



# Tennessee Patriot

Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution

## Independence Celebrated

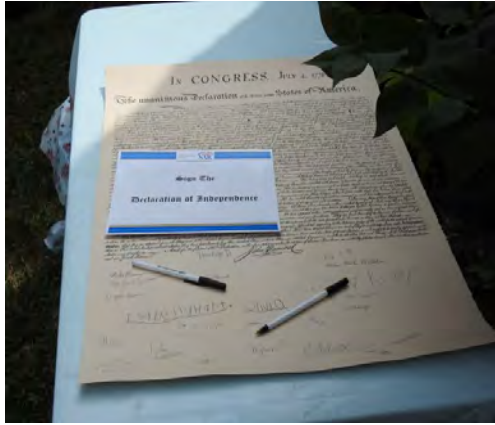


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**Tennessee Compatriots participate in ceremonies across the state to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice**

**On the Cover:** (Knoxville, TN) On July 4, 2024, the Stephen Holston Chapter hosted the Annual Independence Day Celebration at James White's Fort, an SAR National Event. TNSSAR Color Guard members from all over the state mustered for a presentation of the Declaration of Independence that included a full sized replica of the original document *without signatures* so that children in attendance could have the opportunity to sign the Declaration themselves. This event converged several groups and proved to be a memorable Educational Outreach for the TNSSAR! The Kings Mountain, Watauga, State of Franklin, Stephen Holston, Col. Benjamin Cleveland, John Sevier Chapters, TNSSAR, the Andrew Bogle and Mary Blount Chapters, TSDAR, & The James White and Edward Bradley Societies, CAR, assisted with the successful execution of the event with over 150 in attendance!



## TNSSAR New Compatriots

Chapter	Date	NSSAR #	Compatriot Name
Stephen Holston	08/09/2024	230669	Leonard "Len" Gary Johnson
Stephen Holston	08/09/2024	239668	Herbert M. Handly
Lt. Andrew Crockett	08/09/2024	230667	John Richardson Bragg
Valentine Sevier	08/09/2024	239666	Jody Ferrell
Hiwassee	05/10/2024	230003	Walker Titus Combs
State of Franklin	05/10/2024	230002	John Gary Heatherly
Thomas Kilgore	05/10/2024	230006	David Hamilton Hostettler
John Sevier	05/10/2024	230007	Joseph Stephen Russell Cook
Stephen Holston	05/10/2024	230004	James R. Cabage
Stephen Holston	05/10/2024	230005	David L. Salter
Christopher Strong	05/26/2023	226753	Justin Andrew Kleppe
Col. Hugh Brown	05/10/2024	230008	William Thedford Gunn
Col. Benjamin Cleveland	04/26/2024	229865	Richard Gray Bassette
Isaac Shelby	04/26/2024	229864	Walker Edward Morris
Andrew Crockett	04/26/2024	229863	Edward Alan Crawford
Andrew Jackson	04/26/2024	229862	Andrew John Bussard
Andrew Jackson	04/26/2024	229861	Michael John Bussard
Lt. William P Quarles	04/26/2024	229860	Ryan Kevin Conley
John Sevier	04/26/2024	229859	John Gregory Martin
Stephen Holston	04/26/2024	229858	Lloyd J. Donnelly
John Sevier	04/26/2024	229857	Jayson Kyle Jones
John Sevier	04/12/2024	229742	Billy Joe Burnette
Col Anthony Bledsoe	04/05/2024	229679	George Frederick Schwarz
Col. Benjamin Cleveland	03/22/2024	229542	Frank Victor Viola
Col. Benjamin Cleveland	03/22/2024	229543	Isaak Vitale Viola
Stephen Holston	03/22/2024	229545	Brogan Cruz Slaybaugh
Stephen Holston	03/22/2024	229544	Michael Dudley Slaybaugh
Valentine Sevier	03/15/2024	229487	Wesley Kent Wood
Lt W P Quarles	03/08/2024	229433	Christopher William Dodd
Lt W P Quarles	03/08/2024	229432	George William Dodd
Stephen Holston	03/01/2024	229355	Harold Alkire Mitchell Jr.
John Sevier	03/01/2024	229354	Jeffrey Glen Jones
State of Franklin	03/01/2024	229356	William Howard Lyons
Andrew Crockett	02/23/2024	229313	Clark Allen Rose II
Kings Mountain	02/16/2024	229254	James Wesley Langley
Andrew Jackson	02/09/2024	229170	Ronald Jeffrey Taylor
Col Anthony Bledsoe	02/09/2024	229169	James Jack Denton
Col Anthony Bledsoe	02/09/2024	229171	John Coy Isbell
Joseph Greer	02/09/2024	229172	Titus A. Lucius
Valentine Sevier	01/26/2024	229027	Jon Todd Hannah
Andrew Crockett	01/19/2024	228961	Richard Neely Britnell
Col Anthony Bledsoe	01/19/2024	228964	Bruce Alan Camp
Col Anthony Bledsoe	01/19/2024	228962	John Montgomery
Col Anthony Bledsoe	01/19/2024	228963	John Porter Hurt
Isaac Shelby	01/19/2024	228965	Ashton Lee Fitch
Stephen Holston	01/19/2024	228960	James Michael Milner
Col Anthony Bledsoe	01/12/2024	228921	Charles Herbert Patterson
Col Anthony Bledsoe	01/12/2024	228922	William Harold Patterson

## 2024 TNS SAR Compatriots Gone Too Soon

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>National #</u>	<u>Compatriot Name</u>
Kings Mountain	01/08/2024	87377	James Edward Briddell
Hiwassee	01/29/2024	224495	Eldie Lynn Dickey
Jackson Purchase	02/14/2024	171360	Edward Townsend Ladd Sr.
Valentine Sevier	02/27/2024	227214	Jan Darwin Black II
John Sevier	04/20/2024	187725	Joseph William Cook Jr.
Benjamin Cleveland	06/01/2024	184048	Clyde Alexander Kyle Jr.
Valentine Sevier	06/06/2024	147220	Frank Gracey Childers
State of Franklin	06/12/2024	205301	Glen David Jones
John Sevier	06/30/2024	194562	Maurice Richard Bowen, Jr. Esq
Benjamin Cleveland	07/08/2024	189875	Edward Franklin Lay
Stephen Holston	07/31/2024	162540	Steve Glenn Ayers
John Sevier	08/07/2024	153830	Reginald Franklin Gunnells



*TNS SAR Chapters are encouraged to have a “Missing Man” Table at your next chapter meeting following a loss of a compatriot to honor them and help members and their families through the grieving process.*

# The Chaplain's Corner

Compatriots:



I believe that many of you will agree with me when I say that social media is a double-edged sword. It certainly has its positive aspects. Social media can bring people together from across town to across the world. I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to reconnect with people, in some cases, last seen over 40 years ago.

COVID forced our church to rely on social media to stay in contact with each other and have worship services online when we were unable to meet in person. Now, we use Facebook groups for Bible study, prayer requests, announcements, or updates between Sunday services. This technology has been great for our church to embrace.

When severe weather happens, often social media will provide the needed safety information before it reaches television. It works the same for breaking national or world news – not to mention the live sports updates so easily available. There are also the endless videos of cute animals, cute babies, or people who are less than smart doing less than safe things – to put it kindly – for our amusement. Yes, social media can be a good thing.

Unfortunately, social media has its negative aspects, too. Some folks feel the need to share their drama, airing out personal details that should remain private. If you're like me, you have read things posted and just shook your head in disbelief. Then there is the ever-present “click-bait” that will take a person down a rabbit hole of foolishness. The “fake news” posts which can look like legitimate media outlets but instead have filled their posts with untruths to get traffic to their site. We must wade through the scams, the non-stop advertisements, the advice columns, and self-help posts that promise to change our lives, but only waste our time. While big negatives for me, those mentioned are not the worst.

I believe the most negative aspect of social media is how people talk to each other across the various platforms. Kindness, respect, and courtesy are endangered species in our culture, and it is evident on social media. I primarily use Facebook, and it seems daily I see several posts where people are tearing into each other in the comment sections. It is not just a disagreement over the topic, the attacks get personal. Nothing generates disagreement quite like religion, politics, or social issues, and with social media there are no holds barred. There once was a time when people could disagree and yet remain friends, or at least civil to each other, but that is not the case in 2024. Too easily today, family relationships are broken, friendships lost, and

enemies gained by people typing things to each other they most likely would not dare say face-to-face.

