



The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

APRIL Partial calendar of events

17th - Patriot Memorial Service Location: *KY Veterans Cem. West, 5817 Ft. Campbell Blvd. (HWY 41A) Hopkinsville, Ky* Time: *2:00 p.m. (central time)*

MAY

16th - Color Guard for DAR Grave Markings - Geiger, Nelson, and Meriwether Location: *Cave Hill Cemetery, 701 Baxter Ave, Louisville, KY* Time: *2:00 p.m. (muster at 1:00 p.m.)*

23rd - Patriots Monument Dedication Location: *140 Freeman Lake Park Road, Elizabethtown, KY* Time: *2:00 p.m. (muster at 1:00 p.m.)*

29th - Flags4Vets Memorial Day Vigil Location: *Great Lawn at Waterfront Park, Louisville, KY* Time: *noon (setup at 11:00 a.m.)*

29th - George Rogers Clark Memorial Service (National SAR event) **43rd Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous** Location: *Vincennes, IN* Time: *10:00 a.m.*

30th - Patriot Memorial Day Service Location: *Bethel Presbyterian Church Cem., 4620 Bethel Rd, Lexington, KY* Time: *12:30 p.m. (muster at 11:30 a.m.)*

30th - Memorial Day Service Location: *Veterans Park, 10707 Taylorsville Rd, Jeffersontown, KY* Time: *6:00 p.m. (muster at 5:30 p.m.)*

31st - Memorial Day Service Location: *Zachary Taylor National Cem. Louisville, KY* Time: *2:00 p.m. Muster at 1*

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Meet the new Surgeon of the Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution

**Emery Wilson, MD
Surgeon, KYSSAR**

Why did you become a physician?

I'm from the small community of Stanford (2,000 people)...so I was a city boy. I first became interested in medicine when I had an appendectomy at 13 years old. My two best friends in high school were also interested in medicine so that provided positive reinforcement. One of my friend's father was a family practitioner who did general surgery. When he learned that I was interested in medicine, he invited me to watch him perform surgery which also strengthened my resolve. After graduating from Emory University, I came to medical school wanting to be a family practitioner who also did surgery like my physician role model, but of course I couldn't do that. By the end of my third year, it finally dawned on me that obstetrics and gynecology is really family medicine for women, and I got to do surgery.

Tell us about your educational and professional background

So, I was an obstetrician/gynecologist back when I did honest work...that was before I got into medical school administration. After finishing medical school and residency in obstetrics and gynecology here at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, I was asked to stay on the faculty, but I had a commitment to serve in the Air Force. We were still in the Viet Nam War at that time. So, I did deliveries and pap smears for my country for two years.

I tell everyone that I am a "serendipitist"...a lot of things have happened to me seemingly by chance, by serendipity. My best example is while in the Air Force, I considered doing subspecialty training in infertility and reproductive endocrinology. So, I applied to what I thought were the five best fellowship programs. One was to UC San Diego because the chair there, Ken Ryan, was a nationally recognized researcher in reproductive endocrinology. I got a strange letter from him, saying, "I cannot respond to your request at this time. I will let you know in a month." Sure enough, a month later I received a letter from him saying, "I've just been named chair at Harvard. If you would like to join me at Harvard, I will be glad to have you." Serendipity! I am convinced we all have serendipitous opportunities like this. When I talk to young people, I tell them that when they come along, they must take advantage of them.

So, after two years in Boston, I returned to the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in 1976 to serve as a faculty member focusing on the treatment of infertility and the management of hormonal disorders. In 1985, baby Louise Brown was born in London, England. She was the first baby conceived by in vitro fertilization (IVF). The local media here wanted to know when we would be performing this procedure in Kentucky, but I told them that I didn't know if it would ever be socially acceptable here. Well, two years later, we performed the procedure for a patient with endometriosis. The next morning, we were thrilled to find a fertilized ovum. Elizabeth was the product of the first successful pregnancy by IVF in Kentucky. For my other two team members, it was their expertise that caused this to happen. For me, it was...serendipity!

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Over the years, I have really enjoyed hearing from parents who were treated for infertility and what their children are now doing. You know, not many of us will ever be famous. Not many of us will ever win a Nobel prize or become president. The only thing that most of us will ever accomplish of any significance in our lives will be through our children and our children's children. Couples who have difficulty conceiving appreciate and understand that perhaps more than anyone.

