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Representing TNSSAR at Cowpens in 2009 was: President-elect **William L. Eubank III**, Secretary **Rick Hollis**, Past President **John Echerd**, **David Sympton**, President **Colby S. Morgan**, and Past President **Bob Hughes**.

Compatriot **David Sympton** is a dual member of the Summer Chapter and is presently a candidate for Secretary General of the National Society SAR. His election will be held at Annual Congress in July.



Tennessee Society SAR President **Colby S. Morgan** (*saluting*) at the monument of his kinsman **General Daniel Morgan** in Spartanburg, SC. Morgan led American Forces at Cowpens in 1781.

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TENNESSEE SOCIETY



PRESIDENT COLBY S. MORGAN

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 3—4, 2009

Earlier today I attended the Christ Methodist Eagle Scout Court of Honor. As I presented the SAR Certificate of Recognition to the newly minted Eagle Scout, he instantly remembered that many years ago I had presented him another award at my wife's First Grade Presidents' Day Program. Back then I was dressed in Continental uniform but he simply remembered me as George Washington. To this day he can still recite all of the Presidents in order, and he also remembers the Revolutionary War dramatizations from that class. The lessons learned: youth can absorb patriotism like sponges and patriotism is still being taught by some teachers. Therefore, our mission is alive and well, but we cannot take anything for granted.



Maggie Evans and Leslie Morgan enjoy a visit following the John Sevier Chapter GW Dinner.

This quarter I attended the Isaac Shelby Christmas and George Washington banquets as part of the Color Guard. I will again attend the Christ Methodist Day School Presidents Program tomorrow for the 17th consecutive year. Then I will travel to Mobile for the Alabama State Meeting, followed soon after by the NSSAR Leadership Meeting.

We now have a TNSSAR page on Facebook, and I encourage all Compatriots to join and use this networking tool with its endless potential. To join the Facebook page and to join, go to <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=51405467492>

Leslie and I enjoyed the hospitality of the John Sevier Chapter at their recent George Washington banquet in Chattanooga. The event was well organized and attended, and I appreciated the opportunity to speak on What George Washington Would Think of Globalism. But the the greater priority is directed to us: are we to advocate patriotism and nationalism, or are we to be cowed by the globalists who wish to tear down national barriers and the fabric of our country in favor of a form of One World governance. To us the answer may be obvious, but sadly not so to many Americans. So we must persistently teach the People the necessity of Patriotism.

By now everyone should have received the notice and agenda of the April 3-4 Annual Meeting in Memphis. The details are set out in this newsletter. I call on each and every Compatriot to attend as the National spotlight will shine on us as we host President General David Appleby. We look forward to seeing you in Memphis.

Every member of the Tennessee Society SAR is urged to attend the Annual Meeting that will be held April 3—4, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1022 South Shady Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38120.



President General David N. Appleby, Missouri

President General David N. Appleby, a native of Missouri, successful attorney, and highly decorated Colonel in the US Army is our special guest. He lived in Clarksville while stationed at Fort Campbell.

A formal dinner and awards banquet will be held on Friday evening, followed by the General Assembly and Election of Officers on Saturday morning. The luncheon will feature youth contestants for Orations, Essay, Eagle Scout, JROTC and the SAR/C.A.R. Patriot Ancestor Essay presentation.

On Saturday, a Spouses Tour of the Brooks Museum of Art will be given from 9:30 until 11:30.

Registration forms have been sent to each member. If a form is needed, please contact State Secretary Rick Hollis at 615.812.2648 or tnssar@bellsouth.net. Hotel Reservations may be made by calling 901.684.1777.

Memphis Brooks Museum of Art State's Oldest Museum of Fine Arts



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Stan Evans led TNSSAR's participation in Wreaths Across America in December. 1,022 wreaths were placed on graves at Chattanooga's National Military Cemetery.



ANNUAL MEETING, April 3—4 Embassy Suites, Memphis (901.684.1777)

Friday, April 3

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| Registration | 3:00—6:00 pm |
| Reception | 5:30—6:30 pm |
| Presidents Banquet | 6:30 pm |

Saturday, April 4

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| Chapter Presidents Council | 9:00—10:00 am |
| Spouses Tour | 9:30—11:30 am |
| Board of Governors Mtg | 10:00—11:00 am |
| General Assembly/Election | 11:00—11:45 am |
| Luncheon | 12:00— 2:30 pm |
| Youth Contests | |
| Installation of Officers | |

GEORGE WASHINGTON DINNERS



Isaac Shelby Chapter 2009-10 Officers (l to r): Treasurer **William D. McKinney**, Secretary **Dr. Raymond A. Clapsadle**, Vice President **Jerry L. Smith**, President **C. Shannon Morgan III**, Chaplain **Tim Sloan**, Registrar **Colby S. Morgan, Jr.**



Lt. William P. Quarles Chapter President **Gordon Jackson** welcomes Tennessee Society DAR State Regent **Judy Harlan Chaffin** (2007-10) of Memphis as guest speaker at the chapter's George Washington Dinner in Cookeville.



