



*Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter  
Kentucky Society  
Sons of the American Revolution*



**Memorial Day**

**Chapter Officers- 2020**

**Memorial Day Activities.** During Memorial Day weekend the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter remembered the military who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Even though the ceremonies were limited, members used social distancing protocols to honor the Patriots and show that they are not forgotten with salutes and flags on the graves.

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**Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.** Over 150 flags were placed on group graves from World War II and friends and family of the Chapter. On Monday small ceremonies by other organizations had rifle salutes and Taps played for the brave men and women interred at the cemetery. Thanks to Scott Giltner and Patrick Wesolosky for setting up the memorial.



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Top: Zachary Taylor National Cemetery. Below Clockwise. Zachary Taylor, John Doss Saluting Group Grave, Vic Bitter Placing Flags, Elliott Barnett Grave and World War II Group Graves.



### More Photographs From Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.



Top Left Clockwise: Scott Giltner, Mike Sullivan, Patrick Wesolosky and John Doss, Andrew Giltner, John Doss and Patrick Wesolosky, Allen Rushing and Larry Selby, Larry Selby.



### Memorial Day Ceremony - Wetherby Park, Middletown, Kentucky



A special Memorial Day ceremony was held at Wetherby Park in Middletown, Kentucky following social isolation but broadcasted on Facebook so others could watch the event. The ceremony included a welcome from President Mike King, an invocation by Chaplain Eric McClain, the reading of Flanders Field by Allen Rushing, moments of remembrance with "mourn arms" by Patrick Wesolosky and John Doss while Charlie Scott and Scott Giltner played The Parting Glass on fife. The wreath presentations included special guest Cindy Stonebraker, MIA/POW and Gold Star Daughter of Kenneth Stonebraker, shot down in North Vietnam in 1968. The wreath presentation was followed by a rifle salute and Taps after a minute of silence marked by the tolling of a bell.



## **Announcements.**



- **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, 2020 Chapter Meeting.** The June meeting will be a Zoom meeting due to the Coronavirus isolation measures. The next in-person meeting will be in July. The location will be announced.
- **Zoom Social Call-Ins.** A special thanks goes out to Patrick Wesolosky for hosting a weekly social call on Zoom. It has been fun talking to other members in the Chapter face-to-face while in isolation. An invite is sent out the Chapter email list as well as to other to join. If you would like to “Zoom In” and do not have the web link send Patrick an email to be included. Zoom is easy to use once you get the hang of it. If you need assistance or training let Mike King know and we will set up a training session.
- **Chapter Newsletter.** The format of the Chapter newsletter has been changed to include information and communications for the Chapter. Any suggestions or submissions can be sent to Mike King for future newsletters. During the last few years Charlie Scott has done a great job with the newsletter. It takes a lot of effort to do a newsletter as nice as Charlie and it is appreciated. The new format is a test to improve communications with all Chapter members due to the social distancing issues as well as to increase communications with Chapter Associates and Friends and Alliances and Links. Please send comments, complaints and suggestions to Mike King as we develop the new format.
- **Events and Activities.** The Coronavirus isolation canceled many Chapter and community events. It is not known if or when many will be rescheduled. A list is shown later in the newsletter, however the *Chapter Info - Upcoming Events* on the GIS-SAR.org website will maintain up-to-date information and should be used to determine the status of an event.
- **Tomahawk Raffle.** The winning ticket will be pulled at the next Chapter meeting for the beautiful tomahawk made by Steve Mallory for the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter
- **Obituaries.** With sadness we announce the passing of Chapter members and friends who will be missed but not forgotten.
  - Marshal Wilkins
  - Neal Owen Hammon
  - Roger Goodin
- **New Members.** The Chapter welcomes new members Tom Brashear and Scott Moore, sworn in during the March meeting. Other new members Kurt Hall, LeRoy Halter, Lincoln Amirault and Clyde Wilson to be sworn in at our next in-person meeting. We are glad to have you aboard.
- **Associates and Friends Program.** The Associates Program is a Chapter activity that is for those working on their lineage to become an SAR member. It is also for those who would like to participate with the Chapter activities but cannot become a member. The exact criteria and standards for the Chapter are still in discussion.
- **Alliances and Links Program.** The Alliances and Links is a program that is design to solicit support and communications with other organizations in our area. Many have events we are interested in, and in turn, they have activities that we may be interested in. This expanded communications will help our Chapter gain more supporting partners and observers for our events. The exact criteria and standards for this program is still in discussion.
- **Veterans Support.** During social distancing the Veterans Committee of the Chapter has continued to provide donation support to the Veterans at Robley Rex and other Veterans organizations. Larry Selby, the Chapter Chairperson for the Veterans Committee said that the active in-person volunteering at the VA Hospital is beginning again. And, they will be in need of gift cards, toiletry products and books. Starting the first of June the donation efforts will begin again. In addition, there are other Veterans organizations in need of clothing and other home goods. Please let Larry Selby or Mike King know if you have donation items.
- **Scout Projects.** Before the social isolation there was a variety of Scouts events and projects scheduled with the SAR and the Chapter. All were canceled when isolation began. Lee Muncy, Chairperson for the Scouting Committee has stated that after things have returned to normal he will begin to organize and schedule the event again and get them back on the schedule.
- **Flags from American Legion, GI Joe Post 244.** Special thanks goes to American Legion GI Joe Post 244 and John Wright, in Jeffersontown, Kentucky. They provided over 50 grave flags to the Chapter that were placed on gravesites at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.
- **250th Anniversary Challenge Coins.** Patrick Wesolosky was the first Chapter member to qualify for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary challenge coin by posting historical information on Facebook. The limited issue coin can be purchased from the SAR bookstore once you have qualified. Requirements and details on activities to qualify for a coin will be outlined in the next newsletter.



