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Attending the 124th National Convention in Greenville, S.C. were SAR First Lady Billie S. Brock, left, Melodye G. Brown, Maggie Evans, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., Christina Clapsadle, Marilyn Dammann, standing front to left, SAR President General Lindsey C. Brock, SAR Southern District Vice President General Richard D. Hollis, Past SAR South Atlantic District Vice President General Stanley A. Evans, TNSSAR Vice President David L. Eagan, Past SAR Southern District Vice President General Dr. Raymond A. Clapsadle, SAR Trustee Charles N. Dammann, back row standing left to right, Fred R. Ryan, Larry D. Tidwell and Herbert M. Gould.

124th National Congress:

Tennessee compatriots attend and participate

Eighteen compatriots of the Tennessee Society registered as delegates to the 124th National Congress in Greenville, S.C., including 2013-14 TNSSAR Trustee Charles N. Dammann who reported on the weeklong event.

President General Joseph W. Dooley, of

Falls Church, Va., lead the national trustees in a discussion of three items of business for the trustees to consider.

The first item was a discussion on the investment policy. This is a follow on to changes approved in Bylaw 23. After discussion, the policy was approved.

The George Washington Endowment Fund is not a special fund and will not be impacted by the policy.

The trustees discussed placing a minuteman statue on a pedestal on the sidewalk outside the NSSAR headquarters. Dooley indicated that it would be an eye catcher for NSSAR building

because other pieces of art and the large baseball bat across the street are already on Main Street. This motion was passed.

Third item was a discussion concerning the large microfilm library, reading equipment and printer the NSSAR owns. Current thought

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Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution President Claude Hardison, right, presents a certificate to Bonnie Wakefield for her third place finish in the national George and Stella Knight Essay Contest. In the photo are Joseph Greer Chapter President Bill Comer, Bonnie's parents National Trustee Colin and Nan Wakefield, and TNSSAR President-elect Dr. Darrell Addington holding a \$500 check presented to Bonnie.

Tennessean finishes third in national essay contest

A Tennessee high school senior wrote her way to third place nationally in the George and Stella Knight Essay Contest earlier this year.

Bonnie Wakefield, daughter of National Trustee and TNSSAR Past President Colin D. and Nan Wakefield of Fayetteville, described the influence of the Magna Carta on the Virginia Charter. The Virginia Charter was used as the foundation of law and government at Watauga settlement.

"Some of my ancestors were founding fathers of the Watauga settlement," she said. "I connected from the Magna Carta to Watauga."

The Magna Carta (Great Charter) was signed in 1215 by King John and feudal land barons as a means of limiting the king's powers.

Much of the document dealt with specific grievances rather than the general rule of law.

Nearly 400 years after the Magna Carta, the first of three Virginia Charters

was issued April 10, 1606.

In turn, the Virginia Charter was the basis of governance for Watauga Settlement in 1769.

"I found it really interesting how everything is linked together," Bonnie said.

She said writing the paper did not take very much time, but researching information took a couple of months.

Bonnie said she learned about Watauga and her ancestors, "where they came from, why they came here to America

and when they moved across the mountains."

Bonnie said she appreciates history more than she did before.

The Fayetteville High School senior was recognized Aug. 2 at the Board of Governors meeting at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin.

She plans to attend Sewanee College and pursue a bachelor's degree in Biology before continuing toward a doctorate in veterinary medicine.



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The President's Message

Claude T. Hardison Jr.
President, TNSSAR

In these first months as state president, I have enjoyed attending a number of different chapter meetings and attending an array of events and activities. Each one was a learning experience and the enjoyment of renewing friendships and meeting new and very interesting fellow compatriots and others.

I encourage each of you to attend your chapter's meetings and enjoy the very interesting program presentations. Also, visit other chapters, experience the different approach each one takes and use that experience to enhance your own chapter's meetings.

In addition, enjoy the SAR experience by attending as many TNSSAR and TN DAR events as you can schedule as you will learn to greatly appreciate the living history of our American Revolutionary War Patriots, the lives they lived, the sacrifices they made and the colonial history of this great republic. I encourage each of you to become more involved, to reach out, to learn and make possible greater growth and development of our state society.

2015 State Conference

I have decided to hold the Annual Board of Governors/State Conference Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, 2015 in Cleveland. As such, I am putting together a planning committee for this event that will include all District 3 Chapters: Col. Benjamin Cleveland, John Sevier and Hiwassee chapters; as hosts for this event.

Our color guard, under the command of David Vaughn, did an outstanding job with the presentation of

the colors on the floor of the state Senate.

While waiting to enter the Senate Chamber and immediately after, many adult and child visitors asked to have pictures taken with us in our period dress. State Sens. Todd Gardenhire, 10th District; Douglas Henry, 21st District; and Mark Norris, 32nd District, are all three members of the state society. I was approached by Sen. Ketron, 13th District, Murfreesboro, who wanted to join with us.

James Stone of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter and I attended the Louisiana State Conference in West Monroe, Louisiana. I have given the title "Aide de Camp" to Stone, who is our TNSSAR Medals and Awards Chairman, because he has assisted me on many travels last year and this year.

I, like everyone else, must pay my dues in time and get our federal income tax filed before the April 15 deadline, which I managed to squeak in.

The 18th through the 20th, was dedicated to the activities, worship and celebration of Easter. Good Friday through Easter is a special time in our family, as I am sure it is in your families. This year we were blessed with my youngest son's family of four little ones, all 4 years of age and younger, being with us all week.

On Monday, April 21, I took my wife to Nashville for her doctor's appointment. On the return trip, I investigated the Drury Inn and Embassy Suites Hotel for holding BOG Meetings. While in Murfreesboro, we visited the Lytle Cemetery (Patriot's Park).

Challenges ahead

As TNSSAR President, I see that we have many challenges and

opportunities, some possible restructuring and organization for a very aggressive year of growth and development, which will bring many opportunities to our chapters and members.

I would hope that the TNSSAR could compete in the National Furlong Award. I have asked Jim Briddell to chair the Flag Committee and coordinate with our chapters in achieving the goal of a having at least 12 chapters present a flag certificate during the year. To see what I mean, go into any Cracker Barrel Restaurant and face the fireplace. On the left, you will see a United States Flag properly displayed at all times.

As a member of the National Education Committee, the TNSSAR was requested, as were other states, to present a one-page document of its "Best Practices."

With advice from several of our officers, I submitted our document to the National Committee. Basically, the document tells a bit about the Tennessee educational system and the teaching of history in our schools, and then, our society's programs for educational outreach. In regard to this, one of the items we support financially is the Tennessee History Day. Given our level of annual commitment to this cause, we need to be more involved and gain more benefit from this event. The activities could be a great feeder of contestants for the essay, orations, poster and brochure contests for our other youth committees. With

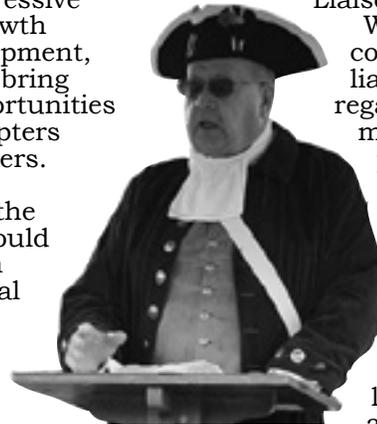
this objective in mind, I will name a member to chair the History Day Liaison Committee. With the concern of liability in regard to TNSSAR members who participate in events, such as parades, color guard activities and gave markings; in addition to our location liabilities at Brainerd Mission, Lookout

Mountain and Lytle Cemetery (Patriot's Park) where we have ownership situations, I have appointed an ad hoc committee under the chairmanship of Chancellor Cleo Hogan. Members include John McCutcheon, Charles Dammann, Rick Hollis, all Past TNSSAR Presidents to review our current insurance policy for liability coverage adequacy and to make recommendations concerning all TNSSAR members involved in "field" activities. I have asked that they present their findings and recommendations to the BOG at the Aug. 2 meeting.

TNSSAR Color Guard

As we all know, the uniqueness of our color guard's many appearances brings much public attention to our society. In the appointment of David M. Vaughn as color guard commander, I think I found a unique individual who focuses on his role, has the willingness, time and dedication to lead the guardsmen all over the state and beyond our borders at times. Most requirements

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Events Calendar

The Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution will celebrate the 234th "Gathering at Sycamore Shoals" Saturday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m.

