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Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution



Members at Moores Creek Bridge

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President Steve Mallory pays tribute at the state meeting to those compatriots who passed away during the past year.



New state President Scott Giltner receives the state gavel.



Out going State President, Steve Mallory, receives copy of historical document as a parting gift.



President Giltner lays out plans for the coming year.

Message from the State President

Scott G. Giltner, Kentucky Society President

Compatriots of the Kentucky Society,

Thank you for your support and confidence in my capabilities to serve as the President of the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. I look forward to serving the society in the coming year. I would also like to thank all the previous presidents and state officers for their leadership of the Kentucky Society.

Currently, the COVID-19 related limitations and restrictions on SAR events have been relaxed, so hopefully, the end of the pandemics is in sight. Now is the time for the Kentucky Society to get back not only to our regular activities, but additional programs as well, as we manage the current environment and calculate how best to function within the new normal. This is important as we are entering the main period of celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

Currently we are in the period of celebrating the pre-Revolutionary War acts of Patriot resistance. President General Wright has requested that we, as members of the SAR, focus on the period between the Battles of Lexington and Concord, starting on 19 April 2025, to Evacuation Day on 25 November 2033. In the lead up to this period it is important that the Kentucky Society prepare not only our membership, but also our communities, for the upcoming celebration of our country.

Therefore, I set several goals to not only prepare the Kentucky Society for the 250th Anniversary, but also advance us well into the future. These goals are intended to engage more chapters and members in our activities and to establish closer relationships and communications within the Kentucky Society.

Goal #1 - Increase Membership Participation. Vice President McCain will be the lead for this goal. This goal is supported by three initiatives.

Encourage chapters to send letters of invitation to all their new members. Becoming a member of an organization like the SAR can be daunting. To encourage new members to make that first step towards being an active member of the chapter, we are requesting chapters to formally invite new members to their meetings and events. A boiler plate letter of invitation has been drafted for this purpose and will be provided to the various Kentucky Chapters to streamline this process for them. A friendly follow-up phone call is also encouraged.

(2) Promote the usage of the New Member Orientation handbook. A New Member Orientation handbook was introduced to the Kentucky Society at the summer meeting in 2020. The handbook explains the operation of the chapter, state society, district, and national society and the approach of each in carrying out the objectives of the Society. Those chapters that have issued the handbook to their new members have reported significant benefits such as greater engagement of new members. Therefore, we will endeavor to build on the success of these chapters by increasing the usage of the New Member Orientation handbook throughout the Kentucky Society.

(3) Develop mentorship programs. In conjunction with the New Member Orientation handbook, it will be necessary to assign a mentor to each new member. The National Society has had an established mentorship program for several years. Those Kentucky chapters without a mentorship program will be encouraged to initiate one.

Goal #2 - Increase Chapter Activity. A Council of Chapter Presidents has been created as an ad-hoc committee. This council will be an open informal forum where the various chapter presidents can discuss and share ideas to help grow their membership and develop their chapter programs. Compatriot Tom Geimeier is the chairman of this council. Compatriot Geimeier has a wealth of experience within the SAR having served as chapter president, society president, and national trustee, and will provide strong leadership for this council. It is intended that the council meetings will be held as virtual meetings so as to eliminate the burden of travel for its members. Compatriot Geimeier will be contacting all the chapter presidents to coordinate the first meeting.

Goal #3 – Promote the Distinguished Chapter Recognition. This is a new recognition within the Kentucky Society. The purpose of this recognition is to provide an outline of activities the chapters should focus on not only to grow public awareness of the SAR and our activities, but also to provide support for the goals for the state and national societies. Chapters who meet the criteria for this recognition will receive a certificate identifying them as a Distinguished Chapter within the Kentucky Society. Efforts will continue to promote this recognition within the Kentucky Society.

Goal #4 - Program Development and Support.

At the Kentucky Society Annual Spring meeting, several committees were discussed as being important in building the programs and public awareness of the Kentucky Society. I would like to discuss three of these committees at this time.

New Education Committee. Education is a key activity of the national society. President General Wright has placed an emphasis on education particularly as we progress towards the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The Education Committee was approved at the recent Kentucky Spring Meeting. The responsibilities of this committee are multi-faceted and will require committee members who are knowledgeable and purposeful in promoting the educational goals of the SAR.

Compatriot Pat Berry is the chairman of this new committee. Compatriot Berry has years of experience as an educator and has been leading the Youth Awards contests of the Kentucky

Society for many years. I look forward to his leadership and insight as we launch this new state committee and enhance our education program.