So how does this relate to the SAR, you may ask? In our state society, we have men of different backgrounds, beliefs, and strong opinions. When we have a difference of opinion – which we will, may we season our words with kindness, respect, and courtesy. In the book of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul tells us to “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” We are to use our words for good – to build up, not tear down.

Let us work diligently to keep from breaking relationships with those who have different views than us. Let us rise above the division of our times and show others what we know so well - that the members of the Sons of the American Revolution are honorable men. Every man I have met in the SAR I genuinely believe has been as much a gentleman as a patriot.

We lead in promoting American history, we lead in honoring our patriot ancestors, and we can lead in being role models not just on social media, but in a nation in need of its people to find their way back to unity.

May the Lord bless you, your family, and our great nation.

***Rev. Greg Banther***  
***TNSSAR Chaplain***



*[Chaplain Banther serves as the TNSSAR Chaplain, and embodies the spirit of ministry to the entire state membership in action by his involvement in the entire state's activities and events as possible. Photos above are from the Patriot George Maxwell Grave Marking hosted by the State of Franklin Chapter (top left), the Patriot Ransom Smith Grave Marking hosted by the John Sevier Chapter, and the ROTC/jROTC Recognition Ceremony sponsored by his own Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter. Those of us who know Compatriot Banther appreciate his friendship and his patriotic support of events all over the state, but even deeper his prayerful support of our members who have prayer needs, including your President. - Joel ]*

## A Message from the President

(Rockford) As news came in from the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA, it was not surprising that the Tennessee Society was awarded the Robert E. Sonfield Award. The Award is for the state society who has the largest member increase in the previous year. *Are we surprised?* We must be doing something right!

Please do not think for a minute that I am trying to grab up the credit for this because I know that *it's not about me*. But in the TNSSAR since I became involved in 2017 or so, I have found men who set themselves aside and roll up their sleeves and *get the job done*. Great men. Men of service. Men who embody the character of integrity.

When Dr. David Chaffin took the gavel in 2023 our numbers had just topped 1,350... When had my head split in two by the gavel this past March we had risen to just above 1,400... This in spite of raised annual dues last year and the losses we endured as a result. And while excellent past leadership is due credit for fueling our momentum, the real reason for the increases are the *relationships* that exist in our state society. And that credit, ultimately, goes to each one of our members.

*Relationships*. When studying the rebellion or uprising that became the American Revolution one notices the pattern of relationships throughout the story. The Sons of Liberty – community friends that gathered in a tavern to discuss their plight under British Rule – was an early example of how the relationships forged in adversity strengthen not only that particular community, but an eventual nation.

There is a proverb that says “*a three strand cord is not easily broken*.” In times of war we learn of the bonds that are formed in foxholes and on battlefields. In our state society those relationships are forged through our service together – whether in tackling an issue in a committee or board meeting, or working together for a common goal of restoring a cemetery or executing a ceremony to honor those who *gave everything* for our liberty.

Personally, I would love to have gatherings where we were able to just fellowship and build our relationships toward an end goal of accomplishment of our mission. A common purpose.

Our ancestors developed relationships during the adversity of British Rule – or tyranny! – that were for a lifetime. This is one thing we all share in – our ancestors worked together, worshipped together, rebelled together, fought together, endured together... and, in many of our lines, that is born true in the fact that our grandparents were all children of Patriots who *men and women who would not be ruled*. And today we continue to work together and build lifetime relationships with one another.

The TNSSAR has something for everyone. I truly believe this. And this morning as I put this article together, we have reached 1,468 members. And as impressive as that number may be to some, the more impressive thing to me is that each digit represents a relationship. An individual. And each individual presents an opportunity to work together to perpetuate the history and heritage of our birth – our legacy of liberty. And because that legacy – that heritage – is our focal point, our state continues to rise and be noticed. And that is because *of YOU*.

By His Providence,

Joel Davenport

2024-2025 TNSSAR President



**Mark your calendar:**

**May 17, 2025 @ 10 a.m.**

**Patriot Grave Marking & Wreath Laying Ceremony**

**Patriot Christopher Cooper (SAR # P-138482)**

Cooper Cemtery, Woodbury TN

## The Mission of the TNSSAR:

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.

In my opinion it is a good practice to have as part of the formalities of our chapter meetings and events, as well as state meetings and events, our Mission Statement – *at the forefront* – to remind us what it is all about. It is my belief that we all need that reminder.

At the core of how to effectively carry out that mission is Education Outreach, which is why last year our EXCOM began working to create the position of State Education Chair and to secure the right person to serve in that capacity.

As we continue that search this year, it is important that we still have educational outreaches

and programs to *keep the fire burning...*

The *Patriot's Chest* program is one such program that all chapters are encouraged to get started on. The very process of finding a chest and collecting the items to place in it can be a group effort that builds the team interests and morale, as well lends itself to opportunities to talk to people along the way about what the chest is and the story that each item relates.

Our Patriot and Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremonies are events that can naturally merge elements of historical education with the honoring of men and women who deserve such honor.

Recently I set up a discussion group for Education Outreach and another for America's 250<sup>th</sup> discussion, so that there is a place to share ideas and experiences with one another. Through these Groups, there is an ability to “come together” without having to load any of the various social media platforms, but rather you can participate by logging in to your email and reading, replying, posting, and sharing as you have time and interest. In the old days of computer technology, we used Bulletin Board Systems (BBS's) for “social media” and to host such discussions and interactions. It is my hope that these efforts will meet with interest and become a resource for all of us. If you have not found a way to join these discussions, or have not received an invite to join, please let me know by sending me a request to join them to my email address: [jdr1ru@gmail.com](mailto:jdr1ru@gmail.com)







**From President-Elect PZ Horton**  
Membership & Extension Committee Chairman

**Membership Follow Ups**

I am asking each chapter to review their chapter Blue DB on [www.SAR.org](http://www.SAR.org) and especially the Reconciliation Report. Every chapter president has access to their chapter dashboard. When you click on “Chapter Dashboard” and look to the right, you will see “Reports”. Click on Reports. Page down to “Reconciliation”

If you click on Status Transaction you get a dropdown.

The default is “All” or you can select one of the options. You can also change the start and end dates for the report.

Click on Generate and you get a new page. At the top are your chapter totals.

Total	DEC	DRP	NEW	REIN	RES	RT	TRI
150	4	59	55	30	2	2	2

The first 4 totals are Deceased, Dropped, New and Reinstated

DEC	DRP	NEW	REIN
4	59	55	30

The next 4 totals are Resigned, Reinstated Transfer, Transferred In and Transferred Out

RES	RT	TRI	TRO
2	2	2	2

Generate the report for the past 5 years. This report can be downloaded as a CSV file which can be opened in Excel. You should sort the file by National Number and date. This will group the transactions by person so you can see if multiple transactions.

**Dropped and Reinstated** - talk to these people and find out why they missed the deadline for paying dues. You want to make sure they don't do it again this year.

**Dropped as last transaction** - two reasons for reviewing this information. For the current year is to see which members may be quickly encouraged to reinstate. It would be to not only get them reinstated but to find out reasons for not reinstating. The reasons may be helpful to the chapter as to what is in the meetings and when/where the meetings occur. Probe for why they did not get involved in chapter committees. If they moved, then submit a status change to Moved and talk to them about transferring to a chapter near their new location.

**Dropped and New** - absolute worst case. How did we lose these people? Do not email them. You need to call them and discuss their actions and try to get them back in the chapter.

Thank you  
PZ Horton III  
President-Elect TNSSAR  
Membership Committee Chairman TNSSAR

## Highlights from NSSAR Congress 2024



### PZ Horton awarded General William C. Westmoreland Medal at 2024 SAR Congress

(Lancaster, PA) During The General William C. Westmoreland Award is presented at the annual SAR Congress to an SAR member who has distinguished himself by his service to Veterans. The SAR General William C. Westmoreland Award was authorized in 1996, and only one award is presented annually. The deadline for nominations from a chapter or state society for this award is January 15. Nominations are to be made using the special nomination form available online. The SAR Veterans Committee determines a winner at the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, and the award is presented at the annual SAR Congress.

