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TNSSAR **Annual Meeting** April 3-4, 2009 Memphis

Above left: Past President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. installs William L. Eubank III as TNSSAR President. Eubank is a member of John Sevier Chapter in Chattanooga.

Above right: President-General David N. Appleby presents a Past President's Pin to Colby S. Morgan, Jr. Morgan is a member of Isaac Shelby Chapter in

Left: Watauga President Ronnie L. Lail presented handmade leather rifleman bags to President-General David N. Appleby, President Colby Morgan, and Compatriot Robert L. (Bob) Hughes at the President's Dinner.

Pictured at left are Lail, Morgan and Appleby.



Lincoln County native Admiral Frank B. Kelso II enthralled his audience at the Joseph Greer Chapter SAR Charter event held at Jack Daniels Visitors Center in Lynchburg on March 28, following a luncheon at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House.







STATUE MODEL Members of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter were recently shown a clay model of the statue of Cleveland that they are raising money to put up in the city of Cleveland, Tennessee. To learn more or to contribute \$\$\$ to the cause, you may contact 1st VP Phil Newman, philnewman@bellsouth.net.

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TENNESSEE SOCIETY





PRESIDENT BILL EUBANK III

OURPRESIDENT

I am very honored to serve as your President. Our success will be the result of our joint efforts. I have set several goals that I hope you will consider as you develop your chapter's plans for the year. I am at your service, so please contact me anytime I may be of assistance.

2009—2010 GOALS

Membership goal of NET 15% increase per chapter
Establish a new TNSSAR Website
Establish a State-wide Patriot Grave Database, to include
photos and GPS coordinates, and available online
Patriot grave marking ceremonies (at least four in each region)
Active chairperson at each chapter for Youth Programs

- Eagle Scout
- Knight Essay
- ROTC/JROTC
- Rumbaugh Orations

Regional competitions will select one person from each region to compete at the Annual Meeting

All chapters are requested to renew their memberships for Friends of the SAR Library; and minimum of five members per chapter

George Washington Endowment Fund—22 new members New Center for Advancing America's Heritage (2007-2011)

- goal of 20% of state membership to contribute
- goal of an average donation of \$250 per member
- goal for each chapter to contribute \$250

All chapters to register with the Wreaths Across America Organization, with each chapter participating in their local ceremony by placing wreaths

Tennessee Society SAR to promote Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton as a National Event, September 18-19, 2009 It is my personal goal to visit all Chapters at least once during the year. Please let me know as far in advance as possible about your special event so I can schedule to attend.

William L. "Bill" Eubank III is a railroad man. He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina where his father worked for Southern Railway. Thereafter he moved with his parents, William L. Eubank, Jr. of Amherst, Virginia and his mother Madeline Bagwell of Rome, Georgia, to towns around the south until the early '50s when they settled in Chattanooga. His father retired in 1972 after 34 years with the railroad.

Bill is a graduate of Chattanooga's City High School and the University of Tennessee. While in Knoxville, he met Fay Baugh of Birmingham. They have been married for 44 years. Fay is a social worker at T. C. Thompson Children's Hospital. Their son William IV lives in Chattanooga with his wife Erica and their son William V, and daughter Wendie lives in Atlanta with her husband Marcus Henderson and their children Addison and James.

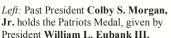
Upon graduation from UTK with a degree in Business Administration, Bill began his career with Norfolk and Western Railroad in Richmond. Career transfers were made to Roanoke, Buffalo, Chicago and Chattanooga. In 1982, Norfolk and Western merged with Southern Railroad to form Norfolk Southern Corporation, when he returned to Chattanooga as District Sales Manager, and subsequently, National Account Manager. He retired March 1, 2001 with 36 years of service.

While in Chicago, Bill served as President and Chairman of the Board of the Midwest Commerce Club, and was a member of the Union League Club of Chicago. Prior to retirement in Chattanooga, he served on the Board of Directors of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and was a member of Chattanooga Golf and Country Club.

