#### February 2014



# The Kentucky Pioneer

# "United we stand, divided we fall."



# Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

## **KYSSAR Annual Meeting Scheduled**

When: March 8, 2014

Where: Holiday Inn Louisville East –Hurstbourne 1325 S. Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY

Time:

Registration: 9 am--10 am BOG Meeting: 9:30 am Regular Meeting: 10 am

Lunch: \$22.00 . (includes: Salad, entrée, dessert and drink)

**Program will include:** 

**KYSSAR** Annual awards

Youth contest and awards

Mail reservation check, payable to KYSSAR to:

Richard Bierman 9301 Springbrooke Circle Louisville, KY 40241



Accommodations: Room rate is \$79.00 per night, plus tax. The tax is 15.01% on sleeping rooms

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#### **KYSSAR Website:**

http://www.kyssar.org/

## **NSSAR Merchandise Inventory**



SAR and DAR members pitched in to take inventory at the NSSAR Merchandise area. Kneeling and seated from L-R are: Charlie Scott, Jon Toon, Forrest Chilton, Tommy Jones and Chuck Scott. Standing from L-R are: William Busch, Susan Griffin, Marjorie Busch, Marcie Murdock, Laura Jones, Scott Giltner, Lee Moody, Junior Murdock and Vice President General of the South Atlantic District Randy Moody.



Susan Griffin, NSSAR Merchandise Manager receives a Medal of Appreciation from Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter President Chuck Scott.

#### **Purple Heart Monument, Walton, Kentucky**

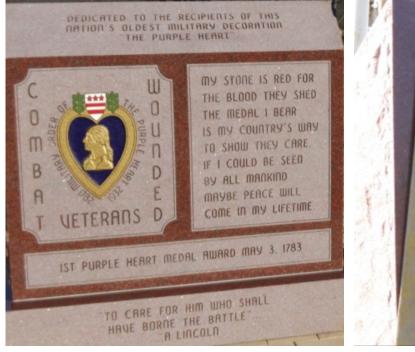


Jackie Miller, II of the Captain William Arnold Chapter can breathe a sigh of relief. The Purple Heart Monument, he has worked on for about a year, has been set near the Courthouse in Walton, KY.

The City of Walton provided the funds with a little help from the KYSSAR. The Sons of the American Revolution logo is inscribed on the back of the monument.

A dedication service will be April 12, 2014.

**Good job Jackie!** 



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Back

**Dedication Service** 

April 12, 2014 @ 4 PM

Walton, Kentucky

#### **Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter**

Compatriots from the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz visited the classroom of Ms. Tammy Hayes at the Heritage Christian Academy in Hopkinsville. Compatriot Geoff Baggett gave classroom presentations to both of the 4th Grade history classes. The topic was Francis Marion and Colonial Militia in the Revolutionary War. After the presentation, Chapter President Ken Oakley and compatriot Baggett presented awards to the two classroom winners in the SAR Elementary Poster Contest, as well as a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Hayes for her leadership in guiding her thirty history students to take part in the contest.

The visit at Heritage Christian Academy was AWESOME! The kids were great, full of questions, and really into the subject. It was a pleasure to do a classroom presentation and recognize the poster winners.



Compatriot Geoff Baggett presents a program on "Colonia Militia in the Revolutionary War" while in uniform.



Chapter President Geoff Baggett and Past President Ken Oakley pose with the winners from each of Ms. Hayes' classes.



Ms. Tammy Hayes receives the Certificate of Appreciation from the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter.



What a great collection of posters about Francis Marion ("The Swamp Fox")

## **Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter**

### "Service to Veterans"

Compatriots from the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter visited the Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veteran's Center in Hanson, Kentucky. The visit was the culmination of an ongoing project to provide electric razors for the residents. Since so many of the long-term residents are on anticoagulant therapy for various heart-related illnesses, regular razors are much too dangerous for their everyday use. A simple nick while shaving can quickly turn into a major bleeding episode. Electric razors provide a safe and efficient solution for these high-risk patients. These compatriots delivered eight high-quality rotary razors to the staff Social Worker to distribute as she has need. They also delivered several music CD's from the 1950's, 60's, and 70's for the music library. The group took time to visit with a few patients, including one who was a life-long resident of Trigg County.



Compatriots take a moment for a picture with Korean War veteran, Mr. Littleberry. (L to R) Billy Redd, Geoff Baggett, Mr. Littleberry, James Sumner).

#### **Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter**

The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter held it's first annual Awards Dinner at the beautiful Lake Barkley State Park Lodge on Tuesday, January 21. The ladies of the local James Thomas Chapter of the DAR were invited, as well. After dinner in the lodge restaurant, the group retired to a private meeting room to present awards and recognize the officers for 2014.