For more information please contact Ronnie Lail at 423-914-8677 Wataugatnssar@gmail.com.

• **Sept. 13, 11 a.m. EST**

Pvt. John Sutton Grave Marking, Concord Baptist Church Cemetery, Concord Church Road/Upper Concord Road, Ten Mile, TN 37880. Sponsored by the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter. Contact Dave Whaley at 423-473-7067 or bradleypatriot1776@hotmail.com for more information.

• **Sept. 13, 2 p.m. EST**

Pvt. Joseph Atchley Grave Marking, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery, Pisgah Cemetery Road, Ten Mile, TN 37880 (Meigs County).

Sponsored by the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter. Contact Dave Whaley at 423-473-7067 or bradleypatriot1776@hotmail.com for more information.

TNSSAR Color Guard event.

• **Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.**

TNSSAR District 1 meeting at Amis Mill Eatery on West Bear Hollow Road, Rogersville.

Speaker will be Dr. Robert Wetzel from Milligan Collete.

• **Sept. 19, 3 p.m. EST**

Capt. William Armstrong III Grave Marking, New Providence Church Cemetery, 214 Stoney Point Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873. Contact Ronnie Lail, wataugatnssar@gmail.com.

• **Sept. 26-27**

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

• **Sept. 28**

3rd Quarter Board Of Governors reports due to State Secretary.

• **Oct. 11, 11 a.m. CST**

TNSSAR Board of Governors Meeting

• **Sept. 28**

Reports due to State Secretary

• **Oct. 18, 2 p.m. CST**

Henry Wakefield Grave Marking, 8125 Union Camp Road, Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150.

Sponsored by the Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter.

Contact George Miller at 615-672-0240 or gm37048@gmail.com and John Wakefield at 423-975-5418 for more information.

TNSSAR Color Guard Event. All muskets needed for a three-shot volley.

• **Nov. 8, Noon CST.**

Col. James Lewis Grave Marking, 1883 Blue Springs Rd., Decher, TN 37324.

Invitation by the Joseph Greer Chapter, contact Colin Wakefield at 931-703-6674. TNSSAR Color Guard event.

• **Nov. 15, 2 p.m. EST.**

Anthony Crockett Grave Marking, Frankfort Cemetery, Glens Creek Rd., Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

Invitation by the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter KYSSAR and Col.

Anthony Bledsoe Chapter TNSSAR. Contact Tom Higgins, 502-321-0080, email thiggins@twc.com or David Miles Vaughn at 615-573-4852, email tnmoonshine@gmail.com.

• **Dec. 13, Noon**

Wreaths Across America

• **Dec. 28, 2014**

4th Quarter BOG reports due to State Secretary

Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter



The Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter of Gallatin set up a SAR booth May 2-4 at the Bledsoe Fort 18th Century Colonial Days. It was a well-done event with many people coming through and met some prospective new members. It was an encampment with many long hunters and other 18th Century characters in attendance. A long hunter was a resident of an eastern frontier settlement of late 18th century America accustomed to spending long continuous periods hunting in the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky. Chapter members who attended were David Miles Vaughn, Clarence Watson, Frank Schafer, Dennis Harris, Carey Herdman, Fred Ryan, Guy Kirby and George Miller.

'Tennessee History Stories'

The following is an excerpt from the history textbook, "Tennessee History Stories," published in 1904 by T. C. Karns, who was a "professor of Philosophy and Pedagogics in the University of Tennessee."

Notice the feminine pronouns attached to the land and the romantic language used in the narrative.

Preface

"It is now admitted that no history is of so much importance to children as that of their own State and country. They cannot well have too much information about either of these subjects, and in order to arouse the interest of the children of Tennessee in the history of their State, this book has been prepared.

No State has a history of more absorbing interest than Tennessee.

Her people were among the first settlers west of the Alleghenies, and for this reason she bore in early times a unique relation to the rest of the country. Her sons struck a decisive blow for American liberty at King's Mountain. She was one of the first three States admitted to the Union.

Moreover, she has always borne a prominent part in the affairs of the nation, and her soldiers and statesmen have been among its leaders

Her population has been made up mainly of plain people. She has developed less of the aristocratic element, perhaps, than any other State in the South."

A Look at the Land

Tennessee is in the southeastern part of the United States. It

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Louisiana hosts Southern District

The Louisiana State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its state meeting reception and a tour at the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum in Monroe, Louisiana, on the afternoon of Friday, April 11. The Southern District and Louisiana State meetings were Saturday at the Hilton Garden Inn, West Monroe Louisiana.

The Southern District Meeting and breakfast opened at 9 a.m. TNSSAR Color Guard members James Stone and Bob Parker joined with the LSSAR Color Guard to post the Colors in the opening ceremonies.

Southern District Vice President General Dr. James A. Morock, Alabama Society President Bobby Jo Seals, Mississippi Society of the Sons of the Past President Gerald P. Brent, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., and LASDAR State Regent Sue Simpson each offered greetings.

Past TNSSAR President and Trustee Rick D. Hollis was nominated for Southern District Vice President General 2014-2015. Immediately following, LASSAR President Stephen K. Ray opened the LASSAR State Meeting with greetings.

Compatriot and NSSAR Genealogist General Larry Cornwell and his wife, Leann, AL Society Ladies Auxiliary Founder presented "We are Gen. and Mrs. Richard Montgomery" with both in period dress. The skit offered insight into the life of Major Gen. Montgomery as an officer in the Continental Army and his death in the battle for the City of Quebec, Canada, and his wife's life

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Hampton Inn of Cleveland, located at 4355 Frontage Road, offers a cozy "home away from home" for business and leisure guests.



Museum Center at Five Points houses exhibits and historical artifacts of the Ocoee Region which includes Bradley and Polk Counties.



Col. Benjamin Cleveland statue stands in First Street Square.

Annual State Conference going to Cleveland

The Annual TNSSAR State Conference will be held Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 in Cleveland with reception and hotel accommodations at The Hampton Inn.

An interesting and historical site tour has been arranged for the ladies.

The Southern District, TNSSAR Board

of Governors and state meetings, youth luncheon and president's banquet will be in the Museum Center at Five Points in downtown Cleveland.

Please plan to attend the 2014-2015 Annual State Conference in Cleveland, which is planned to be a most enjoyable event.

National

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is there is not space for the file cabinets in the library and we should dispose of the microfilm library in some fashion. Comments from the floor were: No one reads microfilm anymore, it is obsolete and everything is available on the Internet.

Librarian General Mike Wells spoke in favor of keeping it. The reason no one is using our files is that it was left in the old building, and not moved when the library moved. There was space designated in the library for it, but someone decided that space was needed for other things.

Heated discussion, pro and con, resulted in a motion to refer the issue

to the library committee and librarian general to inventory, look into options for the system and tentatively report back at the fall leadership conference in Louisville.

- A large color guard marched three blocks from the hotel to a beautiful old Episcopal Church for a memorial service. The sanctuary was completely filled for compatriots who died in 2013. Nineteen were Tennesseans. TNSSAR's own State Chaplain John Wakefield participated.

- Treasurer General's Report included the question of how to handle the proceeds from the sale of the Fourth Street building. A motion to establish a fund for building and

outreach was approved.

Other topics concerned life membership funds; a gift of \$130,000 designated for use to operate and maintain the library.

Also, a gift of \$50,000 to establish an endowment fund. The only endowment fund currently is the George Washington Endowment Fund. Sam Powell spoke in favor of an endowment fund. A motion to set up the fund was approved.

NSSAR voted to spend approximately \$550,000 for a detailed plan for the museum. The next step would be to approve the plan in a year or so, then do detail a design. The estimated total cost to complete Phase II is approximately \$7 million.

Andrew Jackson Chapter

Andrew Jackson Chapter marks DeMoss grave

Abraham Louis DeMoss unknowingly named the Bellevue community when he gave the name "Belle Vue" to his log cabin overlooking the Harpeth River about 1800.

It was natural for him to use the French words for "Beautiful View" as the name of his home because he was well aware that his ancestors were French Huguenots. In 1685, his great-grandfather, Louis DuMas, fled France because of Protestant persecution there. His grandfather, the first to carry the Anglicized name "DeMoss," came to Virginia from Holland about 1700 and married the daughter of a Virginia planter. This Louis DeMoss moved near Baltimore, Maryland, where his son, James was born. James later moved to Virginia where he married Phoebe Cox and where Abraham Louis DeMoss was born in 1753.