The criteria considered for making a selection include the number of hours volunteered serving Veterans; service on Veterans committees at the chapter, state society and national levels; miles driven to in service to Veterans; the number and cumulative value of donated items and cash contributions made to Veterans Services; work with other organizations in support of Veterans; and sponsorship of Veterans activities at SAR events.

*We are very blessed to have PZ's example of service in the TNSSAR, and his service to veterans and our members alike is exemplary.*



## Highlights from NSSAR Congress 2024



(Lancaster, PA) The Installation Banquet at SAR Congress was an unforgettable event for me this year. After Dr. Darryl Addington was installed as President General, his first official act was to honor Compatriot Joe Jefferson, our 97 year old WWII veteran, He presented Joe with a Certificate of Recognition for his service to our country. The Ladies Auxiliary then presented him with a Quilt of Valor, made by the Missouri Ladies. It was a grand affair for a deserving man. Thank you PG Addington and special thanks to Mary and the Ladies for presenting the quilt. Mr. Jefferson is a very special person and an inspiration to us all. *(from David Carr, current Region 1 Director, and holder of many past offices on every level and chair of many committees)*



## Highlights from NSSAR Congress 2024



### TNSSAR Receives Robert E. Sonfield Award

(Lancaster PA) At the 2024 NSSAR Congress, TNSSAR President-Elect PZ Horton accepted the Robert E Sonfield Award on behalf of the state society. The Robert E. Sonfield Award is awards to the state society which had the largest numerical increase of members at the end of the membership year.



We had 31 Delegate Seats available to us this year at Congress, and eleven delegates in attendance. To left is a photo of some of those who represented the TNSSAR at Congress this year. *From Left, David & Linda Carr, Dr. David & Rebekah Chaffin, Ben Stonecypher, PZ Horton, Steve & Melinda Gaines and Mark*

*Ellen Noletti.* Other delegates not pictured were Joe Jefferson, Bryan Frye and Fred Underdown.



# Show your support

for the 2027 SAR Annual Congress, hosted by the Southern District with your purchase of either the Oliver Pollock pin (\$25) or the official 2027 Congress medal (\$45)



Medals and pins are available from Steve Gaines and will be for sale at the next BOG on October 19, 2024. If you want to reserve one you can call me at (615) 585-3241 or e-mail [SteveTNSSAR@gmail.com](mailto:SteveTNSSAR@gmail.com).

In addition to the Medal and Pin sales to support the 2027 National Congress, we have a limited number of Benefactor Bars that can be added onto the medal. These bars are limited to the first 50 Benefactors who will be recognized having their name prominently displayed to memorialize their support of the Congress. Below see VPG Dr. David Billings making his Benefactor donation, becoming the 6<sup>th</sup> Benefactor during the recent National Congress in Lancaster, PA.

The current list of Benefactors is as follows:

Dr. Derrick Spell of LA

Dr. C. David Billings of AL

F. Russ Godwin of LA

Michael P. Schenk of MS

Jeffrey W. Nolen of LA

Steven A. Gaines of TN

Tony L. Vets of LA

PG Davis Wright of DE

Michael N. Henderson of GA



**You may also purchase a Benefactor bar (\$955) to be added to your Southern District Congress Medal. \$1,000 for Medal with Bar.**



**Please add \$5 for postage & handling**

**Checks made to Southern District SAR and mailed to**

**Tony L. Vets**

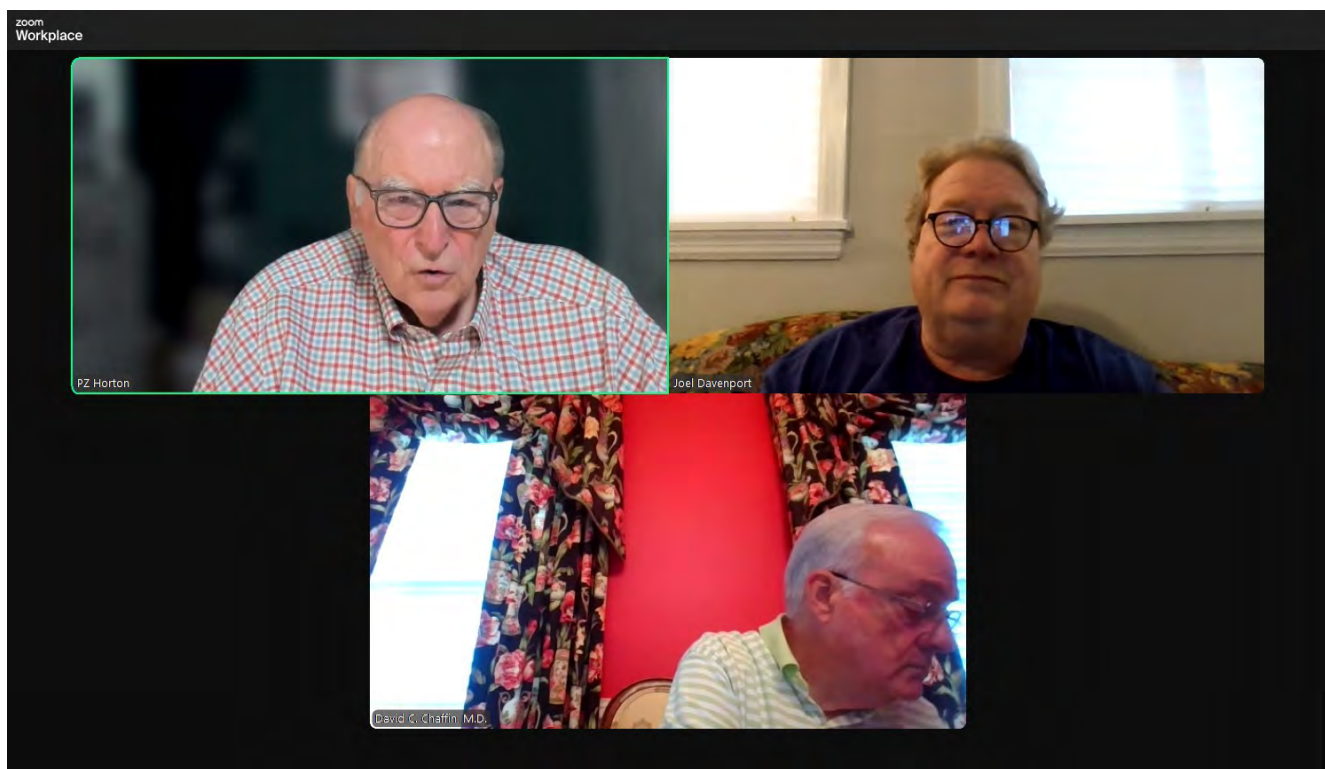
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**Colfax, LA 71417**

President	Joel Davenport	<b>National Officers</b>	
President-elect	PZ Horton	Trustee	Dr. David Chaffin
Vice-President	Doug Evans	Alt. Trustee	Joel Davenport
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Parliamentarian	John Breyfogle	Region 2	Rick Prescott
Historian	Dr. Warren Dockter	Region 3	Jason Wright
Chaplain	Rev. Greg Banther	Region 4	Doug Dickerson
Surgeon	Dr. Ryan Bartz	Region 5	Rick Longton
WebMaster	Darrin Dickey	Region 6	Bill Dwyer

**2024-2025 Excom for TNSSAR**

*President, Joel Davenport, President-Elect PZ Horton & Past President Dr. David Chaffin & Vice President Harlan Dabney (not pictured)*





(visit [www.tnssar.org](http://www.tnssar.org) member section – must log in – for a current copy of the TNSSAR Constitution & Bylaws, as well as copies of previous BoG Reports for all positions)

### ***TNSSAR State Education Chair***

We proposed the State Education Chair (SEC) position in January 2024 to oversee Educational Outreach in our state society – all educational programs should be overseen by the SEC, by providing a forum for Regional and Chapter discussion of conceptions, implementation, execution and organization of the educational programs. It is a lengthy job description, and a very important role in the TNSSAR. The SEC also collects the YPT Certificates of those required to complete that training.

### ***TNSSAR America's 250<sup>th</sup> Committee Chairman***

TNSSAR Bylaws gives the job description for this position as “Shall consist of 29 members who shall be the Regional Directors and America 250 Chairs designated by each Tennessee Chapter, one of whom appointed by the President shall serve as Chair of the Committee. The purpose of the committee is to recommend to the Board of Governors programs and activities in support of the commemoration and observation of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States of America and to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate such programs and activities with the TNSSAR and the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial. A majority of members present and voting at each meeting of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.”