Valentine Sevier Chapter 2009-10 Officers (l to r): Secretary **James J. Thweatt**, President **Roger A. Tenney**, Registrar **George Pesley**, Treasurer **David Schuff**, Chaplain **Reber Kennedy**, Historian **Donald R. Horton, Jr.**



Stones River Chapter President **Bill Martin** honors **Jim Diamond** as a President-emeritus.

TENNESSEE SOCIETY SAR MISSION

Perpetrating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men 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.



FAREWELL



Dr. John V. Sims, III, age 70, of Kingsport, passed away Wednesday, January 28, 2009 following a lengthy illness.

Dr. Sims was born in Decatur, AL graduated from Morgan Co. High School, Hartselle, AL as the 1956 valedictorian. He was also the first Key Club president. Dr. Sims attended Auburn University and graduated from Southern College of Optometry, Memphis in 1963 where he was a member of Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport.

He served Kingsport and Mt. Carmel as an optometrist for almost 40 years and was a member of the American Optometric Association. Dr. Sims was past president of Northeast Tennessee Optometric Association and served on the Tennessee State Board of Directors. He was a member of the Tennessee State Board of Examiners in Optometry for five years.

Dr. Sims was a member of the National and Tennessee Society of Sons of the American Revolution. He served as secretary and past president of Kings Mountain Chapter SAR, Johnson City. Dr. Sims was also a member of several other historical societies.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ellen Chambers Sims of the home; daughter, Katherine Sims Smithwick and husband, Walter of Jacksonville, Florida; son, Brian C. Sims and wife, Kimberly of Johnson City; grandchildren, Emily Smithwick, Elizabeth Smithwick, both of Jacksonville, Florida, Daniel Sims, Mitchell Sims and Sarah Sims, all of Johnson City; sisters, Luann Adams and husband, Mike of Trussville, Alabama, Rose Marie Ellis and husband, Joel of Hartselle, Alabama; brothers, George W. Sims and wife, Catherine, Jackie F. Sims and wife, Shelba all of Hartselle, Alabama; several nieces and nephews.

Lawrence Johnson "Buddy" German Jr., 82, passed away Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at his home. He was born June 2, 1926, in Caney Creek Village in Polk County. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he was previously active in the deaf ministry. He was a 1946 graduate of Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville where he was secretary of his senior class and football manager. He received an associate degree of foreign language in German and French from Chattanooga State Technical Community College in 1981. He was the 1979 recipient of the State of Tennessee Achiever Award presented by Gov. Lamar Alexander.

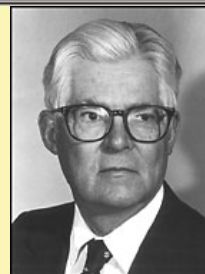
He was a proud lifelong member of the Sons of American Revolution.

He started his career in printing at the Daily Journal in Murfreesboro and retired from the Chattanooga Times Free Press after 28 years of service.

4 His love of history and genealogy led him down many paths which coincided with his passion for travel. On one occasion he sailed with his car on the Queen Mary and drove through Europe, visiting distant relatives. Whether it be the plains of Kansas or the mountains of North Carolina, he found long lost German relatives who became fast friends. He was also the official photographer at all special occasions using his trusted camera. His first book, "A History of the German Family," was published in 2004. His book signing sponsored by Cleveland State Community College and held at the Museum Center at Five Points was the most heavily attended to date.

Survivors include his brothers: Harold (Cooney) German and wife, Ann, and John Edward "Doc" German and wife, Cleo; nieces: Donna Adams, Glendon Belk, Kathy Karnes and Sandy Stewart, all of Cleveland, Dee Ann Crawford of Delano, Susan West of Statesville, N.C., Mitzi Higgins of Lexington Park, Md., Robin Hodges of Ballground, Ga.; and nephews: Terry Jones and Larry Morgan, both of Cleveland. He was much beloved by his great and great-great-nieces and nephew and cousins.