## **Recent Events and Activities.**



- **2020 Officers Sworn in over Phone in April.** The 2020 Chapter Officers were sworn in over the phone by Kentucky Society President, Pat Berry during the April meeting. The officers and many others have continued to be actively involved with planning even though event gatherings are limited due to social distancing.
- **Zachary Taylor National Cemetery - Memorial Day Event.** Members of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter were involved in multiple activities and ceremonies at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday members of the Chapter met at the cemetery and spread out to place flags on the group graves from World War II. On Saturday, individual flags were placed on family members and friend's graves. On Monday morning, brief ceremonies were held that included wreath presentations, rifle salute and Taps. While the ceremonies were small, the effort gave honor and remembrance to all the military fallen. See pictures on front of newsletter.
- **Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter – Memorial Day Ceremony in Middletown.** Some quick thinking and organizing by Scott Giltner and Patrick Wesolosky put together a meaningful ceremony on Memorial Day dedicated to the fallen Patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice from the conflicts throughout the history of the United States. The ceremony was presented following the guidelines for social isolation and still provided the essence and backdrop that emphasized that while many people were not at the ceremony, those who died for our freedom are remembered on a daily basis. The ceremony included a patriotic posting of flags, a meaningful invocation from Chaplain Eric McClain, a touching reading of In Flanders Field from Allen Rushing and wreath presentations from SAR and DAR Chapters. A special wreath presentation was done by Ms. Cindy Stonebraker, MIA/POW and Gold Star daughter of Lt. Col. Kenneth Stonebraker, U.S. Air Force, who was shot down and lost in Vietnam, October 28, 1968. The ceremony included a rifle presentation of "mourn arms" and rifle firing salute by John Doss and Patrick Wesolosky followed with Taps by Scott Giltner. Thanks is given to all those who helped pull the ceremony together including Marika Wesolosky who worked to record the event and Mary Jean King who helped take photos. Others at the event included Charlie Scott, Mike Sullivan, Doug Collins. (See pictures at the front of the newsletter).
- **Graveyard Cleanups.** Time engulfs the Patriots who have passed before us as their memories and graves are lost. With this in mind, Patrick Wesolosky and compatriots in the Lafayette Chapter have made it a mission to find Patriot grave sites overgrown with trees, weeds, bushes and fallen stones and clean them up. These efforts help keep the memory of a Patriot alive and reminds those who live nearby about the contributions the warriors from the past have made. If you are interested in getting involved with these efforts let Patrick know. This type of effort is great for school groups and organizations looking for community service hours and involvement. (See photos on following pages).
- **Travel Plans.** There are quite a few SAR events that are outside Kentucky and require travel. A few of them include: Spirit of Vincennes, Point Pleasant Battle Days, Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Mount Vernon Vigil, King's Mountain Memorial, Celtic Weekend, Yorktown Victory Celebration and Cowpens. There are many others that celebrate the Revolution War and the efforts of our Patriot ancestors to gain the freedom we enjoy today. If you are aware of an impending event that you are going to travel to, or may be of interest to other Chapter members, please let Mike King and Scott Giltner know. The event can be listed on the website and newsletter so others who might also be interested can coordinate travel and possibly meet as a group. Nothing makes a travel event more enjoyable than sharing the experience with a compatriot.
- **Educational Programs.** The use of Zoom makes it easy to host educational programs online for kids and adults. The Chapter has a variety of educational programs already developed that can be converted to power point and videos. If you would like to help with this project contact Mike King.
- **Updated Color Guard Manuals and Videos.** The Chapter Color Guard Unit, under Scott Giltner, is in the process of documenting and updating the Color Guard Manual and Protocols. This includes the new Vigil Protocol and Chaplains Post. In addition, the Color Guard and Manual of Arms videos that Rod Smothers created are also being updated. The videos and manuals will replace those on the Chapter when they are completed.
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**Identifying Patriot Gravesites.** Compatriot Scott Giltner and his son Andrew, who is in the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) have been on a quest to identify and visit gravesites during this Corona isolation period. To date they have visited 65 graves with many more planned. This effort is important because it records the location, status and condition of the graves with GPS coordinate and photographs. This will make it easier for others to find the graves in the future, identifies those in need of maintenance, opens up the possibility for future ceremonies, lets the public know about the Patriot and ensures that future generations have sites to visit in the memory of a Patriot.