250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee. As we are approaching the period of 2025 to 2033, which the President General recognizes as the focal period for the SAR, this committee will become more and more important. This committee's role will be to guide the Kentucky Society into a leadership role within our communities by identifying, planning, and executing events to celebrate the founding of our nation. As members of the Sons of the American Revolution, we should be looked upon by the general public as **THE** authority on the American Revolution.

Compatriot Steve Gahafer will be the Point of Contact for this committee. It is imperative that this committee take a proactive stance and reach out to the public and local governments. Who better to lead the way towards this celebration than the descendants of those who supported our nation's independence.

Patriot Burial Historic Marker Committee. In the Kentucky Society Annual Spring meeting a historic marker program to identify the location of Patriot burials in Kentucky was approved. Since the Fall Meeting, officers of the Kentucky Society have been holding discussions with the Pomeroy Foundation regarding the establishment of a grant program within Kentucky for marking the burial locations of Patriots. The founder of the Pomeroy Foundation is a member of the SAR in the New York Society and has for several years been providing grants to the Empire State Society in this program.

A committee has been established to support this program which will be chaired by Compatriot Patrick Wesolosky. Compatriot Wesolosky's energy and experience in locating and cleaning Patriot burials as well as his attention to detail will serve this committee well in its efforts. The goal for this committee is to have the first batch of grant requests approved by August of this year.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for your support and participation. I look forward to working with everyone over the next year as we move the Kentucky Society towards the 250th Anniversary of the America's Independence and beyond.

In Patriotic Service

Scott G. Giltner
President
Kentucky Society





State Presidents at Spring State Meeting

From L-R: Tom Geimeier, Mike Sullivan, Jesse Moore, Pat Berry, Scott Giltner, Steve Mallory, Tom Higgins, Doug Collins and President General David Sympton.

Distinguished Chapters



Distinguished Chapter certificates were issued to two chapters: Simon Kenton and Gov. Isaac Shelby. Accepting the certificates are, from left: Donald Drewry, President of the Simon Kenton Chapter and Patrick Wesolosky, President of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter.

Awards at the state meeting



Debbie Mallory, wife of President Steve Mallory, is awarded the Lydia Darragh medal. In picture on the right, past State President Tom Higgins presents President Mallory a Silver Good Citizenship medal.



Mike Sullivan is presented the Distinguished Service medal.



John Humphries was awarded the Patriot Medal.



Patrick Wesolosky is awarded the Silver Roger Sherman medal.



President Steve Mallory presents Marika Wesolosky with a Silver 250 Anniversary medal.

Awards at the State meeting.



Steve Gahafer, Dale Henley and Charlie Scott received State Meritorious medals.



Scott Giltner received "Color Guardsman of the Year" award.



Past President Tom Geimeier was awarded a Compatriot Service award.



Eagle Scout Chairperson Tim Brown received a special Eagle Scout trophy.



Steve McCain received a certificate for "Outstanding Newsletter. Jackie Miller (not pictured) received a certificate for "Meet my Ancestors" video.

KYSSAR State meeting



Donald Bradley, Big Sandy Chapter, received the Thomas J. Lyne award for being the first line signer on most new members.



Brett Eugene Phelps, winner of the Eagle Scout competition for the second year with John Humphries (sponsor) and Tim Brown the Eagle Scout chairperson.



Pat Berry, youth chairman, with Madi Arstingstall the winner of the brochure competition.



State officers: Seated: Mike Sullivan, Steve Mallory, Charlie Scott, Bill Dehaven. Standing: Pat Berry, Emery Wilson, Rick Kincaid, Joe Hendricks, Jr., Scott Giltner, Tim Brown, Donald Drewry, Doug Collins, Steve McCain.



Marika Wesolosky, center, (wife of Patrick Wesolosky) just recently was awarded the Mollie Pitcher medal. Here she poses with Debbie Mallory-left (wife of KYSSAR President Steve Mallory) and Esther Drewry-right (wife of Chaplain Donald Drewry). These three ladies are part of a small group from Kentucky to have ever received this prestigious award.



Marika Wesolosky receives the Mollie Pitcher medal from the National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg.