The TNSSAR Constitution & Bylaws gives the job description as “Shall perform duties as assigned by the President, and coordinate with the Regional Directors the planning and implementation of the goals and programs of the State Society.” The First Wednesday of most every month, participating in the EXCOM meeting is part of this (by video link).

### ***Gather at Sycamore Shoals Committe***

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**September 15 - Sunday**  
**State of Franklin Chapter**  
**11th Annual NSDAR Bell Ringing**  
In Honor of Constitution Week  
**1:30PM**  
214 Sabin Drive in Jonesborough  
*(Use Library parking lot)*





## ***TNSSAR Historian***

As the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States draws closer The Tennessee State Commission for the 250th has begun ramping up its activities. Founded in 2020, the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial was created to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, and recognize Tennessee's integral role in that event and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future. Over the last few years the Commission has conducted listening sessions across the state to see how Tennesseans want to commemorate this remarkable moment in time. Recently, Ashley Howell, Director of the Tennessee State Museum, was named Chair of the Tennessee's Commission of the US Semiquincentennial and Warren Dockter, President and CEO of the East Tennessee Historical Society, was named Vice Chair and we are proud to announce that the Commission's budget was fully funded in the Governor's budget. As we plan for symposia, publications, events, programs and activities, we have continued having meeting around the state with the most recent being hosted by East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville in April. In these meeting we continue to discuss how programs and funds might be distributed to celebrate and commemorate the birth of our Country.



Dr. A. Warren Dockter  
President/CEO  
East Tennessee Historical Society  
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Dr. Dockter serves as 2024-2025 TNSSAR Historian, and is a member of the Hiwassee Chapter. He is also the director of First Families of Tennessee, whose seal was featured on the Baker's Creek Monument dedicated following on 22 JUN 2024 BoG. He also serves on the Tennessee 250<sup>th</sup> Commission, as well as other posts. We are glad to have him on board!



## Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion vs. Heatstroke

Some symptoms of heat exhaustion and heatstroke are similar, but these conditions are also very different. It is important to know that while heat exhaustion isn't as severe as heatstroke, it shouldn't be taken lightly because it can easily progress to heatstroke.

Heat cramps



Heat exhaustion



### Heat Exhaustion Symptoms

Heat exhaustion occurs after a person has been exposed to high temperatures and is experiencing dehydration.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the most common signs of heat exhaustion are:

Heavy sweating, cold, pale, and clammy skin, a fast or weak pulse, nausea and/or vomiting, muscle cramps, weakness or fatigue, dizziness, headache, fainting or near fainting.

### Heatstroke Symptoms

Heatstroke is the most serious form of heat illness and is considered a medical emergency. It often occurs after milder heat illnesses, including heat cramps, fainting, and heat exhaustion. It can also occur in people who have no previous signs of heat illness.

Heatstroke results when there is prolonged exposure to high temperatures in combination with dehydration. This leads to a failure in the body's internal temperature control. Heatstroke occurs when the body's temperature reaches 104 degrees.

Heat stroke



Having that high core body temperature affects the central nervous system, causing the following symptoms:

Nausea, vomiting, seizures, confusion and disorientation, loss of consciousness or coma

Additional symptoms of heatstroke include:

Dry skin that doesn't sweat or profuse sweating, dizziness, low urine output, rapid breathing or fast heart rate and weakness.

### Causes of Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke

The causes of heat exhaustion and heatstroke are similar. The leading cause of both conditions is the body's inability to cool itself due to hot weather, exercise, or both.

### When to See a Healthcare Provider

If you think you might be experiencing heat exhaustion, you should stop what you are doing and rest. Move indoors or to a shady area and drink cool water or a sports drink.

Seek medical attention for signs of heat exhaustion that do not improve within an hour of starting fluids and resting. Get immediate help if you, or someone else:

- Cannot keep fluids down, developing a fever of 103 degrees or higher, having trouble speaking standing, or walking, excessive sweating, and if you become confused or lose consciousness.

Dr. Wm Ryan Bartz

2024-2025 TNSSAR Surgeon

The Color Guard Commander has posted this schedule for the Color Guard Members, at the following link: <https://www.tnssar.org/color-guard.html>

Please consult the TNSSAR website page for more details and to RSVP for events you plan to attend. *More events will be added as plans are finalized.*

**TNSSAR Board of Governors 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule**

06/22/24	Board of Governors	Baker's Creek Presbyterian Church 5501 Nine Mile Rd, Maryville, TN 37801	08:30 EST
10/19/24	Board of Governors	Masonic Center of Chattanooga Address: 551 W 21st St, Chattanooga, TN 37408	09:00 EST
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*Photo from the Board of Governors Meeting, June 22, 2024*

## New Faces / Getting to Know Our Committee Chairmen



### TNSSAR Color Guard & Insurance Oversight Committee

David Doan, Chairman

In April an Ad Hoc Committee was formed due to issues arising from not having an official, approved TNSSAR Color Guard Handbook. I selected members of our state society with various levels of expertise that pertained to safety and processes that the Color Guard should implement to provide a safe environment for our Color Guard and those who attend our events and programs.

Selected were Steve Gains, David Carr, Rick Longton, Paul Bobenhausen, David Doan, Scott Pryor, John Neth III, Rob Richmond, Doug Evans and Brian Frye. Many were critical of my choices as it did not include the TNSSAR CG Commander, nor any of the Regional Commanders. This is due to my belief that a committee that is overseeing a division, entity or organization, should be overseeing itself. However, I did include many men with extensive experience in our own Color Guard, OVTA and others. At the beginning of their first meeting (by Zoom) on 10 MAY 2024, I facilitated setting the Mission Statement for the Committee, and then having the members of the committee select a Chairman and a Secretary. On May 10, 2024, the members selected David Doan as Chairman and Doug Evans as Secretary. I cannot express my gratitude to these men for their services. And now, after years of debating and tossing ideas and unofficial manuals and rules at our color guard members, we now have, because of their service, a Draft of the Handbook to present to the Board of Governors in October for approval. If you have a moment, please be sure to send a message to these men thanking them for the work they have done. This Handbook may not be a New York Times Bestseller, but I have already read it cover to cover *twice!*



Originally titled Yankee Doodle, later known as The Spirit of '76  
by Archibald N. Willard, 1836-1918  
National SAR, 2009

TNSSAR COLOR GUARD HANDBOOK

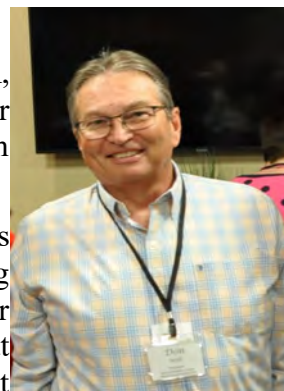
Revision August 2024

*Yours in Service, Joel Davenport, 2024-2025 TNSSAR President*

### TNSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

(State of Franklin Chapter) Don Hills joined the NSSAR, Tennessee Society, in 2014. In 2021 he became the Chapter President for the State of Franklin Chapter, and is a very recognized person from serving in the TNSSAR Color Guard at events all over the region.

Don is the Chairman of the Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee, which means that he can be collaborated with in the planning of any events being held at Historic Sites and Celebrations in our Society. No, that would not include your daughter's Bridal Reception, but feel free to ask him about anything else. I personally believe he is about to get much busier as we encroach towards America's 205<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



You know, I just had a thought, too, and realized that some may not know how to reach Don or any of our others officers... There is a TNSSAR Board Of Governors Roster in the Member Section (must log in) at [www.tnssar.org](http://www.tnssar.org)

## *TNSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Organized*



Left to right: Mary Ellen Noletti, Maggie Evans, Karen Banther, Brenda Hjellum, Michelle Blair, Bonnie Green, Becky Chaffin, Gail Longton, Pam Fulwider.

July 29, 2023, was an historical day for the women in the lives of the TNSSAR! They formed the Tennessee Ladies Auxiliary, becoming the 22nd state to do so. They will meet in conjunction with the Board of Governors' meetings four times per year, and they will assist the TNSSAR with activities and events as needed. Any lady interested in joining us is welcome! Contact Becky Chaffin, [Chaffinbecky@yahoo.com](mailto:Chaffinbecky@yahoo.com) or 423-280-0525.