In addition to "Certificates of Appreciation" to ladies of the DAR and "Certificates of Distinguished Service" to Compatriots, several medals were awarded. Compatriots Billy Redd, James Sumner, and Geoff Baggett received the SAR's "Military Service Medal." Outgoing president Ken Oakley presented two of the newly authorized "Chapter Distinguished Service Medals" to Billy Redd (2012) and James Sumner (2013).

After swearing in officers for 2014, newly elected president Geoff Baggett presented outgoing president Ken Oakley with his "Past President's Pin" and certificate and the Bronze (Chapter) "Roger Sherman Medal" for outstanding service as charter member, President, and driving force in the establishment of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter.

The highlight of the evening was an unexpected recognition by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The local James Thomas Chapter of the DAR nominated Compatriot James Sumner to the Kentucky Society of the DAR for the state's "Conservation Award." The Conservation Committee of the DAR in each state recognizes a farmer in that state each year for their, "Preservation of the Natural Resources of Our Country, Its Soils, Minerals, Forests, Waters and Wildlife." Mr. Sumner not only won the Kentucky DAR State Award, but he also won the National DAR Conservation Award for 2013! Mrs. Martha Maxfield of the Cadiz James Thomas Chapter presented all three of the conservation awards, as well as a flag flown over the Capitol of the United States in honor of Compatriot James Sumner.



(L to R) Treasurer James Sumner, President Geoff Baggett, Chaplain Billy Redd, Vice-President Tony Ramey, Registrar Steve Mallory, Historian Bobby Skinner



Mrs. Martha Maxfield of the James Thomas DAR Chapter and James Sumner.



Chapter President Geoff Baggett and Ken Oakley.

## **Louisville Thruston Chapter**





KYSSAR Treasurer Richard Bierman poses with newly naturalized citizens.



Color Guard Commander Dan Klinck with the chapter's new 1st Virginia Regiment Flag.



Louisville Thruston Color Guard members. Front row (L-R): Les Black, John H. Huffman, Sr., Randy Lane and Jon Huffman. Standing L-R: Bill Manby, Commander Dan Klinck, Norb Rawert, Bill Carrell, Henry Head, David Head, Will Schrader, P.G. David Sympson and Paul Whitty.

#### William Whitley DAR Chapter

The William Whitley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution held its regular meeting on Saturday, January 18 at the Whitley County Court House. The theme of the meeting was Historic Preservation.

County Court Clerk Kay Schwartz hosted the meeting in the Courthouse Records Room. Ms. Schwartz reviewed all of the available records archived in the county courthouse and provided hands—on instruction and time for the new members to learn to use the indexes and locate the records stored in other areas of the Clerk's office. Ms. Schwartz emphasized the Veterans' Discharge records and how important it was to have them recorded in the clerk's office because of such things as home fires or loss of records during moves especially when veterans have to leave their homes and move in with relatives or into extended care facilities. These veterans' records are used for veterans' license plates, veterans' health care services and grave markers. She urged each member to see that their families' members' records were recorded. This service is free to the veteran. In addition to her outstanding presentation, Ms. Schwartz and her assistant provided a nice buffet lunch while the members were searching records.

The next meeting will be February 15 at 11 a.m. at the Whitley County Public Library. We will continue with our Historic Preservation theme. Our guest speaker will be Sharon Mayne Withers, Registrar General of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Sharon is the daughter of former Whitley County Superintendent Bill Mayne and Wilma Mayne. The Registrar General's role is to promote verification and processing of DAR applications. Becoming a DAR member is more than just meetings. By being accepted into the DAR, your family tree and heritage becomes a part of a national database that ensures your family tree has been preserved for future generations. The DAR was established on Columbus Day in October 1890.

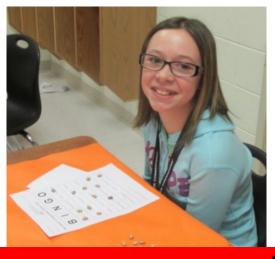


Pictures from left to right are: Rebecca Gibson, Betty Olsen, Donna Colegrove, Elmer Olsen, County Court Clerk Kay Schwartz, Aretta Moses, Carolyn Falin and Emily Meadors.









Center for Advancing America's Heritage goes on the road!

The CAAH visited the Crossroads Elementary School in Mt. Washington, KY. Colleen Wilson and RaeAnn Sauer taught the students how to write with a quill pen and introduced a new game called "History Bingo.

