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Southern District Meritorious Service Medals



Southern District VPG **Thomas E. Jacks** presented District Meritorious Service Medals during the 120th Annual Meeting to TNSAR President **William L. Eubank III** for outstanding service as state president; **Dr. Raymond A. Clapsadle** for his many years of service as webmaster for the Southern District, and to **Rick Hollis** for his many acts of service on behalf of the district during the past year.



During a recent dinner in Johnson City, Southern District Vice President General **Thomas E. Jacks** of Louisiana gave District Meritorious Service Awards to three Tennessee Society SAR members for their outstanding leadership in organizing the Gathering of Sycamore Shoals at Elizabethton in September 2009, as well as other recent events.

(l to r): Watauga President **Ronnie L. Lail**, Kings Mountain former President **Dr. Sam W. McKinstry**, Southern District Vice President General **Thomas E. Jacks**, and former Kings Mountain President **Dr. Joe A. Chambers**.

TNSAR President **William L. Eubank III** and his lovely lady, **Faye**.

President **Eubank** was awarded the Patriot Medal for his service as state president.



DAR/C.A.R. Liaison **Fount T. Smothers**, Tennessee DAR Regent **Judy Harlan Chaffin** and TNSAR President **Rick Hollis** at the 2010 C.A.R. Annual Meeting.



At the DAR Annual Meeting in Knoxville, **Hollis** presented **Chaffin** with a SAR Medal of Appreciation as she finished her 3rd year as State Regent.

The Tennessee Society SAR's beloved couple, **Dorothy** and **John Steen** brightened the Annual Meeting. Not only were they honored with seating at the head table, President **Eubank** awarded **Mrs. Steen** a Martha Washington Medal for her devoted service to SAR and the membership elevated **Rev. Dr. Steen** to Chaplain Emeritus, a position established especially for him in tribute to his long, and dedicated service as our spiritual advisor, counselor and friend. Steen also received a State Meritorious Service Medal.



A challenge for every member of TNSAR—Find a personal way to remember and honor your Patriot ancestors.

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2010 - 2011 Goals

- Establish Patriots Park in Murfreesboro at the Lytle Cemetery;
- dedicate Patriots Park to commemorate Patriots Day on April 16, 2011;
- establish a Patriot Exchange Program designed
- recruit 20 new George Washington Fellows (*average of one per chapter*);
- recruit 100 Friends of the SAR Library;
- recruit 80 donors to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage to be known as *Ante up an Andy* campaign to secure \$20 from 20% of members;
- reach 1,000 (*net*) members by December 31, 2010; reinstate 50 members from 2009; reinstate 50 members from 2002-2008; recruit 123 new members; secure transfer of 50 members from other states; recruit 10 former C.A.R. members;
- organize at least one grave marking ceremony by each chapter;
- organize an Index for Patriots buried in Tennessee on the website with record of service, including pension records, burial location, including GPS coordinates, portraits, and a brief profile;

- improve the TENNESSEE PATRIOT newsletter; encourage establishment of newsletters at all chapters;
- expand Sycamore Shoals to a National event; mark the gravesite of John Sevier to commemorate his 265th birth date;
- initiate a plan to amend high school American History requirements in the Tennessee General Assembly

Tennessee Society SAR President Rick Hollis

A tenth generation Tennessean (*through Wataugan Thomas Ridley*) and a ninth generation Middle Tennessean, Rick Hollis is the 6th great-grandson of Capt. James Hollis, Sr., who was also a Wataugan, member of Col. John Donelson's Flotilla, a hunter for the Commission Guards, a pre-emptor, and one of the original settlers at Renfroe's Station on the Red River, the first European settlement in Montgomery County, established on April 12, 1780. Capt. Hollis's home in Blountville is recognized as one of the oldest homes in Tennessee. Constructed in 1779, it served as the Sullivan County Courthouse for several years. The residence, owned by Dr. Rann Vaulx, is known as Yancey's Tavern. In the Cumberland Settlements, Hollis was Captain at Heaton's Station and was the first signer of the petition to form Tennessee County in 1788.

Since becoming a member of SAR in 2001, Hollis has executed several roles within the local, state and national organization. He was a founder and charter president of the Christopher Strong Chapter SAR in Charlotte in 2005, a charter member of Watauga Chapter SAR in Elizabethton in 2007, and with State Registrar Richard T. Spencer, Jr., he was a founding sponsor of Joseph Greer Chapter SAR in Lynchburg in 2009. He served as State Secretary, 2007-09, and as a member of the Museum Board for the National Society SAR in Louisville, 2006-09.

Hollis is editor of the TENNESSEE PATRIOT, winner of the 2009 Grahame T. Smallwood Award for best state SAR newsletter. He was also editor of Christopher Strong Chapter's STRONG VOICES, winner of the 2008 Carl F. Bessent Award for best multi-page chapter newsletter. And, he was editor of Joseph Greer Chapter's KINGS MOUNTAIN MESSENGER in 2009. National, state and local awards including the State Silver Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Southern District Meritorious Service Medal, State Meritorious Service Medal, Chapter Meritorious Service Medal and several Liberty Medals have recognized his service to SAR.

