



Tennessee Patriot

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The Cover

Photo taken at the Raid on Martin's Station by Compatriot Tim Massey a few years ago. We display this to honor Compatriot Ronnie Lail, who demonstrated his love for the SAR and the Children of the American Revolution.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our Purpose in Perilous Times

Once again, we live in perilous times. Our Great Nation has oft confronted, and been confronted by, great peril, but rarely have so many Americans known so little about our Nation's history to withstand the peril from within.

John Adams said, "...democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." Historian Arnold Toynbee said something similar, "Civilizations die by suicide, not murder."

As descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution and members of the SAR, our purpose during this perilous time is the same as always: to reaffirm and defend our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic against every foe. We do so by being purposeful – intentional in our teaching of patriotism – through active participation in TNSSAR programs and activities one of which is America 250.



*Hon. Mark Norris
President, TNSSAR*

Tennessee is the 4th state in the nation to legislatively create its own Semiquincentennial (America 250) Commission, and TNSSAR is a voting member. Our charge is to plan and coordinate commemoration of our nation's founding and recognize Tennessee's integral role in pursuit of a more perfect union. We are working with the National America 250 Commission and organizations across our state to plan for the commemoration of our founding and promote its legacy. There is a robust America 250 Recognition Program with medals and awards promoted by the National SAR (<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf>).

Walt Timoschuk chairs our America 250 Committee and is working to assure that we engage in appropriate activities in our chapters and communities. Make sure your Chapter has an active committee. Contact Walt (america250@tnssar.org) for more information about ways you can be involved.

President Reagan said:

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

It is up to us to renew our purpose with that sense of purpose. It is up to each of us to "secure the Blessings of Liberty" by promoting the principles upon which they are premised.

Take advantage of your membership in TNSSAR to that end.

Libertas et Patria!

Mark

Hon. Mark Norris
President@TNSSAR.org



Color Guard Commander's Page

Compatriots,

It has been a slow year but I am happy to announce we have held a few events lately. These events were largely successful and went off very well with a large number of members showing up to participate.

Looking back we had the July 4th event at White's fort in Knoxville. This was a private event for members of the DAR and the SAR. For a private event it had a decent number of people turn out and as always was a wonderful event to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



*John Clines, Commander,
TNSSAR and Southern
District Color Guards*

More recently we had the events surrounding Sycamore Shoals. A three patriot marking was held on Friday September 11th at Cherokee Baptist Cemetery in Jonesborough TN. This was a District event attended by VPG Bobby Joe Seales. The marking went very well and it was a pleasure to see our members again after so many months of inactivity.

The Gathering had a very large turnout and was dedicated to honoring late brigade commander Ronnie Lail. The Ronnie Lail Award dedicated to honor those who worked to bring about Sycamore Shoals had its first winner in Tim Massey. Tim was also the featured speaker.

As I write this we are the day before two Grave Markings held by the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter and by the time you read this the markings will have taken place. There is a Patriot marking in the morning and a Compatriot marking in the afternoon. We are expecting another good turn out.

Sadly the Martin's Station events have been officially cancelled for this year; however, we do have another event planned for that day. There will a NSDAR Grave Marking for 2 patriots in Oak Ridge TN. The event is planned by Ralph Martin and will be a state event worth 10 points

Lastly, I am proud to announce we have finally presented the David Miles Vaughn Color Guardsman of the year trophy. The trophy was presented to Dr Darryl Addington for his dedication and service to the color guard. Please remember to congratulate him when you see him. The trophy is in memory of David Miles Vaughn, beloved Past-Commander of the TNSSAR Color Guard.



*Dr. Darryl Addington awarded the David
Miles Vaughn Award for TNSSAR Color
Guardsman of the Year 2020.*

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Commander.

John Clines

Commander

TNSSAR Color Guard

NSSAR Southern District Color Guard



The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals

Although many SAR events have been cancelled, The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, went ahead with a few changes to accommodate all safety concerns. Thanks to all Compatriots who took part in this important ceremony. Just as our forefathers fought against the most powerful military in the world at that time, we rallied together and with reasonable precautions honored our ancestor patriots by confronting this pandemic in a wise manner worthy of their sacrifices. We must thank the staff of Sycamore Shoals State Park for their cooperation and hard work to provide a beautiful and safe setting for this year's event.



Seven states were represented this year with SAR wreath presentations. Greetings were brought by VPG Southern Dist. Bobby Joe Seales, NSSAR Surgeon Gen. Dr. Darryl Addington, TSDAR State Regent Cecile Wimberley, CAR State Recording Secretary Ivan Daniels, DAR National CAR Vice Chair Melodie Daniels, KYSSAR President-elect Steve Mallory, OVTA President David Doan, Descendants of Battle of Kings Mountain President Tim Massey, Gen. Society War of 1812 President-General Rick Hollis and our President, Hon. Mark Norris.