Chapter pictures



Louisville Thruston Chapter



Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter



Simon Kenton Chapter



Lafayette Chapter



Col. Daniel Boone Chapter



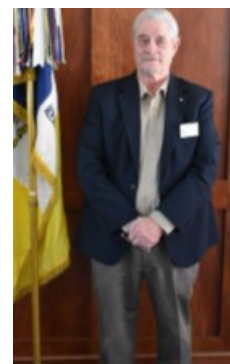
Big Sandy Chapter



Col. Benjamin Logan & Col. Stephen Trigg

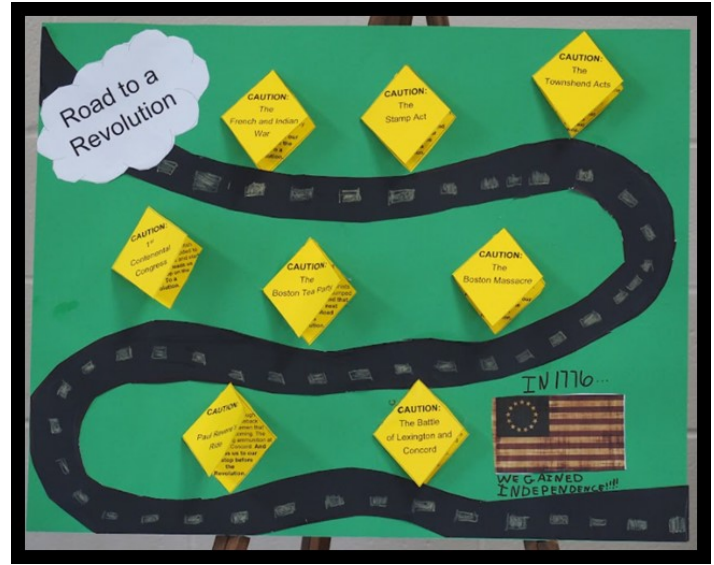


Captain Charles Gatliff



James Early

Youth Awards



The Americanism Poster Contest award presented to Carter Jones by Awards chairman Pat Berry for both Chapter and State awards



Simon Kenton Chapter compatriots presents additional student awards at St. Augustine School in February. The students were entered in either the poster or brochure contest.

Simon Kenton Chapter



Tom Geimeier leads the march to Harrison's Tomb.



Flag presentation at St. Agnes School in February by compatriots Jesse Moore, Tom Geimeier and Dave Gilbert.

Big Sandy Chapter



New members initiated in Prestonburg. From L-R: David Sabin, Ed Keeton, Tom Burchett, Rick Catron and Jason VanHoose.



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

DAR State Meeting



Tom Geimeier, Scott Giltner, Jim Conrad and Pat Berry at the DAR State Meeting .



Here comes the Regent!



Attention! Here comes the Regent!



Emery Wilson & Patrick Wesolosky

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution

invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the
240th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks

Saturday, 20 August, 2022 @ 10 a.m. EDT

**Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY
(Color Guard muster at 9:00 a.m.)**

Join us in this National Color Guard event by presenting a wreath, carrying your state flag or participating in the flintlock gun salute.

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Afterwards:

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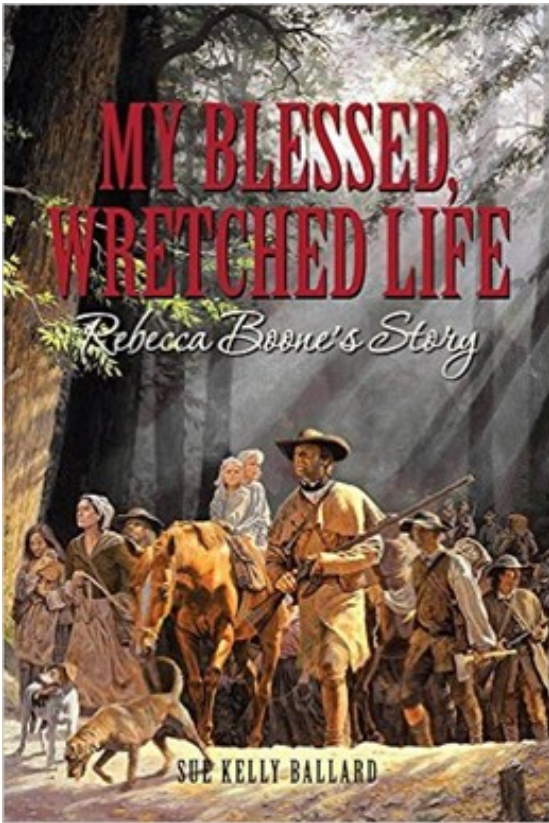
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by Sue Kelly Ballard