After 12 years on the faculty, I was interested in being a department chair. I happened to see Dr. Peter Bosomworth, Vice President of Health Affairs, and when I told him of my aspirations, he invited me to spend some time in his office to observe administration in action. Well, three months later, I was the dean of the College of Medicine. Serendipity! I served as dean for 18 years and also served as president of Lexington Medical Society, chair of the AMA Section on Medical Schools, member of the Executive Board of the Association of American Medical Colleges, and chair of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which accredits all of the medical schools in the U.S. and Canada. After leaving the dean's office, I established a medical school consulting company and worked with some 95 medical schools in the U.S and other countries.

What are your interests outside of medicine? Since retirement, I have enjoyed family, traveling, and occasional interaction with the LMS and medical school. This year, I find that I don't do anything, and I don't start until noon. I have exercised more and read more, recently focusing on the medical references in the Bible.

Compatriots:

As the newly elected KSSAR Surgeon, I will be sending you information periodically that I hope will enhance your health. Also, you all know that an apple a day keeps the doctor away, so I will be sending along an "apple" each time that I hope enlightens your day.

Headaches

Most everyone has had a headache. It is the most common form of pain and a major reason people miss days at work or school. The most common type of headache is a tension headache. Tension headaches are due to tight muscles in your shoulders, neck, scalp and jaw. They are often related to stress, depression or anxiety. You are more likely to get tension headaches if you work too much, don't get enough sleep, miss meals, or use alcohol. Other common types of headaches include migraines and sinus headaches. Most people feel much better by making lifestyle changes, learning ways to relax and taking pain relievers. Not all headaches require a doctor's attention, but sometimes headaches warn of a more serious disorder. Let your doctor know if you have sudden, severe headaches. Get medical help right away if you have a headache after a blow to your head, or if you have a headache along with a stiff neck, fever, confusion, loss of consciousness, or pain in the eye or ear. (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke).

Apple for today: I saw a patient recently that suffered from kleptomania. Every time he had an attack, he would just take something for it.

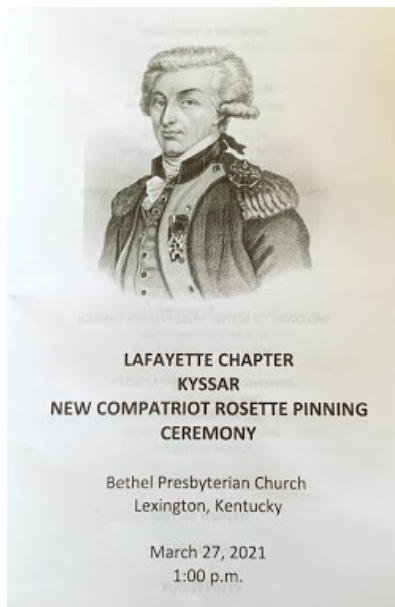
Emery Wilson

KSSAR Surgeon



Lafayette Chapter

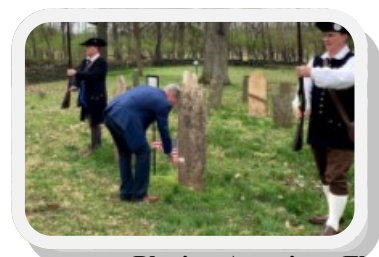
On Saturday March 27th the Lafayette Chapter held a New Compatriot Rosette Pinning Ceremony at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Lexington Kentucky. The church property dates to the late 1700s and the current building (3rd building) was built in the mid-1800s. Chapter President Dale Henley oversaw the pinning service. Compatriots Nick Bevins, Stephen Brown, Mike Flynn, and Kevin Tudor received their Rosette Pins from Immediate Past Chapter President Tim Brown. After the pinning each New Compatriot was invited to talk about the Patriot Ancestor. Lafayette Chapter members received awards given at the Kentucky Society State Spring Meeting before the closing of the service. Following the service, the four New Compatriots joined Lafayette Chapter Chaplain Ted Kuster in placing American Flags on the graves of five Revolutionary War Patriots buried in the church cemetery.



New members of the Lafayette Chapter. Compatriots Nick Bevins, Stephen Brown, Mike Flynn, and Kevin Tudor



Rosette Pinning Ceremony at Bethel Presbyterian Church.



