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Color Guard escorts Morgan to Tennessee State Senate

Color Guard Members came from all parts of the state to escort President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. to the Tennessee State Senate on April 21, 2008. Morgan was granted the rare privilege of addressing the State Senate after a request was made by State Senator Mark Norris, a member of the Isaac Shelby Chapter SAR in Memphis. After leading the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to



the Flag, Morgan extended the thanks of all TNSSAR members for their role in making Patriots Day a state holiday. Tennessee joins Maine, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin in recognizing Patriots Day on April 19 each year. Compatriot Douglas E. Carpenter urged



Senator Dewayne Bunch and Representatives Eric Watson and Kevin Brooks to sponsor the Patriots Day legislation.

TENNESSEE SOCIETY SAR COLOR GUARD

Front row (1 to r): John C. Glynn, Jr. (Andrew Crockett), Robert L. Hughes (James Madison), President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. (Isaac Shelby), Commander Charles H. de Leusomme (Sumner). Second row (1 to r): William L. Eubank III (John Sevier), Roy A. Miles III (Andrew Jackson), Douglas E. Carpenter (Benjamin Cleveland). Third row (1 to r): Stanley A. Evans (Benjamin Cleveland), John C. Echerd (John Sevier), John D. Bartee (Valentine Sevier), James J. Thweatt (Valentine Sevier). Rear row (1 to r): Roger A. Tenney (Valentine Sevier), Lee **O. Hunter** (Valentine Sevier), Donald R. Horton (Valentine Sevier).

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PRESIDENT COLBY MORGAN, JR.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Senate:

I am Colby Morgan, President of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and I bring greetings and best wishes for a successful session. We thank Senator Mark Norris and his staff for making our appearance possible, and are proud to call him a Compatriot member of the Sons of the American Revolution. I now deliver our gratitude for your wisdom, foresight, and patriotism in passing the law creating the Patriots' Day holiday to be celebrated in the State of Tennessee on April 19. We also extend special thanks to Senator Dewayne Bunch and

Representative Eric Watson for guiding this bill to fruition.

I sense that our Patriot forefathers and mothers are looking down on us today with hope and pride that their sacrifices have not been forgotten. The Color Guard standing before you embodies the blood, bone and sinew of these brave forbears who stood beside Paul Revere, and who fought at Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill, and the countless other struggles and skirmishes that led to liberty. It is especially fitting that we Tennesseans should observe this holiday, for without the efforts of the courageous citizens of the area now known as the State of Tennessee, who left their homes, marched over the mountains and defeated the enemy at the battle of Kings Mountain, we would likely still be ruled by tyranny. This representative body would have never been born, and we would not be standing before you today. Therefore, we must never forget these

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President Colby Morgan addresses the Tennessee State Senate; Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey listens from the Speaker's Chair; 21April 2008.

Patriots including the Tennessee Volunteers for winning our liberty and freedom. In recent times we all have felt the shock of many dangers aimed at us. Indeed

hostile people wish to destroy us. We are ever grateful to our men and women in arms who face harms' way every day in our defense. But to continue to exist as a

People, we must arm ourselves with a unity of mind and purpose that grows out of the sacrifices of our Patriot ancestors. Remember that they bequeathed the essence of their beings to the very heart and soul of our State and Nation.

Some of you may have watched the excellent HBO series on John Adams. At the end of the powerful concluding episode I heard the great man's words that will forever be etched in my brain:

"Now Posterity

You will never know how much it cost to preserve your freedom.

I hope that you will make a good use of it.

If you do not I shall repent in Heaven that I took half the pains to preserve it."

So let us continue to make a good use of those sacrifices, so as never to repent for any loss of liberty. We the Sons of the American Revolution pledge ourselves to assist you in making Patriots Day known to the People as we carry out our mission of perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men and women who achieved the independence of the American People. Thank you for your vigilance, and your leadership in launching this time of Patriotic education and renewal.

May God bless the State of Tennessee and the United States of America.

