a city park. The Lafayette Chapter members that placed the wreaths were Mike Sullivan, John Buckler, Mike Flynn, William Redmond, and Patrick Wesolosky.



Joseph Penn Grave Marking Service



Patrick Wesolosky and Steve Gahafer stand guard while Scott Giltner presents Kentucky SAR wreath.



Black powder shooters: Patrick Wesolosky, Steve Gahafer, Tim Wisner, Reed Martin, Stuart Martin and Patrick Parker get ready to shoot.



Yorktown



Jay Doss, Patrick Wesolosky, Vice Commander National Color Guard K. Scott Collins and Mike King.



Shelly and Jay Doss.



Mary Jean and Mike King

Larkin Sandidge Patriot Grave Marking Service

Larkin Sandidge Grave Marking Service On Saturday, October 8th, the Lafayette Chapter hosted a grave marking service for Larkin Sandidge, patriot ancestor of their Chapter Vice-President Steve Gahafer. The ceremony took place at the Sandidge Cemetery in Lincoln County, Kentucky.



Descendant Steve Gahafer talks about his Patriot ancestor.



Compatriots Ed Keeton and Steve Mallory



KYSSAR Present-elect Tim Brown



Compatriots from several chapters attended the grave marking service.

Kings Mountain



**Patrick Wesolosky and Steve Gahafer
at tomb of Patrick Ferguson**



Patrick Wesolosky with Chris Canine & Jon Canine with Mike King

**General Butler Chapter
Moses Read Patriot Grave Marking Service**



Members of the General Butler Chapter



Roger Givens



Black powder gun salute

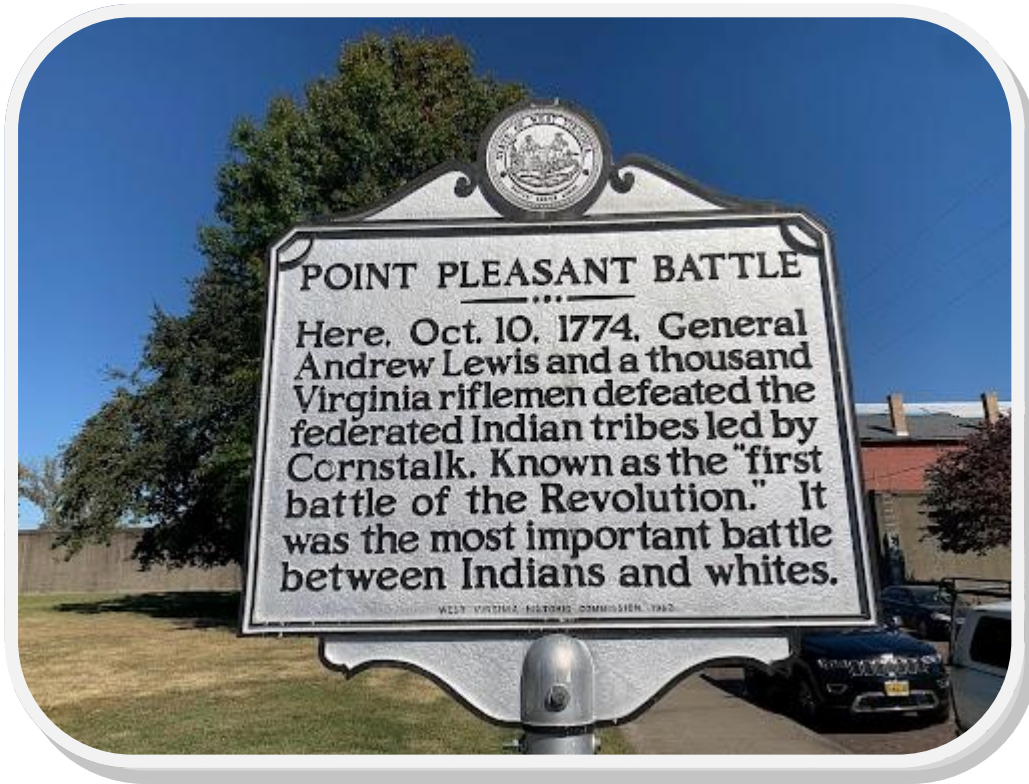
**General Butler Chapter
Moses Read Patriot Grave Marking Service**



Compatriots from several chapters who attended the grave marking service.