Hollis is a native of Charlotte, Tennessee and served as its Mayor (1989-93). He organized and chaired the Dickson County Tourism Council (1996-2003); chaired the Dickson County Public Library Board of Trustees (1999-2001) and led the successful initiative for a new public library facility; guided the initial planning and funding process as the Development Board Co-chair of the new Governor Frank G. Clement Railroad and Local History Museum at Dickson (2001-05); served on the Regional Transportation Authority Board that brought commuter rail service to Middle Tennessee (2001-02); chaired the Dickson County Bicentennial Commission (2002-04); and was founding Commander of the Captain W. H. McCauley Camp 260, Sons of Confederate Veterans (1995). He is also a member of The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia, General Society of Colonial Wars, General Society of the War of 1812, Direct Descendants and Kin of David Crockett, Nolichucky Settlement Chapter of the Overmountainmen Victory Trail Association, the Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee, Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, and Montgomery County Historical Society where he serves as chair of Strategic Planning. Hollis is a George Washington Fellow in SAR (2008) and a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary (1997). He was recently invested as a member of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (SMOTJ).



He routinely publishes articles about local history topics and is currently co-authoring a book entitled Making Iron: Founding Communities, about iron plantations of Dickson County that will also include some of the furnaces and forges located in Montgomery, Houston, and Cheatham counties. Previously, he edited Confederate Veterans of Hickman County, Tennessee, and their Family Lines (1996), co-authored and edited Dickson County, Tennessee, 1803-2003, Two Hundred Years of Family (2003). Genealogically, he researches

Hollis, Crockett, Weakley, Rayburn, Heath, Wright, Weatherspoon, Buchanan, Ridley, Byrn, Fuqua, Dotson/Dodson, Mayberry, Link, Council, Forehand, Pinkerton, Cotham, and other family lines.

Hollis is a graduate of Lipscomb University, is a member of Clarksville First Presbyterian Church, and is a professional community association manager. He has resided in Clarksville since 2007.



PATRIOTS PARK Announced for Lytle Cemetery, Murfreesboro



Be part of the dream to create PATRIOTS PARK at the Captain William Lytle Cemetery in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Memorialize a deceased chapter member, a proud chapter patron, or a Revolutionary War ancestor by purchasing a tree or plant that will be installed in the park. You may even select the location of your memorial from a planting plan created by noted landscape architect Pled Duncan Callicott, a member of the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter in Franklin. All SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members are invited to participate.

Phase I is the restoration of Mrs. Lytle's box grave, acquisition and installation of plant material, as well as flag poles and flags.

Dedication of PATRIOTS PARK is scheduled for April 16, 2011 and will coincide with the Tennessee Society SAR Annual Meeting and the Southern District Annual Meeting to be held in Murfreesboro on April 15-16, 2011.

Matt Murfree receives SAR Historic Preservation Award



Compatriot **Matt Murfree** of the Stones River Chapter in Murfreesboro has led the Tennessee Society SAR to become the first state society to obtain approval from the National Society SAR to use our tax-free status to function as a conduit for donations to

facilitate the restoration of graves and cemeteries of Revolutionary War patriots. Because of this accomplishment, he has raised thousands of dollars to restore the cemetery of his Patriot grandfather **Col. Hardy Murfree**.

We salute **Matt B. Murfree III** for his leadership and support of SAR by awarding him the third annual Historic Preservation Award.



Murfree family members investigate needed repairs

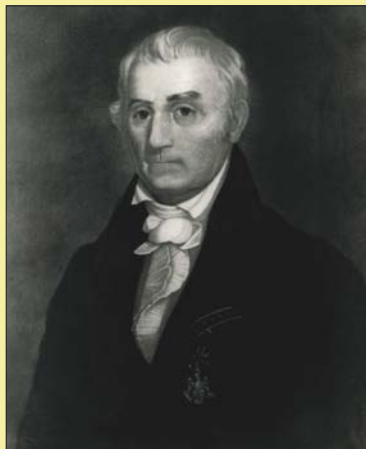
For information about acquiring a memorial tree or shrub, please contact **President Rick Hollis** by phone at 615.812.2648 or by email at tssar@bellsouth.net.

Captain William and Nancy Ann Taylor Lytle

Tennessee Society SAR owns and maintains the Lytle Cemetery in Murfreesboro



Nancy Ann Taylor Lytle



Captain William Lytle

PATRIOTS PARK COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Rick D. Hollis, Chair
Fount T. Smothers, architect
P. Duncan Callicott, architect
J. W. (Bill) Martin, Stones River
Glen Taylor, Stones River

W. C. Ledbetter (Lytle family)
Dr. Robert E. Corlew (historian)
Carolyn Taylor (Murfree DAR)
Susan Daniel (Lytle DAR)
Pat Seymour (Caswell family)



President Rick Hollis (2010-2011)

April 10, 2010

Dear Fellow Members:

Do you know that the Tennessee Society is recognized as having one of the best programs of activities of any State Society? Do you know that over the past decade that Tennessee has grown its membership by more than any other state? Please understand, it is not all about numbers – it is about action! The Tennessee Society is active and we have implemented programs that are a model across the nation.

The superb qualities that you exhibit humble me. I am thoroughly honored to serve as your President. For the past several years, I have been closely involved with the operations of the Tennessee Society SAR. To share a successful year, I am asking for your help. But, I insist, rule number one is that we should all have a good time. I hope this is your commitment as well.

In 2008, Tennessee became the fourth state in the nation to officially recognize Patriots Day when the Tennessee General Assembly set April 19 as a legal holiday. In addition to our annual presentation to the State Senate, our first observance was held at the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson and this year's observance will be held in Greeneville on April 17.