PATRIOTISM

- **PROUD** of the heritage that has been carved out of history and passed along for you to nourish and to protect.
- ALERT to any hint of either aggression or subversion that threatens to wrest or wear away your rights and those of others.
- **TRUSTING** in the faith that gave our founding fathers the strength and wisdom to forge this land of ours
- **RESOLUTE** in your refusal to compromise your fundamental, freedoms for some fleeting promise or some easy answer.
- **NFORMED** on the meaningful issues of the day that you might exercise your precious voting rights with discretion.
- **OUTRAGED** at any injustice that dilutes the basic concept of the dignity and equality of all men.
- **T**RUTHFUL in your relationships with others for truth is the cornerstone of democracy, without it, the structure will crumble.
- **INVOLVED** in your government at all levels, making your voice heard on the vital issues that will shape America's destiny.
- SACRIFICING when sacrifice is called for, sure in the knowledge that the good of the nation far transcends any individual wants.
- **MORAL** in all your deeds and judgments for without morality any triumph is a hollow meaningless thing.

From the Hugh W. Stallworth Memorial Membership Award

DAR FINDERS AWARD PROGRAM



Some of you may have recently watched the moving HBO series on John Adams. The actors portrayed in excellent fashion the lose bond between Mr. Adams and his wife Abigail, and from time to time the dialogue accurately included his term of endearment for her. He called her "My Dearest Friend." And as I contemplated the relationship between the Daughters and the Sons of the American Revolution, I came to the obvious epiphany that the Daughters are indeed the dearest friends of the SAR. And, in a very literal way, they are joined by blood and marriage to the vast majority of our Compatriot members of the SAR.

The Daughters have driven the growth in our membership, without which we could not carry out our joint mission: The promotion of American history, patriotism, and education of American youth. Indeed Patriotic Education forms the current theme of the TNSSAR. And, as we look around our fruited plains to see who is standing with us, you will notice that we are side by side with the Daughters, standing very much alone in facing up those who oppose our mission, sometimes with great hostility. So, we want the Daughters to know how much we appreciate you as you prop us up, and encourage and inspire us to

know how much we appreciate you as you prop us up, and encourage and inspire us to press on.

The SAR has initiated a program of DAR Finders Awards in which we will present \$100 and an engraved plaque to the individual DAR member who recruits the most new SAR members each year from April 1 to March 31. In addition, we will present a \$250



contribution to the DAR Chapter that recruits the most new SAR members. The SAR Medal of Appreciation will be given to each DAR member who recruits three or more new SAR members, and the SAR Martha Washington Medal will go to each DAR member who recruits 10 or more members during the year.

A special form should be submitted with each DAR sponsored SAR application. For more information, contact DAR/CAR Liaison Fount T.





Martha Washington Medal

Medal of Appreciation

Smothers at fount99@aol.com. Encourage your local DAR Chapter to participate and compete to win.

Taken from remarks by President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. at the Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution Annual Banquet in Memphis, May 2, 2008.

Smothers Awarded C.A.R.'s Outstanding Senior Leadership Award

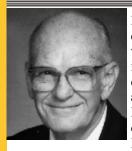
At their Annual Meeting on March 29, 2008, Miss Alicia Adams, President of TNSCAR presented Fount Smothers with the "Mrs. Victor William Edgman Outstanding Senior Leadership Award", given for his exceptional interest and support of C.A.R. According to Smothers, "I accepted the award on behalf of the work all of us have done with the C.A.R. in pursuit of our mission and in the hope we will do even more this year."

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



ENNIS, Joseph Raymond, died May 5, 2008. Mr. Ennis was born September 1, 1918 in Kansas City, Missouri the only child of Joseph Thomas and Irene Mack Ennis. Preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth Engle Ennis. Survived by Joseph H.

Ennis (Kathy), Beth Ennis Turner (Frank); 3 grandchildren, Kristen Ennis Rutledge (Brian), Faulkner Turner and Joseph Williams Ennis. He was a graduate of Kansas University and also graduated from Midshipmen School at Notre Dame, where he met his wife-to-be at a tea dance. Mr. Ennis served as an Ensign on the John Rodgers during WWII. He was a CPA at Avco Aero Space Structures, formally known as Vought Industries, for 35 years in general accounting and State Treasurer of the Tennessee Society SAR for many years. He was a resident of Richland Place for 10 years where he enjoyed swimming, dancing and playing Bingo; he was also an avid stamp collector. Mr. Ennis was an active member of West End United Methodist Church.