Bill joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 2005, and has since served as John Sevier Chapter Vice President and President, as well as Vice President of the East Region and President-elect for the Tennessee Society. He was elected President at the Annual Meeting in Memphis on April 4, 2009.

Bill enjoys fishing and hunting and is an

obedient yardman for his wife. Fay and Bill are members of Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.



Below: President-General David N.
Appleby and President Eubank
chatting at the TNSSAR Annual
Meeting in Memphis.







JOSEPH GREER CHAPTER—LYNCHBURG CHARTER EVENT—MARCH 28



JOSEPH GREER CHAPTER CHARTER MEMBERS, 28 MARCH 2009 AT JACK DANIELS VISITORS CENTER, LYNCHBURG, TENNESSEE Front (I to r): Roger C. Busler, James Michael Russell, Mark Roddy Russell, Colin Douglas Wakefield, James Strong Hereford, Jr. Second (I to r): John Mark Russell, William Paul Russell, David Edward Vance, Jaimie Ray Vance, James O. Moore, Rick D. Hollis, TNSSAR President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. Third (I to r): John Daves (Joseph Greer's 2nd g-grandson), Michael Ballard Gray, John C. Echerd, David L. Hicks, Stanley A. Evans. Back (I to r): Richard T. Spencer, Jr., William Mark Whitaker (Joseph Greer's 2nd g-grandson), Robert T. Carter, William Comer, Walter Fonville Mitchell, Lance Gordon Evans, Homer A. Adams, Van Eugene Gatewood Ham, Paul McLin Wakefield, Edward Biggers Young III, John B. Conger, Jr., William L. Eubank III



Above: TNSSAR President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. presents Admiral Frank B. Kelso II a Silver Good Citizenship Medal, the state society's highest recognition. Kelso served as Chief of Naval Operations (1990-94) and Acting Secretary of the Navy (1993).

Right: Charter President Colin D. Wakefield



William P. Russell walks through an aisle formed for charter members by Color Guardsmen, emphasized by a Sword Arch formed by Color Guardsmen Gordon D. Jackson (left) and Donald R. Horton (right).

Color Guardsmen: James R. Hurst, Charles H. de Leusomme, Roy A. Miles III, J. Wayne Long, Lee Hunter, Ronnie L. Lail, Roger A. Tenney, James J. Thweatt, Robert L. Hughes



CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



DAR/C.A.R. Chair **Fount Smothers**, President **Bill Eubank** and Compatriot **John Hood** of **Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter** are surrounded by winners of SAR's C.A.R. Essay contest, and of the "Grandma Says" Awards. The awards are given each year at the C.A.R. Annual Meeting. C.A.R. participants write about a Patriot ancestor with the help of "Grandma". As **Fount Smothers** often reminds us, "it's our grandmothers who first interested us in genealogy because of the stories she told us as children." The contest and related awards have forged a deep bond between SAR and C.A.R. In many respects, it is SAR's best night of the year in Tennessee.



Fount Smothers presented a special recognition to past Tennessee Society C.A.R. president Alisha Adams for her contributions to forging the strong bonds between C.A.R. and SAR. Smothers said, "When Alisha represented C.A.R. at the gravemarking ceremony for James Sevier, her remarks inspired SAR members to form the James Sevier C.A.R. Society under the leadership of Watauga Chapter SAR in Elizabethton. Now, James Madison Chapter SAR and Andrew Crockett Chapter SAR are working with DAR chapters in Jackson, Tennessee to establish Pinson Mounds C.A.R. Society to be chartered in 2009. Her leadership will be remembered fondly."



C.A.R. President **Ania Giffin** accepts a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from President **Bill Eubank**.



C.A.R. Senior President Renee Robinson accepts SAR's \$500 donation to C.A.R. from Bill Eubank.