Battle of Point Pleasant



Patrick Wesolosky salutes after presenting chapter wreath.



Scott Giltner and Patrick Wesolosky

Win a one of a kind Tomahawk

THE GOVERNOR ISAAC SHELBY CHAPTER - KY SAR WILL BE RAFFLING OFF A BEAUTIFUL, ONE OF A KIND, HANDMADE TOMAHAWK TO RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR CHAPTER'S YOUTH EDUCATION AND AWARD PROGRAM.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

ENGLISH PATTERN POLLED TOMAHAWK

6150 STEEL TOMAHAWK HEAD. HAFTED IN CURLY MAPLE WITH POURED PEWTER BAND, AND BONE HEAD AND TAIL CAPS. INCLUDES MATCHING MAPLE AND ANTLER STAND.

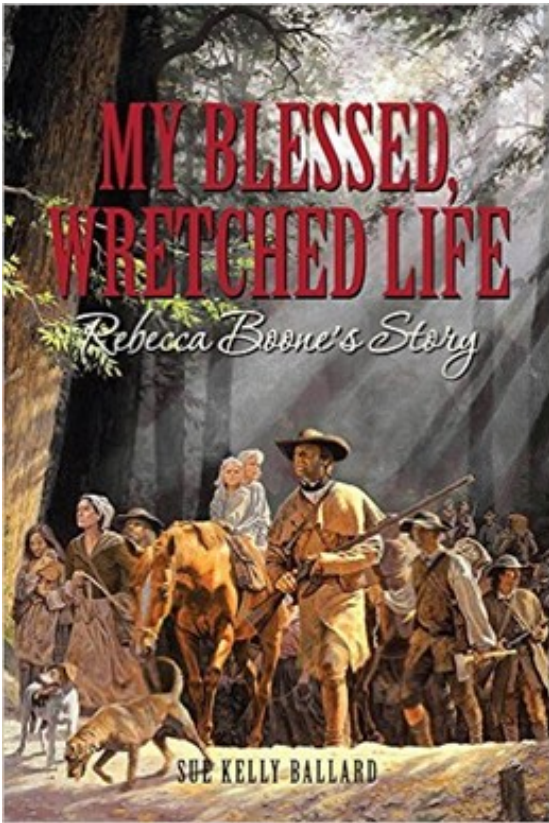
TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH.

THE RAFFLE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 19, 2023 BEFORE THE START OF THE 2023 KENTUCKY SOCIETY - STATE SUMMER MEETING AT BLUE LICKS BATTLEFIELD STATE RESORT PARK, 10299 MAYSVILLE RD, CARLISLE, KY 40311. THE WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT. WE WILL SHIP TO A LONG DISTANCE WINNER.

You can purchase tickets at the Spring State Meeting, at lunch before the Summer State Meeting, or by contacting Patrick Wesolosky with the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter (65moots@gmail.com)

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My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story