Placing American Flags on the graves of five Revolutionary War Patriots buried in the church cemetery.

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Color Guard training at SAR headquarters



Saluting



Marching

Color Guard Commander Scott Giltner leads training at SAR headquarters



Flag folding



Wreath Laying

Color Guard training at SAR headquarters



Rod Smothers leads part of training involving firelocks.



**Alena Cruz, President
Kentucky Society
Children of the American Revolution**



Each year, the State 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!

Note:

President Cruz has about 30 children's books written and autographed by Miss America (Heather French Henry). The books were donated by the author to help fund the C.A.R. project. If you would like to purchase one or more of these books at \$10 each contact Charlie Scott at meb42639@aol.com.



Subject: Invitation for the Society of the Descendant of Washington's Army at Valley Forge

The Kentucky Brigade of Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge (DVF) was Chartered by the National Society on March 17, 2021. I am sending you an invitation that I am asking for you to please share with your membership either directly or via a newsletter insertion.

The DVF membership includes males and females, adults and children. As we are in the position of growth, I am reaching out to my Kentucky contacts to spread the word. Attached is a pdf and a WORD document for you to be able to distribute.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in spreading the word.

**Douglas T. Collins
Interim Brigade Commander-Kentucky (2021)
Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge
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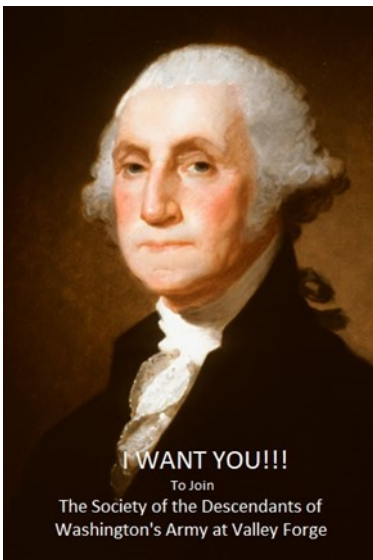
Here ye! Here ye! Here ye!



On March 17, 2021, the Kentucky Brigade of the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge was Chartered by the National Society. The Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge (DVF) is a historical & genealogical organization where one must prove descent from a person that spent time at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with the Continental Army between December 19, 1777 and June 19, 1778. The DVF, founded March 25, 1976 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, is a non-profit, non-political volunteer service organization for men, women, and children dedicated to preserving the memory of those men and women who entered the camp at Valley Forge

any time between December 19, 1777 and June 19, 1778, during the American Revolution in order to rest for the winter. It was at this site that the soldiers located supplies, built log cabins and huts, and dug miles of trenches for defense against a British attack. Nearly 2,000 men died during this winter while those who survived came out of the experience well trained for battle. DVF members gather each summer for the annual Encampment to celebrate the year's accomplishments and tour Valley Forge National Historical Park.

The DVF awards college scholarships, presents history awards to local students, and contributes to the Valley Forge Park Alliance. Any person of any age, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution who wintered at Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War, is eligible for membership. Please consider joining our family in remembering the Valley Forge Encampment and honoring our patriots.



DVF Membership: <https://www.valleyforgesociety.com/membership>

Valley forge Muster Roll:

<http://valleyforgesmusterroll.org/muster.asp>

For additional information, contact Doug Collins (Kentucky Brigade Commander) - aliedoug1776@gmail.com

Americanism, U.S.S. Stark Memorial & President General Streamer Report

Chapters were asked to submit Americanism and Stark Memorial reports at the end of each quarter with the totals being reported in the state newsletter. The main reason for doing this is because only a few of our chapters ever fill out the report annually. Filling out the report as you go makes it much easier than trying to remember at the end of the year what you have done. Our state society competes with other states and these reports indicate how active we have been. In the past the Kentucky Society has fared pretty good with only a few chapters reporting. With all of our chapters working together we will remain very competitive.

This report also shows the chapter what they have done and can be used as part of it's permanent record. We are a team and we are only as good as the sum of of all of our chapter totals.

Please start using the Americanism report as one of your chapter tools. This can also be used prior to each state meeting instead of a chapter report.