C.A.R. Essay Contest Winners

SAR SPONSOR

Lt. Andrew Crockett Christopher Strong Col. Benjamin Cleveland General Joseph Martin Hiwassee Jackson Purchase James Madison John Sevier Stephen Holston

Sumner Lt. William P. Quarles Watauga

WINNER Christine Smothers

Jacob Griffin Sarah Hood Ashleigh Cook Rachel Hood Samuel Hood Allison Cook Catherine M. Hughes Cheyenne Miller

Laura Bush Melissa Bush Nathaniel Griffin

C.A.R. SOCIETY

Judge John McNairy
Col. Return J. Meigs
Col Return J. Meigs
Col. Return J. Meigs
Elizabeth Paxton Houston

Good Ship Adventure Good Ship Adventure Col. Return J. Meigs

"GRANDMA SAID"

Fount Smothers (g-father)
June Griffin (g-mother)
John Hood (father)
Lori Cook (mother)
John Hood (father)
John Hood (father)
Lori Cook (mother)
Margaret T. Johnson
Charlotte Miller/Florence
Byrd (grandmothers)
Anne Bush (mother)
Anne Bush (mother)
Hannah Griffin (sister)

Catherine M. Hughes was state winner in the age group "12 and under" and **Cheyenne Miller** was state winner in the "over 12" category.

Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children. That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born. Psalm 78:3-4,6

CHAPTER NEWS



President **Bill Eubank** congratulates DAR/C.A.R. chairman **Fount Smothers** for the truly outstanding job he does for SAR each year. Attending the C.A.R. Annual Meeting in Chattanooga are (1 to r): **Rick Hollis** (Christopher Strong), **Fount Smothers** (Andrew Crockett), **Bill Eubank** and **Jim Moore** (John Sevier).



Planning Patriots Day 2009 at the Tomb of Andrew Jackson at the Hermitage Rick Hollis, Hal Moore, Dick Spencer, David Eagan and Hermitage President and CEO Howard Kittell



Megan and Malory Stevens of James Sevier C.A.R. Society laid a wreath at Guilford Courthouse with Ronnie Lail of Watauga Chapter SAR.



President **David L. Hicks** (I) accepted from State Representative and Compatriot **Kevin Brooks** (r) a rare and valuable framed lithograph of the 1819 John Binns rendition of the Declaration of Independence, with the 13 colonies presented in an oval pear-shaped arrangement. There were only 300 of the prints made in 1819. Copyright of this exquisite document has been held by the Dorris J. Clark estate since 1968 and their family gave this copy to Compatriot Brooks, a member of **Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter**.



Joseph Greer Chapter Charter Officers. (*l to r*): Registrar Richard T. Spencer, Jr., President Colin D. Wakefield, Secretary Mark R. Russell, Treasurer Roger C. Busler, Vice President James S. Hereford, Jr.



Clint A. Reynolds and Cleo G. Hogan of Valentine Sevier Chapter enjoy a light moment at the TNSSAR Annual Meeting in Memphis. Reynolds is a new member, while Hogan is celebrating his 40th year in SAR and is the new Graves & Landmarks Chair for Middle Tennessee.



SAR C.A.R. "Grandma Said" contest winner (*under 12*) Catherine Hughes, with her grandmother Margaret Johnson and Fount T. Smothers.



As a token of respect and appreciation for his service, President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. was presented a new hat for his uniform by members of TNSSAR by Jim Thweatt.

PERPETUATING THE STORIES...

ROBERT REICH

Compatriot Bob Reich has also been an avid supporter of Marble Springs Historic Site, the former home site and farmstead of Tennessee's first Governor and the Revolutionary Hero of Kings Mountain John Sevier. Marble Springs is a unique historic site owned by the State of Tennessee and operated by the non-profit Governor John Sevier Memorial Association (GJSMA). It is located in South Knox County on Governor John Sevier Highway, SR 168. Marble Springs is comprised of 38 acres of an original land grant received by John Sevier for his service in the Revolutionary War. It has five period log cabins in addition to archeological features dated to Sevier's occupation. The site is open to the public and is frequented by local schools and history clubs.

Compatriot Reich is a life member of the GJSMA, has served on its Board of Directors and served two terms as President of the Association. Under his leadership in 2004, the Marble Springs Historic site was revitalized after an extended period of dormancy, reestablishing permanent operating hours, installed a full time site manager and conducted extensive site restoration. Bob negotiated a grant from the John Deere Foundation for maintenance equipment including a large gauge tractor for mowing and hauling.