L-R Melodie Daniels, Hon. Mark Norris, TSDAR Regent Cecile Wimberley, Ivan Daniels

This year's Gathering also honored the memory of Compatriot Ronnie Lail, who first conceived and planned this event twelve years ago. Ronnie was the force behind making the Gathering a National Color Guard event. Tim Massey set up a "Remembrance Table" with a photo of Ronnie, the US Flag that draped his funeral casket, and the hat that Ronnie wore to his last Gathering. The table was used by Ronnie on his many Overmountain marches with the OVTA from Sycamore Shoals to Kings Mountain.



TNSSAR and Southern District Commander John Clines led the Color Guard into the Sycamore Shoals Amphitheater to present the colors and honor the original Overmountain Men who made the march across the mountains to defeat Major Patrick Ferguson's Tory Army at the Battle of Kings Mountain.



Watauga Fife and Drum Unit



VPG Bobby Joe Seales w/ John Clines



Color Guard Musket Volley



Another new tradition was started at the 2020 Gathering at Sycamore Shoals. To commemorate the life of Compatriot Ronnie Lail, his widow Linda Lail presented the First Annual Ronnie Lail Award of



Excellence to Compatriot Timothy E. Massey for his contributions to the SAR and to the Gathering event. Tim was with Ronnie from the beginning when the Gathering commemoration was first conceived, and he assisted Ronnie in getting the National designation for Color Guard participation.

Tim also gave the Keynote address in which he told about Ronnie's vision for the modern gathering and the work that saw the event grow into the premier SAR event in Tennessee.

L-R: VPG Bobby Joe Seales, Linda Lail, Tim Massey, Hon. Mark Norris, David Carr as Tim receives the 1st Annual Ronnie Lail Award.

Not only did this Gathering commemorate the 240th year of the original Gathering, a wedding ceremony completed the occasion on a happy note. Compatriot Fred Underdown and his bride Mary Ellen Noletti were joined in



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Underdown

marriage in a ceremony conducted by Hon. Mark Norris with family and friends in attendance. This was the first time that a TNSAR event ended with a wedding.



The Color Guard saluted the bride and groom.



CAR marching with Color Guard



President Norris presented Sycamore Shoals State Park Manager, Jennifer Bauer the Certificate of Appreciation



Across the State

John Sevier Chapter - Chattanooga

The coronavirus pandemic couldn't stop the local chapters of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution from holding the flag raising ceremony at the 103-year-old Brainerd Mission Cemetery, an almost 90 year tradition. Due to COVID-19 concerns, they did choose not to make it such a formal or public event this year.

Officials said, "Before there was a Chattanooga, Tennessee, there was the Brainerd Mission. In 1817, in a small clearing in the wilderness, Brainerd Mission was founded on 25 acres among the Cherokee Indians by the American Board of Foreign Missions. The original grounds included a schoolhouse, mission house, gristmill, sawmill, orchard, barn, dormitories and a cemetery. This Board secured the assistance of the United States government and established a mission and a school at Brainerd for the education and Christianization of the Cherokee. During the 21 years of its existence, the mission at Brainerd drew many prominent people as visitors, including some from Europe. Among them was James Monroe, president of the United States, who spent the night of May 27, 1819, at the mission."

"The mission closed its doors in 1838, at the time of the removal of the Cherokees west of the Mississippi. The one acre cemetery stands as a reminder not only of the important roles that individuals can have in effecting good in our society, as well as a symbol of the sacrifices that many men and women made on behalf of the community, the state and the United States."

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Regents' Council of Chattanooga and the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution John Sevier Chapter hosted the annual Flag Raising event. Congratulations on keeping this long held tradition alive.

*Source: [The Chattanooga.com](http://TheChattanooga.com)

John Sevier Chapter's president George Ison was in Chicago to visit his Granddaughter on her first birthday and took along the official membership certificates to install new members Alex and Griffin Cook into the SAR! They are nephews of Compatriot Cliff Kent and are pictured with Cliff's sister Tammy Cook.



Compatriot Brian Beck presented the John Sevier Chapter Wreath at the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals. Brian was accompanied by Compatriot Charles Dammann.



Compatriots Joel Davenport, Cliff Kent, Bryan Beck and Brian Frye raise the flags



Across the State

Anthony Bledsoe Chapter - Hendersonville

On Sept 17, 1787, our United States Constitution was signed. The Col. Anthony Bledsoe chapter set up a table in the Hendersonville Pubic Library to commemorate Constitution Day and talk to people about it and what we do in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Pictured at right are Compatriots Steve Gaines, James Hobbs and Dennis Harris with Diane Johnson, Director of the Library and Lori Melching, Asst. Director. They stand with their Constitution and SAR display.



Kings Mountain Chapter – Johnson City

The Kings Mountain Chapter partnered with the Watauga Chapter to sponsor a Grave Marking for three Patriots on Friday afternoon before the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals. These three important patriots were: John Bayless (Baylies), John Hunter and Thomas West.