To report the death of a Compatriot, please contact your Chapter President; State Secretary, at tnssar@bellsouth.net; and State Chaplain at steenj@comcast.net. The State Secretary will communicate with National SAR HQ to update records.



Dr. Richard Laurens DeSaussure Jr.'s list of accomplishments included a Bronze Star and numerous medical awards. But his greatest achievement wasn't an individual award, said his son, Richard DeSaussure

III. "His greatest accomplishment was the people he helped," DeSaussure said.

Dr. DeSaussure, a noted neurosurgeon, died at his Memphis home. He was 90. Born Dec. 29, 1917, into a medical family in Macon, Ga., Dr. DeSaussure grew up in Washington and received his medical degree from the University of Virginia. He entered the Army in 1943 and served as a doctor, rising to the rank of major. He was stationed in London and later assigned to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, where he met his wife, Phyllis Falk DeSaussure. The couple married in 1948. Mrs. DeSaussure died June 1, 11 days before their 60th anniversary.

After his discharge from the Army, he began working at the old Kennedy Veterans Hospital in Memphis. Soon after, he joined the Semmes-Murphey Clinic, where he stayed for the remainder of his professional career. He was director of the intern-resident training program with the University of Tennessee, where he held the title of professor of neurosurgery and assistant dean. As a member of the Baptist Memorial Hospital staff, he served as president of the staff and chief of staff.

"He never deviated. He always had his sights on being a doctor," DeSaussure said of his father.

Dr. DeSaussure served as president of the Memphis Neurological Society and was a founding member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. He wrote and taught on numerous medical topics. He earned the title of professor emeritus from the University of Tennessee.

He was a member of the Society of Cincinnati, Sons of the American Revolution and was a member and past president of the English Speaking Union.

Dr. DeSaussure also leaves two daughters, Alexis DeSaussure Porter and Denise DeSaussure Graeber; a brother, Hamilton DeSaussure, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

By [Matthew Woo](#), Memphis Commercial Appeal
Monday, September 29, 2008

CHAPTER NEWS



Valentine Sevier Chapter SAR Color Guard marched in the Clarksville Veterans Day Parade on November 8, 2008. (l to r): **Lee Hunter, Wayne Long, and Don Horton.**



James Sevier C.A.R. chapter participating in the 2009 Cowpens Commemoration. (l to r): **Zachary Currie, Mallory Stevens, Olivia Currie, and Megan Stevens**, President of the James Sevier Society C.A.R. The girls are in period dress that their grandmother Donna Stevens made for them and Zach is in his NJROTC uniform. Zach attends Mallard Creek High School in Charlotte, North Carolina where he is a member of the Naval JROTC.



(Front, l to r): Descendants of RW Patriot Thomas Weakley: **Richard W. Weakley, Benny Weakley, Marydith Weakley Young, James Richard Weakley, and Beth Weakley Baggett.** (Rear, l to r): **Rick Hollis** of Christopher Strong Chapter, **Jim Long** of Andrew Crockett Chapter, and **Clint Reynolds, Alfred Anderson, and Cleo Hogan** of Valentine Sevier Chapter.

ANNUAL SAR NEW YEARS DAY TOUR For several years, Cleo Hogan of Valentine Sevier Chapter and Rick Hollis of Christopher Strong Chapter have teamed with Thomas Murff to led a New Years Day Tour of historic sites in Montgomery and surrounding counties. On January 1, 2009, descendants of the Weakley family joined several SAR members (*some of whom are also Weakley family descendants*) to explore obscure cemeteries, farms, and river ferry sites of the children of Robert Weakley, Sr., whose sons included RW Patriot Robert Weakley Jr. and James Weakley, and grandsons RW Patriot Thomas Weakley, RW Patriot Col. Robert Weakley III, and Isaac Weakley. The grave marker for Thomas Weakley has been destroyed and a new one will be erected in 2009, and will include a public ceremony.



Left: Isaac Shelby Chapter President **B. Mott Jones** installs newly elected President **C. Shannon Morgan III.**

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Right: Isaac Shelby Chapter President **B. Mott Jones** presents a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to **Larry Scroggs**, Juvenile Court Administrator for Shelby County.



INSTALLING A PATRIOT GRAVEMARKER



Compatriot **John C. Echerd** of John Sevier Chapter obtained approval from NSSAR for use of a new marker he designed to identify the location of Revolutionary War Patriot graves, and SAR member graves. The small granite marker bears an engraving of the SAR logo and the word “Patriot” or “SAR Member”. Several people have asked how to properly install the marker, so he has produced this photographic essay to illustrate how to properly install the marker at the grave of Compatriot Davis’s ancestor, RW Patriot James Davis.