Andrew Giltner, CAR working with Scott Giltner to locate, identify and document Patriot graves.

**DAR Plaque Installed at James Nalle Gravesite.** Charlie Scott, Scott Giltner and Andrew Giltner installed a DAR plaque at the grave of James Nalle for the Cox's Creek Chapter, DAR. The SAR installed a plaque at the grave and did a grave marking ceremony at the site last summer. The two medallions compliment the grave and give honor to one of our Patriot ancestors.



Left and Right: Charlie Scott sets a DAR plaque in concrete next to the SAR medallion. Above: Scott Giltner, Andrew Giltner and Charlie Scott at the grave of James Nalle.



**Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery, Radcliff, Kentucky.** Not so long ago

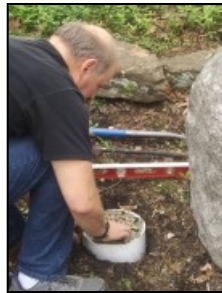


the Chapter participated in the dedication of the monument dedicated to Gold Star Families and their fallen loved ones in the military. At the dedication Compatriot Joe Noffsinger raised the Gold Star flag to bring life to the monument. On Memorial Day weekend, Chapter President Mike King went to a brief ceremony at the monument to replace the worn flags with new ones. The ceremony included a motorcycle and car parade to the monument and a wreath presentation. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has participated in three Gold Star Monument dedications and is invited to four additional ones that will occur during the upcoming year. The monuments are installed by the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, the brainchild of SAR Compatriot Woody Williams, Medal of Honor Recipient from the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II.

**Blue Licks Battlefield Grave Marking.** In April Scott Giltner and Andrew Giltner installed an SAR grave marker medallion at the Blue Licks Battlefield burial site at the State Park. The long overdue marker completes an honor due to those who perished at the battle. The SAR medallion was placed next to the stone with the DAR marker on it. Originally the placement of the medallion was to precede a ceremony in August, at the battlefield, to honor the fallen Patriots and those who returned to give them an respectful burial. However, at this time the Blue Licks ceremony has been canceled.



Andrew Giltner and Scott Giltner digging the hole for the sleeve, concrete and SAR Medallion.