Across the State

Watauga Chapter – Elizabethton

As Covid has caused events and meetings cancelled this spring and summer, the Watauga Chapter has stepped outside the box to continue our rich traditions of meeting and recruiting new members. Chapter President Tim Massey has actually held “Application signing” parties at his home complete with food and beverages. These family friendly gatherings have proven quite popular with chapter members, and the chapter continues to grow.



Chapter Registrar Mike Mankin helps new member Josh Cameron prepare his application.



Caroline Blanks is in charge of the food at the Application and Genealogy party.



Much activity under the “Genealogy Tree” with applications being completed.



Watauga Chapter members at the Independence Day Celebration at James White Fort



Watauga Chapter placed wreaths on the grave of President Andrew Johnson on Memorial Day. L to R: Ivan Daniels, Gideon Daniels, Cohen Daniels, Tim Massey, Watauga Chapter President, and Charles Fisher, Watauga Chapter Vice President.



Many Watauga Chapter members are also Overmountain Men, who march the trail that the original men marched 240 years ago to defeat the British and Tory army at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Here they pause to pay tribute at the grave of Capt. Robert Sevier, who was mortally wounded in the battle and died near Spruce Pine, NC as he tried to make his way home.

Across the State

Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter – Cleveland

The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer Mike Harris. Throughout his career, Officer Harris has served as a patrol officer, S.W.A.T. member, Explosive Detection K9 handler, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Assistant Instructor for the Police Patrol Bike Division and is currently serving our community as a School Resource Officer at Candy’s Creek Cherokee Elementary School.



L to R: Cleveland Police Chief Mark Gibson, Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Pres. Joe White, Officer Mike Harris, B. Cleveland Chapter member Terry Beaty



Col. Benjamin Cleveland Color Guard honoring Compatriot Bill Hamilton along with family members at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Cleveland.

The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter honored one of their own, Compatriot Bill Hamilton. Bill was a key member and a great contributor to the organization. The chapter honored him by placing a Compatriot SAR grave marker.



Color Guard fires a volley to honor Compatriot Bill Hamilton.



Benjamin Cleveland CG at Mountain Springs Baptist Cemetery in Polk Co. to honor Patriot George Pettitt.



George Pettitt Marker



Benjamin Cleveland Color Guard firing volley to honor Patriot George Pettitt



Across the State

Stones River Chapter – Murfreesboro

The Stones River Chapter, Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution recently presented a Flag Certificate to Triton Construction in Rockvale. The certificate is a recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of an American flag. Triton flies a flag atop a 75-foot flagpole at the company's office.

Darrin Dickey of the Stones River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution said, "We have observed that big, beautiful flag at Triton Construction for quite a while now. They display it properly, keep it in great condition and keep it lit at night. So, our membership voted to award the certificate to Triton Construction at our chapter monthly meeting in August."



Triton Construction owner Bill McDowell (L) receives flag certificate from TNSSAR Stones River Chapter President Harlan Dabney and Chaplain Jim Sandman

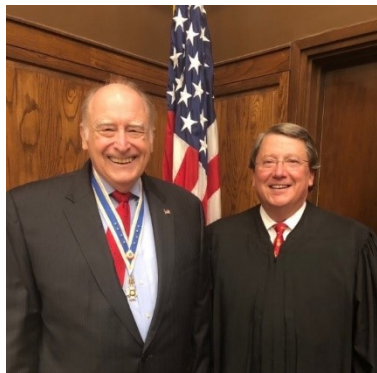
Source: Frank Caperton, Murfreesboro Post

Isaac Shelby Chapter – Memphis

TNSSAR President and Federal Judge, Hon. Mark Norris presided over a Naturalization Ceremony for new US citizens recently. Isaac Shelby Chapter members gave each new citizen a booklet containing the US Constitution.



Judge Norris greeting the new citizens after the ceremony. A truly great day !

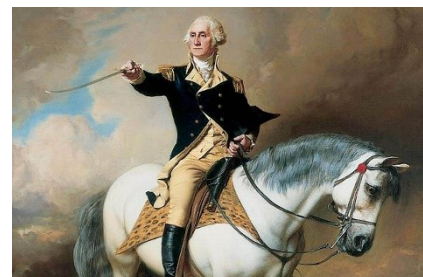


Judge Norris with TNSSAR Veterans Committees Chairman P. Z. Horton



Isaac Shelby Chapter President John Heard with Judge Norris handing out the Constitution books to new citizens

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter. George Washington



Across the State

Christopher Strong Chapter – Dickson

The membership of the Christopher Strong chapter awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service medal to deceased chapter president, Bobby Joe Prosser, at their August chapter meeting. The medal and several other awards and a resolution were accepted by Bobby's wife of 58 years, Betty Poplin Prosser. Over 20 members of Bobby's extended family attended the ceremony.