By the time the Revolutionary War started in 1776, Abraham Louis DeMoss and some of his siblings had migrated to Wilkes County, N.C.

Both Louis and his brother, James, achieved the rank of captain



DeMoss descendants and TNSAR Color Guard pose for a group photo.

in the North Carolina militia and received land grants in Wilkes County for their service.

About 1800, the two brothers and their sister, Tabitha, who had married John Charter, came to Davidson County, Tennessee and bought land. James bought 150

acres on the north side of the Harpeth River south of Flat Creek. This creek is about 100 feet north of present-day Todd Preis Drive.

Louis bought 245 acres of land, which lay on both sides of the Harpeth River. His north boundary was James' south boundary.

The Charters lived east of what is now Old Hickory Boulevard and U.S. Highway 70 South.

Between 1800 and 1865 the DeMoss families prospered along the Harpeth River, marrying into other families such as

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TNSAR Color Guard members Dennis Harris, left, Fred Ryan, and Colin Wakefield at the grave marking ceremony.



Belle Vue, the original log cabin of Louis DeMoss, is preserved in Red Caboose Park in Bellevue.

Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter

The Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter of the Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution held a Grave Marking Ceremony at 2 p.m., April 19, "Patriots Day" for Revolutionary War Patriot Maj. William Cage in Gallatin. Direct descendant Frank Heathman acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Many Cage descendants attended, including direct descendant Don Cage. Many thanks to Color Guard members. They are, front row, left to right, Dennis Harris, John Clines, Bob Parker, Larry Pool and Guy Kirby. Back row, left to right, TNSSAR State Color Guard Commander David Miles Vaughn, Fred Ryan, Roger Tenney, Donald Horton, Edward Phillips, Frank Schafer and James Hobbs.



Major William Cage

Maj. William Cage was a delegate to the North Carolina House of Commons from Sullivan County North Carolina and Tennessee.

He was an associate of Col. Abraham Bledsoe, one of the founders of Nashboro (Nashville).

He was one of the leaders of the State of Franklin, which later collapsed. The State of Franklin was created in 1784 from part of the territory west of the

Appalachian Mountains that had been offered by North Carolina as a cession to Congress to help pay off debts related to the American War for Independence. It was founded with the intent of becoming the fourteenth state of the new United States.

Cage was greatly involved with the affairs of Davidson and Sumner counties. He was appointed Sumner County Sheriff from 1790-1796.

Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter



Descendants of Revolutionary War patriot Pvt. Joseph Lane and the combined color guard of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and Tennessee Sons of the Revolution pose May 17 for a group photo. The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the TNSSAR marked the grave of Joseph Lane in Old Lee Cemetery off of Shingle Hollow Road.

Grave of once-forgotten Bradley County patriot is marked

Joseph Lane died March 13, 1846 and was laid to rest in Old Lee Cemetery on Shingle Hollow Road. Memories of him dimmed with time and with each passing generation until the memories completely faded away from the family's consciousness.

The Colonel Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution revived those

memories May 17 by recognizing Pvt. Joseph Lane's service in America's War of Independence by marking the grave of the American patriot.

Robert Lane of Palm Coast, Fla., spoke on behalf of Lane's descendants. He said after the ceremony that he only recently discovered his forefather when he made inquiries on the Internet about two years ago.

"I got contacted by people. They gave me information and then we found out about this ceremony and we had to come up," he said. "I put the inquiries out on Ancestry.com about two years ago and then the last couple of months, I started getting flooded with people that finally read it and they had information about him and my other grandfathers."

Another descendant of Joseph Lane (and

Rebecca), JoAnn McHenry Medlock, Arab, Ala., whom Robert had never met, told him about the ceremony about two months ago. Robert's nephew, Bill Jeffcoat of Jacksonville, Fla., said he was also unaware of Joseph Lane. Having knowledge of his ancestor fighting in the Revolutionary War changed his view of history. What was abstract before is now more personal.

"The history that we have received on our family was pretty much just passed down a few generations so we had no idea about him," Jeffcoat said. "You read about this, but I never really expected any of my ancestors to really be a part of that, especially to that depth."

Robert Lane said it was a humbling experience to finally find out where his great-great-great-grandfather is buried, "but then to hear his war

record, it's absolutely incredible. I just can't comprehend the sacrifices people made back in the 1700s and the Revolutionary War to fight for a country that basically, hadn't formed yet. They were fighting on principles and ideals. They fought against their homeland. It could have been brothers, sisters, cousins they were fighting against to preserve liberty for this new nation. It is just unbelievable."

According to Pvt. Joseph Lane's pension application

he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served under Col. Francis Taylor and Maj. John Roberts, commanding officers of the regiment in the company commanded by Capt. John Jacobs.

He entered the service

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Robert Lane

Andrew Crockett Chapter

On May 4th of 2014 in Brentwood at 2 p.m. at the Harpeth Valley Farm. The Andrew Crockett Chapter of the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution hosted a Grave Marking for Revolutionary War Patriot Samuel McCutcheon. Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a wreath at the Grave.

TNSSAR Color Guard members at the grave marking ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Samuel McCutcheon are Frank Schafer, front row, left, Larry Pool, Roger Jackson, Dennis Harris and Fred Ryan, back row, left, TNSRAR State Color Guard Commander David Miles Vaughn, Edward Phillips, David Eagan, Allen Poteete, Bob Hughes, John Clark and Roger Tenney.



Crockett Chapter marks McCutcheon grave

The Lt Andrew Crockett Chapter and the Sarah Polk Chapter TNSRAR joined to mark the grave of Samuel McCutcheon Sunday, May 4.

Samuel McCutcheon and his wife, Catherine (Bell) McCutcheon are buried in the McCutcheon Cemetery, which is located in Williamson County, about 1/2-mile south of the intersection of Hillsboro Road (US-431) and Old Hickory Boulevard. The cemetery lies about 200 yards west of the

highway and is visible from the highway. The land, now belonging to a Hart family, was part of a land grant of 320 acres in 1788. At that time, the land was in Davidson County, but fell in Williamson when the county was formed in 1799. Samuel was considered as a "Preemptor" and he had a 640-acre "Tennessee Land Grant" for which he paid 10 Pounds per one hundred acres.

Samuel McCutcheon was born April 13, 1759 in Augusta County,

Virginia, and died Feb. 16, 1816 in Williamson County. He married Catherine Bell Aug. 6, 1791 in Davidson County. She was born Dec. 16, 1770 and died in 1857 in Williamson County. They were parents of nine children, two of whom are buried in the cemetery.

Samuel is listed by Gwathmey as serving as an ensign in the Washington Militia, dated May 16, 1781. He is listed in "The

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John Sevier Chapter

Daughters, Sons raise American flag in joint ceremony

The Daughters of the American Revolution Regents Council of Chattanooga and the John Sevier Chapter of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held their annual flag raising ceremony in honor of missionaries and Cherokee buried in the cemetery and the Brainerd Mission.

The DAR Regents Council of Chattanooga consists of the Judge David Campbell, Chief John Ross, Moccasin Bend, Chickamauga and the Nancy Ward Chapters. The Council and John Sevier Chapter of the SAR are co-owners of the Brainerd Mission Cemetery located off Brainerd Road. The cemetery, established in 1817, was disbanded after the removal of the Cherokee in 1838.

DAR Regents Council Chair Carol K. Rogers welcomed the guests. Chaplain Jan O. Perry offered the Invocation.

Brainerd Mission Cemetery Committee Chair Maria K. Matthews and Committee Treasurer John Kain delivered special messages.

The East Ridge High School JROTC Color Guard raised the United States Flag with Charles Dammann, John Sevier



The East Ridge High School JROTC Color Guard raised the United States Flag with Charles Dammann, John Sevier Chapter presiding.

Chapter presiding. John Sevier Chapter President Tim Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The flag is retired each June and replaced by another flag that flew above the Tennessee State Capitol.

Regents Council Publicity Chair Teresa W. Rimer recognized public officials and Council Treasurer Sara K. Maloney introduced DAR and SAR representatives. Tennessee Society DAR State Regent Susan R. Thomas and Tennessee Society SAR State President Claude T. Hardison Jr. brought greetings on behalf of their organization.