At left are TNSSAR President-elect **Bill Eubank**, **Charles I. Davis**, and TNSSAR Vice President-East **Charles Dammann**. Photos were taken by TNSSAR Past President **John Echerd**.



STEP ONE: Get a couple buddies together who want to help install the marker while you take pictures.

STEP TWO: Gather supplies to complete the job—hoe, tamping bar, Quik-crete, trash bag, and the marker.

STEP THREE: Dig a small hole.



STEP FOUR: Carefully pour Quik-crete into the bottom of the hole.

STEP FIVE: Position Patriot marker in hole, settling the marker into the Quik-crete so that it is surrounding the marker.



STEP SIX: Clean the stone and cover Quik-crete with soil. Clean up the area and thank your buddies for their hard work.



6 If necessity is the mother of invention, then Compatriot John C. Echerd of the John Sevier Chapter is its father. With the growing cost of metal and the frequency of SAR’s bronze markers being stolen from graves, Compatriot Echerd worked with Wichman Monuments to engrave the authorized SAR pattern into granite. In September 2007, he obtained approval from the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee for these granite markers to be used on Patriot and member graves. For details about how to obtain a granite marker, go to www.johnsevierchapter.org and click on Grave Marker. John Echerd, jkecherd@centurytel.net

GEORGE WASHINGTON FELLOWS



To become a George Washington Fellow, please contact Jim Moore at JISAMOR@aol.com or by phone 423.842.7774.

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 William Terrence Siler, *John Sevier Chapter*
 Roger A. Tenney, *Valentine Sevier Chapter*



Top (l to r): President Colby S. Morgan, Jr., GWEF member David Johnston of Stephen Holston Chapter, GWEF Chair Jim Moore;

Second (l to r): GWEF member Bill Martin presenting GWEF pin and certificate to his father-in-law Kenneth York of Stones River Chapter.

Third (l to r): President Morgan, GWEF member Dr. C. Richard Treadway, Chair Jim Moore.

Fourth left (l to r): William Terrance Siler of John Sevier Chapter receives his GWEF pin and certificate from Chair Jim Moore.

Fourth right (l to r): David L. Hicks of Benjamin Cleveland Chapter receives his GWEF pin and certificate from Chair Jim Moore.

Bottom right (l to r): New GWEF member W. Don Shelton of Valentine Sevier Chapter receives his GFEW pin and certificate from State Secretary Rick Hollis.



Left (l to r): David Owen of John Sevier Chapter receives his pin and certificate from Chair Jim Moore.

All members are invited to become a George Washington Fellow by donating \$1,000 or \$200 annually for five years to the GW Endowment Fund.

Reminders

1. Please notify your Chapter Secretary of any changes of address, telephone number or email address. The Secretary will forward that information to State Secretary Rick Hollis, and Vice President-Data Management Ray Clapsadle. Your addresses MUST be current in order for you to receive any or all Society mail, all of which is sent by "bulk mail," which is not forwarded.
2. Submittals are welcomed for this newsletter. We prefer that the text be emailed in WordPerfect or MSWord. Photos shall be in electronic format and emailed, but may also be submitted on a floppy disk or CD. Time does not permit the Editor to re-type a bunch of articles. Photos from newspapers and/or prints from film cannot be used, as they do not reproduce in acceptable quality.
3. Send submittals to Richard T. Spencer, Jr., Editor, 376 Sims Lane, Franklin, Tennessee 37067-1893 or by email at DSPEN47@aol.com, or send to Rick D. Hollis, Associate Editor, 521 South First Street, Clarksville, Tennessee 37040 or by email at tnssar@bellsouth.net.

Surveying Measurements

- 1 foot = 12 inches
- 1 yard = 3 feet
- 1 pole = 16.5 feet
- 1 rod = 1 pole = 16.5 feet
- 1 perch = 1 rod = 1 pole = 16.5 feet
- 1 chain = 4 poles = 66 feet
- 10 chains = 1 furlong = 660 feet
- 1 furlong = 40 poles = 660 feet
- 1 link (of a chain) = .66 feet = 7.92 inches
- 100 links = 1 chain = 66 feet = 4 poles
- 1 mile = 5280 feet
- 1 mile = 1760 yards
- 1 mile = 320 poles
- 1 mile = 80 chains
- 1 mile = 8 furlongs

Those who have no pride in the deeds of a remote ancestry will hardly be likely to accomplish anything worth to be remembered by a remote posterity.