Scott Giltner, Andrew Giltner and Bill Thielen, Blue Licks Park Manager.



DAR Monument.

The July Chapter newsletter will have the complete article about the ancestor of Compatriot Bill Lawrence who returned to Blue Licks to help bury the dead from the field of battle. The abbreviated article was in the Spring SAR Magazine.

**Member of the Greatest Generation - Noble L. Roberts.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter honors and



salutes Noble Lafayette Roberts for his contributions as an American to preserve our freedom and support our community. Noble is an honored World War II Veteran, a member of the Greatest Generation and a Fellow Compatriot. During WWII Noble was a signalman in the U.S. Coast Guard serving on an LST. He saw action in the Pacific Theater and was near Iwo Jima at the time of the flag raising. Noble earned a PhD after leaving the service and now lives in Shelbyville. He is a legacy of the Chapter and was active in our chapter from the beginning. We thank him for all of his contributions throughout his life to America, his community and our Patriot ancestors.



As a token of appreciation Noble will be awarded from The Center for Advancing America's Heritage, The Revered Forrest B. Chilton Kentucky Patriot Award. The award is well deserved.



*Semper paratus.*

Left to Right: Noble leading SAR event, Noble in Coast Guard Uniform, Noble With Heather French Henry and Noble at Signalman's Station on Ship.

## Chapter Projects.



The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has a variety of projects and activities that are ongoing or being planned. If interested in helping on a project or you have an idea for a project let Mike King know.

- **Grave Yard Cleanups.** Going to Patriot graveyards that need to be cleaned up and recorded. See Patrick Wesolosky for more information. See photos about these efforts are on the following pages.
- **Grave Locations Identification.** Going to grave locations and recording the condition, status and GPS location is an important effort now underway. See photos about these efforts on the following pages.
- **Memorial Stone Marker at Locust Grove.** A proposal last year was made to do an SAR marker stone at Locust Grove near the DAR marker near their front entrance. This project will be organized during the next few months.
- **Dog Tag Project.** This project is just being organized. The goal of the project is to have a hanging dog tag for each of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter members, past and present. Each tag will have the members and their ancestors name on it. While the dog tags are not Revolutionary War period, they are inexpensive and can create a unique exhibit for SAR members. The planning includes finding a location for the exhibit, determining costs, updating, structure, associated ceremonies, etc. It could be open to others and used for public relations efforts. If interested contact Mike King.
- **Pegasus Parade Preparation.** The Pegasus Parade may or may not be on. If it is on, we hope to have more participants from the SAR and DAR in the annual parade scheduled for August. A float will be used this year for those who do not want to walk the parade route. Help is needed to complete the plans for the event. Contact Mike King if interested in helping.
- **Homeless Veterans Home.** Homes are being renovated for homeless Veterans in Louisville. One is on Humler Street, named after Joseph M. Humler, USMC, killed during World War I and buried in Cave Hill Cemetery. When finished, they will need furniture and other household goods for four veterans who will live there under supervision. The organization renovating these homes is looking for furniture and household goods to support the new home. More information about this effort later in in June. Contact Mike King if you have any furniture or household goods you would like to donate.
- **The Lafayette Trail.** This project works with Julian Icher, honorary SAR member, to mark the historic 1824 farewell tour trail of the General Marquis de Lafayette, famous French General during the Revolutionary War. The project is now being submitted to the Kentucky State Legislature for approval and acknowledgement. When completed, road signs will be posted throughout Kentucky marking his trail. Middletown, Kentucky will have one of these designated markers. The trail extends through 25 states. Scouts, historical, military veterans and other groups will be involved in placing the road signs and doing dedication ceremonies. See Mike King if interested.
- **New Chapter Awards.** The Chapter awards members each year with certificates and medals for their involvement and contributions to worthy causes and activities. However, there are others outside the Chapter that also contribute to worthy causes and have been in or have supported the military, law enforcement and government. Due to this the Chapter is initiating two new awards that will be given out yearly. The awards name and the criteria are being developed at this time for Chapter approval in June. The two awards include:
  - **Chaplains Award.** This award is being organized by Eric McClain. The nominated name for this award is: *The Emerson-Rosbrugh Medal*. It is named after Reverend William Emerson, pastor in Concord and the first person to arrive in response to the call of impending battle. And, Rev. John Rosbrugh, the first U.S. Revolutionary War Chaplain killed in the Battle of the Assunpink Creek (Second Battle of Trenton). Other nominations can be sent to Eric McClain.
  - **Women's Patriot Award.** This award is being organized to honor a modern woman Patriot who is in the military, a Veteran or with law enforcement. DAR members Laura Jones, Shelly Doss and Marika Wesolosky are helping with the criteria and name selection. The selection list of historic Patriot women for the award includes:
    - ⇒ **Laura Sybil Luddington** - At age 16, she made an all-night horseback ride to alert militia forces in the towns of Putnam County, New York, and Danbury, Connecticut, of the approach of British forces.
    - ⇒ **Shelly Margaret Corbin** - She took her wounded husband's place defending Fort Washington.
    - ⇒ **Deborah Sampson (Robert Shurtliff)** - She fought and was wounded as a man during the Revolutionary War.
- **Chaplains Badge.** A Chaplains badge for the Chapter is now in the design phase. The badge will be worn by the Chaplain to indicate that position at ceremonies and events. Eric McClain is overseeing the design effort.