Committed to teaching the founding ideals and values of our nation, we support youth programs by sponsoring ROTC/JROTC, Boy Scout, essay and orations contests in our schools. In 2009, Tennessee's ROTC/JROTC cadet was judged the most outstanding candidate in the nation and he has just been accepted at the US Naval Academy. Our essayist placed third in the national competition. And, we have co-sponsored Pinson Mounds C.A.R. Society, this one, located in Jackson, Tennessee.


The George Washington Endowment Fund finances many of our SAR programs. In 2008, more Tennesseans joined to support this endowment than from any other state and the same is true with support of SAR's national library in Louisville. Tennessee furnished more new Friends of the SAR Library than any other state. Similarly, the TENNESSEE PATRIOT, our state newsletter, was judged the best in the nation.

The successes of the Tennessee Society SAR are your successes because our members remain devoted to our mission to "*perpetuate the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men and women who achieved the independence of the American people...*" As we begin our 2010-2011 year, I am renewing our "Commitment to Mission" that serves our membership so well.

"What should we be doing as a chapter to fulfill our mission and make it interesting for the membership" is a question I am asked often by chapter presidents. Following are suggestions of things you can do in each chapter that will involve your membership, increase participation, and contribute to the goals of the state and national societies. These are suggestions, and each chapter certainly has no obligation to complete all of the tasks, but I firmly believe that the chapters that do will have a much higher rate of membership satisfaction and retention than the chapters that do not. In Patriotic Service, I am,

guided our nation since its formation. Your Patriotic Education Chair Jerry Smith and I organized an elaborate Constitution Day program for the two high schools in Dickson County a couple of years ago that was exceptional. President Colby Morgan was present – ask his opinion. The students were enthralled and I think the largest element of success was the number of students who were involved. It was not a program monopolized by adults speaking to the students, although, at a minimum, there was adult participation. But, we had students involved in leading pledges, reading quotations of our founding fathers, the choir sang, and the band played...it was a marvelous event. You can duplicate this kind of event in any school. We have copies of programs to share, if you become interested in organizing an event of your own. Consider Constitution Day, Patriots Day, Veterans Day, Presidents Day, –there are lots of holidays during the school year. Others dress in their uniforms and do demonstrations and talks in classrooms. This is a tremendous idea and we encourage all members who have an inclination to do this, to make arrangements to do this, often. Remember our mission..."perpetuating the memory..."

FLAG RECOGNITION PROGRAM

 For many years we have had a standing committee called Paul Revere. This year we are adapting the committee to promote patriotism. Flag certificates are cheap and we are encouraging each chapter to begin a flag recognition program in their community. Many individuals, businesses and governments do a great job of flying the flag. This program is an opportunity to

COLOR GUARD

The easiest way that any chapter can get publicity and recognition in order to gain an identity within the local community is to form and/or expand your color guard. Having color guard participation in events moves it from the inside pages to the front page, nearly every time you have an event. Our color guard commander Gordon Jackson is eager to assist you with the formation of a chapter color guard, or to help with ideas for expanding participation. In addition, our Chief of Protocol Don Horton will gladly assist with training. Please call on them for advice and assistance.

GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

For the sake of recruitment and fulfillment of mission, nothing exceeds the value of having a well-organized and publicized grave marking ceremony. Many of you have taken the planning and execution of these events to professional standards. Often, I leave these events completely impressed with the thought and care that has gone into the planning – planning that includes family members and community leaders – people who need exposure to the virtues of SAR – people whom we need to become members. Use the events to include family members and to recruit new members for your chapter. We suggest that each chapter plan at least one grave marking ceremony each year. This is a perfect event for local color guard participation, community interaction and publicity. Be sure to consult the TNSAR calendar on our website, to avoid scheduling conflicts. www.tnsar.org.

NEWSLETTERS

Does your chapter publish a newsletter? Is it mailed, or is it just made available online? As you are probably aware, I have edited chapter newsletters, the state newsletter, and have served on the national newsletter/publications committee. I believe in the value of an informative newsletter. Communications is very, very important – not only to memorialize successful past events, but to announce upcoming events and programs that may be of interest to the membership. I encourage every chapter to have a well organized newsletter that can be delivered by mail or email to every member, at least once each quarter.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

We encourage every chapter to consider a program that can be presented to a school (or schools) in your district that promotes the ideals and principles of our founding fathers that have

say thank you, and has an added benefit of gaining publicity for your chapter, SAR, and the honorees. Remember, take a picture and submit it to the local newspaper. You never know what will make someone want to become a member – but everyone appreciates those who fly the flag and it makes them happy to see that others are proud too. And a better idea? Make the flag certificate presentation while wearing colonial period dress – at least wear a tri-corn hat.

VETERANS

The Stark Award program lists countless activities that SAR members can do to support veterans on a daily basis. A copy is enclosed. We encourage every chapter to share with members suggesting ways to assist and honor veterans, and to report the chapter’s activities so that these can be totaled for each chapter and submitted for recognition.

Each year our state society selects a project and last year’s project makes such good sense, that I am encouraging every chapter to participate in this year’s veterans project. While suffering through the harsh winter at Valley Forge, George Washington sent a plea to each Colonial governor for supplies. The governor of Virginia sent socks to warm the feet of the suffering soldiers. Tennessee has four veterans hospitals and we have a special arrangement to purchase special socks for these veterans that have a non-skid bottom. More information will be coming, but we hope you will consider supporting this worthy cause and in remembrance of our brave Patriots.

