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On the cover: Compatriots honor Capt. James Hollis at his grave marking ceremony, Clarksville, TN, January 21, 2023.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear TNSSAR Members,

As I write this on August 12th, I have exciting news on the membership application front. In the last few days, I have received reports from both of our Deputy Registrars, Rob Richmond, and Brett Thomas, that both of them are completely caught up on new member applications, and all of these have been sent to NSSAR Headquarters! All this has been accomplished since our last Board of Governors Meeting on July 29th, a mere 14 days ago! We celebrate this accomplishment. Now we pivot our efforts to complete those pended applications which today stand at 24 which is 15 new applications and 9 supplementals.



Our educational outreach is progressing with the first person who is in position to portray Deborah Sampson to several groups including classes in our schools.

Our grave marking schedule is full with Doug Evans and his Color Guard helpers scattered across the state putting hours of driving to cover the many varied events that are occurring. One bright star in this constellation of events that shows increased participation is in at least 2 of our recent grave markings. The number of family members attending these events has run about 20-30 which I believe better reflects our goals in SAR. Not all these events are grave markings, and the increased partnership with the DAR is another healthy sign.

Not long after you receive this, our thoughts will be turning to Sycamore Shoals September 8-9th. We all look forward to the District 1 Dinner Friday night after a successful 5 patriot grave marking Friday afternoon at 2 PM Eastern Time, then the Gathering on Saturday morning at 10 AM. In the last few years, this event has tended to attract more visitors, and SAR members attending include more regional and national guests.

I have contacted the presidents of each chapter requesting their chapter meeting schedule through March 2024 so that I can set up a convenient time to visit all the chapters. I have a date on the calendar for all but 7 chapters and would appreciate hearing from those.

Our Executive Committee, consisting of Joel Davenport, PZ Horton, and me continue our regular Zoom sessions to attempt to labor toward a better society for all of us and would solicit your prayers for wisdom as we carry on this work.

Yours in Patriotism,

David C. Chaffin, M.D., FACR  
TNSSAR President



## The Chaplain's Page

Compatriots,

I am excited to take this space in the newsletter and express to each member across the state how honored I am to serve as your state chaplain. Karen and I have met many wonderful people at TNSSAR events, and we sincerely cherish these new friendships. For all the enjoyment I find from grave markings, various Color Guard events, and other times we gather, there is an unpleasant side of this job: receiving an email stating that one of our compatriots has left us. It happened over 20 times last year, and we are on pace for a similar year in 2023. Let us remember in our prayers these families who have experienced the loss of their loved ones. I encourage our church congregation to enjoy the time we share with others and never take that for granted. None of us are getting younger, now is the time to make the most out of life, for these days will not last forever. I offer the same encouragement to my compatriots of the TNSSAR. Let us enjoy each day the Lord gives us and make the most of it.



Kindest regards,  
Greg Banther,  
Chaplain,  
TNSSAR

## From the Editor:

Compatriots all!

Well, we finally have a newsletter again after about a year and half. Things are a little different in this edition as I re-learn some software and editing skills. What I'd like to feature are activities undertaken by chapters around the state. This issue features the John Sevier, Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, and Valentine Sevier chapters as well as some scenes from the Board of Governors July meeting. Keep sending photos and short articles about your chapter's doings and we'll get them posted!

See you next quarter!

Kevin Jackson, Lt. Col., USA (Ret.)  
Editor, *The Tennessee Patriot*



*John Sevier Society and 1812 Society  
hold grave marking ceremony.*

On Saturday July 15, 2023, the John Sevier Chapter along with the Society of the War of 1812 marked the graves of Major James Cozby and his sons James and Robert Cozby all veterans of the War of 1812 and placed Sons/Daughters Medallions on the graves of Major Cozby's three sons and daughter.

Notables in attendance were former National President of the Society of War 1812 Mr. Rick Hollis, the Tennessee State President of Society of War 1812 Mr. Johnny Head and Quartermaster Mark Compton. Other members present of the Society of War 1812 were Bryan Beck, Cliff Kent, Terry Siler, and Paul and Tyler Bobbenhousen. Also, in attendance was General B.B. Bell, U.S. Army (Ret.).





Photos taken by Mr. Owen Beck member of John Sevier Chapter TNSSAR.





## ***Scenes from July BOG meeting and Grave Marking Ceremony for Sebastian Graves at Corryton, TN***

Tennessee Society Children of the American Revolution State President Cohen Daniels brings greetings from the TSCAR.



TNSSAR Vice President Joel Davenport is presenting resolutions for BOG consideration.