**Graveyard Cleanup.**

One way to ensure that our Patriot ancestors are not forgotten is to make sure the location of the graves are known and that they are maintained so they are not lost to erosion and overgrowth. Quite often people nearby an overgrown grave do not even know they exist. The efforts to maintain these graves has a wide range of benefits. These include preserving the resting place of our forefathers, making sure they are not forgotten, educating the public about the history of the Patriot and the Revolution and giving the local SAR Chapters an opportunity to have a memorial celebration if desired.

With this in mind, our Chapter Vice President, Patrick Wesolosky has made a determined effort to find and clean up some Patriot graves that have fallen into disrepair or overgrown with weeds and vegetation. Patrick and members of the Lafayette Chapter have actively been involved gravesite cleanup. Some of the activities include:

- Lafayette Compatriot John Buckler and Patrick placing flags at the graves of Peter January and Ephraim January.
- Lafayette Chapter Compatriot Steve Gahafer and Patrick spent 1.5 hours cleaning his Patriots burial site in Lincoln County, removing ground cover and vines, cut down some trees, placing an American Flag, and spraying weeds. This is Compatriot Gahafer's third visit to clean his Patriots grave.
- There may also be SAR Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Larkin Sandidge ( P-284342 ) in the future. Steve wants to make sure the site is clean and see if the top of the grave can be repaired.

These cleanup efforts as well as the efforts by Scott Giltner to document grave locations are beneficial to the SAR and Chapters. If you know about a gravesite needing repair or documenting please let the Chapter know.



Patrick Wesolosky



John Buckler



Steve Gahafer



**Upcoming Events.** The following list is for events being planned for the Chapter. Due to social isolation all events should be verified before planning to attend. Correspondence will be sent out when an event will occur and the [www.GISSAR.org](http://www.GISSAR.org) website link, *Chapter Info, Upcoming Events* should be referenced. The status of a meeting may change at any time. And, many new events are being added as the isolation period ends.



**Scheduled Events.**

- June 18th, 7:00 pm - GISSAR Chapter Meeting, Zoom Call In. No in person meeting. Email Patrick Wesolosky if a Zoom link is needed.
- June 20th - Ramsours Mill Virtual Ceremony. Not in person. Zoom Meeting and Facebook.
- July 4th - Independence Day Ceremony & Parade, Location: Owl Creek lodge, 10607 Hobbs Station Road, Middletown, KY, Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- July 5th - John Quiggins Grave Marking, Location: Holy Cross Catholic Church Cem., 59 New Haven Road, Loretto, KY, Time: TBA
- July 16th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting, Location: Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY, Time: 7:00 p.m. (Note: Location may change).
- July 18th - Abraham Heistand Grave Marking, Location: Old Mulkey Meeting House State Historic Park, 38 Old Mulkey Park Rd, Tompkinsville, KY, Time: TBA
- July 19th - Isaac Shelby Vigil, Location: Travellers Rest, 672 Isaac Shelby Rd, Junction City, KY, Time: TBA
- August 15th - 15th Annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service, Location: Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, 10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY, Time: 10:00 a.m. (color guard muster at 9:15 a.m.) **May or may not occur.**
- August 15th - KYSSAR Summer Meeting & Luncheon, Location: Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, 10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY, Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **May or may not occur.**
- August 20th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting, Location: Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY, Time: 7:00 p.m., (Pre-meeting gather at Hometown Pizza, 11804 Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY)
- ?th - Naturalization Ceremony, Location: SAR HQ, 809 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY, Time: 11:00 a.m. (muster at 10:15 a.m.)