Regents Council Secretary Jo B. Hill introduced guest speaker Councilwoman Carol Berz, Chattanooga 6th District and DAR member, who spoke on the "History and Revitalization of Brainerd/mid-Town."

Regents Council Vice Chair Lee K. Parham gave the closing remarks and John Sevier Chapter member James H. Carter Jr. offered the Benediction.

Several members of the John Sevier, Col. Benjamin Cleveland and Hiwassee chapters of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution attended and participated.



John Echerd, left, and James Carter, John Sevier Chapter; Fred Underdown, Hiwassee Chapter, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. and David Hicks, Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter; John Sevier Chapter President Tim Adams, Peter Palmer and John Kain, John Sevier Chapter; and Sam Allen, Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, attended. Not pictured is National Trustee Charles Dammann.



TNSDAR State Regent Susan R. Thomas, left, and TNSSAR State President, Claude T. Hardison Jr.

John Sevier Chapter

SAR helps Chattanooga celebrate Armed Forces Day



National Trustee Charles Dammann, left, John Sevier Chapter President Tim Adams, driving, and retired Navy Cdr. John Echerd, ride in the parade.

The Sons of the American Revolution were part of the Chattanooga 65th Annual Armed Forces Day parade May 2.

The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Color Guard, dressed in period uniforms, included James Stone, David Whaley, John Clines and TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. participated.

John Sevier Chapter members National Trustee Charles Dammann, Chapter President Tim Adams, and retired Navy Cdr. John Echerd rode in the parade.

During the 65th annual Armed Forces Day parade, Lt. Stacy Kehoe, commanding

officer, USN Sea Cadet Corps Signal Mountain and Hurricane divisions, assembled the cadets for the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal award.

Cadet Second Class Petty Officer Lee Nagle, of the Signal Mountain Division, received the award for notable service to American principles from TNSSAR State President Claude Hardison Jr. and retired Navy Cdr. John Echerd on behalf of John Sevier Chapter.

The ceremony included the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Color Guard and members of the John Sevier Chapter.

John Sevier Chapter members also attended the Armed Forces Day luncheon with chapter and state JROTC winner Cadet LTC William Guill from the Red Bank High School.



In the top left photo, National Trustee Charles Dammann, right, attends the Armed Forces Day luncheon with chapter and state JROTC winner Cadet Lt. Col. William Guill of Red Bank High School. In the top right photo, the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Color Guard included TNSSAR President Claude Hardison Jr., left, James Stone, David Whaley and John Clines; bottom photo, Sea Cadet Second Class Petty Officer Lee Nagle, Signal Mountain Division, receives the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal award from retired Navy Cdr. John Echerd, left, and TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr.

King's Mountain Chapter

Sons Revive Memories of the Fathers...and of Mothers

The Sons of the American Revolution mounted a unique campaign to keep alive the memories of America's founding fathers and mothers. The local Kings Mountain Chapter discovered that over the years several state historical markers were consigned to a Tennessee Department of Transportation warehouse in the area.

The chapter mounted a campaign for these markers to be reinstalled in their appropriate places around upper East Tennessee.

How did they end up in a warehouse? "Mostly, they ended up there when new highway construction was undertaken, or when a marker was damaged," Kings Mountain Chapter President John Wakefield said. "For example, when U.S. Highway 321 was constructed from Johnson City to Elizabethton, the Powder Branch historical marker was taken out for construction purposes. But this marker cites a very important event in our local history."

The marker tells about Mary McKeehan Patton, who couldn't go fight with the Overmountain Men in the Battle of Kings Mountain — but Mary Patton knew how to make gunpowder. So just off the road that came to be known as Powder Branch, she made the gunpowder for the Continental troops in one of the most decisive battles of the American Revolution.

Eaton's Fort was another important area link to the Revolution. Its historical marker was removed until SAR member Rev. Larry Ball arranged for it to be reinstalled. Amos Eaton built the fort in 1774. It served as a garrison for soldiers who defeated Cherokee Chief Dragging Canoe in the Battle of Island Flats during the War.

Ball contacted Michael Bare of TDOT, and Bare saw to the reinstallation of the marker. It is located near the site of Eaton's Fort just outside of Kingsport on Highway 126. Both TDOT and the local SAR Chapter are working together on this project.

Ball said, "TDOT has been very cooperative and helpful."

He is now working on the reinstallation of the State Historical Marker for Fort Patrick Henry. At some point, the marker was taken from its original site. The marker points out the location of a Revolutionary War-era fort built in 1776 on the upper end of Long Island in Kingsport.

The fort encompassed three acres of land. In two different battles of Long Island Flats, Cherokee Chief Dragging Canoe and his forces were again defeated. The battle resulted in the signing of the Avery Treaty of 1777 at the site. Continental soldiers occupied the fort throughout the remainder of the War.

Some of the markers were taken to the TDOT warehouse because they were damaged. Both The Fort Patrick Henry and Powder Branch markers



Rev. Larry Ball arranged for Eaton's Fort Historical Marker to be reinstalled.

were damaged and funds have not always been available for repair.

Joe Chambers and Bob Wetzel, both members of the local SAR chapter, are working on the reinstallation of the Powder Branch marker. Chambers contacted Linda Wynn at the State Historical Commission and she has committed the State of Tennessee to repairing the Powder Branch marker for installation later this year.

Determining the previous location of the Powder Branch marker has been difficult. Wetzel, however, believes he has come close to finding its exact location. He has consulted residents of the Powder Branch/Milligan Highway neighborhood who remember it and a descendant of Mary McKeehan Patton, who lives nearby, has been especially helpful.

The reinstallation of the Powder Branch marker was one of the goals Wakefield set for the local SAR chapter. After that, the project blossomed from there and Joe Chambers located 10 to 15 markers in the TDOT warehouse.

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State Color Guard helps reenact 'Raid at Martin's Station'



The original Martin's Station played a relatively short but significant part in the history of southwestern Virginia and the early settlement of Kentucky.

The station takes its name from Joseph Martin, who was born circa 1740 in Albemarle County, Virginia.

Following a somewhat restless early life, which included service in the French and Indian War, Joseph Martin became the overseer for a wealthy relative who was closely connected with Dr. Thomas Walker. This connection with Dr. Walker proved valuable for Joseph Martin, who would eventually be selected by Dr. Walker to lead an expedition into the Powell's Valley.

To help assert the legitimacy of his land claims to the Powell's Valley region, Dr. Walker organized an expedition and promised Joseph Martin 21,000 acres if his group were first to settle on the land.

On March 26, 1769, after an arduous journey through the wilderness and a literal race with a rival expedition, Joseph Martin's group entered Powell's Valley two weeks ahead of the others.

Joseph Martin and the members of his expedition identified a tract of land near the present-day village of Rose Hill, Virginia. They erected a stockaded fort, some crude cabins and planted a corn crop. These efforts at settlement proved to be useless, as an Indian attack occurred in the fall of 1769 and the station was abandoned before the corn ripened.

Joseph Martin and his men returned to Albemarle County, but retained title to their land.

Joseph Martin would not be long absent from the station, and in January 1775, returned to Powell's Valley with a party of 16 or 18 men. They set about to build a more permanent station, which included four or five cabins for the men and a stockade, on the site of the old station.

John Redd, one of the men with Joseph Martin in this endeavor, left the following description of the 1775 station: Martin's Fort was on Martin's Creek. The fort was located on the north side of the creek. There were some five or six cabins; these built some 20 feet apart

with strong stockades between. In these stockades, there were port holes. The station contained about half an acre of ground. The shape was a parallelogram. There were two fine springs near the station on its north side.

The importance of the station greatly increased March 17, 1775, when the 32-million acre Transylvania Purchase between Judge Richard Henderson and the Cherokee Indians was finalized at the Sycamore Shoals of the Watauga River.

Joseph Martin was appointed by Henderson as an agent and entry taker, a duty that would keep him constantly moving in and out of Martin's Station. As the last fortified station along the Wilderness Road prior to reaching the new lands Henderson was opening in Kentucky, Martin's Station was a well-known stop for the early settlers.

Courtesy, Friends of Wilderness Road State Park.



Lane

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in the summer of the year 1780. He entered the service for two months in Albemarle County, State of Virginia. At that time, he resided in Amherst County. He served as a drafted man and was stationed at the barracks in Albemarle County where he guarded British Gen. John Burgoyne's army that had been taken prisoner.