Compatriot Bob Reich of Stephen Holston Chapter at Marble Springs.

Under Bob's leadership, a critical land parcel was acquired which preserved a significant piece of



Governor John Sevier

the original farmstead and prevented the possibility of commercial intrusion into the historic site. During his tenure, he instigated and coordinated the immensely important environmental preservation of two pristine waterways which run through the site and feed a significant Stock Creek Watershed for Knox and Loudon Counties. The streams were restored to their natural state and environmentally preserved to ensure natural flow and flood mitigation though coordination of Federal and State grants and permits through the Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program. Bob also solicited significant local volunteer labor for additional restoration and preservation efforts.

Today the site is under the care of noted local pioneer reenactor David Daley, who not only maintains and operates the site, but schedules and promotes regular period oriented events and educational programs. Primary funding for Marble Springs Historic Site is provided by the Tennessee Historic

Commission and is noted as one of the most significant historic landmarks in the State, however, as with most discretionary state programs, the funding is under great stress today. Bob has been an active advocate of providing recognition and support of Marble Springs Historic Site within the TNSSAR as well as the local Knoxville Community. Bob's efforts are of particular note with planned John Sevier celebrations at Sycamore Shoals in 2010 that will be hosted by the Tennessee Society SAR and the State of Tennessee will celebrate the 265th birthday. The site is available for functions and guided tours. The Stephen Holston Chapter has

Bob Reich is the former **Stephen Holston** Chapter President, current Trustee and Chapter Web Master.

(www.stephenholston.org).

He is a direct descendent of Johannes Veit Reichelderfer (Reichelsdorfer) 1665-1755. Johannes arrived in America between 1716 and 1728 and eventually settled in Montgomery County PA. There are several descendants of Johannes, including Johan Adam REICHELDERFER who fought in our War for Independence.

taken advantage of the historic buildings and serine grounds which offer a large covered picnic pavilion, open grills and stages.



Marble Springs, Knoxville

EDITORS NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles that highlights the valuable contributions of Compatriots across Tennessee who devote themselves to community service and activities that fulfill the SAR Mission to "perpetuate the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people..." Their individual efforts is an extension of SAR. Please submit your Chapter's nomination to the editor. The editor will contact you to develop a story for inclusion in a future edition of Tennessee Patriot.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FELLOWS



Compatriot Roy J. West

1928-2008

our loved ones, it is not easy, but if

word goodbye, it will make it easier.

Our word 'goodbye' comes from the

To report the death of a Compatriot,

Chaplain at steenj@comcast.net. The

please contact your Chapter

President; State Secretary, at

tnssar@bellsouth.net; and State

State Secretary will communicate

with National SAR HQ to update

old English benediction meaning

"God Be With You."

we remember the true definition of the



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

Denver D. Horton, Lt. Andrew Crockett James C. Hofstetter, Andrew Jackson Hunter McDonald III. Andrew Jackson C. Richard Treadway, Andrew Jackson Douglas E. Carpenter, Col. Benjamin Cleveland Stanley A. Evans, Col. Benjamin Cleveland E. Lynn Freeman, Col. Benjamin Cleveland Claude T. Hardison., Col. Benjamin Cleveland David L. Hicks, Col. Benjamin Cleveland James K. Stone, Col. Benjamin Cleveland Rick D. Hollis, Christopher Strong Charles H. de Leusomme, Sumner Betty McClanahan, Sumner Larry D. McClanahan, Sumner Donald Edmands, Hiwassee Raymond A. Clapsadle, *Isaac Shelby* Jackson L. Grady, Isaac Shelby William D. McKinney, Isaac Shelby Colby S. Morgan, *Isaac Shelby* Theodore B. "Tim" Sloan, Isaac Shelby Charles N. Dammann, John Sevier John C. Echerd. John Sevier William L. "Bill" Eubank III, John Sevier William R. "Bill" Fuller, John Sevier Diane Gibson. John Sevier John Sevier "Jack" Gibson, John Sevier James O. "Jim" Moore, John Sevier Sara Pauline Moore, John Sevier W. Greg Dart, John Sevier William T. "Terry" Siler. John Sevier David H. Owen, John Sevier Elizabeth Bailey, Kings Mountain William P. Bailey, Jr. Kings Mountain James E. "Jim" Briddell, Kings Mountain William C. Schrader III, Lt. William P. Quarles David E. Johnston, Stephen Holston Paul E. Jorden, Stephen Holston James L. "Jim" Bush, Jr. Stones River J. Kenneth York, Stones River W. Don Shelton, Valentine Sevier Roger A. Tenney. Valentine Sevier James J. "Jim" Thweatt, Valentine Sevier

