



Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter

Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution



15th Annual Blue Licks Memorial

The 15th Annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial was held August 15th with the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter well represented. While the event was scaled back due to the Corona Virus it was available to all members of the Kentucky Society through Zoom. The ceremony was dignified and impactful, remembering the Patriots who fought, died and secured the site that was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. Special thanks goes to Scott Giltner, Color Guard Commander who organized the ceremony and installed an SAR grave marker at the grave site earlier this year. Patrick Wesolosky, Marika Wesolosky and Steve Gahafer also receive special thanks for setting up the Zoom technology, adjusting the camera angles for a beautiful background and manning the camera and computers to transmit and record the ceremony for all to see. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. The Summer KYSSAR Meeting Fol-

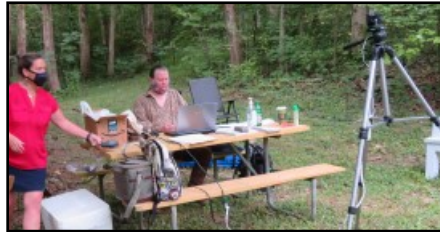
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15th Annual Blue Licks Memorial (continued)



Top l to r. clockwise. Kentucky Society Pat Berry; DAR and SAR Monuments; Chris Coleman; Steve Gahafer; Dr. Larry Leslie; Charlie Scott; Mike King; Marika and Patrick Wesoloski, Steve, Gahafer Preparing for Ceremony; Scott Giltner Setting Up Ceremony; Kenneth Scott Collins from Georgia Society Presenting on Zoom; Marika and Parick Wesolosky Setting Up Cameras for Transmission and Standing by Wreath; and the SAR Contingent at Blue Licks Monument.

Thankful appreciation goes out to over fifty SAR and DAR Chapters and Compatriots nationally that presented honors to the brave Patriots who died at Blue Licks in person or on the Zoom transmission. Special Thanks goes out to Mary Jean King, photographer of the event and others who helped plan, setup and participate in person or in the Zoom wreath presentations. The ceremony is on Youtube under "15th Annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service". Please see the following article about Blue Licks.

The Last Act of Honor at Blue Licks Battlefield

The conclusion for most battles through the ages is, “when the war is over, both the victors and the defeated bury their dead.” This marks the actual end of a battle. It is not glorious, carries no accolades and is rarely mentioned or remembered as part of the event. However, those who return to the field of deadly engagement give honor to the dead by retrieving their remains for burial, many in the soil where their blood was spilled. A “burial detail” will give the last act of kindness, appreciation and honor to those who died in battle. And, they often ensure that those who sacrificed their lives would be remembered at that site with markers, plaques, monuments and wreaths. The “burial detail” did this at Blue Licks.



Bill Lawrence Presenting Wreath at Blue Licks.

However, as with most historical battles, the actions of those who bury the dead on the battlefield are somewhat forgotten. This was realized by Bill Lawrence, member of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter near Louisville, Kentucky. When doing his genealogy work to join the Sons of the American Revolution, he found that his ancestor Samuel Lawrence was one of the men specifically assigned to recover those who died at Blue Licks and give their fallen comrades an honorable burial. He and five others went back to the battleground with the other militia units. They were given their morbid assignment to assemble and place the fallen in a marked grave area. If it wasn't for them the memorials and monuments at Blue Licks might not be there as it is today.

The Battle of Blue Licks occurred on August 19, 1782 in the frontier of Virginia in what would later become the State of Kentucky. It was one of the last battles of the Revolutionary War occurring ten months after the victory at Yorktown. Unfortunately, it was also a defeat at the hands of the British and their Indian allies. Today it reminds us that the victory over the British was tenuous and the war in the western frontier was brutal and unforgiving regardless of when it occurred. While the war in the east was virtually over with the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, conflicts in the western frontier continued between the settlers and Indians over territory after the outcome of the Revolutionary War.



The sequence of events leading into the Battle of Blue Licks began with plans by the British, Loyalist and Indians to attack an outpost in Wheeling east on the Ohio River. These plans were canceled due to the fear that George Rogers Clark was planning an invasion into Ohio Indian territory. Instead, a group of British and Indians moved into central Kentucky with the intent on destroying the fort at Bryan Station. However, the pioneers at Bryan Station recognized an impending surprise attack and responded by calling for militia support and reinforcements. While waiting for reinforcements the brave women of Bryan Station bluffed by making the attacking force think they were undiscovered and unsure about the force inside the fort. The unprotected women did this by showing no fear in leaving the fort by themselves to collect water within yards of the hidden Indians. The bluff worked and while there was an attack later, the uncertainty of what they were facing, and the impending arrival of militia reinforcements, led the Indians to abandon the siege and head back towards Ohio.