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

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. BLAIR, JR., Frank Williamson, died May 17, 2008. He was born January 26, 1926 to the late Frank Williamson and Margaret Morrison Blair. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Mary Elizabeth Hayes Blair. Survived by daughters, Linda Blair (William Chambers) Cline and Ella Blair (Douglass Stevens) Johnson; son, Frank Williamson (Florence Gifford) Blair III; grandchildren, Polly Haves Cline Baur, Sarah McGavock Cline, William Crockett Cline, Blair Chambers Cline, Frank Williamson Blair IV, Florence Haves Blair Blackburn, Douglass Stevens Johnson, Jr., Christopher Hayes Johnson and McGavock Martin Johnson; great-grandsons, Robert McGavock Baur and Frank Williamson Blair V; sister, Margaret Blair O'Brien. Mr. Blair graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy and Vanderbilt University School of Engineering. He was a retired vice-president of the former Steel Service Company. A veteran of World War II, he served in the US Army Air Corps. He was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church, the English Speaking Union, Sons of the American Revolution, The Society of the Cincinnati, and Belle Meade Country Club.

HONORING MARY PATTON FOR HER EFFORTS DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Congressional Record, Thursday, June 5, 2008

By Hon. David Davis, (R-Tennessee) in the United States House of Representatives

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true Tennessee Volunteer. Mary McKeehan Patton was born in England and immigrated to Pennsylvania in the late 1760s. Mary Patton was an apprentice in Pennsylvania where she learned the trade of making gunpowder. After giving birth to two children in Pennsylvania, Patton moved to the Overmountain region of North Carolina, which is now East Tennessee and part of the First District. With help from her husband, Andrew Taylor, a private in the Pennsylvania militia, they started their own gunpowder mill on what

became known as Powder Branch. Mary Patton embodied the entrepreneurial spirit that many immigrants who come to America possess. She used this mill to supply gunpowder to militias during the Revolutionary War. Patton's true Tennessee Volunteer spirit showed when she gave



over five hundred pounds of gunpowder to the 850 Overmountain Men for the Battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War. Some say that this victorious battle over the British was a very influential part of the Revolutionary War, and to the eventual founding of our country.

On December 15, 1836, Mary Patton passed away and was buried at Patton-Simmons Cemetery, which is located in my district. The cemetery is located in the historic town of Elizabethton, Tennessee. This Saturday, June 7, 2008 the Watauga Chapter Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution and The James Sevier Society of the Tennessee Children of the American Revolution will be hosting a memorial service at the grave of Mary Patton and will be honoring her for her efforts and role in the Revolutionary War.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring a true Tennessee Volunteer who embodies the entrepreneurial spirit that has made America the great country that we are today.



Watauga President Ronnie Lail



C H A P T E R N E W S



Bill Eubank and **John Echerd** of John Sevier Chapter and **Stan Evans** of Benjamin Cleveland Chapter at the Brainard Mission flag ceremony on June 11, 2008.







l to r: 2008-09 National Trustee **Roy A. Miles III**, TNSSAR President **Colby S. Morgan, Jr.**, NSSAR Surgeon General and TNSSAR Surgeon **Dr. Richard Treadway**, and Valentine Sevier Chapter President Lt. Col. (Ret) **Donald R. Horton**.





Lt. W. P. Quarles Chapter

Four direct descendants of chapter namesake William P. Quarles were recently inducted into Cookeville's Lt. William P. Quarles Chapter.

These four new members are: (l to r) **Roy Harrell Phillips, Joseph Maddin Quarles, Jr., Todd Phillips Love** and **Stephen Richard Quarles**.



Tennessee Secretary of State Riley C. Darnell receives a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from Jim Thweatt, Don Horton and Rick Hollis at the June 5 Valentine Sevier Chapter meeting. The Clarksville native has served as a State Senator, State Representative, State Senator and Secretary of State since 1970. He oversees the State Library and Archives and Tennessee's public

At Arkansas Post are **Bob Hughes** and John Raymond Taylor, President MSSSAR.

TNSSAR President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. installs Jack Chalmers Jayroe, Jr. (*center*) as a new member, assisted by Clark Doan (*right*). Compatriot Jayroe's ancestor is Benjamin Harrison V, the Signer of the Declaration of



Mr. President,

Thank you for your gracious words of welcome on behalf of the people of the United States of America. I deeply appreciate your invitation to visit this great country.