Donations of \$1,000 or more qualify you for recognition as a George Washington Fellow. Donations may be in whole, or at \$200 per year for five years. GWEF Chair Jim Moore will gladly assist you. His contact info is listed above.

T. Vance Little

Brentwood historian, author and attorney Thomas Vance Little, 77, died Friday, March 20, 2009.

Well-known for his love of history and genteel ways, Little was the author of several books about Brentwood and Williamson County, the most recent of which was Gently Flows the Harpeth, a collection of his newspaper columns and photographs of the area. A native of Brentwood, where his family has been since the 1700s.

Little received his undergraduate and law degree from Vanderbilt University. He completed graduate work at Northwestern University and Cambridge University in England. For many years, until his retirement, Little served as an attorney at Union Bank and later as a trust and probate officer. "He was a giant in all his fields. It is a

loss to so many because he was involved in so much. He was civic-minded. He was a man of many, many talents." Little restored and lived in the historic Concord House, which was built just after the Civil

War. It was the site for many local civic meetings and fundraising events for historic and

records.

charitable organizations to which he belonged in Williamson County. He also received many accolades for his wide-ranging volunteer efforts, having been named Heritage Foundation patron of the year, Brentwood Chamber of Commerce citizen of the year and Williamson County Historical Society volunteer of the year, among others. "He loved the past, but he was always looking toward the future. "He had lots of enthusiasm for life."

> Because of his vast knowledge of county history, Little was appointed city of Brentwood historian in 1988. He was a long-time member

of Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR and a dual member of Andrew Crocket Chapter SAR.

Past President John Joseph (Jack) Thomas, Jr.

Jack Thomas departed this life on Sunday, March 22, 2009, at age 84. Born in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, he was enrolled at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania when he joined the service during World War II. He was serving in General Patton's Third Army, 95th Infantry Division, when they reached Germany's Westwall on December 6, 1944, where he was severely wounded. Following his service, Jack returned to Dickinson College where he received a degree in chemistry (minor in physics) in 1949. Jack worked as a chemist with the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York for 35 years.

Following his retirement to the Knoxville area, he was active in many organizations. He was an avid genealogist and a past president of both the Stephen Holston Chapter SAR and the Tennessee Society SAR. He was also an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Knoxville since 1986. Jack was a member of Second Presbyterian Church where he sang with The Joy Singers until his recent illness. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be sadly missed by his family. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy; daughters and sons-in-law Kristie and Larry Giordano of Knoxville; Susan Thomas and Scott Olson of Milwaukee, WI; son and daughter-in-law John and Cheryl Thomas of Westford, MA; granddaughters Sarah Leather and Jennifer Thomas; grandsons Brad and Evan Giordano, and Spencer Olson.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING—MEMPHIS



President-General David N. Appleby and TNSSAR President Colby S. Morgan, Jr.



Bill and Fay Eubank III



President-elect Rick D. Hollis, Acting Vice President-Middle District W. J. (Bill) Martin, Vice President - Western District John E. McCutchen, President William L. Eubank III, Vice President-Eastern District Charles N. Dammann.





CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

McCARTHY DeMERE AWARD For the greatest number of new members—Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter.

Top left: Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President David L. Hicks receives the award from President Morgan.