The 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was commemorated in a ceremony attended by the NSSAR President General Darryl Addington and his wife, Mary.



Over 130 Colorguardsmen participated in the musket volley



A contingency from the TNSSAR presented wreaths at the ceremony



And, on August 18, 2024, the President General attended the 5 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Blue Licks, also a National Event

17 August 2024 – Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony – Memphis, TN (District Event)



NSSAR VPG David Billings gave greetings to attendees at the event



Isaac Shelby CG Member Bradford Waters leads the way, followed by PZ Horton, TNSSAR President-Elect & Isaac Shelby Chapter Member



1993 TNSSAR President was honored in this ceremony.



Isaac Shelby CG Jamie Keele (left) presents Colors with James Madison Chapter President Larry Newsome (right)



TNSSAR Color Guard Commander Cliff Kent commands the ceremony's Color Guard for the event



Russ White, Isaac Shelby Chapter Chaplain offered the Invocation & Benediction for the ceremony



Mr. & Mrs. Mac McKinney



The TNSSAR Ladies Auxiliary met on 22 JUNE 2024 in the downstairs of the Baker's Creek Presbyterian Church while our Board of Governors Meeting was held upstairs. Anna Davenport gave a presentation entitled "My Name is Permelia," a story about Permelia Cooper, wife of Patriot Christopher Cooper, and her possible perspective pieced together from various accounts of the events that she and her family encountered on their migration from the easter coast to where they settled in what is now Cannon County, Tennessee. Christopher & Permelia Cooper will be honored in a Patriot Grave Marking & Wreath Laying Ceremony on May 17, 2025, at 10:00 in Sander's Fork, TN.

**PLEASE SUBMIT** Articles for your Chapter Events, Regional Events, National/District Events for *The Tennessee Patriot* newsletter. Submission should be accompanied by photos, with descriptions of the individuals and events depicted in those photos. While our newsletter volunteers may retain editorial options to modify your submission, efforts will be made to preserve the content of the submission and incorporate your submission into the newsletter layout in a way that preserves the integrity of your article.

Submissions should be made to: [jdr1ru@gmail.com](mailto:jdr1ru@gmail.com)

The next edition of *the Tennessee Patriot* will be released in November 2024, and all submissions should be received by 11/15/2024 to be considered to be included.

*The volunteer staff of the newsletter reserve the right to reduce size or crop of photos submitted, as well as edit wording for layout purposes. Please do not send a copy of entire chapter newsletters to be included, as they will not be. Also, if you send copies of newspaper articles the photos need to be very good images or scans of those articles. We reserve the right not to include any article for any reason, but strive to respect your article to the best level possible.*



Fellow Compatriots,

School is back in session and it is time to initiate the announcing of the Elementary Poster Contest. I hope each chapter will participate in this contest. If your chapter participate in the contest last year the rules and forms are the same. The only difference is the theme of the poster this year is a person or persons from the Revolutionary War.

All forms and information are on the National and State website. Please let me know by Aug. 26 who your Chapter Chairman for the Poster Contest will be.

**<https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/>**

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause for the students in our state.

Best Regards,  
Wayne Patton, Poster Contest Chairman

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The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is open to all students attending 9th through 12th grades in public, parochial or private schools; or home-school students studying at the same grade levels. The preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local chapter level; students have the opportunity to advance to the state or national levels where scholarships and cash prizes are awarded. It is our intent that the contest will continue to expand on all levels and bring the voices of our young patriots to greater light across our entire nation.

<https://www.sar.org/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest/>

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The Color Guard Commander has posted this schedule for the Color Guard Members, at the following link: <https://www.tnssar.org/color-guard.html>

Please consult the TNSSAR website page for more details and to RSVP for events you plan to attend. *More events will be added as plans are finalized.*

### **TNSSAR Board of Governors 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule**

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## Bicentennial of the Marquis de' LaFayette's Tour of America

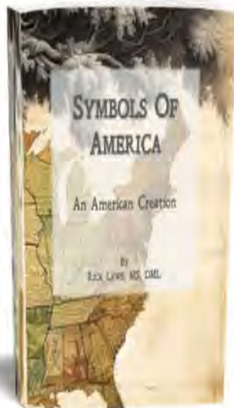
August 16, 2024 kicked off this monumental Bicentennial celebration. The hundreds of events planned will trace Lafayette's footsteps on the exact dates and in the exact order he followed on his tour of America as the "Guest of the Nation" between 1824 and 1825. There are events being planned on the bicentennial of the following dates of events next month in America:

For further information please contact Joel Davenport, at  
[jdr1ru@gmail.com](mailto:jdr1ru@gmail.com) or (865) 398-4638

**Has your phone number, mailing address or email address  
changed?**

Please login to the sar.org website and update your record so we don't lose touch!

### SYMBOLS OF AMERICA



Symbols of America, a new book that will function as a fundraiser for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), but hopefully be valued as a learning resource. It is a reinforcement for learning about the many cultural Symbols of America. For teachers or organizations, the book would be a nice complement to learning programs, or perhaps a presentation piece to schools or libraries which you visit. All the things every American should know about Symbols of America, compiled into a single resource. **Accepted for a Library of Congress Control Number (LCCN).**

**Here is a blog for those who may want to contribute their thoughts or comment about the book.**

Symbols of America - <https://americacreatesseries.blogspot.com/>.

**All proceeds from the sale of this book support the Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution (TNSAR). The funds will be allocated to historical and educational programs dedicated to the founding principles of the republic and the constitution of the United States.**

If you should decide to purchase a copy of the book for your own purposes, and to support this fundraising effort, the purchase information is below.

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by: Rick Laws

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**About the Author:** Rick Laws is passionate about history, especially history in the Tennessee. He serves as the current Chapter President of the Joseph Greer Chapter, is the Safety Officer for Camp Blount, and has been involved in the restoration of Joseph Greer's Cabin in Lincoln County, TN, as well as numerous other projects! He has pledged part of the proceeds from the sale of this book to support the Sons of the American Revolution.

## TNSSAR Region 1



Kings Mountain Chapter has had a busy couple of weeks. I had my display in the lobby of the Toy F Reed Employees Center for the Liberty Celebration on June 28 and 29. The Color Guard had a part in two of the songs in the program. And after James White Fort program on the 4th I did a setup in the Christopher Taylor Cabin in Jonesborough on July 5 and 6. On July 5 we had 576 come through and on July 1136 come thru. Yesterday I couldn't talk but better today. I noticed a number of people getting their pictures taken in front of the flags. A lot of SAR exposure and 250 reminders.



### **Patriot George Maxwell and Compatriot C. Horatio Brown Grave Marking Ceremony well attended by descendants**

(Surgionsville) The State of Franklin Chapter hosted a Partiot and Compatriot Grave Marking and Wreath Laying Ceremony on 13 April that was well attended by TNSSAR members from the host chapter, as well as the Kings Mountain, Col. Benjamin Cleveland, John Sevier, Stephen Holston and Watauga Chapters.

State of Franklin President Don Hills served as the Master of Ceremonies, and David Carr served as Color Guard Commander for the event. It was a well executed ceremony.

### **Kings Mountain Chapter Inducts New Member at June Chapter Meeting**



(Johnson City) The Kings Mountain Chapter, TNSSAR met on June 8 at the Food City Market in Johnson City, TN. Great meeting with President John Neth III presiding. NSSAR Treasurer General Darryl Addington was on hand to Induct new member Robert Waugh, who talked about his Patriot Ancestor Robert Waugh, for whom he is named.



(from left) David Carr, Joe Jefferson & Ben Stonecypher served the TNSSAR as delegates at NSSAR Congress in Lancaster this year. David currently serves as the TNSSAR Region 1 Director, and Ben serves as the Chairman for our TNSSAR Budget & Finance Committee, and Joe Jefferson continues to amaze us all as he continues to serve in various capacities – and is a World War II Navy Veteran. Thank you, Compatriots!! We appreciate you!

September 15 - Sunday  
State of Franklin Chapter  
11th Annual NSDAR Bell Ringing  
In Honor of Constitution Week  
1:30PM  
214 Sabin Drive in Jonesborough  
(Use Library parking lot)



## TNSSAR Region 1



### “NEVER FORGET”

(Johnson City) Watauga Chapter members participated in the 2024 Memorial Day program "Never Forget" with the Johnson City Community Concert Band, the Watauga Valley Fife & Drum and the Washington County, NC Militia.