The Christopher Strong chapter had languished for a few years without strong leadership when Bobby decided it was up to him to save the chapter from extinction. As a result of Bobby's efforts, the Christopher Strong Chapter received the Stallworth Award for having the greatest percentage growth of any Tennessee chapter at the 2020 TNSSAR Board of Governors Meeting.

For two years he worked tirelessly in an attempt to tell every man in Dickson County how important the SAR is to America. He warned that America could collapse if our children are not taught how their grandparents risked their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to win independence for future generations. Bobby was able to help many men in Dickson County discover their direct kinship to a Patriot who helped create our great nation.



Betty Prosser accepts the posthumous Chapter Distinguished Service Medal from Chapter President Robert Moore in memory of Bobby Joe Prosser.

On a day when he was working to honor the contributions of Patriot Gideon Carr, he turned to a friend and said he had developed a cough he just could not shake off. Shortly after that, he learned the cough was caused by a cancer that had invaded his body.



Bobby Joe Prosser

Many men have given up when they heard that diagnosis, but it caused Bobby to redouble his efforts to nurse his chapter back to health so it could live on long after he was gone. As his body became weaker, his resolve strengthened. He would call members from the hospital while he was receiving treatment to tell them about new ideas he had to strengthen the chapter. He spent the afternoon of the last day of his life outlining things he wanted done so this chapter would live on. At the end of that long labor he said, "I can't do any more. It's up to you now."

TNSSAR History Teacher of the Year

Carl Garret, vice president of the Christopher Strong SAR chapter in Dickson, TN, also serves as the chairman of the Youth Awards. Marisa Dore teaches American History in the Dickson County Schools. When she talks about American History, everyone knows she loves America, freedom, our Founding Fathers and the wonderful gifts they left us. She also loves her family and her students and they love her. Normally, this award and the accompanying check would have been presented at the State Annual Meeting but Covid-19 shut that down. However, it allowed her local friends and admirers to see her accept the recognition she deserves.



Marisa Dore, History Teacher of the Year, receives her trophy and check from Chapter VP Carl Garret.

Across the State

District 5 and District 6 – Nashville to Jackson



Rev. Dr. John Steen

Districts 5 and 6 chapters combined to honor the memory of Rev. Dr. John Warren Steen, Jr., chaplain, and chaplain Emeritus of TNSSAR for 10 years and Andrew Jackson chapter for 20 years at a grave marking for his Patriot ancestor, William Hays Steen, Saturday, October 3, in Carroll Co., TN. A large crowd gathered to honor Dr. Steen and his patriot including TNSSAR president, Hon. Mark Norris, and President-Elect Steve Gaines. Fourteen members served in the color guard. The event was sponsored by the James Madison chapter of Jackson, TN. Chapter President and District 6 Director, Randall Chandler, served as master of ceremony.

Rev. Dr. Steen's widow, Dorothy, now 90, told the story of Patriot William Steen's birth and youth in Ireland before he migrated, first to Pennsylvania, then North Carolina, and Tennessee. He fought and was wounded in the battle of Kings Mountain. After moving to Carroll Co., TN, he was awakened one night by a disturbance in his barn. When he did not return from investigating, his sons searched and found him dead. They determined that he was probably killed by a bear.



Mrs. Dorothy Steen

Longtime friend of Rev. Dr. John Steen, Paul White Sr, Andrew Jackson Chapter President, gave a touching eulogy to his close friend of 30 years. He



Paul White, Sr

told that over that time, Steen was an author, pastor, Christian journalist, and valued member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Based on their long and close friendship, White said there was no doubt that when John arrived in heaven, his Lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



Randall Chandler with TNSSAR President, Hon. Mark Norris



Color Guard honors Dr. John Steen and his Patriot Ancestor William Steen with musket volleys.



Steen family members with the Color Guard.



Across the State

District One – Northeast TN

District One Director Dr. John Wakefield decided to combine the annual district dinner meeting with the Sycamore Shoals dinner the Night before the Gathering. Covid safety concerns limited the location choices and also the number of attendees. What typically would have been a combined meeting of the three chapters of District One turned out to be a multi-state



Judge and Mrs. Norris with Dr. and Mrs. Wakefield at the banquet.

dinner with VPG Southern District Bobby Joe Seales along with Compatriots from across Tennessee and Kentucky in attendance. District One Chapter Presidents Ben Stonecypher (Kings Mountain), Tim Massey (Watauga) and Don Hills (State of Franklin) gave



Food City provided a SAR Cake for dessert.

their chapter reports before TNSSAR President Hon. Mark Norris presented the keynote speech.

Events Cancelled

As we all know, events are being cancelled right up to yearend.

Wreaths Across America has been cancelled in most National Cemeteries now, but some locations will allow “private” gatherings to place the wreaths on the veterans’ graves without ceremony.



Isaac Shelby Chapter placing wreaths at WAA last year.