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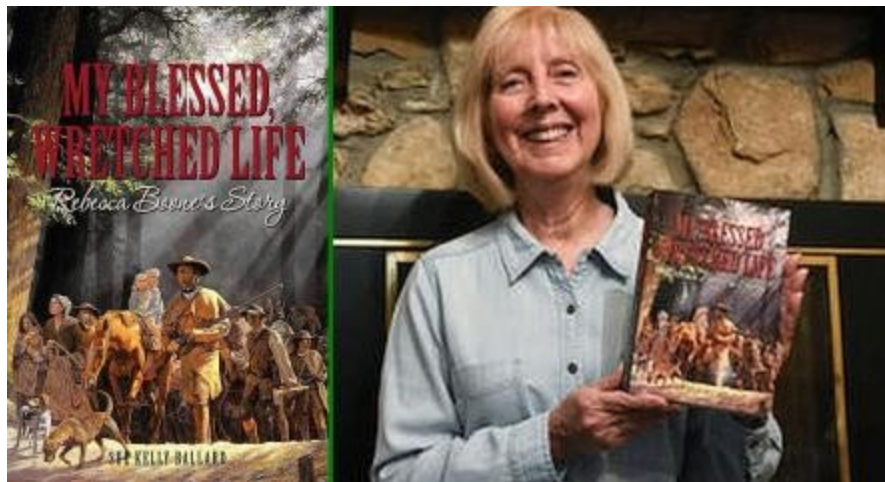
Rebecca's own story, as imagined creatively by Sue Kelly Ballard, is so captivating, so gut-wrenchingly realistic, so obviously genuine, we begin to acknowledge who really moved America westward: our pioneer mother ancestors. Ballard captures every mood and moment of Rebecca's life in the backwoods and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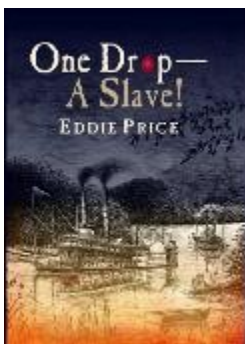
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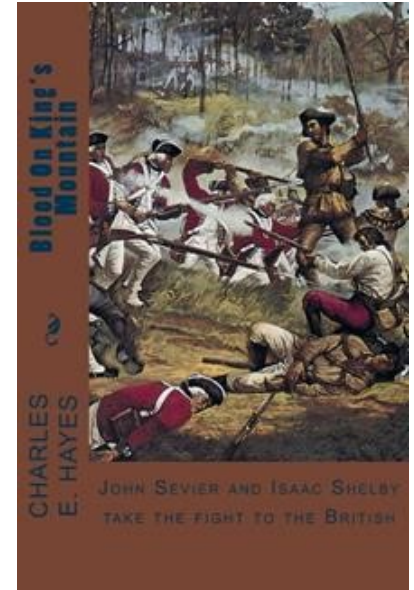
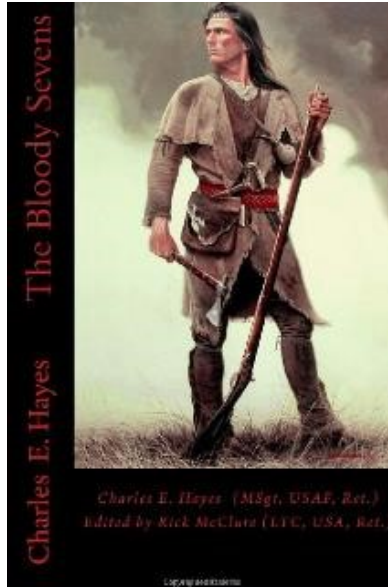
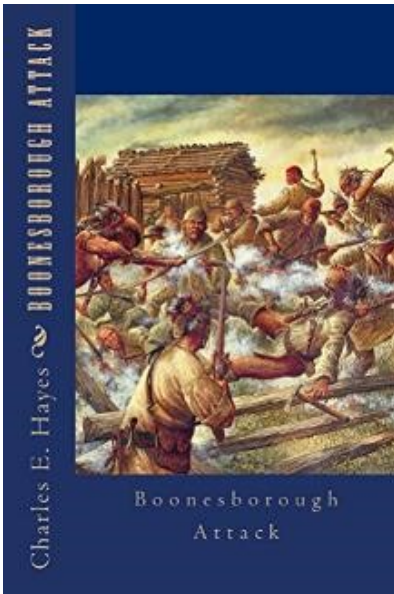
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