Another program instituted this year is the Wounded Warrior program. Special coins and certificates have been designed to be given to wounded warriors who are hospitalized in our military hospitals. More details will be forthcoming on this program too.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Under Stan Evans’s leadership, Tennessee Society SAR is a leader in participating in the Wreaths Across America activity held at the Chattanooga National Military Cemetery each year, a joint effort of the John Sevier, Col. Benjamin Cleveland and Hiwassee Chapters. This year, Lee Johnson of Stephen Holston Chapter is leading SAR’s participation at the Knoxville National Military Cemetery. It is requested that these two projects will be supported by the other chapters across the state.

CENTER FOR ADVANCING AMERICA’S HERITAGE (CAAH)

The Center for Advancing America’s Heritage (CAAH) has been in the planning for several years. The multi-year \$10 million dollars project will encompass the new SAR Library, but will also include a museum and educational outreach facility in addition to new administrative office space. To entice large foundation gifts, it is important that at least 20% of the membership contribute to the fundraising efforts that are currently underway. Tennessee’s initial goal is 20% participation. Two chapters, Isaac Shelby and Kings Mountain, have already exceeded the 20% goal – in fact, Kings Mountain is one of the first chapters in the nation to reach 100% participation.

In honor of our great Tennessee President Andrew Jackson, we are asking you to encourage all members of your chapter who have not already made a donation, to contribute \$20 – to “Ante up an Andy” in support fo the CAAH in Louisville. We need TWENTY BUCKS FROM TWENTY PERCENT. For more information, please contact William L. Eubank III by email at eubankwf@comcast.net. Larger donations are encouraged, but for now, we can accomplish this important goal with your leadership.



Have you heard about becoming a George Washington Fellow? More than 50 Tennesseans are now members and in 2008-2009, more people joined from Tennessee than any other state. It is our goal this year to have a repeat in 2010-2011 by recruiting 20 new members – that’s approximately one per chapter. The cost is \$1,000, but may be paid in five annual installments of only \$200. The committee activities for the National Society, and important local projects, are funded by the interest from the GWEF. Your membership as a George Washington Fellow will be greatly appreciated. Form more information, please contact Jim Moore by email at jisamor@att.net.



	Members 1-Jan-10	Ante up an Andy - \$20	Current	Goal
AC	86	17	6	11
AJ	95	19	16	3
BC	71	14	5	9
CS	21	4	0	4
GM	27	5	0	5
HC	39	8	0	8
IS	70	14	20	0
JG	23	5	2	3
JP	13	3	2	1
JM	27	5	2	3
JS	72	14	13	1
KM	27	5	29	0
QC	27	5	1	4
SC	28	6	5	1
SH	63	13	4	9
SR	34	7	2	5
TC	28	6	2	4
VS	37	7	6	1
WC	30	6	1	5
	818	164	116	77

FRIENDS OF THE SAR LIBRARY

Libraries need books. For the past several years, the SAR library has exceeded capacity and they have been unable to accept new donations of books. Now, though, there is extra space under construction at the new library and it would be great if we could increase the size of Tennessee’s collection. Compared with other states, the Tennessee collection is rather meager. Please consult with your local historians, family genealogists, and others to obtain copies of research books that would add depth to the Tennessee Collection at the National Society SAR Library in Louisville.

Chairman John Echerd has set a goal of 100 Tennessee members for the Friends of the SAR Library group. Memberships to the Friends of the SAR Library group are only \$25. Presently, we have more members from Tennessee than any other state and we would like to uphold our high level of support. Please recruit members from your chapter accordingly.

	Members 1-Jan-10	Friends of the Library
AC	86	10
AJ	95	10
BC	71	8
CS	21	3
GM	27	4
HC	39	5
IS	70	8
JG	23	3
JP	13	1
JM	27	4
JS	72	8
KM	27	4
QC	27	4
SC	28	4
SH	63	7
SR	34	4
TC	28	4
VS	37	5
WC	30	4
	818	100

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SAR is very proud of their youth programs. Frankly, to quote Fount Smothers, "Fellas, it's all about the kids!" I believe that our highest obligation as the Sons of our Patriot forebearers is to model qualities of citizenship and patriotism for our youth, and to give them opportunities to express themselves competitively. We have a variety of programs designed for our youth and I hope that each chapter will accept the challenge to bring forth candidates to participate in each of these areas. Imagine how abundantly we would prosper if we had that many youth participants!

ARTHUR M. AND BERDENA KING EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP

Open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, 01 Jan. to 31 Dec.) The year that Eagle was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship. Three cash scholarship awards are given: As the National First Place winner - \$8,000.00; Runner-up - \$4,000.00; 2nd runner-up - \$2,000.00. You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements but no more than \$8,000.00 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout. State winner—\$500.

Additionally, we have certificates that may be given to every new Eagle Scout. Please find out from your local Boy Scout Council the names of each of your new Eagle Scouts, as well as the time and location of their induction ceremony so that a SAR certificate can be presented to them.

JROTC/ROTC PROGRAM

The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by a Chapter, a State Society, or the National Society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection. State winner—\$500.

GEORGE S. AND STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest was originally established and named in honor of President Calvin Coolidge, who won a local SAR essay contest while a student at Amherst. The contest was reestablished in 1988 by Compatriot McCarthy DeMere (of Tennessee). In 1995, the contest was renamed the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest in honor of their generous gift to the SAR to support this contest. The program is designed to give junior and senior students an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history.

Conducted at the Chapter, State Society and National Society levels, the students must submit an original essay with topics based on original research and deal with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. State winner—\$500.

JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL ORATIONS CONTEST

Rules for the Orations Contest can be found on the National Society SAR website at http://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration_Contest. State winner—\$500.

AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST

This contest is directed at students in the 4th or 5th grades, depending on which grade year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system. The National Society Elementary School Poster Contest will stimulate interest in American History in support of the Fourth or Fifth Grade Curriculum. The subject for 2010 - 2011 will be announced soon.



MEMBERSHIP GOAL - 1,000 in TENN

The Tennessee Society SAR can be very proud of our success relating to membership. Over the past decade, TNSAR has increased our membership by a larger amount than any other state society. This was done by retaining our members during year-end renewal rather than letting them become inactive. We must continue our momentum. While it is true the Tennessee Society SAR's membership enjoyed a net increase of 318 new members since 2000, the reality is that an additional 489 memberships have become inactive since 2002. Each chapter has been furnished with the names of these inactive members. We encourage you to work with these Compatriots and persuade them to rejoin. Remember, it is a whole lot easier to keep the member we have than to prove a new member's lineage.

In addition, we had 71 new member applications in process, as of December 31, 2009. They have been delivered to Louisville, but were not approved as of year end.

Plus, we have identified another 155 active members and 180 inactive members who live in Tennessee but are registered as members of out of state chapters. That is an additional 335 proven memberships awaiting invitations to join the Tennessee Society. To recap, that is 487 inactive Tennessee members plus 335 Tennessee residents who are members of other states - a pool of 822 prospective members who only have to pay \$53 to rejoin or to transfer their membership to your chapter.

We have a population of more than 1,700 active and inactive SAR members in Tennessee. Our goal is 1,000 net members at December 31, 2010. Together, we can make this happen!

We need your help to increase our membership this year!

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH 2010 GOALS

	Members 1-Jan-10	New Members	Submitted In Process	Reinstate	Projected Total
AC	86	13	8	8	115
AJ	95	14	1	12	122
BC	71	11	15	7	104
CS	21	3	2	2	28
GM	27	4	2	4	37
HC	39	6	0	5	50
IS	70	11	4	9	94
JG	23	3	4	1	31
JP	13	2	4	2	21
JM	27	4	0	4	35
JS	72	11	7	8	98
KM	27	4	4	1	36
QC	27	4	4	3	38
SC	28	4	2	5	39
SH	63	9	2	16	90
SR	34	5	1	6	46
TC	28	4	5	4	41
VS	37	6	2	1	46
WC	30	5	4	2	41
TOTAL	818	123	71	100	1,112



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Chapter membership growth is recognized by raw numbers and by percentage growth. Awards are given annually.

McCARTHY DeMERE AWARD For the greatest number of new members—**Andrew Crockett Chapter**.

HUGH W. STALLWORTH AWARD For the highest percentage growth—**Watauga Chapter**.

GROWTH & RETENTION STREAMERS For all chapters who obtain the annual designated growth (15% in 2009) AND 100% renewal of members.

15% Chapter Membership Growth

- Watauga Chapter, 22.73%
- Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, 18.31%
- Andrew Crockett Chapter, 17.72%
- Kings Mountain Chapter, 15.38%

Honorable Mention (less than 1% below goal)

- Christopher Strong Chapter, 14.29%

100% Dues Renewal by Dec 31, 2009

- Kings Mountain Chapter
- Tombigbee Chapter

Honorable Mention (2 or fewer members unpaid at Dec 31, 2009)

- Watauga Chapter (2)
- Valentine Sevier Chapter (1)
- Jackson Purchase Chapter (1)
- Joseph Greer Chapter (1)

100% Dues Renewal by Dec 31, 2009 AND 15% Chapter Membership Growth

- Kings Mountain Chapter



Kings Mountain Chapter President Dr. Darryl Addington and President Eubank.

Tennessee Society SAR Color Guard Commanders

Russell C. Campbell, Andrew Jackson 1990—2005

Charles H. de Leusomme, Sumner 2005—2009

James R. (Jim) Hurst, Valentine Sevier 2009—2010

Gordon D. Jackson, Lt. W. P. Quarles Appointed April 10, 2010

Color Guard Commander ★ Change of Command

President **Rick Hollis** asks **Gordon Jackson** if he is willing to accept the gorget, the symbol of his authority as Commander of the Tennessee Society SAR Color Guard as Commander **Jim Hurst** looks on.



Commander **Jim Hurst** relinquishes command and presents the sword to Commander Gordon Jackson.

V Cmdr **Roger Tenney** (with flag) looks on.

Commander **Jackson** returns a salute to former Commander **Hurst** after the change of command as President **Rick Hollis** looks on.

The Glynn Sword that is passed from one commander to the next was given in October 2008 by Compatriot Lt. Commander **John C. Glynn** of the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter for use by the TNSSAR Color Guard Commander.



President **Rick Hollis** praises the outstanding service of Commander **Jim Hurst**, also known as **Lustrus**, and presents Commander Gordon D. Jackson to the general membership.

SPEAKER



VPG **Thomas E. Jack** of Louisiana, as guest speaker, spoke about **Rev. David Campbell Kelly**, a founder and first president of the Tennessee Society SAR in 1889. Beginning his talk with a promise not to request money or to speak about Spanish involvement during the Revolution, he received a rousing ovation from the audience.

PATRIOTS Medal—Highest Award



TNSAR Treasurer **J. Wayne Long** of Valentine Sevier Chapter and President **Eubank**.

**Silver Distinguished Service Medal
Second Highest Recognition**



Dr. Sam W. McKinstry of Kings Mountain Chapter and President **Eubank**.