After that term expired, he was again drafted and stationed at the same place for the term of two months, under the same commanding officers, and Capt. James Pamplin until the term of two months expired. Afterward he was again drafted for a term of six months and continued in service one month after the expiration of six months on account of relief not coming sooner.

He resided in Amherst County when he entered the last service under the command of Capt. William Tucker, Lt. Joseph Tucker and Ensign Daniel Tucker in the regiment commanded by Col. Dabney and Maj. Hardiman. He stated the regiment marched from Amherst County through Richmond Town, from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to the halfway house and that he was in no battles. Afterward, he served as a volunteer and was continued in service for three months under Capt. John Woodruff and attached to Gen. Edward Stevens' and Lafayette's regiments. They marched to Shirley's old fields, then to Malvern Hills. He continued there until his term expired.

Afterward he went as substitute in place of Charles Rhoads for the term of four months, marched from Amherst County through Richmond Town down to Little York. There he remained in the Siege at York (Yorktown)

until Oct. 19, 1781, when British Gen. Charles Cornwallis surrendered.

Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President David L. Whaley said during opening remarks that the ceremony was to honor Joseph Lane, a private in the Virginia Militia, for his role in establishing the United States as a free nation.

The beat of a lone drummer sounded like approaching cannon fire as the combined color guard of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and Tennessee Sons of the Revolution under the command of David Miles Vaughn presented the colors.

Rev. Sam Melton offered the invocation, thanking God for the sacrifices and heroism of men like Pvt. Joseph Lane. William M. McClure led the Pledge of Allegiance and Timothy Adams, president of the John Sevier Chapter of the SAR, located in Chattanooga, led the SAR Pledge.

TNSSAR President Claude Hardison offered greetings from the state society.

He said, "As we honor this patriot today, let us be mindful of his service to our nation and let us rededicate ourselves to the principles he held sacred."

TNSSR State President James D. Rivers asked for the restoration of the values of the Constitution and the memories of the patriots who died and gave their lives for freedom.

Robert George extended greetings on behalf of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter and Regent Laura Boyd offered greetings on behalf of the Ocoee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Rachel Hood, president of the Return Jonathan Meigs Chapter of the Children of the American

Revolutionary, followed with her greetings.

"We salute the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter for marking the grave of Pvt. Joseph Lane, a second grave marking in a broader project to identify the final resting places of all 13 Revolutionary War patriots known to be buried in Bradley County," she said.

Robert Lane said during his remarks that when he looks out onto the Atlantic Ocean from his home in Florida, he cannot help but think about the journey the nation's founders undertook on such small ships.

"They were really small and not knowing what the weather conditions would be — a lot of them didn't make it because of the bad weather. The uncertainty in their minds when they came to a new land had to be extremely overwhelming.

"Once they got here, they had a government that wasn't organized very well and it was more like home rule when they were trying to figure out how they were going to form this great country."

But, he said, they formed a government and then had to fight for liberty.

"It's also overwhelming for me when I think of the men and women who made that sacrifice and fought against their homeland. That was the sacrifice for what we have now, the freedom to live in a free society."

Lane descendants R. B. (Chip) Caylor of Cleveland read Pvt. Joseph Lane's pension application and JoAnn McHenry Medlock of Arab, Ala., unveiled the patriot marker.

The TNSSAR and TNSSR state chapters, DAR Ocoee Chapter, TNSSAR Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, TNSSAR John Sevier Chapter, TNSSAR John Rice Irwin/Anderson County Chapter and the TNSSAR Gen. Henry Knox

Chapter rendered honors and presented wreaths to Pvt. Joseph Lane.

The color guard fired a three shot musket volley. Retired U. S. Navy Cdr. John C. Echerd presented certificates to the family and the 20-minute ceremony concluded with the benediction.

Other organizations included: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Charleston-Calhoun Historical Society and Cleveland/Bradley County Historical and Genealogical Society.



The Honorable Rick D. Hollis of the TNSSAR was installed as the Southern District Vice President General at the 124th Congress in Greenville, S.C. Hollis is a member of the Christopher Strong Chapter, Past State President, National Trustee and Southern District Secretary.

Colonial History

Aug. 23, 1775: Less than two months after the Second Continental Congress issues its "Declaration on the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms [against the British]" in which the Congress resolves "to die free men rather than live as slaves," King George III issues his own proclamation declaring the American colonies to be in a state of rebellion.

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imposed on the color guard are in Middle and East Tennessee, with many events in the upper northeastern and southeastern sections of the state, which demands many miles of travel. I have asked our commander to investigate the possibility of establishing another brigade in Southeastern Tennessee where we have a major portion of membership and possibly recruit more color guard members.

I am pleased to note that he is putting together a standing list of men to be mustered on notice in given areas of the state.

Commander Vaughn is performing an outstanding service for our society and I thank the many color guardsmen who give their time in support of Commander Vaughn and all the many events and activities in which you participate.

I encourage all chapters that do not have a color guard to form one of at least three members. One member must be a musketeer or rifleman to march to the right of the national colors. The left side of the national colors should be covered either by a second musketeer or rifleman, or another color bearer for carrying another flag, most often the state flag.

State Medals & Awards Chairman James K. Stone has put together a Power Point Presentation of the NSSAR, TNSSAR and chapter medals, certificates, awards and the criteria for each to be made available to all chapters and to make himself available to give the presentation at chapter meetings.

In regard to growth, let us not forget the slogan, "One member per month per chapter."

I encourage all officers,

district directors, committee chairmen, chapter presidents, genealogist, registers and members to continue supporting the growth of our state society. Additionally, I encourage youth to participate in our youth award programs and for each chairman to focus on achieving the goals and objectives of their respective committees.

Given the fact that we increased membership by about 250 last year, then lost as many as 200, our total net gain was only 50 members. I asked our Membership Chairman and president-elect Dr. Darryl Addington to investigate and determine ways and means that we can prevent this in the future. I see a great loss of our genealogist and registrar's time and energy at the chapter and state level lost on a situation we need to minimize.

Also of note, is this reminder to all officers, district directors, committee chairmen and chapter presidents that the state secretary expects to receive quarterly reports on activities and events. It is only through communication that we are made aware of your events and activities, and from these communications, it provides ideas and encouragement for others to facilitate and undertake new or focus more on their office, chair or chapter.

Gentlemen, we have much to accomplish, great strides to make, growth of our society and carrying out our core objectives of promoting the history, education and patriotism of the American Revolution and our Founding Fathers. Let us march forward together, for our common cause!

In patriotic service,

Claude T. Hardison, Jr.

Southern

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after the general's death.

Outgoing State President Stephen K. Ray made award presentations to members and then gave his closing remarks, which were followed by Southern District Vice President General Dr. James A. Morock, who installed the LASSAR State Officers for 2014-2015.

State President Robert G. Hess, gave his opening remarks and presented awards.

Following the close of the State Meeting, the Color Guard and attending members went to a monument dedication for Don Juan Filhiol, the founding father of Monroe, Louisiana. After the Monument Dedication, conducted by the James Huey Chapter of the LASSAR, everyone went to the Dedication and Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Benjamin Tennille in the Tennille Cemetery in Monroe.

TNSSAR Color Guard members James Stone of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, Bob Parker of the Valentine Sevier Chapter, Hollis of the Christopher Strong Chapter and TNSSAR Pres. Claude T. Hardison Jr., a member of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, participated in both the Monument Dedication and the Grave Marking Ceremony. He brought greetings, presented the TNSSAR Wreath and participated in the Color Guard activities for both events.

Hardison said, a visit to West Monroe would not be complete without a visit to the Duck and Buck Commander's Store and posing for pictures with the Buck Commander's murals on the Store walls. Unfortunately for us, all the Commander's family were away on engagements, but we still had a great visit,

took a few pictures and throughout the two day occasion, we enjoyed some fine Louisiana food and great camaraderie!!

DeMoss

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Allison, Betts, Dilluhanty, Greer, Hardgrave, Harding, Newsom, Robertson, and Shelton.

Before his death on Sept. 16, 1820, Abraham Louis DeMoss had constructed a sawmill, gristmill, and a blacksmith shop near his home, which became the hub of a thriving rural community.