HUGH W. STALLWORTH AWARD For the highest percentage growth—Lt. W. P. Quarles Chapter.

Top Right: W. P. Quarles Chapter President Gordon D. Jackson receives the award from President Morgan.

GROWTH & RETENTION STREAMERS For all chapters who obtain the annual designated growth (15% in 2008) AND 100% renewal of members.

Bottom left: Christopher Strong Chapter President Maury E. Miller III (center) receives a streamer from President-elect Eubank and President Morgan.

Bottom right: Kings Mountain Chapter President Dr. **Joe A. Chambers** (*center*) receives a streamer from President-elect Eubank and President Morgan.





BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDALS



Christopher Strong Chapter Past President Jerry V. Smith and President Colby S. Morgan, Jr.



State Senator Mark Norris of Isaac Shelby Chapter, President-General David N. Appleby and President Colby S. Morgan, Jr.



TNSSAR Secretary and Christopher Strong Chapter Charter President Rick D. Hollis and President Colby S. Morgan, Jr.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS



J. Wayne Long Valentine Sevier Chapter



Donald R. Horton Valentine Sevier Chapter



Ronnie L. Lail Watauga Chapter



Richard T. Spencer, Jr. Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter



Stanley A. Evans Col. Benj Cleveland Chapter



James C. Hofstetter Andrew Jackson Chapter



Robert L. Hughes James Madison Chapter



William L. Eubank III John Sevier Chapter



E. Lynn Freeman, Jr. Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter



James O. (Jim) Moore John Sevier Chapter



John C. Echerd John Sevier Chapter



Fount T. Smothers Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter

Meritorious Service Medals were also awarded to A. Clayton Hicks of Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter, James E. Briddell of Kings Mountain Chapter and James R. (Jim) Hurst of Valentine Sevier Chapter. These members were not present to accept their awards.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION Rick D. Hollis

YOUNG ADULT RECRUITMENT AWARD Richard T. Spencer, Jr.

For recruitment of the highest number of new members under 40

AMERICANISM AWARD

EAST Watauga Benjamin Cleveland

MIDDLE Andrew Crockett Valentine Sevier

WEST James Madison Isaac Shelby

STATE WINNER Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter

USS STARK AWARD

Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Highest number of USS Stark Award Points in Tennessee

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MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL

Tennessee Society SAR First Lady Leslie Morgan receives the Martha Washington Medal from President Colby S. Morgan, Jr.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD



Fount T. Smothers accepts the TNSSAR Historic Preservation Award on behalf of his dear friend T. Vance Little who died before the award could be presented to him. Compatriot Little served as Graves & Landmarks Chair for Middle Tennessee, and was a member of the TNSSAR Board of Governors for many years. Compatriot Little was a leading citizen of Williamson County and was devoted to local history and genealogy. A new room named in his memory is currently under construction at the Brentwood Public Library.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Charles N. Dammann
Rick D. Hollis
J. Wayne Long
Richard T. Spencer, Jr.
Dr. C. Richard Treadway
Hal A. Moore
Paul R. White

Jerry V. Smith
Donald N. Edmands, Jr.
William Dahnke
William L. Eubank III
James E. Briddell
Ron Jones
Alvin R. Brown

COLOR GUARD MEDALS



William L. Eubank Silver Color Guard Medal



J. Wayne LongBronze Color Guard Medal



Ronnie L. Lail Bronze Color Guard Medal



James K. Stone Bronze Color Guard Medal



Roger A. Tenney Bronze Color Guard Meda



Donald R. Horton Bronze Color Guard Medal

Douglas E. Carpenter was also presented a Bronze Color Guard Medal.

Ronnie L. Lail James R. Hurst Robert L. Hughes James O. Moore Fount T. Smothers James C. Hofstetter John C. Echerd

T. Vance Little Bertram H. Chalfant, Jr. A. Clayton Hicks Lynn Freeman, Jr. Donald R. Horton Additional recipients of Certificates of Appreciation from President Colby S. Morgan, Jr. are shown in photos on next page.

