

HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR JON MEACHAM
TO SPEAK AT 2017 SAR CONGRESS
“The Congress You’ll Not Want to Miss!”
July 6 – 13, 2017 – Knoxville, Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, TN, June 15, 2016 - Tennessee SAR is proud to announce that Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham has accepted an invitation to be the guest speaker during the President General’s Banquet at the SAR 2017 Congress to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

Jon Ellis Meacham was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he attended St. Nicholas School, the McCallie School and the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was an initiate of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He graduated summa cum laude in 1991 with a degree in English Literature, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Meacham was an only child and spent his high school years living with his grandfather, Judge Ellis K. Meacham. The author of three Napoleonic-era maritime novels about the Bombay Marine of the East India Company, Judge Meacham gave Meacham his interest in history, literature, and politics.

Meacham is executive editor and executive vice president at Random House. He is a former editor-in-chief of Newsweek, a contributing editor to Time magazine, editor-at-large of WNET, and a commentator on politics, history, and religious faith in America. He won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography for *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*.

Among several other important historical works, Meacham also wrote *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* (2012), which appeared on many publications' year-end lists of the best nonfiction. His biography, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*, was published in 2015.

Meacham is a contributing editor of *The Washington Monthly*, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is a former trustee and member of the Board of Regents of University of the South, a Fellow of the Society of American Historians, a member of the Vestry of Trinity Wall Street, a trustee of the Churchill Centre, and a member of the Advisory Board of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University in St. Louis. The Anti-Defamation League awarded Meacham the Hubert H. Humphrey First Amendment Prize. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University in 2005 and holds five other honorary doctorates. Meacham and his wife, Margaret Keith Smythe Meacham, a native of Mississippi, former executive director of the Harlem Day Charter School, and a former programs officer with the Fund for Public Schools in New York, live in Nashville and Sewanee, Tennessee, with their three children.

Details about Mr. Meacham’s book signing will be forthcoming, prior to Congress.

SAR REGISTRATION

We are told that registration will be available on the SAR website within another week. So, make plans to attend, today.

Email 2 will include hotel/lodging and travel information.

Email 3 will describe special events, including golf, tours, luncheons, and banquets.

Email 4 will introduce the special guest speaker and book signing opportunity.

Email 5 will describe dining options for state delegations.

Email 6 will describe genealogical research opportunities.

Email 7 will describe a few side trip tips suggestions.

Email 8 will describe how to purchase Congress Medals, Coin, Pins, and Rifle Raffle Tickets.

For more information, please contact Host Society 2017 SAR Congress Chair Rick Hollis
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2017 CONGRESS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, July 6

ExCom/Foundation Meeting - Host Hotel

FRIDAY, July 7

Golf Scramble – Three Ridges Golf Course - Knoxville

GUIDED TOUR 1: Overmountain Men

[Sycamore Shoals at Fort Watauga, Amis Mill and Home, Crockett Tavern]

Cocktail Reception with Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Tour - East Tennessee History Center

SATURDAY, July 8

GUIDED TOUR 2: Born in the Backwoods

[Cumberland Gap and the Museum of Appalachia]

Host Society Reception and BBQ – Historic James White Fort

SUNDAY, July 9

SELF GUIDED TOUR: Frontier History and Natural Beauty in Cades Cove

Final Trustees Meeting - Host Hotel

Color Guard Parade from Hotel to Church

Memorial Service – First Baptist Knoxville

Ladies Tea – First Baptist Knoxville

General Society War of 1812 Reception and Tour – Blount Mansion

Genealogy Seminar – Host Hotel

Orations Contest Finals – Host Hotel

MONDAY, July 10

Color Guard Breakfast

Color Guard Presentation of Colors to Open Congress – Host Hotel

Opening and Second Sessions of Congress - Host Hotel

Youth Luncheon - Convention Center

Minute Man Awards Presentation / Awards Ceremony - Host Hotel

TUESDAY, July 11

SAR District Breakfast Meetings – Host Hotel

Third Session of Congress - Host Hotel

VPG/GWEF, PG Luncheon – Host Hotel

First Lady's Luncheon – Cherokee Country Club

Voting for SAR Officers – Host Hotel

President General Banquet - Convention Center

Special Guest Speaker – Historian and Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Jon Meacham

Color Guard Command Change Ceremony – Convention Center

WEDNESDAY, July 12

Closing Session of Congress – Host Hotel

New Trustees Meeting - Host Hotel

GUIDED TOUR 3: *Sssshhh!!!* America's Secret City *[Oak Ridge]*

Installation Banquet - Convention Center

THURSDAY, July 13

ExCom/Foundation Meeting - Host Hotel