From the dawn of the Republic, America's quest for freedom has been guided by the conviction that the principles governing political and social life are intimately linked to a moral order based on the dominion of God the Creator. The framers of this nation's founding documents drew upon this conviction when they proclaimed the "self-evident truth" that all men are created equal and endowed with inalienable rights grounded in the laws of nature and of nature's God. The course of American history demonstrates the difficulties, the struggles, and the great intellectual and moral resolve which were demanded to shape a society which faithfully embodied these noble principles. In that process, which forged the soul of the nation, religious beliefs were a constant inspiration and driving force, as for example in the struggle against slavery and in the civil rights movement. In our time too, particularly in moments of crisis, Americans continue to find their strength in a commitment to this patrimony of shared ideals and aspirations.

In the next few days, I look forward to meeting not only with America's Catholic community, but with other Christian communities and representatives of the many religious traditions present in this country. Historically, not only Catholics, but all believers have found here the freedom to worship God in accordance with the dictates of their conscience, while at the same time being accepted as part of a commonwealth in which each individual and group can make its voice heard. As the nation faces the increasingly complex political and ethical issues of our time, I am confident that the American people will find in their religious beliefs a precious source of insight and an inspiration to pursue reasoned, responsible and respectful dialogue in the effort to build a more humane and free society.

Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons to personal Americans know this from experience – almost every town in monuments honoring those who sacrificed their lives in at home and abroad. The preservation of freedom calls for the self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of the less fortunate. It also demands the courage to engage in one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate. In a new. It is a challenge held out to each generation, and it must for the cause of good (cf. Spe Salvi, 24). Few have understood Pope John Paul II. In reflecting on the spiritual victory of totalitarianism in his native Poland and in eastern Europe, he shows, time and again, that "in a world without truth, freedom and a democracy without values can lose its very soul (cf. Those prophetic words in some sense echo the conviction of expressed in his Farewell Address, that religion and morality supports" of political prosperity.

The Church, for her part, wishes to contribute to building a of the human person, created in the image and 1:26-27). She is convinced that faith sheds new light Gospel reveals the noble vocation and sublime destiny

(cf. Gaudium et Spes, 10). Faith also gives us the our high calling, and the hope that inspires us to work for an

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Pope Benedict XVI

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world ever more worthy likeness of God (cf. Gen on all things, and that the of every man and woman strength to respond to ever more just and

fraternal society. Democracy can only flourish, as your founding fathers realized, when political leaders and those whom they represent are guided by truth and bring the wisdom born of firm moral principle to decisions affecting the life and future of the nation.

For well over a century, the United States of America has played an important role in the international community. On Friday, God willing, I will have the honor of addressing the United Nations Organization, where I hope to encourage the efforts under way to make that institution an ever more effective voice for the legitimate aspirations of all the world's peoples. On this, the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the need for global solidarity is as urgent as ever, if all people are to live in a way worthy of their dignity – as brothers and sisters dwelling in the same house and around that table which God's bounty has set for all his children. America has traditionally shown herself generous in meeting immediate human needs, fostering development and offering relief to the victims of natural catastrophes. I am confident that this concern for the greater human family will continue to find expression in support for the patient efforts of international diplomacy to resolve conflicts and promote progress. In this way, coming generations will be able to live in a world where truth, freedom and justice can flourish – a world where the God-given dignity and rights of every man, woman and child are cherished, protected and effectively advanced.

Mr. President, dear friends: as I begin my visit to the United States, I express once more my gratitude for your invitation, my joy to be in your midst, and my fervent prayers that Almighty God will confirm this nation and its people in the ways of justice, prosperity and peace.

God bless America!

GEORGE WASHINGTON FELLOWS



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

Current Chapter Membership

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118th Congress Sacramento

I was honored to lead the TNSSAR delegation to the 118th National Congress held July 5-9, 2008 in Sacramento, California at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Our credentialed delegates: Colby S. Morgan, TNSSAR President; Roy A. Miles III, TNSSAR Past President; Lt. Col. Donald R. Horton, President Valentine Sevier Chapter; and Dr. Richard R. Treadway, Andrew Jackson Chapter. Compatriots Miles and Horton were also active in all Color Guard activities. Dr. Treadway was elected Surgeon General.