District One Color Guard marching into the National Cemetery for the WAA Ceremony.



Board of Governors Meeting – Mt. Juliet

The TNSSAR Annual Meeting scheduled for Kingsport was cancelled due to the Covid situation. We could not install new officers, make bylaw changes, give annual awards, memorialize our departed compatriots nor host the youth award winners. After an online election for officers, we informally put our new officers in place functionally, but they had not been sworn in. As the covid numbers began to lower to safer levels, we decided to call a BOG meeting with a limited number of people in a very large space with all the precautions. These requirements were found at the Mt. Juliet Marriot Courtyard 3,000 sq ft ballroom with room to social distance.

VPG Southern District Bobby Joe Seales came to swear in our new officers while enjoying the company of the Volunteer State. Some CAR and DAR award recipients also attended. All safety precautions were followed with Dr. Darryl Addington's wife Mary, a registered nurse, checking temperatures as attendees entered.



VPG Bobby Joe Seales installing new 2020-2021 TNSSAR Officers.



VPG Bobby Joe Seales passing the gavel to new TNSSAR President Hon. Mark Norris.



Outgoing President David Carr places the Society President's neck ribbon on New President Hon. Mark Norris.



President Norris presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal to David Carr, Jerry Hjellum, Don Hills and Ben Stonecypher



President Norris presented the Silver Color Guard medal to David Carr, Don Hills, Ben Stonecypher, Tim Massey and Jerry Hjellum

Board of Governors Meeting – Mt. Juliet



David Carr and President Norris presented the Color Guard Von Steuben Medal to David Eagan and Bob Hughes. This medal is earned for Color Guard service five years beyond the Silver Medal.



President Norris and David Carr presented TNSSAR Membership Secretary Jerry Hjellum the Patriot Medal for his outstanding service to the society.



DAR Ladies receiving Awards L to R: Sue King, Tabitha Myers, Pam Pollard and Mary Addington for their service to TNSSAR



David Carr and President Norris presented the CAR Silver Medal to Caleb Myers, NSCAR Magazine Fund Chair and TSCAR 1st Vice President, for his service



Cyndy Timoschuk, suffering from a broken foot, could not walk to the podium, so David Carr and President Norris went to her to present the Liberty Medal for DAR service to TNSSAR.



Compatriot Fred Rand of the Andrew Jackson Chapter won the David Miles Vaughn pistol raffle drawing. Fred's ticket was drawn from only 200 tickets sold.

Introducing the new NSSAR logo approved by the Board of Trustees on September 26, 2020.



Board of Governors Meeting – Mt. Juliet

State Chaplain Dr. Bryan Finch conducted a memorial service with eulogy to honor all of our compatriots who passed away in 2019. With a display and remembrance candles, President Norris called the names of all the members as Dr. Finch rang a bell and attendees of each chapter stood to honor their departed brothers. Dr. Finch's homily consisted of the reading of Psalm 23 with everyone standing, and included the reading of James 4:13-15. Chaplain Finch spoke of the brevity of life and the reality of death. The title of the sermon was "The Vanishing Vapor." He urged compatriots to not follow the urging of the world to grab what you can, but rather store up treasures in heaven. After the reading of each name with the ringing of a bell in memory, a moment of silence was observed, followed by a closing prayer.



Memorial Table for Compatriots who passed away in 2019



Chaplain Finch rings the bell as President Norris calls each name of departed Compatriots

The Board of Governors welcomed visitors Southern District Vice-President General Bobby Joe Seales from Alabama; Darryl Addington, NSSAR Surgeon General; Pam Pollard, Chief Piomingo Chapter DAR in Memphis; Mary Addington, National DAR-CAR Liaison; Lora Deal, Regent, and Susie King, Secretary Buffalo River DAR Chapter in Lawrenceburg; Caleb Myers, CAR Magazine Chair; Tabitha Myers, mother of Caleb and Past-Senior President of TSCAR; and Leslie Myers, sister to Caleb.

Cyndy Timoschuk, wife of Walt Timoschuk and DAR recipient of the Lady Liberty medal also attended.

The BOG also remembered two compatriots who lost their homes in the recent tornado, Fred Weyler of Mt. Juliet and Joshua Wilkerson, Vice President of the Lt. William Quarles Chapter in Cookeville.

Membership Secretary, Jerry Hjellum gave his report that total membership is 1,387 with 3 new additional members since the report was finalized. Twenty new applications and 28 supplementals are pending at national. *Since the meeting, membership has now topped 1,400 members and growing.* Jerry and Treasurer Carey Herdman reported they hoped to get a PayPal method of dues payment in place before membership renewal season.

Treasurer Carey Herdman gave the financial report and stated that youth awards have now been increased with little effect on the budget. Membership dues will remain current for the coming year.

Finance Committee Chairman Ben Stonecypher presented the Budget for 2020-2021. With a few minor adjustments, the Budget was approved.