Thomas Babington MacAulay



NEW MEMBERS—OCTOBER 15—DECEMBER 31

LT. ANDREW CROCKETT CHAPTER

John Thomas Jewell, Jr.
Roy Cecil Webb
Mark Dugan Webb
Scott Brian Webb

ANDREW JACKSON CHAPTER

None

BENJAMIN CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Raymond Leo Allen
Harlan Russell White
Adam Douglas Lewis
Phillips Ross Bullen
Mark Reynolds Bullen

CHRISTOPHER STRONG CHAPTER

None

GEN. JOSEPH MARTIN CHAPTER

James D. Foley
Stephen Paul Trammell

HIWASSEE CHAPTER

Jason Paul Wright
Franklin Oneil Gray

ISAAC SHELBY CHAPTER

None

JACKSON PURCHASE CHAPTER

None

JAMES MADISON CHAPTER

Christopher Royce Little

JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER

Mark Douglas Landon
Eric Joseph Landon
Scott Curtis Landon
Richard William Shell
Jason Hans Shell
Kenneth David Carter
Wesley Alan Carter
Christopher Allen Carter

KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

None

STEPHEN HOLSTON CHAPTER

None

STONES RIVER CHAPTER

John Charles Vance

SUMNER CHAPTER

None

TOMBIGBEE CHAPTER

None

VALENTINE SEVIER CHAPTER

Bobby Lee Parker

WATAUGA CHAPTER

None

LT. WM. P. QUARLES CHAPTER

William Scott Arrott
Floyd Francis Smith
Alan Francis Smith

Year to date—123 * Transfer/** Youth to Regular

MEMBERSHIP RANKINGS OF STATES

| Rank | Count | State |
|------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 2543 | TX |
| 2 | 1686 | FL |
| 3 | 1681 | PA |
| 4 | 1572 | VA |
| 5 | 1525 | CA |
| 6 | 1509 | OH |
| 7 | 1507 | GA |
| 8 | 1140 | NY |
| 9 | 951 | AL |
| 10 | 907 | TN |
| 11 | 860 | IL |
| 12 | 769 | NC |

2008 Membership After Reconciliation

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|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Membership, January 1, 2008 | | 759 |
| 2008 New Members | 114 | |
| 2008 Reinstatements | 47 | |
| 2008 Transfers In (Out) | 4 | |
| 2008 Resignations | -14 | |
| 2008 Deaths | -11 | |
| 2008 Drops for non-renewal | -96 | |
| 2008 Net Change | | 44 |
| Membership, December 31, 2008 | | 803 |

How to become an SAR member

Becoming a Member of SAR has two (2) basic requirements as provided in the NSSAR Constitution and By-Laws:

1. Eligibility for Membership
2. Lineal Descent from a Patriot with Acceptable Service

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY: A male citizen of good repute in the community, is a lineal descendant of an ancestor who was, at all times, unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence, in a military capacity, or Patriotic Service as a civilian supporting the military, or holding certain civil offices. Lineal bloodline from the Patriot is required and must be documented. Collateral lineage is not acceptable. Recommendation by two members in good standing is required. *No person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence, shall be eligible for membership in the Society.*

GETTING STARTED: An interested person may obtain information about how to contact SAR from a friend who is a member of SAR, SAR, CAR, or SR, or from the SAR Web-Site, 2. The SAR Web-site: <http://www.sar.org>.

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.

PREPARING AN APPLICATION: An applicant may obtain a "working copy" of the application form from the Web-site or from the Chapter through which he will apply for membership. The Chapter Registrar will work with the applicant who will provide the data and proof documents. The Registrar will prepare the final application using SAR software, on a special watermarked paper. He will advise the applicant of the application fees, which include the first year dues. The Chapter Registrar will forward the application to the State Registrar for review and further processing at the National Level.

WHAT IS NEXT?: An applicant will be a member of the Chapter which is preparing his application. He should visit that Chapter at its meetings, be introduced as an applicant, and meet the members. Approval may take up to two (2) months to process, and he will then be presented as a new member, given his membership credentials, and given an opportunity to participate in Chapter activities.



Our Happy Warrior

“If it is worth doing, it is worth doing right!”