His first son, also named Abraham Louis DeMoss, called his home Belle Vue II, and the Belle Vue name was given to the first local post office and train station. As the population grew and expanded, the name Bellevue was applied to the entire community.

Abraham Louis DeMoss, American patriot and founder of Bellevue, is buried in an unmarked grave in Old DeMoss Cemetery, which is south of Todd Preis Drive near the Harpeth River. His original log cabin is preserved in Red Caboose Park and his descendants still live among us.



McCutcheon

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Overmountain Men” as having been in the Battle of Kings Mountain, with two brothers, John and William.

Samuel McCutcheon and his family will be long remembered for their part in establishing the Harpeth Presbyterian Church, which lies on land donated by Samuel. In 1811, the first church was built of logs. Later, about 1830, a son, Robert was responsible for making bricks for a permanent structure. Those early bricks were incorporated into the current building when it was expanded.

Before the dedication began, we buried a granite “SAR Patriot Marker” in the ground in front of the original headstone of Samuel McCutcheon. Chapter President James Hobbs was in charge of the dedication with the State Color Guard handling the flags.

A Member of the Sarah Polk DAR Chapter brought greetings. She was followed by two of their members placing a wreath at the headstone. Chapter Genealogist Richard Spencer presented the biography and service record of Samuel McCutcheon. A firing squad fired musket volleys. The program concluded with “taps” played by two trumpeters.

The Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter was chartered in 2002 and one of the first goals was to identify and locate the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots in Williamson County, mark the graves and have dedication ceremonies. At about the same time, Williamson County began planning to build a veterans park on the grounds of the Williamson County Archives and Museum at “Five Points” in downtown Franklin. They

planned a monument in memory of veterans of various wars with bricks placed in the walks, with each brick bearing the name of a veteran and the war in which that person served.

Working with records in the Archives, we verified the names of 150 Revolutionary War Patriots who died in this county. Bricks were placed in a separate area and dedicated at

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extends from the Smoky Mountains on the east to the Mississippi river on the west. It is much larger in this direction than from north to south. If one looks at it on the map, its shape makes him think of a little boy’s coasting sled.

To the north of Tennessee lies Kentucky with its bluegrass pastures and its fine horses and cattle. It was the “Dark and Bloody Ground” settled by Daniel Boone.

East of Cumberland Gap, the northern border of Tennessee touches Virginia. Many Tennesseans came from the Old Dominion, as Virginia is often called.

Beyond the great mountains on the east lies North Carolina, the mother State of Tennessee. She is sometimes called the Old North State. From this State Tennessee received her government, her laws, and her civilization.

It was from North

an annual Memorial Day event. We do not know where all are buried. Some are buried in remote areas on farms, not near roads.

However, we have now marked 11 Patriot Graves with Samuel McCutcheon being the last.

Revolutionary War Patriots marked and dedicated by the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter since 2002 are: Charles Allen, Pvt.,

N.C.; PNSR; Rev John Atkinson, Pvt. Va.; Minos Cannon, soldier, N.C. and father of Gov. Newton Cannon; Andrew Crockett, Lt., Va.; Guilford Dudley, Pvt. N.C.; David Johnston Sr., Pvt., N.C., PNSR; Samuel McCutcheon, Ensign, Va.; William McEwen, Sgt., PA 9; Roger Mallory, Pvt., Va.; Hardy Murfree, Lt Col., N.C.; and George Neely, Capt., S.C. 7.

Carolina that many of her people came, and for many years the land that is now Tennessee formed a part of that State. On the south lie the three sister States of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, white with fields of cotton. Each was the home of Indian tribes.

From the western border of our State, we cross the great Mississippi River into Arkansas and Missouri, which have been largely settled by people from Tennessee.

The rivers of Southwestern Virginia and western North Carolina come together in East Tennessee. Following these streams the first emigrants from these older states united in like manner, and formed settlements on the Watauga, the Nollichucky, and the Holston.

At the time of the first settlements, much of the State was covered with thick forests. These were full of deer, bears, panthers, and other wild animals. Some

parts were grassy plains over which vast herds of buffalo roamed. In other places the land was covered with pea vines and wild flowers.

Along the streams were dense growths of cane. Every kind of game was abundant. This had been the hunting ground of the Indians for untold ages.

The Great Smokies are the most lofty mountains in Tennessee. On top of the Great Roan the air is cool in the hottest days of summer. Visitors at the hotel find comfort in roaring wood fires, while people in the valleys below are seeking shelter from the burning sun.

Sometimes the tops of the mountains are called Cloudland. This is because the clouds, in passing over from Tennessee to North Carolina, strike the mountains and sweep through the green fields like great stagecoaches.

These mountains seemed to shut off the first emigrants from the new western lands.

Sons

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The King’s Mountain Chapter is dedicated to keeping alive the history of the Revolutionary War in the upper East Tennessee area. Members are lineal descendants of ancestors who participated in the War. The purpose of SAR is “patriotic, historical and educational: to unite and promote fellowship among the descendents of those who sacrificed to achieve the

independence of the American people; to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; and maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom.”

For more information about the SAR, contact King’s Mountain Chapter President John Wakefield at 423-975-5418.

Board of Governors Award Presentations



Watson Ambruster, Stones River Chapter, center, receives the National Boy Scout Volunteer Medal and Certificate from TNS SAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., right, and TNS SAR Eagle Scout Committee Chairman and Stones River Chapter President Glenn Taylor.



Tennessee Patriot Newsletter Publisher Richard T. Spencer Jr., left, and Past Editor Rick D. Hollis accept the Grahame Smallwood Jr. Award for honorable mention in the category of the best newsletters of 10 or more pages from TNS SAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr.



DAR/CAR Liaison Committee Chairman, Past State President and James Madison Chapter Treasurer John McCutchen, left, receives the Liberty Medal and certificate for recruiting 10 new members from TNS SAR President Claude T. Hardison, Jr.



Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President Dave Whaley, left, accepts the Partners in Patriotism Award certificate, on behalf of his chapter, from TNS SAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr.



State Center for Advancing America's Heritage Chairman Charles Dammann, left, presents the Lamplighter Pin, Medal and Certificate Award to TNS SAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. for his donation to the CAAH.

State Center for Advancing America's Heritage Chairman and Past National Trustee, Charles Dammann, left, and TNS SAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. present the Copper Pin, Medal and Certificate Award to Benjamin Ernst, Sr. of the Andrew Jackson Chapter for his donation to the CAAH. The award was received by Chapter Registrar Bob Nash, center left, and Chapter Secretary Sanford Payton.



Board of Governors Award Presentations



TNSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., right, presents the Franklin Flyer Award certificate and streamer to TNSAR George Washington Endowment Fund Chairman Tim Adams. Adams accepted the award on behalf of FOL State Chairman John Echerd for having the most Friends of Library.



TNSAR State Chaplin and Kings Mountain Chapter President John Wakefield receives the Liberty Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster on behalf of Jim Lester Wilson from TNSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. for recruiting 24 new members.



Stephen Holston Chapter President Paul Jordan accepts two Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Clusters from TNSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. on behalf of Stephen Holston Chapter Genealogist Ronald E. Jones, who has recruited 54 new members.



TNSAR Resolutions Committee Chairman and Andrew Jackson Chapter Registrar Bob Nash accepts one Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster from TNSAR President Claude V. Hardison Sr. for recruiting 30 new members.



TNSAR and Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter Genealogist Richard T. Spencer Jr. receives two Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Clusters from TNSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. for recruiting 120 new members.



TNSAR Vice President David Eagan, Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter, receives one Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster from TNSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. for recruiting 24 new members.



Southern District Vice President Rick D. Hollis receives the Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster from TNSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. for recruiting 42 new members.



Col. Anthony Bledsoe Registrar Glenn Freudenthal receives the Liberty Medal and Certificate, for recruiting 13 new members, from TNSAR President Claude Hardison Jr.



Valentine Sevier Chapter Secretary James Thweatt receives the Liberty Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster from TNSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. for recruiting 26 new members.

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TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. presents Joe Brock, Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, center, and Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President David Whaley, left, on behalf of C. Van Deacon, receive the Liberty Medal and Certificate. Brock and Deacon each recruited 10 new members.



TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr., right, presents the Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster to George Washington Endowment Fund Chairman and John Sevier Chapter President Tim Adams on behalf of James H. Carter Jr. of the John Sevier Chapter for recruiting 20 new members.