David Carr presented the following awards: Americanism Award (shows activity level of chapter) Small chapter winner-Stones River, medium chapter winner-Stephen Holston, large chapter winner-John Sevier, Overall winner-Stephen Holston.

Board of Governors Meeting – Mt. Juliet

David Carr and Walt Timoschuk presented the following awards: CAR Silver Medal-Caleb Myers; Medal of Appreciation-Mary Addington, Pam Pollard, Tabatha Myers, Sue King; Martha Washington Medal-Sue King and Daughters of Liberty Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters-Cyndi Timoschuk.

David Carr presented the following awards: Stallworth Award (greatest percentage increase in membership)-Christopher Strong Chapter; Meritorious Service Medal-Cliff Kent and Jim McKinney; Meritorious Service Medal with 2nd oak leaf cluster to Steve Gaines; Patriot Medal-Jerry Hjellum (highest award state organization can award); and Distinguished Service Medal to Dr. Darryl Addington.

Darryl Addington presented the Bronze Color Guard Medals to: David Carr, Jerry Hjellum, Don Hills, Ben Stonecypher. Silver Color Guard Medals went to David Carr, Don Hills, Ben Stonecypher, Tim Massey, Jerry Hjellum. The Color Guard Von Steuben Medal went to Bob Hughes and David Eagan. This is the highest medal awarded for the Color Guard and takes a minimum of eight years service to qualify.

Grave Marking Medals were presented by Grave Marking Chairman Jim McKinney to: Steve Gaines-5th oak cluster (90 Grave markings); Don Hills-medal and 1st OLC (30 GMs); Tim Adams-medal (15 GMs); Ben Stonecypher-medal and 1st OLC (30 GMs); David Carr-medal and 1st OLC (30 GMs). It was announced that John Clines, TNSSAR Color Guard Commander, has attained his 2nd, 3rd, and 4th OLCs, which represents 75 GMs.

David Carr presented the following awards: Silver Roger Sherman Medal-Hon. Mark Norris; History Teacher Award-Christopher Strong Chapter; Eagle Scout Award- Isaac Shelby Chapter; Knight Essay Award-Andrew Crockett Chapter; CAR Under 12 Award-Andrew Jackson Chapter; and CAR Over 12 Award-Stephen Holston Chapter. The DeMere Award for most new members was a tie between John Sevier and Andrew Crockett Chapters.

VPG Bobby Joe Seales presented The Southern District Meritorious Service Medal to David Carr, and Tim Massey, who photographically documented Bobby Joe's year as VPG.

President Norris gave his acceptance speech stressing three important points: communication, keeping and retaining members, and a sense of purpose. Activities that attract new members of all ages are important as well. He announced Walt Timoschuk will serve as our America 250 Chair and coordinate with all chapter chairs and state commission (TN is 4th state to create one). One event being discussed is Flags for Freedom. Many classrooms do not have a US flag, and that is a problem because, as of 2002, children in public schools are to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily. In classrooms that do not have a flag, the pledge has been forgotten. Cost would be about \$3.40 per flag in bulk. It is the president's hope the membership will embrace this program.

The History Teacher Program is another way we can reach young people in the schools. The question was asked of one student, "What do you know about the Constitution?" Answer: "Some old parchment written by dead white men that no longer matters." Freedom is not passed on in the blood, it has to be taught. You don't know what you've got until you lose it. There has never been a more important time to be a member of the SAR. The TN Promise program is free. This levels the playing field, where education is paid for by lottery funds. To do this, the student must go through a mentorship time, and this is where we can connect to a young person.

Board of Governors Meeting – Mt. Juliet

President Norris spoke of using Zoom type meetings for the leadership with the directors, as well as a speaker series, possibly once a quarter, covering topics like the Declaration, Bill of rights, suffrage, various amendments, etc. *These meetings have since begun successfully.*

Conflict of Interest forms were passed out, required from all officers. Chapters are reminded of the filing of form 990 for each.

David Johnston spoke briefly promoting the George Washington Endowment Fund. The principle now stands at \$2.2M, and this principle is never touched. The purpose of this fund is to financially assist local chapters and state society projects that further the aims of the national society. This is our “legacy” fund. Several chapters within Tennessee have benefited from this fund, including an upcoming event.

Austin Seay was introduced as the Eagle Scout Chair, and he gave us his background in Scouting and professionally. He requests that each chapter furnish him with the name of Eagle Scout chairman.

The BOG approved a request by President Norris to award Sen. Lamar Alexander the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal upon his retirement from the US Senate. *The NSSAR Board of Trustees approved this award at the September 26 meeting.*

Compatriot Darrin Dickey of the Stones River Chapter in Murfreesboro is now the contact person to procure SAR Grave Markers. Chapters may contact Darrin at: darrin.t.dickey@gmail.com

Future BOG Meetings are scheduled at Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin on October 24 and January 23.