**Planned Events and Activities with No Chapter Date Yet.** The following are some events and ceremonies in the planning or verification process to determine if they will be scheduled and the date they will occur. Some are travel events.

- Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony was cancelled for 2020 but is under consideration to still have it. Scott Giltner has been in contact with Kentucky President Pat Berry and he is working on an alternative venue for the KYSSAR Summer Meeting.
- Black Powder Rifle Training. Date pending.
- Color Guard Training Sessions. Date pending.
- Bat's Ballgame Color Guard. Dates pending.
- Pegasus Parade - September 3rd. The Pegasus Parade may or may not be on.
- Grave Markings. As scheduled.
- Flag Retirement Ceremonies. Date pending.
- Gold Star Monument Dedication – Frankfort, Kentucky. Date pending.
- Gold Star Garden Ceremony – Zachary Taylor National Cemetery. Date pending.
- Gold Star Monument Dedication - Crestwood, Kentucky. Date pending.
- Gold Star Monument Dedication - Owensboro, Kentucky. Date pending.
- Spirit of Vincennes. August 22, 23.
- Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, September 19th.
- Battle of Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia. October 7-9.
- Celtic Weekend, Shepherdsville, October 3rd.
- Battle of King's Mountain. October 7th.
- Yorktown Day, Virginia. October 19h.
- Vigil - George Rogers Clark, Cave Hill Cemetery. Date pending.
- Vigil -Zachary Taylor Grave, National Cemetery. Date pending.
- Vigil - War Memorial, Frankfort, Kentucky. Date pending.
- Vigil - George Washington's Grave, Mt. Vernon. September 19th.
- Wreaths Across American. December 19, 2020.

**Compatriot Corner.** A new feature for upcoming Chapter newsletters is to have short personal backgrounds of fellow compatriots so we can all get to know each other a bit better. It will be nice to know a about what a compatriot does or did for a living if retired, family and interests in and outside the SAR. Included in the write-up will also be a description about the ancestors for each compatriot used to enter the SAR. This month we are featuring two members John Doss and Melvin Rowe.



**Compatriot John Doss.** John joined SAR on November the 8th, 2018. He works at Kitchen Kompact as a cabinet maker. John is married, and has 5 children and 12 grandchildren. He enjoys hunting and fishing and is also a member of a Revolutionary War reenactment group. John has been involved in a growing number of Color Guard events and has mastered the protocols for wreath presentations, "mourn arms" and rifle salutes. John's wife Shelly is an active member of the DAR.



John's Revolutionary War ancestor was Benjamin Frankly Wallingford. He supplied food and clothing to the Continental Arm. He is currently tracing another ancestor, John Scalf who was in the 10th regiment of North Carolina and was at Valley Forge, Brandywine and Germantown.

**Compatriot Melvin D. Rowe.** Melvin joined SAR November the first, 2015. Melvin worked as a self-employed, full time potter until he contracted rheumatoid arthritis. But that didn't slow him down. He now workings in leather and wood as well as clay, and makes many items used by historic reenactors and "buckskinners."



Orginally from Louisville, Melvin now lives in Henry County, Kentucky, with his wife, Vivian. He has one daughter and one grandson. He enjoys attending mountain man rendezvous, where the camps are primitive and there are competitions in black powder shooting, traditional archery, and throwing tomahawks and knives.