Scott Giltner and Charlie Scott gave a flag presentation and both played songs on their fifes while talking about music during the Revolutionary War. Scott played the American song "Chester" and Charlie play a British song "The World Turned Upside Down."

Three classes took part in this program.

#### Von Steuben Medal

The National Von Steuben Medal for sustained achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. The Medal is gold in color, and depicts a likeness of Baron Friederich von Steuben. Its precedence is higher than the Silver Color Guard Medal, but lower than the Gold Color Guard Medal. Recipients must already have been awarded the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals. The National Von Steuben Medal may be awarded to an SAR Color Guardsman only once; oak leaf clusters are not allowed.



The first two members from the Commonwealth of Kentucky have earned this prestigious medal: Rev. Forrest Chilton and Charlie Scott, both members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, were approved for their sustained Color Guard service after waiting the required five years from the date they were awarded the Silver Color Guard medal.

Forrest and Charlie have taken part in marking the graves of over 100 Rev. War Patriots and both of them have over 400 SAR related activities to their credit, including events at many

of the Rev. War battle sites.

Rev. Forrest Chilton



Baron Von Steuben

Charlie Scott



# The Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Request your presence at a

ceremony as we celebrate

our 125th Anniversary

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

at

2:00 p.m.

700 Capital Avenue Bay

Frankfort, KY 40601

**R.S.V.P Douglas Collins** 

502-292-0719 or aliedoug@twc.com



If you have a uniform, wear it!

#### It's a Family Affair!

Several weeks ago Travis McCloud talked to his pastor, Compatriot Geoff Baggett, about membership in the SAR. Travis is originally from the mountains of East Tennessee ... way up northeast in Carter County. His home is the land of the Watauga Association, a very early settlement that declared its independence from Great Britain and later appealed to the fledgling United States for protection. With the history of the area, the odds were in his favor that we would find a patriot ancestor.

As it turns out, he has several! We discovered at least four: Michael Hider, Teter Nave, Leonard Bowers, and Edgecomb Suggett. Any one of them qualify him for membership.

Because of ease of documentation, we are filing on his 4th great-grandfather, Leonard Bowers, who served three years in the 6th Maryland Regiment of the Continental Line and fought in several battles in both northern and southern campaigns.

But Travis is not joining alone! He has three sons, all currently students, and he decided that membership in the SAR was a legacy that he wanted to give to his boys. We have just completed location of all necessary documents and are putting the final touches on their applications. They should be ready to submit all four within the week.

One submission ... four new Compatriots for the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter! Be sure to shout out a warm welcome to the McCloud men.



(l to r) Travis, Ryan, Connor, and Dallas McCloud

#### **2015 Congress Medal Sets**

If you plan to attend the 2015 NSSAR Congress or if you plan to work at making this a successful Congress and if you receive this newsletter you have the first opportunity to purchase the Congress medal set before it is offered to the general membership. We have a very limited supply of these attractive medals and we don't expect the supply to last. Order now while we can guarantee delivery.



#### 2015 Congress Medal Set Order

	\$30 each plus \$1 mailing expense for each medal set
• Mail	_ 2015 Congress Medal set(s) to me at the following address:
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	Charlie Scott, 10703 Boxwood Hill Court, Louisville, KY 40223

#### 2015 Congress Challenge Coin

There will be a limited supply of 125th Congress coins for sale. This is a fund-raising project of the Kentucky Society to help us cover expenses for the Congress to be held in Louisville in 2015. This initial offer is for Kentucky SAR members and for those who receive the Kentucky Pioneer newsletter--our friends in the DAR and members of other state SAR Societies.

The coin has on the front side engravings of the two main ways pioneers removed to the area that became the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The back side has the symbol of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

The coin will sell for \$10. If mailed, there will be a \$1 mailing charge for each coin shipped. For those members who will be attending the spring leadership meeting, coins can be picked up at the meeting.

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# Pennsylvania Fowler \* 2015 Congress Special Made by master craftsman Darrin McDonal \$5.00 Donation Chapters can order books of ten on consignment Individual sales at Chapter or by mail Mail check payable to KYSSAR, 2015 Congress to: Charlie Scott, 10703 Boxwood Hill Court, Louisville, KY 40223 (Indicate on check for line: Fowler) Top portion of ticket stub will be scanned and sent to you by e-mail

# **Congress Lapel Pins**



Congress lapel pins are now available. This is an opportunity for all Kentucky members to help support our society put on a great Congress in 2015.

The pins are \$5.00 each. Chapters can order in quantities to pass out to their members. Mail your check, payable to <u>KYSSAR, 2015 Congress</u>, to:

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