Membership Secretary Jerry Hjellum



Grave Marking Chairman Jim McKinney



*Finance Chairman Ben Stonecypher
presenting the Budget*



*Eagle Scout Chairman Austen Seay accepting
his new role.*

News from NSSAR

The NSSAR Board of Trustees have approved the following guidelines that affects members:

1. Trustees voted to have all members, who have interaction with CAR, Scouts, JROTC or other youth organizations, take the SAR Youth Protection Training course that is currently online. All officers, committee chairmen and members of youth activities programs are required to take the training. This is a 30 minute course and the user will be awarded a certificate at completion. *(At the NSSAR.org website, choose eLearning Portal. You will then have to set up a unique password to access the eLearning portal and then select the YPT button.)*
 2. Updated the Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement so that the Standing Committees, which have an oversight or governance role in the Society or chapter, are required to complete the Conflict of Interest statement. *This form is available on NSSAR.org and TNSSAR.org.*
 3. The Patriot Sons and Daughters Program as outlined by the 250th Anniversary Committee was approved to allow western states where there are few or no patriots buried to honor children and grandchildren of Patriots.
 4. The Board of Trustees approved the request of the Tennessee Society to award Sen. Lamar Alexander the Gold Citizenship Medal and Award upon his retirement. *(President Norris will coordinate this event)*
 5. The Board of Trustees discussed bylaw changes forthcoming to be made at Congress that will add an electronic meeting device to assure Congress can meet virtually if the standard in-person meeting is not possible. *(Such as occurred this year with the cancellation of Congress in Richmond.)*
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NSSAR Schedule

Spring Leadership – Louisville, KY at the Brown Hotel – March 3-7, 2021

131st Annual Congress – Renton, WA at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington – July 10-15, 2021

Fall Leadership – Louisville, KY at the Brown Hotel – September 23-25, 2021

TNSSAR Schedule

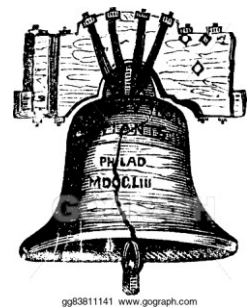
*Fall BOG – Franklin, TN at Cool Springs Marriott – October 24, 2020

*Spring BOG – Franklin, TN at Cool Springs Marriott – January 23, 2021

Annual Meeting/Banquet – Franklin, TN at Cool Springs Marriott – March 19-20, 2021

**See TNSSAR.org or Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution FaceBook page for details*

Visit TNSSAR.org for the up-to-date Color Guard Schedule.



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Welcome New Members

Christopher	Lee	Adams	214407	John Sevier
Norris	Eugene	Alderson	215500	Andrew Crockett
Donald	Lynn	Anthony	215726	Andrew Jackson
Aaron	Wade	Ayers	214406	Valentine Sevier
Omar	Ernest	Bacon	215641	Andrew Crockett
Eric	Todd	Basham	214245	Andrew Jackson
Ronald	Oneal	Beard	216682	Tombigbee
Robert	Thaddeus	Beaty	214942	Andrew Crockett
Mark	James	Benson	215634	Andrew Crockett
Mark	Carlton	Bevins	216782	Stephen Holston
Paul	Bernard	Billings	215139	Andrew Crockett
Michael	Clarke	Bratcher	216683	Benjamin Cleveland
John	Paul	Bratcher	216684	Benjamin Cleveland
Vincent	Mark	Brown	215394	Joseph Greer
Kerry	Lance	Butler	215821	Andrew Crockett
Jimmy	Doyle	Cagle	214538	Christopher Strong
Terry	E.	Carroll	215995	James Madison
Donald	Gene	Clayman	214243	Kings Mountain
Robert	Lee	Clifton	214537	Stones River
Joseph	Edwin	Coker	214997	Andrew Jackson
Alexander	Michael	Cook	214818	John Sevier
Griffin	William	Cook	214819	John Sevier
Samuel	Ryan	Corker	214815	Stephen Holston
Robert	E.	Cornette	215297	Stephen Holston
Christopher	Alan	Crider	215640	John Sevier
Larry	A.	Doss	214945	Stephen Holston
Daniel	Lee	Dugger	215727	Andrew Crockett
Dallim	Edward	Dunkley	215498	Christopher Strong
Dashiell	Paul	Dunkley	215499	Christopher Strong
Jimmy	Darrell	Dupree	215638	Benjamin Cleveland
Jeffery	Orrington	Dwyer	214817	Isaac Shelby
Joseph	Stewart	Emert	214673	Stephen Holston
Jason	Frederick	Emert	214674	Stephen Holston
Joshua	Ballew	Emert	214675	Stephen Holston
Jeffery	W.	Erdley	214342	Andrew Jackson
John	Louis	Garrou	215637	Watauga
Paul	Howard	Gentry	214814	Stephen Holston
Joseph	Murray	Gillis	215141	James Madison
William	Joseph	Gregg	215496	Andrew Jackson
Ben	Vedes	Harris	216301	James Madison
Gavin	Matthew	Harris	216302	James Madison
Stanley	DeWayne	Heigert	215140	Tombigbee
Robert	William	Herrick	215728	William P. Quarles
David	Wayne	Hester	216781	Andrew Jackson
Eric	Ned	Hickerson	216106	Christopher Strong
Todd	Lee	Hood	216434	Andrew Jackson
Paul	Ray	Hoyt	216299	Tombigbee
Roger	Dale	Jones	215391	William P. Quarles
Hayes	Simmons	Kerley	216671	Benjamin Cleveland
Teddy	Ray	King	214943	Tombigbee