### Timeless Tunes

(Johnson City) The August meeting of the Kings Mountain Chapter, TNSSAR, featured listening to the musical program presentation by Watauga Chapter SAR member Chad Bogart.



### Massey Awarded SAR Lifetime Achievement Medal for Youth Education

(Maryville) At the TNSSAR Board of Governors meeting on 22 JUN 2024, Watauga Chapter President Tim Massey was awarded the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award/Medal by the state Society.

Presented by TNSSAR State Education Chairman, the state society is only permitted to make two such awards each year. Representative David Hawk, TN 5<sup>th</sup> District, also presented a Proclamation from the Tennessee House of Representatives acknowledging Compatriot Massey's years of service and educational outreach and establishing himself as a *“public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community.”*



(Greeneville) Members of the Watauga Chapter, TNSSAR, attended the Tennessee Society Children of the American Revolution banquet on May 2. Pictured above are Ivan Daniels, Gideon Daniels, Josh Daniels, Cohen Daniels, Tim Massey, Chad Bogart, Charlie Fisher, and Kevin Witherell.



(Carlisle KY) Members of the State of Franklin & Kings Mountain Chapters, TNSSAR, along with TNSSAR Vice President Harlan Dabney, attended the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony on 17 AUG 2024. Pictures, from left, is Alan Bell, Rob Richmond, Harlan Dabney, Ben Stonecypher, David Carr and Don Hills.

## TNSSAR Region 2

### CUMBERLAND GAP CHAPTER HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS



Bucky Harris, the president of the Cumberland Gap chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution, presents a law enforcement commendation medal to Middlesboro Police Officer Preston Saylor. (Photo by Jay Compton)



Bucky Harris, the president of the Cumberland Gap chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution, presents a fire safety commendation award to Middlesboro Firefighter Christopher Scott Earls. (Photo by Jay Compton)



Bucky Harris, the president of the Cumberland Gap chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution, presents a fire safety commendation award to Middlesboro Firefighter Adam Hatfield. (Photo by Jay Compton)



Bucky Harris, the president of the Cumberland Gap chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution, presents a fire safety commendation award to Middlesboro Firefighter Jeromy Killion. (Photo by Jay Compton)



### PATRIOT THOMAS COUNCIL COOPER HONORED

(Jamestown) The Lt. William P. Quarles sponsored a Patriot Grave Marking & Wreath Laying Ceremony for Patriot Thomas Council Cooper that brought between 20-30 descendants together, along with TNSSAR and TSDAR chapters from all over. Fentress County Executive Jimmy Johnson read a Proclamation and designated 09 JUNE as Thomas Council Cooper Day within the county.

Officers from the War of 1812 Society, the TNSSAR & TSDAR attended the event, which moved to a nearby church building due to weather, without missing a step.



*(Pictured above, from left, are: Rick Hollis, Johnny Head, Chapter President Mark Compton and Dr. Ryan Bartz, War of 1812 Society President, and 2024-2025 TNSSAR Surgeon)*

## TNSSAR Region 2



### MONUMENTAL DEDICATION

(Greenback) J. Mark DeNicola (*pictured above*), Vice President of the Stephen Holston Chapter, TNSSAR, served as emcee of the Baker's Creek Monument Dedication & Wreath Laying Ceremony held on June 22, 2024, with a crowd of over 120 present! The event was co-hosted by the Mary Blount Chapter, TSDAR, with Past Regent Myrtle James leading the list of a host of volunteers who presented the biographies of Patriots James Caruthers, Samuel Henry, Andrew Kennedy, William McClung, Thomas Montgomery, John Ryder, Samuel Thompson, John Wood, Magnus Tulloch, Andrew Cumming & John McConnell, as well as five War of 1812 veterans.



(*pictured above*) NSSAR Surgeon Dr. David Chaffin, Sr., tips his hat during the wreath laying ceremony at Baker's Creek, with nearly 100 others waiting to follow suit. Wreaths were presented by 14 chapters from around the state, as well as 5 TSDAR chapters.



TNSSAR Registrar Brett Thomas and others prepared to present wreaths at the Baker's Creek Monument Ceremony on June 22, 2024.



TNSSAR Color Guard Commander Cliff Kent led the color guard through the events of the day, which started at 0830 with the Board Of Governors Meeting, following by this ceremony.



## TNSSAR Region 3



### CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE

(Cleveland) The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter held its annual Independence Day Reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>, with support of the DAR and CAR from the surrounding area. A well executed and attended event!



### PATRIOT RANSOM SMITH GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY

(Powell's Crossroads) The John Sevier sponsored a Patriot Grave Marking and Wreath Laying Ceremony in Marion County honoring Patriot Ransom Smith on June 29 in Marion County. The event was attended by Color Guard members from the Col. Benjamin Cleveland, Lt. William P. Quarles & Stephen Holston Chapters, as well as the host chapter.

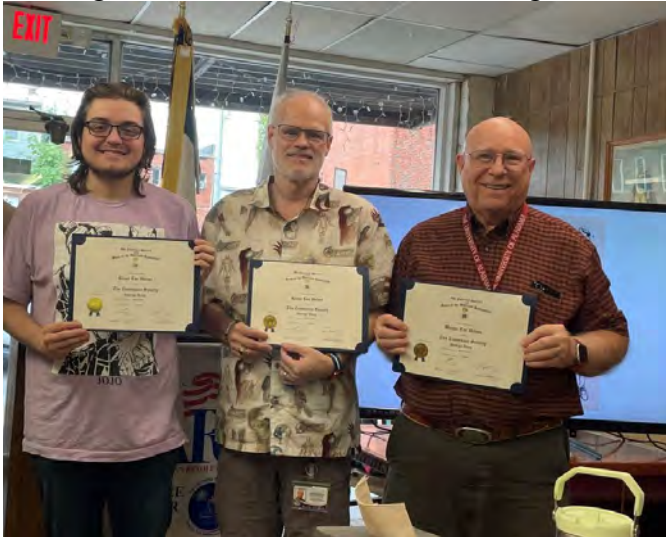


A number of descendants of Ransom Smith were in attendance and dedicated the Grave Marker as part of the event.

## TNSSAR Region 3



(Cleveland) On June 3, 2024, the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, TNSSAR, had the honor to present five members of Troop 10 with certificates in recognition of their achievement to Eagle Scouts.



(Athens) The Hiwassee Chapter, TNSSAR, July Chapter Meeting featured an induction of 3 generations of the Family Helms: *(from right)*

Walter, grandfather, Kevin, father & Brant, grandson, all submitted their applications at the same time.

Walker Combs *(to left)*, grandson of George Krauss, was also inducted at this meeting.

We welcome these new members to the TNSSAR and look forward to working with them for years to come!



(Cleveland) On June 14, 2024, The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, TNSSAR, presented two Flag Day Certificates. The first was to St. Therese Of Lisieux Catholic Church in Cleveland. The second was to Checkers™ in Cleveland.

Each year, on or around Flag Day, the SAR recognizes people or organizations who properly display the American Flag. Our flag should always be treated with respect. Long may it wave in liberty.

*Special thanks to Anita Geren Green of the Chestuee Chapter DAR, Cleveland TN for supporting these two events and taking pictures.*



*(Above: Members of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter present a Flag Certificate to Checker's in Cleveland, TN, on Flag Day 2024.*

## TNSSAR Region 3

John Sevier Chapter, Region 3, TNSSAR  
May to AUG Event summary for TNSSAR Newsletter

Summary of events noted below in the by day event listing:

The John Sevier chapter had a busy operational period from May thru August 2024 participating in or hosting 23 events. Our compatriots marched in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Chattanooga, traveled to participate in the Independence Day celebration at James White Fort in Knoxville, and Participated in the Chattanooga Area Veteran's Council's Memorial Day Massing of Colors at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. We hosted & joined with other SAR/DAR chapters to mark three Patriots and two Compatriots. Honors were also rendered to six Patriots and numerous other veterans as we observed Memorial Day, Army Day, Flag Day, Coast Guard Day, and significant Battle dates & events that Patriots and Compatriots lived. The chapter conducted a new member SAR orientation on Bunker Hill Day during an informal social dinner. We maintained our quarterly dinner planning meeting cycle with a dinner in May and one in August. The dinners normally follow a more formal agenda and afford the chapter the opportunity to recognize our members for supporting the SAR's mission in many ways. Receive special reports and hear from special topic guest speakers. We include a brief America 250<sup>th</sup> sub-stand alone meeting where we review and approve the upcoming calendar and recognize those members who have been active and supportive of the program.