by Sue Kelly Ballard

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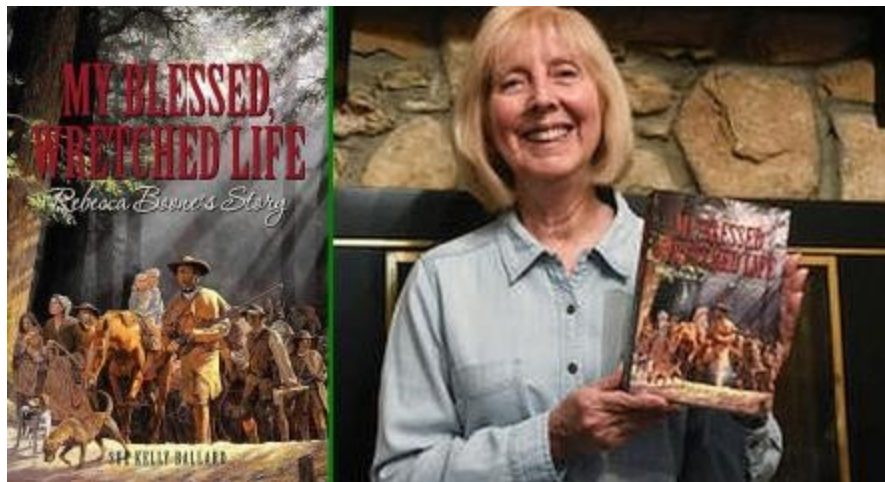
Rebecca's own story, as imagined creatively by Sue Kelly Ballard, is so captivating, so gut-wrenchingly realistic, so obviously genuine, we begin to acknowledge who really moved America westward: our pioneer mother ancestors. Ballard captures every mood and moment of Rebecca's life in the backwoods and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

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My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story is available through www.butlerbooks.com, and www.amazon.com

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



Compatriot authors Geoff Baggett & Eddie Price

Historical fiction at it's best!!



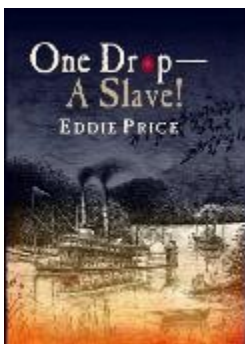
Geoff Baggett



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Eddie Price



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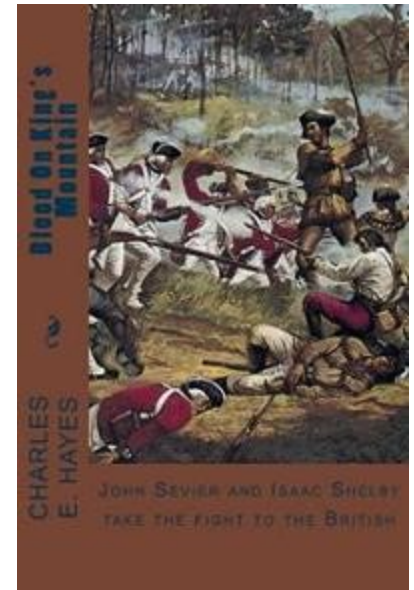
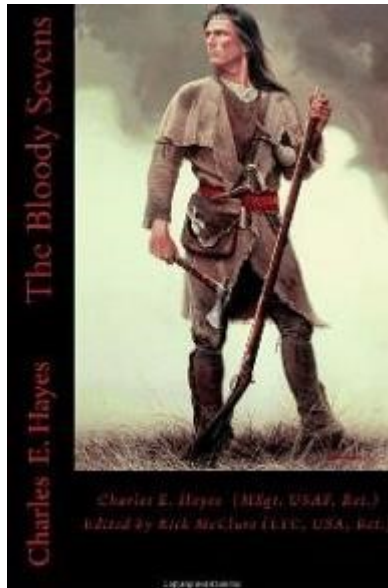
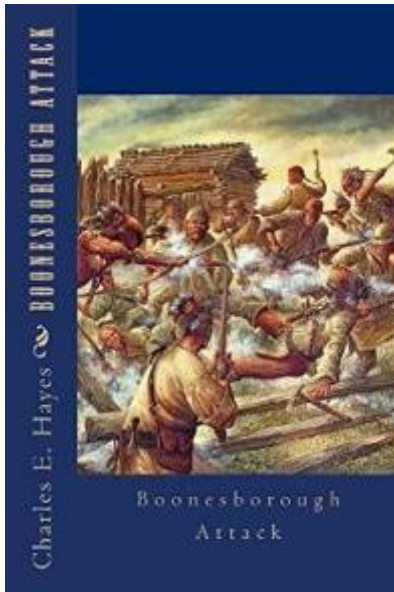
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