His Rev War ancestor was his 5th great grandfather, William Rowe, who served in the Culpepper County Virginia Rifle Corp. He was at Valley Forge, crossed the Potomic and participated in the battle of Trenton, as well as Princeton and New Brunswick. After the war, he recieved a 100 acre land grant in what is now Hart County.

**Kentucky Eagle Scout Competition.** Congratulations to two of our younger members. On the left is Noah Grebe. He finished 2nd in the State Eagle Scout competition and 3rd in the KYSSAR essay contest. His brother Ethan, on the right, finished 3rd in the state Eagle Scout competition. Noah, Ethan and their father Kevin are all members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, KYSSAR, SAR. The Chapter is proud of the accomplishments of our young compatriots.



**Chapter Communications.** The following are the primary sources of communications with the Chapter.

- **Chapter Facebook.** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Look up: Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Ky Sar
- **Ky Society, SAR Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/groups/1431811717073204/photos/?filter=albums](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1431811717073204/photos/?filter=albums)
- **GISSAR Chapter Website.** [www.gissar.org](http://www.gissar.org)
- **NSSAR Website.** [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)
- **Newsletter Submissions.** Send to Mike King at [mrfking001@gmail.com](mailto:mrfking001@gmail.com)
- **Mailing Address.** Send to Mike King at 9016 Willow Springs Drive, Louisville, KY 40242
- **Chapter Officers.** See the front page for the Chapter Officers email addresses.



## **The Trading Post.**



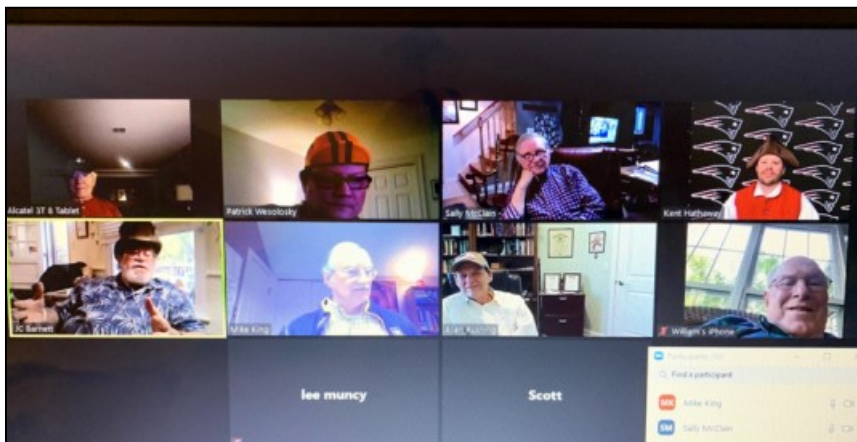
The Trading Post is open for Chapter members to communicate with others about a variety of activities, events, interests and transactions. The Trading Post can be used to sell, trade, buy or locate items that someone no longer needs or is interested in acquiring. It can also be used to post announcements and other communications about any kind of event or activity in the community. If interested in posting something please send the details to Mike King.