Roy	Dennis	King	216298	Watauga
John	Albert	Knubel	214676	Stephen Holston
Thomas	Cooper	Landes	216677	Kings Mountain
Teddy	McArther	Lewis	215393	Benjamin Cleveland
John	Louis	Manning	215818	Valentine Sevier
Wayne		McIntire	214244	Christopher Strong
William	Thomas	Minehan	216673	John Sevier
Jack	McAdam	Minehan	216674	John Sevier
Thomas	Edgar	Moore	214340	Kings Mountain
Thomas	Matthew	Morgan	216300	Andrew Crockett
George	Edward	Nelson	215630	John Sevier
Robert	Jeremy	Nichols	216669	Valentine Sevier
Rodger	Alan	Oren	216198	Andrew Jackson
Anderson	Palmer	Park	215636	Andrew Crockett
William	Alec	Perigo	214963	Christopher Strong
Timothy	Walton Lee	Person	215819	John Sevier
Curtis	LaRue	Peters	215392	Tombigbee
Daniel	Dean	Peyton	214341	Andrew Jackson
Wayne	J.	Phillips	214536	Tombigbee
Gary	Phillip	Potts	215639	Benjamin Cleveland
Richard	Charles	Preston	214246	Tombigbee
Richard	Allen	Ragle	214813	Kings Mountain
James	Thomas	Ragsdale	216780	Andrew Jackson
Charles	Henry	Reese	214617	James Madison
Michael	Frederick	Ritter	214944	Valentine Sevier
Nathaniel	Baker	Robbins	215996	John Sevier
Horace	Kip	Rollins	215820	Stephen Holston
Camden	Ballard	Scarce	215994	John Sevier
James	Griswold	Sevier	214339	Tombigbee
Theodore	Ernest	Shelton	215497	Stephen Holston
David	Lynn	Sickmeier	214671	Valentine Sevier
Anthony	Keith	Simmons	215632	William P. Quarles
Stephen	Wilkes	Sirls	215903	Andrew Jackson
Joseph	Ruric	Stainback	216530	Stephen Holston
Ralph	Douglas	Stewart	216678	Tombigbee
Phillip	Ernest	Summral	215631	Benjamin Cleveland
Frank	Clinton	Thomas	215635	Andrew Crockett
William	Joseph	Thron	216970	Isaac Shelby
Robert	Arthur	Thron	216971	Isaac Shelby
Justin	Glenn	Trett	215633	Cumberland Gap
Robert	Howard	Vaughn	216199	State of Franklin
David	Randall	Whitworth	215729	Andrew Jackson
Beverly	Lyle	Williams	216779	Watauga
John	Kevin	Witherell	216681	Watauga
Charles	Garfield	Wittum	216679	Andrew Jackson
David	Hall	Wood	216680	Valentine Sevier
Thomas	Leonard	Wukovich	216303	Isaac Shelby
William	Edgar	Youngquist	214816	Valentine Sevier
Randall	Gregory	Zupa	216675	Andrew Crockett
Jacob	Gregory	Zupa	216676	Andrew Crockett

In Our Memory: Compatriots we have lost this year

Jacob	Brantley	Griffin	Jr.	Benjamin Cleveland
Denver	Dan	Horton		Andrew Crockett
Gene	Franklin	Johnson		John Sevier
Frank	E.	Jones	III	Andrew Jackson
Ronnie	Lewis	Lail		Watauga
Samuel	David	Melton		Benjamin Cleveland
Bobby	Joe	Prosser		Christopher Strong
Hal	Gordon	Sensing		Andrew Crockett
Charles	Dean	Slagle		William P. Quarles
Glenn	Jenkins	Taylor		Stones River
John	B.	Woodfin		Stones River



With the OVTA on the March to Kings Mountain, CAR members Gideon, Ivan and Cohen Daniels had award winning author and reenactor, Jenny L. Cote sign her latest book ***The Declaration, the Sword & the Spy*** for them. This is her second book in this series of Revolutionary War stories for children.



Overmountain Men and Women, SAR, DAR and CAR members, finish their program on an outdoor stage along the trail from Sycamore Shoals to Kings Mountain.



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the
Story Alive"*



*What better way to spend
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SAR family!*



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