The NSSAR President General's Initiative for Monuments, Memorials, Marker and Streamer Awards were presented by TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. to Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter President James Hobbs, left, Joseph Greer Chapter President William Comer, Kings Mountain Chapter President John Wakefield, James Madison Chapter President Randall Chandler, Stones River Chapter President Glenn Taylor, Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter President Charles Abrahamzon, Hardison, front row, left to right, Watauga Chapter President Ronnie Lail and Andrew Jackson Chapter Secretary Sanford Payton.

Tennessee is, in population, the fifth state in the Union. Her geographical position is peculiar, and before the annexation of Texas, and the acquisition of New Mexico and California, entitled her to the name of the Central State.
 "She is one of the rapidly increasing family of daughters which have sprung from the good old thirteen; and though not a separate and distinct political organization at the eventful period of separation from the

crown of Great Britain, it is a proud reflection that Tennessee is closely connected and directly identified with the cause of freedom and independence, and with the American Revolution, by a mournful but glorious consanguinity.
 "The adventures and perils of Tennessee pioneers, their hearty sacrifices for the general good, their character for conduct and courage in war, their uniform devotion to the honour and greatness of the

country, their rapid advancements the arts of peace, in population and political influence, and the impress of their wisdom, valour and patriotism which they have stamped upon their descendants, invite to the early history of their state the attention of every American, and secures the deepest regard of every Tennessean."
 — Excerpts from the "The Annals of Tennessee History" by J.G.M. Ramsey, A.M., M.D., published in 1853.

Board of Governors Award Presentations

The following is a listing of the National Certificate of Participation and Streamers, presented to the TNSSAR and the Chapter Certificate of Participation presented to participating chapters.

The National awarded streamers will be attached to the State Society flag staff.

1. Chapter Certificates of Participation: Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest — The TN State Society received the National Certificate of Participation and Streamer for participation in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest.

The following chapters received the Chapter Certificate of Participation in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest.

Receiving the award for their respective chapters were TNSSAR Surgeon Dr. Mark Russell, Joseph Greer Chapter; TNSSAR State Historian William Hickerson,

James Madison Chapter; TNSSAR George Washington Endowment Fund Chairman and John Sevier Chapter President Tim Adams, John Sevier Chapter; Stephen Holston Chapter President and Past State President Paul Jordon, Stephen Holston Chapter; and TNSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman and Stones River Chapter President Glenn Taylor, Stones River Chapter.

2. George and Stella Knight Essay Contest

The TN State Society received the National Certificate of Participation and Streamer for participation in the National George and Stella Knight Essay Contest.

National Trustee and Past State President Colin Wakefield and Joseph Greer Chapter President William Comer received the Chapter Certificate of Participation for the Joseph Greer Chapter, which sponsored the Society's

third place national essay contest winner. Bonnie Lin Wakefield.

3. ROTC/JROTC Contest — The TN State Society received the National Certificate of Participation and Streamer for participation in the ROTC/JROTC Contest.

TNSSAR GWEF Chairman and John Sevier Chapter President Tim Adams received the Chapter Certificate of Participation for the John Sevier Chapter.

4. Rumbaugh Oration Contest — The TN State Society received the National Certificate of Participation and Streamer for participation in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

Education Committee Chairman and Tombigbee Chapter President William Geshwiler received the Chapter Certificate of Participation for the Tombigbee Chapter.

Tennessee History

The "Tennessee Centennial Poem: A Synopsis of the History of Tennessee from Its Earliest Settlement on the Watauga to the Present Time, with Short Biographies of Her Most Prominent Men" was written by Mary A. A. Fry, of Chattanooga, and published June 1, 1896.

The 196-page poem begins, "Glory to the Lord of Hosts from whom all glories be, For blessings on this goodly land, this land of Tennessee!"

Tennessee became the 16th state of the Union in 1796, the first territory admitted under the federal Constitution.

Before statehood, it was known as the Territory South of the River Ohio. The name Tennessee is derived from the name of a Cherokee village, Tanasi.

Patriots are called to gather at Sycamore Shoals

The Watauga and Kings Mountain Chapter of the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution will participate in the eighth annual celebration of the Gathering of the Overmountain Men on their way to victory at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The event will begin Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area in Elizabethton.

The two chapters will also mark the grave of Capt. William Armstrong III at 3 p.m. on Sept. 19 in Rogersville.

There will be a wreath service at both ceremonies.

The Gathering is a national event for SAR members working on color guard medals.

The Washington County Militia will be in Fort Watauga for its muster.

There will be presentations of colonial skills, musket and cannon demonstrations throughout the day.

For more information or to confirm attendance with a wreath

for your chapter or organization, please contact Ronnie Lail at wataugatnssar@comcast.net or call 423-914-8677.

According to a history written to commemorate the Battle at King's Mountain Centennial Celebration on Oct. 7, 1880, "... On Sept. 26, 1780, the entire inhabitants of the back mountain region assembled at Sycamore Shoal, and Campbell, with his Virginians, was there.

Everybody was in earnest. There were no gay uniforms; no costly plumes; no long trains of baggage wagons; no ambulances; no surgeon; no chaplain.

Officers and men were clad in suits made by their wives, mothers and sisters, and each man intended for the expedition was armed with a faithful Deckhard rifle.

All assembled; but all dare not leave the settlement. The Cherokee Indians were on the borders, watching [for] an opportunity to descend with the torch and tomahawk upon the neighborhood.

On the morning of the 26th of September, preparations were made for the advance. To victory or to death, was the feeling of every breast.

They were rough men externally, but they had brave and tender hearts.

Charles McDowell moved amongst the multitude with all the grace and ease of nobility.

John Sevier was full of impulse and an energy which never tired.

Isaac Shelby had little to say. His knit brow meant speedy action.

William Campbell showed, by his stern dignity, that he was born to be free. The officers proposed, before they set out, that the company be called together and the divine blessing be asked.

A prayer, solemn and appropriate being offered up, the party designed for the expedition mounted their horses and the rest returned to their homes. With anxious hearts did these wait until the result was heard."

Board of Governors discuss insurance concerns

TNSSAR State Chancellor and Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Cleo Hogan presented the findings of the Insurance Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Chancellor Cleo Hogan, Southern District Vice President General Rick Hollis and Past State Presidents John McCutchen and Charles Dammann.

The committee reported on the properties owned by the TNSSAR, current insurance coverage, discussed liability concerns at TNSSAR events and color guard activities and provide recommendations.

The TNSSAR has one-sixth ownership in the Brainerd Mission Cemetery in Chattanooga in partnership with five chapters of the Chattanooga area Daughters of the American Revolution, full ownership of a historical marker commemorating the last battle of the American Revolution at Ruby Falls, also in Chattanooga, and Lytle Cemetery in Murfreesboro.

After meeting with the TNSSAR insurance agent concerning liability insurance coverage on TNSSAR properties, the committee recommended keeping the liability insurance policy coverage as is for the three properties. There is no property damage coverage on any of the three properties.

Hogan reported the TNSSAR pays \$421 annually for a \$1 million liability policy covering all three properties.

A question arose from the floor about individual insurance coverage for activities such as firing muskets/rifles or cannons. Hogan reported the TNSSAR insurance agent, a reenactor and owns two cannons, suggested participants purchase individual policies. Depending on circumstances, an individual insurance policy would cost between \$50 and \$100 annually.

That discussion led to the suggestion of extending liability insurance coverage to grave marking events. "While we participate in events, do we participate as guests or do we participate as an entity?"

A remark was made from the floor that if a chapter advertises a grave marking event and marks a grave site, "then doesn't that make the TNSSAR at least a co-entity?"

Hogan replied that chapters may advertise and participate, but they are not always the host. Most of the time it is

the patriot's family that host grave markings. Also, the TNSSAR invites participation at the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, which is held on state property.

The reasoning is that Society members participate, but not corporately as the SAR. It was suggested single "event" insurance or having attendees sign liability waivers are options.

Guidelines for inviting the public to grave markings will be promulgated at a later date.

50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Event

The goal of the NSSAR 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Event for 2014 is to give each state society and chapter the opportunity to partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

The commemorative program was established by Public Law 110-181, with the Department of Defense being the executive agency.

The program honors Vietnam veterans, their families and communities.

At the NSSAR level the SAR is a Commemorative Partner and a Task Force under the Veterans Recognition Committee.