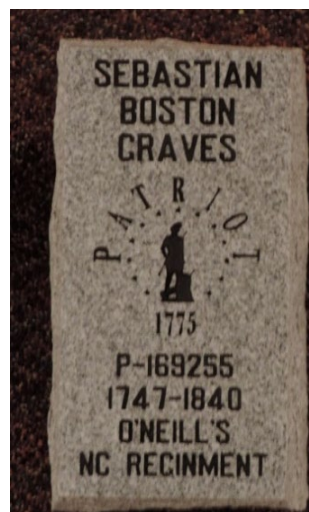




TNSSAR State President David Chaffin delivers his remarks.



TNSSAR Chaplain Greg Banther gives the invocation.



## ***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.



## Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade

Chattanooga has the longest running Armed Forces Day Parade in the country at over 70 years continuous. Each year the SAR participates with a car and color guard. John Sevier and Benjamin Cleveland Chapters participated in this year's parade.





## Celebrating George Washington's Birthday

The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held a tribute celebrating the birthday of the country's first President George Washington. A special Display for Washington was assembled for members and guests to enjoy. Various articles, a bust and photograph of Washington, a copy of the Declaration of Independence, a writing table with coat and sword, and various other articles were displayed.

Chapter member Keith Bester provided and assembled the display for the Chapter with help from Chapter member Lugh Lemley.

Chapter President Greg Banther presented a toast in honor of General Washington.



## TNNSAR Color Guard Upcoming Events

Acting Color Guard Commander Cliff Kent has posted this schedule for the Color Guard Members.

Please consult the TNNSAR website or Facebook page for details. *More events will be added as plans are finalized.*

Date	Event	Location	Start Time	POC
Saturday, August 26, 2023	Compatriot Hixon- past president John Sevier Chapter	Foster Hixson Cemetery, Hamilton County, TN	1000 EDT	Cliff Kent
Friday, September 8, 2023	5 Patriot Grave Marking	Old Kidwell Cemetery in Greene County on Old Cemetery Road, just outside of Greeneville.	1400 EDT	Dave Carr
Saturday, September 9, 2023	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN		Dave Carr
Monday, September 11, 2023	Patriots Day #2 (9/11)	various		Chapter President
Sunday, September 17, 2023	bell ringing DAR	TN Capitol- see Fred Rand Email		
Monday, September 18, 2023	Vigil at Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA		National
Thursday, September 21, 2023	NSSAR Fall Leadership	Louisville, KY		Doug Evans
Saturday, September 30, 2023	Two Patriot Grave marking	Hendersonville	1400 CST	George Miller

October 4-6 2023	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV		Doug Evans
Saturday, October 7, 2023	Grave Marking- Place Marker	Bethel Springs, TN		
Saturday, October 7, 2023	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC		
Saturday, October 7, 2023	Colonel Benjamin Cleveland 20th	Cleveland, TN		David Chaffin
Saturday, October 14, 2023	x5 marking ceremony for early and charter compatriots	Chattanooga National Cemetery		Cliff Kent
Saturday, October 14, 2023	PAT Joseph Brittain	Chapel Hill Cemetery (Brittain-Ezell Cemetery), Chapel Hill, TN	TBD	Doug Dickerson and Fred Rand
Friday, October 20, 2023	DAR 250 marker	Hermitage Marker	2:00 PM	
Saturday, October 21, 2023	Nancy Ward DAR-district 3	check email from Margerie Green		
Saturday, October 21, 2023	x5 marking ceremony for early and charter compatriots	Forest Hills Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN		Cliff Kent
Saturday, October 28, 2023	Grave Marking with BOG	Bethel Springs Cemetery at 2 PM CDT	1400 CDT	Joel Davenport
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Knoxville Veteran's Day Parade			Julius Hite
Saturday, November 11, 2023	Veterans Day *	various		Doug Evans
Friday, December 1, 2023	Annual Christmas Parade	Seymour, TN		Julius Hite
Friday, December 1, 2023	Knoxville Christmas Parade	Knoxville, TN		Julius Hite
Thursday, December 7, 2023	Boston Tea Party	Clarksville, TN		
Saturday, December 9, 2023	250th event- Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and Wreaths Across America	Chattanooga - TBD		Cliff Kent
Saturday, December 16, 2023	Wreaths Across America	various		Doug Evans
Saturday, December 16, 2023	Wreaths Across America- Nashville	Nashville city cemetery		Fred Rand

# The Sevier Sentinel

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## Activities



The VS Color Guard presented the colors at the Allen Family reunion on June 10th. William Bailey Allen, the oldest TNSSAR member, passed earlier this year.

The Sevier Ranging Company's standard bearer during the battle reenactment.







The VS Color Guard prepares to present the colors at the William Edmiston Chapter of the DAR Flag Day Luncheon on June 14th.



Quilts were awarded at the DAR Flag Day luncheon by the Quilts of Valor organization. The quilts are awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war.

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