Chapter totals will be listed according to size of membership;

Here are the chapters that sent totals in for the first quarter:

Large chapters with membership over 100: **Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter**

Medium Size chapters with membership between 50 & 100: **Big Sandy Chapter**

Small chapters with membership less than 50: **None**



We can win these if we work together!

Liberty Bell Americanism Award



to the Chapter, based upon size, which presents evidence of
best implementing S.A.R. resolutions and principles
2018 - 2019

129th Congress
Costa Mesa, California
July 8, 2019

Wm. M. Altier
President General

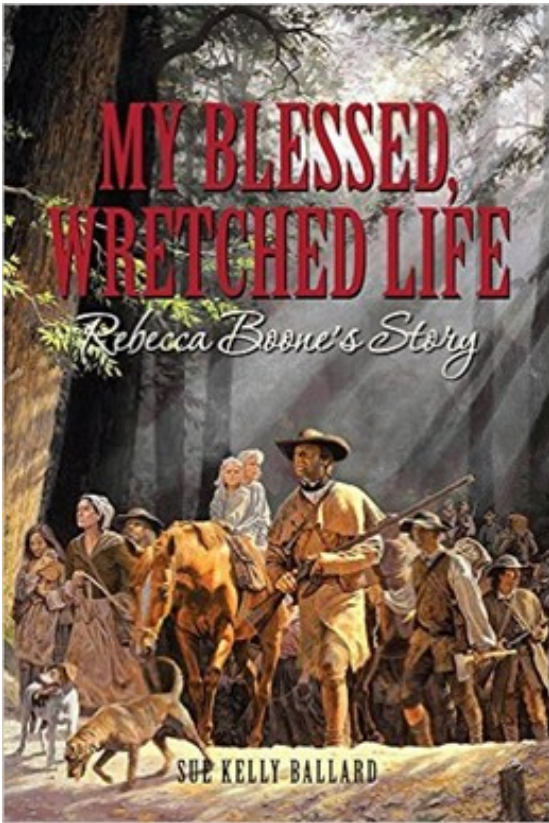
USS Stark Memorial Award



to the Chapter, based upon size with the best record
of service to veterans during the year
2019 - 2020

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July 13, 2020

John T. McInnis
John T. McInnis, President General



My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story

by Sue Kelly Ballard

Butler Books Publishing Company

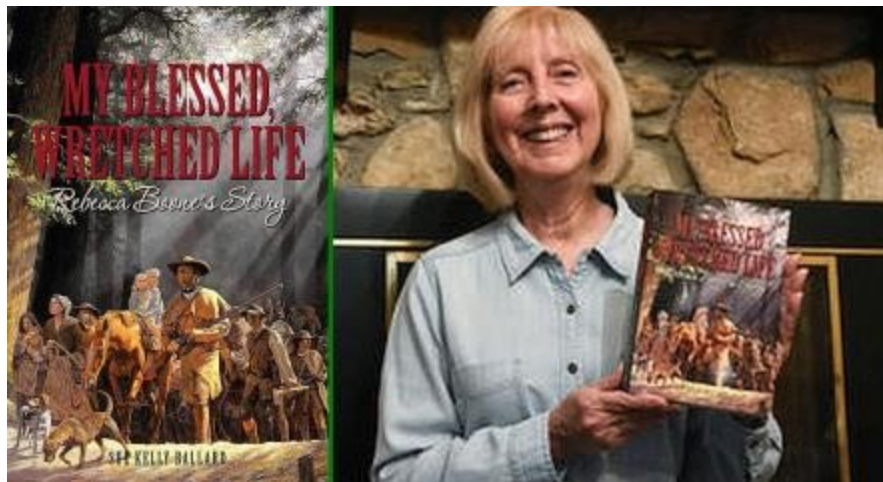
Rebecca's own story, as imagined creatively by Sue Kelly Ballard, is so captivating, so gut-wrenchingly realistic, so obviously genuine, we begin to acknowledge who really moved America westward: our pioneer mother ancestors. Ballard captures every mood and moment of Rebecca's life in the backwoods and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

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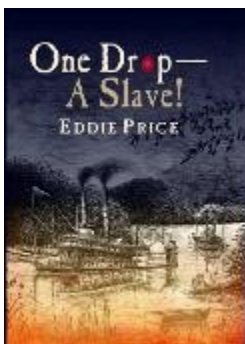
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