For John Echerd, past is prologue. As Past TNSSAR President and Past President of John Sevier Chapter, Echerd is motivated to remain at the center of Chapter, State and National activities. Presently, he is working within the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee to obtain approval for an event at Watauga in September 2010 to commemorate John Sevier’s 265th birthday. He’s also working to gain National Event status from SAR for the annual event at Sycamore Shoals that honors the memory of our brave ancestors who left the comfort of their homes to fight the British at Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780. Building on his success as a leader of the effort to make the Battle of Ramseur’s Mill in Lincolnton, North Carolina a special annual event several years ago, he was also the instigator who rallied his troops to install a historical marker at Lookout Mountain, site of the last Battle of the Revolutionary War. The event was a milestone in John’s life, but also for the Tennessee Society and John Sevier Chapter.



John Echerd is a remarkable individual. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he has enjoyed a varied career, including active service in the United States Navy Reserve.

Charles Dammann commented, “John has a remarkable memory and is an absolute joy to listen to concerning a variety of subjects, but particularly the Sons of the American Revolution and Revolutionary History. With his natural ability and personal tenacity, he has assisted an untold number of individuals research their family history and determine their Revolutionary Patriot Ancestor. He personally has recruited (*including me*) the majority of the Compatriots in the John Sevier Chapter TNSSAR. In addition he has assisted individuals in other chapters and states with their research. John always has a project in the works while he is envisioning his next project. One cannot help but want to assist John in these endeavors. They always turn out to be a joy to work on. I consider it a privilege to be able to call John Echerd my friend.”

Jim Moore said, “When I came into the TNSSAR in 2002, John asked me to become John Sevier Chapter president, which I did. Having no knowledge of what to do, John became my mentor and guide. With his assistance, I have been fortunate to move through the role as State President. His guidance and understanding and patience is an inspiration to me. He always stresses, “If it is worth doing, it is worth doing right!”



Above (l to r): At Cowpens in January 2006 are **Bill Eubank, Bob Nash, John Echerd, Rick Hollis and Bob Hughes.**

Left: President **Roy Miles** presents a Silver Good Citizenship Medal to **John C. Echerd** at the 2008 Annual Meeting held at Montgomery Bell State Park.

Echerd has been instrumental in leadership development at John Sevier Chapter, which has led to state leadership by Jim Moore, Bill Eubank, and Charles Dammann, among others.

EDITORS NOTE: *As in the land of OZ, behind the curtain in every Chapter there are Compatriots whose participation and leadership add aura to their Chapter and to SAR. Usually serving without office, these Compatriots make contributions to the Chapter and to the SAR that are so worthwhile that a Chapter’s identity is often shaped by their contributions.*

This is the second in a series of articles that highlights the valuable men and women across Tennessee who possess the “Spirit of ‘76” - Compatriots who step forward and do the job that needs to be done, just because they can. Please submit your Chapter’s nomination to the editor. Upon selection, the editor will contact you to develop a story for inclusion in a future edition of The Tennessee Patriot.

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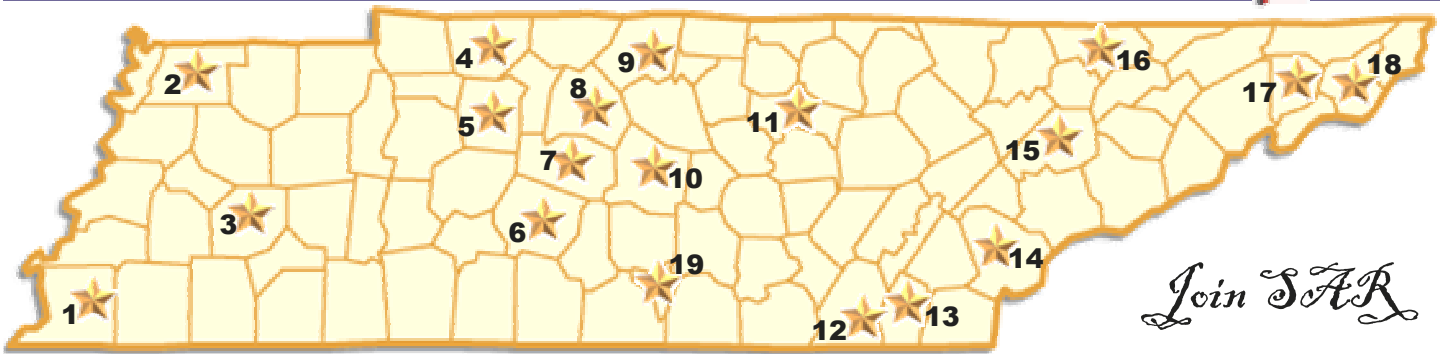
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