Board of Governors—State Officer, Chapter President, Committee Chairs



Robert Nash David Hicks William Fuller Colby Morgan Bill Martin John McCutchen



Gordon Jackson Jim Thweatt



David Johnston Wayne Long Roger Tenney Jim Briddell



Bert Chalfant Stan Evans Jim Hurst Colin Wakefield Glen Freudenthal

Silver Color Guard Medal



Ronnie Lail of Watauga Chapter & President **Eubank**

Not Pictured
Silver—Robert L. Hughes
Bronze—Larry D. McClanahan

Partial gallery of the Board of Governors for 2009-2010

Liberty Bell Awards

Certificate of Commendation



Rick Hollis NNSAR Award Newsletter
Claude Hardison NNSAR Award Americanism
John C. Echerd NNSAR Award Friends of Library
Jim Moore NNSAR Awards GWEF / JROTC
Douglas K. Fidler NNSAR Award Youth Essay
Charles Dammann Annual Meeting Chair

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

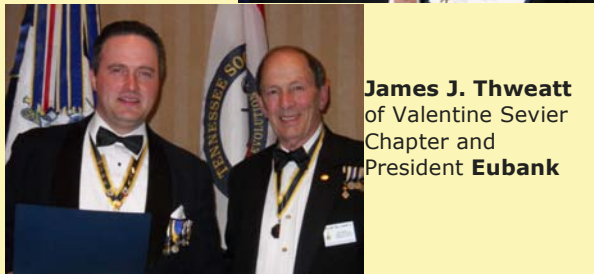


Compatriot State Representative **Kevin Brooks** of Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter and President **Eubank**.

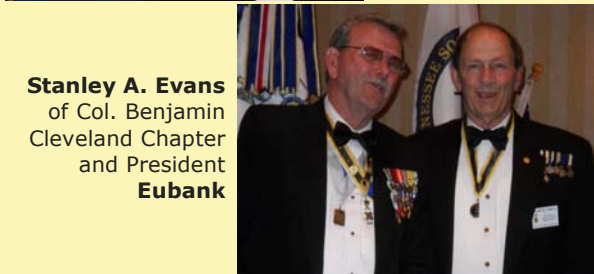
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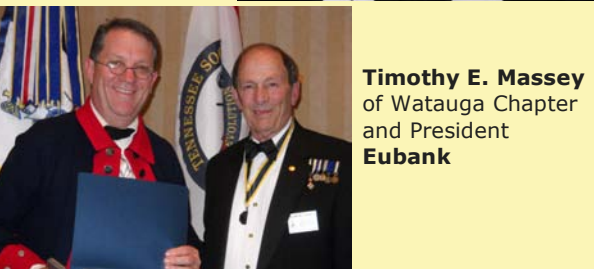
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Roger A. Tenney of Valentine Sevier Chapter and President **Eubank**.



Joe A. Chambers of Kings Mountain Chapter and President **Eubank**.

Americanism Awards

Middle—W. P. Quarles East (*large*) - John Sevier East (*small*) - Kings Mountain

TENNESSEE SOCIETY SAR ANNUAL MEETING, CHATTANOOGA



Historian General **Lindsey Brock** of Florida and his wife, Billie Brock.



Joining 2010-11 Tennessee Society SAR President **Rick Hollis** are Commander-in-Chief **Timothy E. Massey** of the Descendants of the Soldiers of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, General President **Terry Davenport** of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution, **Theodore M. Duay III** of the Florida Society SAR and SR, and President-elect **John C. Glynn, Jr.** of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.



Left: Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter SAR President **David Eagan** and TNSSAR President **William L. Eubank III** enjoy a hearty laugh as the Annual Banquet begins.



Watauga Chapter President Ronnie Lail presents a rifleman's bag to NSSAR VPG Thomas E. Jacks, and another one to TNSSAR President William L. Eubank III. Lail handmade the items. VPG Jacks' bag is made from leather with a hand woven strap in the SAR colors. President Eubank's bag is made from bark tanned leather and patterned after an authentic 18th Century bag from Southwest VA.



KENTUCKY PATRIOT Editor **Charlie Scott** of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter KYSSAR, TNSSAR President **Rick Hollis**, and former Kentucky Society SAR President **Tom Higgins** enjoy a moment together at the end of the Tennessee Society SAR Annual Banquet.

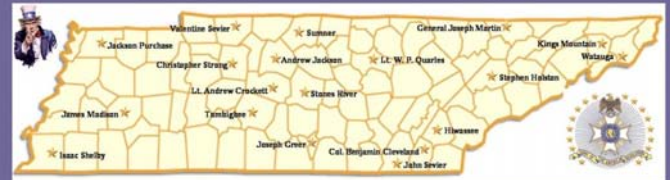
TENNESSEE ALMANAC - Year in Review Available



Newsletter Editor **Rick Hollis** presented President Eubank with a special year in review edition entitled 2009 Tennessee Almanac. A copy of the 2009 TENNESSEE ALMANAC, a 64 page year in review of 2009 is available. The cost is \$30.30 and may be ordered from **Rick Hollis** by mailing a check made to **TNSSAR** to **521 South First Street, Clarksville, TN 37040**.



OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL ASSOCIATION STORYTELLERS at the Crockett Cabin in Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park, Limestone
Jerry Mustin, Ronnie Lall, Steve Alexander, Steve Rickard, Doug Ledbetter and Arnie O'Neal



2009 - 2010 TNSSAR General Officers



Kneeling (l to r): VP-East **Charles N. Dammann** and VP-West **John E. McCutchen**. *Standing (l to r):* Treasurer **J. Wayne Long**, Chaplain **John W. Steen, Jr.**, President-elect **Rick Hollis**, VP-Middle **J. W. (Bill) Martin**, National Alternate Trustee and President **William L. Eubank III**, VP-Data **Raymond A. Clapsadle**, Color Guard Commander **James R. (Jim) Hurst**, and Secretary **Claude T. Hardison, Jr.** Not pictured: Registrar **Richard T. Spencer, Jr.**, Chancellor **Hunter McDonald III**, Surgeon **Dr. C. Richard Treadway**, Historian **William R. Fuller**, and National Trustee **Colby S. Morgan, Jr.**
Photo by Historian William R. Fuller

Upcoming Events

2010

- June 25-30 NSSAR 120th Congress
Cleveland, Ohio
- July 4 Independence Day
Chapter events
- July 10 TNSSAR Board of Governors
Nashville
- September 17 Grave marking—John Sevier
Knoxville
- September 17-18 Gathering at Sycamore Shoals
Elizabethton
- September 23-25 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting
Louisville
- October 7 Battle of Kings Mountain
South Carolina
- October 9 TNSSAR Board of Governors
Nashville
- October 9 Southern District Meeting
Nashville
- November 11 Veterans Day Parades
Knoxville and Nashville

2011

- January 8 TNSSAR Board of Governors
Nashville
- January 15 Battle of Cowpens
South Carolina
- March 3-5 NSSAR Spring Leadership Mtg
Louisville
- April 15-16 TNSSAR Annual Meeting
Murfreesboro
- April 15-16 Southern District Meeting
Murfreesboro
- April 16 Dedication of Patriots Park
Murfreesboro
- April 16 Patriots Day Observance
Murfreesboro
- June 9-13 NSSAR Annual Congress
Winston-Salem, NC

Pinson Mounds C.A.R. Society, Jackson



PINSON MOUNDS CHARTER MEMBERS Back row (l to r): Charter President **Dylan West, Brock Hurst, Blake Hurst, Emma Guthrie, Allie Myers** and **Mary Nichole Tate.**

Front row (l to r): **Troy Joslin, Luke Joslin, Jack Guthrie, Grace Guthrie** and **Tate Myers.**



Pinson Mound Society C.A.R. charter members were given arrow heads by **Fount T. Smothers** of the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter, from a collection he accumulated as a child.



C.A.R. SOCIETY FOUNDERS Jackson Madison Regent **Jackie Utley**, TNSSAR Vice President-West **John E. McCutchen**, C.A.R. Junior President **Sarah Hudson**, TNSSAR C.A.R./DAR Liaison **Fount T. Smothers**, C.A.R. Senior President **Karen Hudson**, and James Madison Chapter SAR President **John A. Scruggs**. Not pictured: Former TNSSAR President **Robert L. Hughes**.



Tennessee Society C.A.R. President **Sarah Hudson** accepts a check in the amount of \$500 in support of C.A.R. from TNSSAR President-elect **Rick Hollis** at the C.A.R. Annual Meeting at Henry Horton Park.



Tom Jacks - In the Hills of Tennessee - Reuben Bayless



Honoring the Jacks family Patriot Reuben Bayless in Jonesborough

Front row (l to r): **Barbara Jacks**, **David Jacks** and VPG **Tom Jacks**
 Back row (l to r): 2010-11 TNSSAR Color Guard Commander **Gordon Jackson** (Quarles), **David Johnston** (Stephen Holston), **Paul Jordan** (Stephen Holston), **Roger Tenney** (Valentine Sevier), **Rick Hollis** (Christopher Strong), **James Stone** (Benjamin Cleveland), **Brian Jackson** (Quarles), and 2009-10 TNSSAR Color Guard Commander **Jim Hurst** (Valentine Sevier).

Below (l to r): Salute given by **David Johnston** and **Brian Jackson**.



Left: Southern District Vice President General **Thomas E. Jacks** of Louisiana

Joe Chambers and **Sam McKinstry** of Kings Mountain Chapter coordinated the event.

Below (l to r): 2009-10 TNSSAR President **William L. Eubank III**, VPG **Thomas E. Jacks**, and 2010-11 TNSSAR President **Rick D. Hollis**



WILCOX CEMETERY, CLARKSVILLE



(l to r): Valentine Sevier Chapter members **Don Batterson, Alfred Anderson** and **George Pesely** help clean up the Samuel Wilcox Cemetery in Clarksville. The Chapter has worked for several years to renovate and restore the cemetery that was so overgrown that grave markers could not be seen.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Erin



(l to r): **Roger Tenney, Don Horton, Gordon Jackson, Jim Thweatt**. Back row (l to r): **Lee Hunter** (hidden), **Brian Jackson, David Jackson**

TNSSAR President **William L. Eubank III** presents **James R. Hurst** with a gorget, a symbol of his office as TNSSAR Color Guard Commander.

Eubank appointed Hurst as Color Guard Commander at the 2009 Annual Meeting after serving as French Lick Company Vice Commander and Valentine Sevier Chapter Commander.

Known as **Lustrus** by Color Guard Members across the state, **Jim Hurst** has been a dynamic force in the recruitment of new members and new chapter units.