Descendants of Patriot William Elliott gather for a photo post ceremony Saturday, 27 JUL 24 at the Elliott Cemetery, Dunlap, TN.

## TNSSAR Region 3

*(John Sevier Chapter Update, Continued)*

By Day event listing.....May 2024 to the end of AUG 24.

05.03.24. We participated in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Chattanooga.

05.17.24 Participated with the Col. Benjamin Cleveland chapter in honor Col Cleveland on his birthday.

05.18.24 Participated in the Lt. Andrew Crockett Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring Patriot Andrew Goff P-167319.

05.23.24 We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter dinner / planning meeting..... “Patriots Banquet”

05.25.24 We hosted a Memorial Day event honoring those who served in the Armed forces and who are at rest at the Hixson Family cemetery.

05.27.24 We participated in the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council’s (which we are a member) massing of colors event at the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

05.28.24 Participated with the Col. Benjamin Cleveland chapter in honoring CPL Roy L. Whaley.

06.12.24 Joined with the Chattanooga Area DAR chapters and celebrated Flag Day at the Brainerd Mission Cemetery.

06.14.24 Celebrated Army Day by honoring the service of our Compatriot Army Veterans at rest at Chattanooga National Cemetery and their Patriot Ancestors. We posted Army Service flags at their burial sites.

06.15.24 Participated in the Valentine Sevier Chapter Compatriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring Compatriot Frank Gracey Childers.

06.17.24 Bunker Hill Day. The chapter held a new member orientation to the SAR social dinner.

06.22.24 Participated in the TNSSAR Board of Governors meeting and Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Baker’s Creek Church in Maryville.

06.27.24 Battle of Monmouth Anniversary Day. Conducted a short “reflagging” ceremony at the grave site of Veteran Patriot Benjamin Jones.

06.29.24 Hosted Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in honor of Patriot Ransom Smith P-292892.

07.04.24 Participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> State ceremony at James White Fort, Knoxville.

07.04.24 Conducted a short “reflagging” ceremony at the grave site of Veteran Patriot John Sevier after the ceremony at James White Fort on the grounds of the old Courthouse in Knoxville.

07.26.24 Conducted a short “reflagging” ceremony at the grave site of Veteran Patriot Robert Bean in Marion County.

07.27.24 Joined with the Chickamauga Chapter, NSDAR to conduct a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony in honor of Patriot William Elliott P-154037.

08.01.24 We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter dinner / planning meeting.....”John Sevier Banquet”

08.05.24 Celebrated Coast Guard Day (the 4<sup>th</sup>) by honoring the service of our Compatriot Coast Guard Veteran at rest at Chattanooga National Cemetery and his Patriot Ancestor. We posted a Coast Guard Service flag at his burial site.

08.17.24 We will participate in the Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony in honor of Compatriot Bill McKinney in Memphis.

## TNSSAR Region 4



(Fayetteville) The evening of Flag Day, 14 June 2024, our Junior Compatriot, Tutus Lucius and Rick Laws, President of the Joseph Greer Chapter assisted American Legion members, American legion Post 42 with the United States Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Happy Flag Day again! Today our Junior SAR Compatriot Tutus Lucius (my grandson) There was a considerable amount of flag retirements. Flags of all sorts from little ones, on little staffs to a huge one that had to be burned in pieces. It was too big for the barrel. Nevertheless, the end of Service for a lot of flags for a respectful retirement. Only one of the boxes overflowing is shown above.

The Chapter will present a Flag Retirement Certificate to American Legion Post 42 at the next meeting.



(Franklin) The Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter hosted a reading of the Declaration of Independence by 13 individuals representing the 13 original colonies, preceded by a posting of the colors by the color guard at the city square. The Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter Color Guard were joined by Collin Maddox, John Clark and Dennis Harris. of the Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter, from Hendersonville. Many were in attendance, including members of the DAR as well as locals in the area. The turnout was phenomenal.



### 2024 Wilson Count State Fair Kicks Off

(Lebanon) *We all lover a parade, don't we? What's not to love!?* Opening Ceremonies and Parade at the State Fair we a time to have fun and embrace opportunities to spend time educating visitors about the Revolutionary War! Fiddler's Grove exhibits included a Patriot's Chest exhibit in the Main Hall – and lots of people took selfies in front of the exhibit. This marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the TNSSAR and TSDAR have participated in the annual Wilson County State Fair, the largest fair in the state of Tennessee!



Pictured above: Stones River Past President Doug Dickerson, new members Donnie Moore, Kevin Vance, and DeWayne Sadler with Robert Bolyard Stones River Chapter 1st Vice President



## Rededication at the 9/11 Memorial Monument in Lebanon

On June 27, 2024, Stones River SAR Compatriots George Bouton, and Allen Vance, along with Margaret Gaston Chapter DAR Recording Secretary Mary Margaret Farris, attended the re-dedication of the 9/11 Memorial Monument and the Castle Heights Military Academy Memorial Monument on the grounds of the former Main Building of Castle Heights Military Academy, now the City of Lebanon City Hall.

The original monuments were destroyed when they were toppled over during a windstorm in 2022. The 9/11 Monument is a Memorial to all of the men, women, and children who died in the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and the brave Americans on Flight 93 who gave their lives so other may live. The Castle Heights Military Academy Memorial Monument honors all Heightsmen who served in America's Armed Forces and is



dedicated by name to the 77 Heightsmen who made the Supreme Sacrifice. The Lebanon Police Department Color Guard presented the Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. SAR prospective member, Lebanon Mayor Rick Bell, and Castle Heights Alumni, John Bradley, and Rob Hosier, presented the program. Mayor Bell, assisted by Castle Heights Alumni John Bradley, and Rob Hosier, placed a wreath on the Castle Heights Memorial. The Lebanon Fire and Police Departments assisted Mayor Bell as he placed the wreath at the



9/11 Memorial. Special thanks go to the Lebanon City Council for funding the replacement monuments, and Mayor Bell and Johnson's Monument for bringing it to reality. Compatriots Bouhton and Vance, as well as Mayor Bell are among men from Wilson County who have initiated the process to form a new TNS SAR Chapter there in the near future.

who have submitted their charter and request to be accept as the Col. David Wilson Chapter.



## Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Andrew Goff

(Franklin) On Saturday, May 18, 2024, the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter honored Revolutionary War Patriot Andrew Goff at the McEwen Cemetery in Franklin, TN. Our compatriot, Clark A. Rose, II, presented an extensive biography of Andrew Goff, his ancestor which he utilized for his registration into the SAR. The event was well attended by the TNSSAR Color Commander, Cliff Kent, Commander.

In attendance we had 19 SAR Compatriots, 11 DAR Members, 17 Descendants of Andrew Goff, and at least 30 other visitors, including Williamson County Mayor Rogers Anderson and City of Franklin Vice Mayor Matt Brown.

This historic occasion was a well executed ceremony that was well attended and enjoyed by all.



Wreaths were presented by: John Breyfogle, Col Hugh Brown Chapter; John R. Clark, Andrew Jackson Chapter; David Eagan, Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter; Cliff Kent, John Sevier Chapter; Col Mark E. Young, Stones River Chapter; and Beverly McLain, Regent, Robert Lewis DAR Chapter



(Lebanon) Stones River Chapter, TNSSAR, Compatriots Wayne Patton, George Bouton, Allen Vance, and soon to be Compatriot David Howell, attended the 2024 Flag Day/Grave Marking for Tennessee Society DAR Daughter Mildred Louise Bouton Gaston. Mrs. Gaston's Nephew George Bouton gave the eulogy. Margaret Gaston Chapter TSDAR Vice-Regent Vicki Hines and Chaplain Laura Simmons presided over the program from DAR and presented the marker. The grave marking was followed by a Flag Day Celebration presented by the Margaret Gaston Chapter TSDAR at the First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon.



These men are among those who are in the process of chartering a new chapter in Wilson County.

## TNSSAR Region 4, Doug Dickerson, Director

While some of our chapters do not meet during the summer months, they still continue to work hard. All four of the chapters in Region 4 worked on activities in support of our society's mission.