Past President Miles attended the Trustees Meeting on July 6, and will provide a more complete report. The main item of business was the decision to proceed with the development of the new headquarters and Center for Advancing America's Heritage at the site known as the Fulton Conway Building on West Main Street in Louisville.

The following General Officers were elected: President General: David N. Appleby, Secretary General: Edward F. Butler, Treasurer General: Charles F. Bragg, Chancellor General: James K. Say, Genealogist General: Joseph W. Dooley, Registrar General: J. David Simpson, Historian General: Stephen A. Leishman, Librarian General: Richard D. Brockway, Chaplain General: David A. Hockensmith, Surgeon General: Dr. Richard R. Treadway. Note that General Officers Butler, Bragg, and Simpson are dual members of the TNSSAR, and of course Dr. Treadway is a regular member of TNSSAR.

The following awards were presented to the TNSSAR: Christopher Strong Chapter -Carl F. Bessent Award & \$200 check, Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter - Partners in Patriotism Certificate, Tennessee Society - CAR Activities Award, Tennessee Society - Officers Attendance Award and Streamer, and Tennessee Society - Walter G. Sterling Award.

The following Compatriots of the TNSSAR received the Liberty Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster): John Charles Echerd, Leonard Roswell Hill, Robert L. Hughes (2), Richard Thomas Spencer Jr., and Colby Shannon Morgan Jr. The following Compatriots of the TNSSAR received Certificates of Appreciation: Hunter McDonald III (Vice-Chairman of Resolutions Committee), Stanley A. Evans (Vice-Chairman Veterans

Reminders

- 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.
- Send submittals to Richard T. Spencer, Jr., Editor, 376 Sims Lane, Franklin, Tennessee 37067-1893 or by email at DSPEN47@aol.com.



Committee), Raymond A. Clapsadle (Vice-Chairman Real Story of the Revolution Committee), Raymond A. Clapsadle (Chairman of the IT-Internal Systems Sub-Committee).

Submitted by President Colby S. Morgan, Jr.

TNSSAR President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. accepts a certificate and check from President General Bruce A. Wilcox on behalf of STRONG VOICES newsletter Editor Rick Hollis of the Christopher Strong Chapter, recipients of the Carl F. Bessent Award for best multiple sheet newsletter, from the National Society SAR.



Hollis Appointed to CAAH Task Force

TNSSAR Secretary Rick Hollis has been appointed by President General Bruce A. Wilcox to serve as a member of a new 20 member Advisory Task Force "to identify the core elements of the future Center for Advancing America's Heritage, their interrelationship, and the contribution each will make toward an engaging experience for visitors." PG Roland Downing is chairing the CAAH Advisory Task Force that will serve for a minimum of two years.

Subcommittees have been formed to define the principal areas of interest: Education Center, Gallery/Exhibit Space, Gift Shop, and Genealogy Library. Hollis is serving on the Gallery/Exhibit Space subcommittee that has been charged "to identify the environment and placement of multi-category permanent and traveling exhibits that will foster true patriotism, and extend our civic responsibilities towards institutions of American freedom."

NEW MEMBERS-MARCH 1-JULY 15, 2008

LT. ANDREW CROCKETT CHAPTER Tommy Stott Massey Trenton Dean Watrous

ANDREW JACKSON CHAPTER Richard Stephen Potts*

BENJAMIN CLEVELAND CHAPTER Charles Lawson Brooks Jimmy Doyal Brooks Kevin Doyal Brooks David Ewing Davis

CHRISTOPHER STRONG CHAPTER None

GEN. JOSEPH MARTIN CHAPTER None

> HIWASSEE CHAPTER Roy Lee Cagle Gregory Lee Cagle Scott Ernest Cagle Clyde Edward Morrison Christopher Wayne Smith

ISAAC SHELBY CHAPTER Jack Chambers Jayroe, Jr.

JACKSON PURCHASE CHAPTER Edward Townsend Ladd, Sr.

JAMES MADISON CHAPTER None JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER Brett Miot Hale* Robert Melville Landon

KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER Jim L. Wilson James Joseph Jefferson

STEPHEN HOLSTON CHAPTER John Franklin Ellis David Gerard Ellis Alfred Asbury White, Jr.