Hiwassee Chapter



(l to r): Treasurer **Steven Denton**; Vice President **Bill Bigham**; President **Jack Stout**; Secretary **Mike Jaquish**; TNSSAR President **Bill Eubank**, installing officer; and Chaplain **Oneil Gray**. Not shown are other incoming officers Registrar **James Stone**, Vice President **Fred Underdown**, and Sergeant-at-arms **Jason Wright**.

George Washington Fellows



John E. McCutchen, James Madison



John Ellis, Stephen Holston



Colin D. Wakefield, J. Greer



Timothy E. Massey, Watauga



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2. Lineal Descent from a Patriot with Acceptable Service

A. A list of SAR Chapters in each State is listed on this Web-site, and an applicant may contact an officer of a Chapter near his home.

B. Each State has a member who is designated as the "New Member Helper". In most States, this is the State Registrar and

he will direct an applicant to a Chapter where the applicant lives, or the nearest Chapter, and forward the inquiry to that Chapter. The Chapter will be responsible for assisting prospective members with the application process.

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COLOR GUARD COMMANDER CHARLES HENRI DE LEUSOMME

Charles Henri de Leusomme age 80 of Castalian Springs passed away Monday March 29, 2010. Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday March 31, 2010 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church with Father Stephen Gideon as Celebrant. Interment followed in Gallatin Cemetery with Frank Heathman, Brian Roehrig, Ken Corum, Glen Freudenthal, Robert Nash and Larry McClanahan serving as pallbearers.

Mr. de Leusomme was born March 18, 1930 in Los Angeles, CA son of the late Charles Henri and Margaret Mary Hundley de Leusomme. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother Philippe de Leusomme. He is survived by wife, Laverne "Suzie" Hach de Leusomme, three sons Charles H. de Leusomme, John R. de Leusomme and Patrick R. de Leusomme, one daughter Gabrielle de Leusomme Ahlgren, one brother Denis de Leusomme and three sisters Mary Barreto, Victoire de Leusomme and Gabrielle Mason, seven grandchildren Jason de Leusomme, Andrea Ahlgren, Evan Ahlgren, Baylor de Leusomme, P. J. de Leusomme, Mitchell de Leusomme, Katherine de Leusomme, William de Leusomme and great grandchild Jason Allen de Leusomme. He was a retired engineer and land surveyor, Licensed General Contractor, Hach Fund Limited, member of Sons of the American Revolution, Past Vice President Middle TN, Past Chapter President Sumner Chapter, Past State Color Guard Commander, Chairman John Sevier Fund Committee, Member of George Washington Foundation and the one Thousand Club for the Center of Advancing America's Heritage, member Tennessee, Virginia and French Societies, member of the Sumner Chapter, Dual member Andrew Jackson, Benjamin Cleveland, Fort Watauga, Joseph Martin, Culpepper and James Madison Chapters, member of Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Order of Founders and Patriots, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Camp #34, Lt. Commander, Colonial Wars; Color Guard Commander, Honorary Member Society of the Order of The Southern Cross, Sovereign Military Order of The Temple of Jerusalem, Member Northern Neck Historical Society, Archeology Society and Third Order Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Memorial donations may be made to Sons of the American Revolution TN Endowment Fund for Youth Education or Sons of Confederate Veterans Hunley Project.



Commander de Leusomme

"When we come to say 'goodbye' to our loved ones, it is not easy, but if we remember the true definition of the word goodbye, it will make it easier. Our word 'goodbye' comes from the old English benediction meaning "God Be With You.""

*Compatriot Roy J. West
 1928—2008*

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TENNESSEE SOCIETY



2010 - 2011 TNSSAR General Officers



National Society SAR Southern District Vice President General **Thomas E. Jacks** gives the oath of office to the 2010-2011 Tennessee Society SAR officers. (l to r): National Trustee **William L. Eubank III** (*John Sevier*), National Alternate Trustee and President **Rick D. Hollis** (*Christopher Strong*), President-elect **John E. McCutchen** (*James Madison*), Vice President Middle **J. W. (Bill) Martin, Jr.** (*Stones River*), Vice President East **Charles N. Dammann** (*John Sevier*), Vice President Data Management **Dr. Raymond A. Clapsadle** (*Isaac Shelby*), Secretary **Claude T. Hardison, Jr.** (*COL Benjamin Cleveland*), Treasurer **David E. Johnston** (*Stephen Holston*), Chancellor **Jerry V. Smith** (*Christopher Strong*), Chaplain **Dr. Sam W. McKinstry** (*Kings Mountain*) and Surgeon **Dr. Joe A. Chambers** (*Kings Mountain*). **VPG Jacks** is a dual member of the Kings Mountain Chapter. Not pictured are Vice President West **B. Mott Jones** (*Isaac Shelby*), Registrar **Richard T. Spencer, Jr.** (*LT Andrew Crockett*), Chaplain Emeritus **Rev. Dr. John W. Steen, Jr.** (*Andrew Jackson*), Historian **C. Ken Fieth** (*Andrew Jackson*).



Left: **Dr. Raymond A. Clapsadle** (*Isaac Shelby*) was recommended by the Tennessee Society SAR to the Southern District Nominating Committee to succeed **Tom Jacks** as NSSAR Vice President General. By press time, **Clapsadle** received the nomination of the Southern District (AL, LA, MS, TN) presidents. He will be elected at Congress in June.

TENNESSEE SOCIETY SAR MISSION

Perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men and women who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions, including the stories of those brave men and women who came to this Tennessee wilderness with little more than their raw grit and determination and proceeded to claw out a gracious society of which WE are the recipients.