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EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST AWARD

JROTC/ROTC AWARD



William L. Waldrep, Jr. won the Eagle Scout and Knight Essay Awards. Pictured above are Dr. Douglas K. Fidler, Waldrep, and his parents. He was sponsored by Stephen Holston Chapter.



Leigh Althaus looks on as her son Cadet Wesley Althaus receives TNSSAR's JROTC/ROTC Award and scholarship from James O. (Jim) Moore. He was sponsored by John Sevier Chapter.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECATION





John W. Steen



Maurice J. Kellogg



Theodore B. (Tim) Sloan



Gordon D. Jackson





Hunter McDonald Robert T. Nash



Charles H. de Leusomme



Larry D. McClanahan



Roy A. Miles III



Claude T. Hardison, Jr. William R. (Bill) Fuller





G. Todd Williams



B. Mott Jones



J. Chad Henderson









John E. McCutchen C. Shannon Morgan III J. W. (Bill) Martin, Jr.

James J. (Jim) Thweatt

NEW MEMBERS—JANUARY 1—APRIL 10

LT. ANDREW CROCKETT CHAPTER

Hal Arch Moore, Jr. William Kenneth Ousley James Wesley Sewell* Randall Hall Chandler, Jr.

ANDREW JACKSON CHAPTER

David Reed Watts

BENJAMIN CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Gerald Edwin Brooks

CHRISTOPHER STRONG CHAPTER

Robert Earl Moore

GEN. JOSEPH MARTIN CHAPTER

None

HIWASSEE CHAPTER

ISAAC SHELBY CHAPTER

None

JACKSON PURCHASE CHAPTER

None

JAMES MADISON CHAPTER None

JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER

Timothy K. Adams* Dixon Irvin Fisher Karl Richard Shaffer

KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

Larry Edward Ball

STEPHEN HOLSTON CHAPTER

Jimmie L. Duncan, Jr.* Jimmie L. Duncan, Sr.*

STONES RIVER CHAPTER

None

SUMNER CHAPTER

David Miles Vaughn

TOMBIGBEE CHAPTER

None

VALENTINE SEVIER CHAPTER

Mark Christopher Shelton Michael Frank Shelton

WATAUGA CHAPTER

Christopher Lail Emery Joseph Benson Emery Robert Steven Emery Steven Kendall Emery Harry McClain Carter

LT. WM. P. QUARLES CHAPTER

William Arrott, Jr.

Year to date—22 * Transfer/** Youth to Regular

MEMBERSHIP RANKINGS OF STATES Rank Count State 2543 TX 2 1686 FL 3 1681 PA 4 1572 VA 5 1525 CA 1509 OH 6 1507 GA 8 1140 NY 951 AL 10 907 TN 11 860 IL12 769 NC



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

eligible for membership in the Society.

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

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

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

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 application fees, which include the first year dues. The Chapter Registrar will forward the application to the State Registrar for review and further processing at the National Level.

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

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, DESCENDANTS OF WASHINGTON'S ARMY AT VALLEY FORGE



Timothy E. Massey at Sycamore Shoals

Tim Massey is a member of Watauga Chapter SAR. To say he is an active member would be an understatement. Tim is an example for all SAR members because of his exuberant love of history, and because of his eagerness to share his abundant knowledge about our forefathers and the challenges, as Fount Smothers often reminds us, "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." SAR's mission is to perpetuate these stories, and it might be Tim Massey who does this best in Tennessee.

His leadership within the Watauga Chapter SAR, the Overmountain Victory Trail Association, and current service as Commander-in-Chief of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge is an inspiration to all who know him and observe his leadership in history.



Timothy E. Massey and Ronnie L. Lail at Guilford's Courthouse, 2009



Tim Massey leading students to the gravesite of Captain Robert Sevier who was shot at Kings Mountain and died afterwards as he was being carried by to Watauga. He was a brother of John Sevier. The site is along the Overmountain Victory Trail at Spruce Pine, North Carolina. A memorial service is held there each year by the OVTA.

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