Joseph Greer Chapter had a total of 22 people attend their Summer Picnic on July 13 at Tim's Ford Lake. I believe that times of fun and fellowship like this one are so important in helping chapter members interact and build relationships.

Joseph Greer Chapter will be manning a SAR outreach table at the Camp Blount Volunteer Days on ***Friday and Saturday of September (27-28 September)***. Also, I congratulate Chapter President, Rick Laws, on his publication of a new book entitled, **Symbols of America, An American Creation**.

Lt. Andrew Crocket Chapter had very successful events in May and July. Both their patriot grave marking for patriot, Andrew Goff and their Declaration of Independence Reading in downtown Franklin involved both members from the DAR and CAR. Also, these events were covered by the local newspaper. In addition to the above, the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter participated in a patriotic flag retirement at the local Elks Lodge in Franklin.

The Col. Hugh Brown Chapter is actively processing new applications and preparing for two September patriot grave markings. John Breyfogle is also busy with his work with the Pomeroy Foundation. I would encourage all chapters in the state to support this worthy endeavor. TNSSAR awarded Col. Tom Hickerson, (Stones River) the Silver Good Citizenship medal for his efforts in restarting the Stones River Chapter, his leadership during the restoration of communications



at the Pentagon after 911, and his service in the United States Air Force.

Stones River continues to collaborate with local DAR and CAR chapters (*pictured above*). For July 4<sup>th</sup>, they joined the DAR in the performance of "The Road to Independence". They had promoted this program using social media and local news outlets.

Compatriots in Lebanon who are working toward forming a new chapter are nearing the required 15 member mark. (Actually, with the transfers and new member applications in process, they may have 18 compatriots at the start of their new venture.) They have already selected a name for the chapter and put in a lot of effort in the formation of this new organization. The key to the success of our chapters appears to coincide with our degree of community engagement. There is no doubt that this engagement is facilitated with a strong color guard contingency. As we enter the Fall season, I am hopeful to see successful color guard recruitment among our chapters.



All in all, our trends look good. I am so grateful for the leadership and heart-engaged service of each chapter president.

*Doug Dickerson  
Region 4*



## TNSSAR Region 5



The Valentine Sevier Color Guard, joined by other TNSSAR Color Guard members, provided a color guard and firing party at the funeral of Compatriot Frank Childers at Greenwood Cemetery on June 15th. Standing (l-r) are CG Commander Robert Nichols, David Sickmeier, James Stone, Eric Von Kannon, Steve Litteral, Steve Millhollin and TNSSAR CG Commander Cliff Kent. Front row (l-r) Randy Underhill, Wes Wood, Rick Longton, Dan Botkin, Johnny Head, and Dave Von Kannon.



(Dickson) At the June meeting of the Christopher Strong Chapter, President Carl Garrett gave a presentation on World War I Marines, portraying his great grandfather, A. C. Swanson (*above*). Below, Hickman County High School cadet Michael Adcox was presented the 2024 JROTC Sons of the American Revolution medal by President Garrett.



(Madison) On May 25, members of the Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter participated in a flag placement event at Nashville National Cemetery, in Madison, Tennessee, with the Boy Scouts (*above*).



Rick Longton,  
TNSSAR Region 5 Director

## TNSSAR Region 5



(Clarksville) On July 3, the Clarksville Civitan members were treated to an interesting and compelling story of a family embroiled in the American Revolution. Army CSM (R) Robert Nichols, Valentine Sevier Chapter, TNSSAR, told the story of his 5th and 6th great-grandfathers and a divided family over the politics of colonial America. Dressed in period clothing, CSM (R) Nichols kept members attention with anecdotes of the lives of soldiers fighting for the freedoms we have today.

CSM (R) Nichols was presented with a certificate of appreciation and the Clarksville Civitan Good Citizen Award in recognition of his lifetime of service to

our country and the local Clarksville community. Thank you for your service sir!



At the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Governors Meeting, Compatriot Nichols was also recognized for his service and being a Purple Heart Recipient by receiving the Wounded Warrior Coin, presented by NSSAR Surgeon Dr. David Chaffin, Sr. He also received his Silver Color Guard Medal, presented by TNSSAR President Joel Davenport. Our society is blessed to have patriots of such stature as Robert Nichols. Thank you, Robert for you continued service to your country and our society!

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with enthusiasm towards the Celebration!



## TNSSAR Region 6



(Jackson) The June Meeting of the James Madison Chapter, TNSSAR, featured Danny Nolan presenting Elementary School Poster Contest winners Stephen Harting and Luke Kelly, pictured to left congratulating each other.



President Larry Newsome also inducted new member Bailey Barnes, who was approved through the lineage of Patriot Ancestor John Sevier.



President Newsome also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to compatriot David Deming for fundraising efforts on behalf of the chapter.



William Dwyer,  
TNSSAR Region 6 Director



Isaac Shelby Chapter President Rick Treharne presented the chapter wreath at the Baker's Creek Monument Ceremony following the June BoG, which he attended along with Compatriot Jason Hewer.



**Has your chapter started putting together a Patriot Chest?**

The Color Guard Commander has posted this schedule for the Color Guard Members, at the following link: <https://www.tnssar.org/color-guard.html>

Please consult the TNSSAR website page for more details and to RSVP for events you plan to attend. *More events will be added as plans are finalized.*

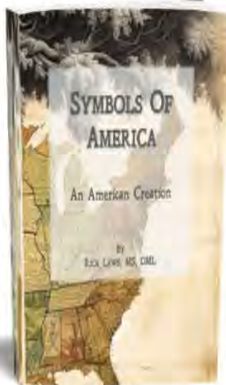
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06/22/24	Board of Governors	Baker's Creek Presbyterian Church 5501 Nine Mile Rd, Maryville, TN 37801	08:30 EST
10/19/24	Board of Governors	Masonic Center of Chattanooga Address: 551 W 21st St, Chattanooga, TN 37408	09:00 EST
01/28/24	Board of Governors	VFW Post 6496, 285 Airways Boulevard, Jackson, TN	09:00 CST
03/21/25	Annual Meeting/Conference	Alcoa/Knoxville Airport Hilton (TYS) Knoxville, TN	09:00 CST

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#### SYMBOLS OF AMERICA



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Here is a blog for those who may want to contribute their thoughts or comment about the book.

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All proceeds from the sale of this book support the Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution (TNSSAR). The funds will be allocated to historical and educational programs dedicated to the founding principles of the republic and the constitution of the United States.

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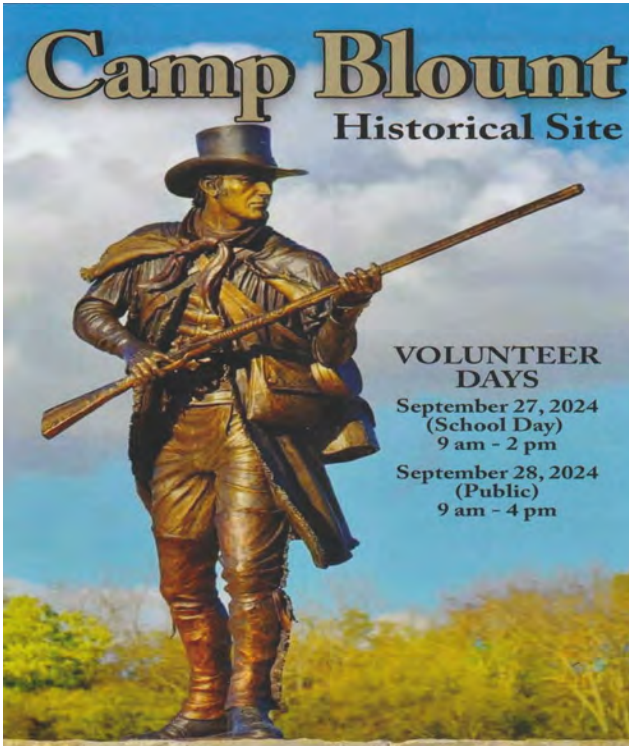
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The CBHSA welcomes students, members, and the public to our third annual Volunteer Days celebration in September 2024. As in the past, Friday, September 27 will serve local students, and Saturday, September 28 is reserved for the general public. This is a free and open event located at the Camp Blount State Historic Site in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

**[www.CampBlount.com](http://www.CampBlount.com)**

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