- **“Colonel Mel and his Old South Cure All Elixir”.** Fellow member, Melvin Rowe has written a book about Colonel Mel. It’s a collection of humorous short stories about a con artist snake oil salesman traveling the state. Despite these bad qualities, Colonel Mel usually ends up doing the right thing. The book is titled and is available for \$5.00 for a paperback copy. If mailed there is an extra mailing cost of \$2.80. The book is available on Kindle or paperback through Amazon and on Melvin’s website: <http://potteryrowe.com/shop/book/colonel-mel-and-his-old-south-cure-all-elixir>.
- **Historically Accurate Shooting Bag.** Leather, oil tanned leather, pillow ticking. They were called possibles bags because in them you carried everything you could possibly need to maintain and load a flintlock rifle or musket. They are also known as hunting bags or shooting bags. This one is based on a historic bag from the period of the American Revolution. It is made out of oil tanned leather and is lined with pillow ticking. The pillow ticking has been ever so slightly dyed with dye made from black walnut hulls to give it that aged look. The flap can be secured with a wooden button. The bag measures 9" wide and 8" high and opens up 2 1/2" front to back. The strap is 1 1/4" wide and is adjustable from 57" to 62.5". This bag would be perfect for the juried history reenactor, Revolutionary War, SAR, or even the War of 1812. <https://www.etsy.com/listing/790143270/possibles-bag-colonial-style-american>
- **Revolutionary War Period Accessory Items.** Muzzle loading items, leather bags, power horns, knives, straps and over 50 other items to address period dress for SAR and other uniform needs. <https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheTradersBlanket>
- **Other Items.** Other wood and handcrafted items can be found at: [www.PotteryRowe.com](http://www.PotteryRowe.com), and <https://www.etsy.com/shop/KentuckyRootsWood>,
- **“In Search Of” Unused Revolutionary War Period Clothes and Accessories.** Chapter and new members are often looking for period clothing, uniforms and accessories. If you have any outfits or accessories you have outgrown or no longer use please send in to the newsletter for listing in the Trading Post. Provide a description, rough cost and picture. You may be looking for a hard to find item that someone else has or know where to get it. If you are looking for something feel free to list what you are looking for in the Trading Post. If searching please list what you are looking for, your name and email address. Or, the Trading Post can be discrete and just list what you are looking for. Some items currently being sought include:
  - Kentucky flintlock rifles.
  - Period clothing.
- **GI Joe Breakfasts.** The monthly breakfast at the GI Joe American Legion Post in J’Town will begin again soon. An email will be sent out when a firm date is provided.
- **Mission BBQ.** As of June 1st the dinning room is open with social distancing seating.

**Social Events.** The following are some planned social events waiting to be scheduled. All Compatriots and their families are welcome to attend for casual fun filled evenings.

- **Compatriots and Family Dinner at Selena's.** Dinner in the beautiful garden at the restaurant located on Lagrange Road where we have enjoyed dinner before. Family and friends are welcome.
- **Old Friends Equine Horse Farm Tour.** Walk around and feed carrots to the retired thoroughbred race horses. Gold cart is available for those needing a ride. After the tour lunch will be at Darlin' Jeans in Midway followed by a visit to a local distillery.
- **Trivia Night at Mission BBQ.** How well do you know the Revolutionary War and pioneer history? Come for supper and trivia contest at Mission BBQ.
- **My Old Kentucky Home Visit.** Visit and tour the grounds of My Old Kentucky Home in Bardstown. The tour will be followed by a picnic and a visit to Willett Distillery near Bardstown.

**Zoom Socializing.** Thanks to Patrick Wesolosky the Chapter is able to social in spite of social isolation. The weekly social calls have been helpful in keeping everyone in touch with each other about Chapter and other social issues. The calls are usually on a Thursday and everyone is welcome. If you do not get the Zoom link or need help logging in contact Patrick Wesolosky. A snapshot of some of the people on a recent call is below. (Everyone looks like they need a haircut after being in isolation so long).



**Magazines, Movies, Books and Articles.** For those looking for a variety of entertainment with the pioneer days in mind, check out the following.

- **Journal of the American Revolution.** This free website is loaded with a wide variety of historical stories and facts about the Revolutionary War period. Well worth a look at: <https://allthingsliberty.com/>.
- **1774: The Long Year of Revolution, by Mary Beth Norton.** The new book provides a lot of perspectives and impacts leading up to the Revolutionary War. Well worth the read.
- **Unconquered.** Ok, the movie with Gary Cooper and Paulette Goddard has the British army on the frontier not the Patriots. However, it is a good moving and the entire movie is free on Youtube.

**Correspondence.** The Chapter has many associates and friends in the community with similar interests in genealogy, history, Veteran and military support and projects to help others. The Chapter is working to communicate with them about our events and we would like to know about theirs. The Social Page will list events by other organizations and also give links to their information. If you would like to add to the list please let Mike King know. At this time the list includes:

- SAR Chapters
- DAR Chapters
- American Legion, GI Joe Post 244 , J'Town, Kentucky
- OVTA
- Painted Stone Settlers
- Locust Grove
- Filson Club
- Lafayette Trail Association
- WaterStep
- Rotary Club
- Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation
- Bluegrass Honor Flights