Upon reading the intent and requirements of the program, you'll quickly see that the National Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Program structure requires subunits of a larger organization to become a standalone commemorative partner. Therefore the program is designed to have as many as possible Commemorative Partners operating independently as they broadcast in words and actions that our nation honors and salutes the Vietnam War community for their service to country, and their support during the Vietnam era.

At the Tennessee Society level, Stan Evans has the leadership role for this program as he was for the World War II Corps, Korean Service Corps and the Vietnam War Corps programs.

He has already started the process to

make the Tennessee Society and the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter a partner. That leaves 20 more chapters to go!

To start the process, each chapter president must first go to www.vietnamwar50th.com and follow the instructions.

Click on "How to become a member" and read this page. At the bottom of the page, click on "To submit online application forms" and read this page.

Next click on "Click here for online Civilian Organizations application."

The Civilian Application will then appear. For the chapters, use the official name of the chapter followed with a comma and NSSAR, Example: John Sevier Chapter, NSSAR.

Also the first point of contact should be the chapter president. When you're finished, click "Submit."

You will receive an email response. Also to make this partnership complete, a Commemorative Partner Statement of Understanding, found on the website, must be filled out showing the names and signatures of the Commemorative Partner Chairperson and an additional member. These can then be mailed to the address on the form.

During his term, one of President Claude Hardison's goals is to have every chapter in the Tennessee Society become a Commemorative Partner of the Vietnam War 50th Commemorative program.

For assistance, contact Stan Evans at stan@stanandmaggie.com or at 423-614-0014. Let's all get aboard!



Patriot Day in the Tennessee Senate

The TNSSAR Color Guard was again presented the colors in the Tennessee State Senate Chamber for Patriots Day at the invitation of State Sen. Mike Norris.

TNSSAR President Glaude T. Hardison Jr. extended greetings on behalf of the members of the Tennessee State Society and

presented a historical brief on how Patriots Day was started and when and where it was first celebrated.

Hardison thanked the Speaker of the House, senators and state representatives for passing a Joint Resolution to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Tennessee State Society

Sons of the American Revolution.

The TN State Society has three members who are senators: Sen. Todd Gardenhire, Sen. Douglas Henry and Norris.

While at this event, another senator, from the Murfreesboro area, inquired about becoming a member.



Celebrating Patriots Day in Nashville in the top photo are, front row left to right, State Sen. Todd Gardenhire, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison, State Sen. Mike Norris, back row left to right, Color Guard Commander David Vaughn, James Hobbs, Roger Tenney, Fred Ryan, Maurice Kellogg, Larry Pool and Dennis Harris. In the top right photo, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. addresses the Tennessee State Senate. In the bottom photo in the back row, left to right, are Roger Tenney, Valentine Sevier Chapter; Fred Ryan, Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter; Maurice Kellogg, Andrew Jackson Chapter; Larry Pool, Lt. William P. Quarles Chapter; Color Guard Commander David Vaughn, Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter; front row left to right, James Hobbs, Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter and Dennis Harris, Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter.

Repeal of Stamp Act brought peace, goodwill to Colonies

“In the spring of 1766 a new chapter of peace and good-will, — the first, as it seemed, of many fair volumes, — had opened before the delighted eyes of all true fellow countrymen on either side of the Atlantic.

“We should find it hard,” so writes an excellent and learned author, “to overstate the happiness which, for a few weeks, filled the hearts of the American people at the news that the detested Stamp Act had been repealed.

As, in 1765, through the bond of a common fear, the thirteen colonies

had been brought for the first time into some sort of union, so, in 1766, that union was for a while prolonged through the bond of a common joy.

Certainly, never before had all these American communities been so swept by one mighty wave of grateful enthusiasm and delight.”

No citizen of America, who recollected anything, forgot how and where he heard the glad tidings. Her history, for a year to come, reads like the golden age.

Philadelphia waited for the fourth of June in order to celebrate

the King’s Birthday, and the repeal of the Stamp Act, together. Toasts were drunk to the Royal Family, to Parliament, and to “our worthy and faithful agent, Dr. Franklin.”

Franklin, determined that his household should rejoice in real earnest, sent his wife and daughter a handsome present of satins and brocades, to replace the clothes of their own spinning which they had worn while the crisis lasted, and while all good patriots refused to buy anything that had come from British ports.

The mother country

had erred, had suffered, had repented, and had now retrieved her fault. Parliament, at the instance of Lord Rockingham and his colleagues, embodied in a statute the assertion of its own right to make laws binding on the colonies in all cases whatsoever; and then it repealed the Stamp Act, as a practical admission that the right in question should be exercised only in cases where the colonies did not object.”

— Excerpt from “The American Revolution” by Sir George Otto Trevelyan, BART., published in 1898.

Hardison travels toward goal of visiting all state chapters

In an effort to visit every chapter of the state society, TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. began with the John Sevier Chapter in Chattanooga on May 1 where he inducted new member Andy Riley. He also attended the Aug. 7 chapter meeting, inducting a new member Compatriot Queen, presented the Franklin Flyer Award to TNSSAR Friends of the Library Chairman John Echerd, presented a Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster to James Carter Jr. and a Certificate of Appreciation to Vietnam Veteran John Bennett.

On May 12, Hardison attended the Hiwassee Chapter meeting in Athens where he presented a Certificate of Commendation to the Hiwassee Chapter for its support of youth participation in the 2013-14 Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

The state president returned to the Hiwassee Chapter on July 7 to summarize TNSSAR Goals and Objectives and to encourage the chapter form a color guard unit.

June 4 took Hardison to the Valentine Sevier Chapter in Clarksville where he spoke on the 2014-15 Goals and Objectives and induct Colin Crowley as that chapter's newest member.

Aug. 4, Hardison made a return visit the Valentine Sevier Chapter to hear NSSAR Genealogist General John Sinks speak on genealogy research methodology.

As a token of appreciation for the national genealogist general to take the time to visit one of the state Hardison presented Sinks with a set of TNSSAR cuff links. In turn, the Valentine Sevier presented Hardison with a Certificate of Appreciation for taking his time to visit.

Hardison attended his home chapter,



John Sevier Chapter President Tim Adams, left, watches as TNSSAR Friends of the Library Committee Chairman John Echerd as TNSSAR President Claude T. Hardison Jr. presents the FOL Franklin Flyer Award for the state having the most FOL members.

Col. Benjamin Cleveland, on On June 10. He encouraged members to attend breakfast with Gov. Bill Haslam at the Mountain View Inn. Members were invited to attend the event in period dress by State Rep. and fellow Compatriot Kevin Brooks.

In addition, president outlined major objectives for this year, such as membership growth, the expansion of color guard brigades and the upcoming annual state conference with the Col. Benjamin Cleveland, John Sevier and Hiwassee acting as host chapters.

He returned to the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter again Aug. 14

to present an overview of the BOG meeting and the 124th National Congress. That meeting, with a program on Revolutionary War music and composers, had the largest attendance of the year with more than 70 guests and members.

The state president attended the 124th National NSSAR Congress in Greenville, S.C., from July 18-24. He attended the Congress Sessions, the Americanism Committee and was one of several judges for the Americanism Poster Contest.

He also attended the Medal and Awards Committee meeting, the

memorial services for this past year's deceased compatriots and the Youth Awards Luncheon.

As TNSSAR President, he attended the Council of State Presidents and was elected to the National Nominations Committee as a Southern District representative. He attended the FOL Committee meeting, the Recognition Night for Awards and the President General's Banquet.

Hardison presided over the Second Quarter Board of Governors meeting on Aug. 2 at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin. He presented awards to individuals and chapters authorized by the National Society.

On Aug. 9, the president spoke to the Lt. William P. Quarles Chapter in Cookeville about TNSSAR Goals and Objectives, the 124th ONational Congress and the BOG meeting.

Southern District Color Guard Commander James Stone attended the chapter meeting in continental dress to encourage members to join their chapter's color guard and join the newly formed Tanasi Brigade in support of color guard events in Southeast Tennessee.



Lt. William P. Quarles Chapter Vice President Joe Reynolds, left, Chapter President Ken Whittaker, TNSSAR President Claude Hardison, Southern District Color Guard Commander James Stone, Chapter Chaplain Jerry L. Graves, Chapter Secretary Gordon Brown and Chapter Registrar Richard Skeets.