STONES RIVER CHAPTER Ronald Alex Tuttle

SUMNER CHAPTER None

TOMBIGBEE CHAPTER Dana Joseph Coghlan Thomas Warren Coghlan

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER None

VALENTINE SEVIER CHAPTER Roderick Ray Crabtree Donald Edwin Batterson James Harold Thompson WATAUGA CHAPTER

None

LT. WM. P. QUARLES CHAPTER

James Newton Draper Todd Phillips Love Joseph Maddin Quarles, Jr. Roy Harrell Phillips Stephen Richard Quarles

Year to date—62

* Transfer/** Youth to Regular

Country music legend William Lee Golden, of the famed Oak Ridge Boys, inspects Charles de Leusomme's sword in the Capitol hallway.



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

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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, unfailing 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.*

<u>GETTING STARTED</u>: 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: <u>http://www.sar.org</u>.

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.

<u>WHAT IS NEXT?</u>: 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.

SPIRIT OF '76-JAMES R. HURST



Jim Thweatt and Jim Hurst

Immediately after Jim Hurst joined the Valentine Sevier Chapter in May 2005, he grabbed a flag and started work on forming the Chapter's Color Guard, recruited members, ordered uniforms, and arranged events for the group to participate.



The first events, beginning in 2005, were parades. Their has been greater participation since 2006, and more people have joined the Color Guard, increasing membership to nine members, with at least two others making plans to join later this year. Because of the group's size, they are able to participate in two events at the same time.

In addition to the Memorial Day celebration in Williamson County, sponsored by Andrew Crockett Chapter, members routinely participate in events sponsored by SAR and DAR, as well as community events, parades throughout Middle Tennessee, and TNSSAR events across the state.



(1 to r): Jim Hurst, David Schuff, John Bartee, Jim Thweatt, Lee Hunter, and Charles Allen.

Jim Thweatt, a former TNSSAR President and member of the Color Guard said, "Jim Hurst has given our chapter purpose, and an identity that attracts new

members, and exposes the service of our Patriot ancestors to the community. His sense of humor and devotion to the Valentine Sevier Chapter have inspired us, and created a camaraderie that is enviable."

Hurst has refused to serve as Chapter President, but has served as chapter Historian and Newsletter Editor since February 2006.

He was the recipient of the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal in March 2007, Chapter Meritorious Service Medal in February 2008 and the State Meritorious Medal in March 2008.

Going strong at age 77, he is retired



Roger Tenney and Jim Hurst

from the Civil Service at Ft Campbell, including a stint at the Clarksville Base Nuclear Weapon storage facility. His wife Nancy is his greatest supporter!!

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.

Lee Hunter, Roger Tenney, Jim Hurst, Don Horton, and Jim Thweatt.

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ROBERT L. "BOB" HUGHES

TNSSAR was recently represented at the 225th Anniversary of the Arkansas Post Battle, and the Martin Maney and Jeremiah Green grave marking services by Bob Hughes, Past TNSSAR President and active Color Guard member.

The Arkansas Post Celebration was April 19, 2008, near Gillette, Arkansas. This was a Spanish fort located on the Arkansas river just a few miles off the Mississippi River. The fort had been built about 1684. On April 19, 1783, James Colbert and a band of British and Chickasaw Indians attacked the fort, but were driven back. The fort later saw action during the Civil War.

David Hoss was the coordinator of this service. David is a dual member of the John Sevier and Watauga TNSSAR chapters. Color Guard units from New Mexico, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee too part in the service. A wreath was laid and greetings were given by Compatriot Hughes on behalf of the TNSSAR.

Martin Maney grave marker service was held May 17, 2008, near Barnardsville, North Carolina. Bruce Maney, from GASSAR was the event coordinator. Martin Maney served a personal body guard for John Sevier at points during the Revolutionary War. Color Guard units from Georgia,



South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee took part in the Service. Greetings were presented and a wreath laid on behalf of TNSSAR. A wreath was also laid by the John Sevier Chapter.

Jeremiah Green grave marking service was held May 18, 2008, near Sugar Grove, North Carolina. Today Sugar Grove is known for its county ham. Sandy Lyons from GASSAR was the event coordinator. Greetings were brought and a wreath laid for TNSSAR. Color Guard units from Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee took part in the Service. It was at this Service that I met a CASSAR member and song writer, Lenny Green a descendant of Patriot Green, who sang one of his songs entitled "Freedom's Soil". You may be hearing more about this song.

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