By the time the initial militia support arrived at Bryan Station the British and Indian force had left. Additional, militia was still on the way. However, rather than wait for more reinforcements, the militia already at Bryan Station decided to pursue the British and Indian force with the intent of removing the Indians as a threat in the future. While he recommended against this course of action, Daniel Boone and his son Israel joined in the pursuit. The militia followed the easy to track trail leading them towards the Indian force. Again, causing Daniel Boone and others to warn the small force about a trap.

On August 19, 1782, at Lower Blue Licks, the militia force did fall into the trap forewarned by Boone. They were ambushed and surrounded by an overwhelming force. The militia was decimated and retreated away from the ambush to scatter across the hillside as hand to hand combat took place. The Indians pursued the fleeing militia for a few miles before returning to look for any militia that were left, and to scalp and mutilate those who were dead. In the aftermath, there were 72 militia killed and 11 captured. Just under a half of the militia force of 182 had been killed or captured, including Daniel Boone's son Israel. The enemy force of 50 Loyalist and British and 300 Indians had only suffered losses of 7 dead and 10 wounded. It was the worst defeat in history that occurred in the Kentucky frontier. The surviving militia continued their retreat not knowing if the Indians would pursue them. As with all lost battles, there was probably confusion, fear, sadness and regret as the realization of what happened became apparent. The only strategy the defeated militia could take was to survive. So the only plan was to escape back to Bryan Station.

On the afternoon following the August 19, 1782 battle, several of the retreating militia units came upon Colonel Benjamin Logan's leading troops advancing toward Blue Licks. When they met, Logan's men had only traveled six of the thirty-three miles between Bryan Station and Blue Licks. After hearing the news, Logan decided to return his troops to Bryan Station and collect additional reinforcements before advancing further. He finally moved his army out four days later only to discover the British Commander William Caldwell and his Indians were gone. The only thing left to do was to recover and bury the dead.

The Last Act of Honor at Blue Licks Battlefield (Continued)

According to George Rogers Clark Military Records, Pay Roll Document 75, on August 24, 1782 there were six militia assigned to bury the grisly remains of their fallen comrades. They were Captain Samuel Kirkham of Lincoln County Militia (under Colonel Benjamin Logan), Ensign William Crow and four privates, Samuel Lawrence, his brother Solomon Lawrence, William Fields and John Reed. Most likely there were also others involved in the interment of those who had died. However, their names may not be known. What is known is that Samuel Lawrence was there at the last chapter of the battle to bury the dead with honor and help lay to rest 43 of the dead. He then returned to be discharged with pay for his service and continued to live his life on the frontier. It must have been a challenge for the burial party to complete their work. Even though a force of militia were present, there must have been real concern that the larger British and Indian force would return to again do battle with the smaller militia. It must have been distressing that they would be searching for fellow militia and friends who had been killed and mutilated. Those who died had lain exposed in the August heat for four days decomposing and picked over by animals in search of food. The sight and smell combined with the recognition of a dead friend would most likely be a troublesome memory for the rest of their lives when they returned home. They gave peace of mind to families and friends that their loved ones may have died, but at least were given a proper burial. Even today, the final wish of our military is to "take care of me if I do not make it." It is an important action that should be remembered.

As the years went by the Battle of Blue Licks and the men who died there were not forgotten. There are centennial celebrations with markers placed a hundred years after the battle. On August 19, 1928 the large monument memorializing the names of those who fought and died there was dedicated. And now each year the Sons of the American Revolution gather there for a special ceremony to remember the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought and died or survived this engagement of war.

Fortunately, Bill Lawrence recognized the challenges the burial party had to endure to complete their tasks. And while there may have been others, the names of Kirkham, Crow, Fields, Reed and the two Lawrence brothers were known and could be remembered for giving those Kentuckians who fought and died a proper burial. They had made it possible to create an identifiable site for a pilgrimage to honor those who died at the Battle of Blue Licks. They had performed the last act of battle to place those who died to rest in the soil of their homeland. Bill Lawrence has kept the memory of their difficult labor alive in the memory of history so we can appreciate what they did for our patriot ancestors.

Each year the Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution have a ceremony at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park in Carlisle, Kentucky to remember those who died at that battle. This year the ceremony was held on August 15, 2020 at 10:00 am. Flags and wreaths were placed around the monument to send a message that the fallen patriots have not been forgotten. This year we also remember that if it was not for the burial party with Samuel Lawrence, the ancestor of Compatriot Bill Lawrence, there might not be a ceremony for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication, Crestwood, Kentucky. The Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation dedicated a two panel Gold Star Families Monument on August 22nd in Crestwood Kentucky. The setting is at a beautiful location at Veterans Park of Kentucky by South Oldham High School. The park itself is a work in progress with large stone panels for each major war of the United States placed in chronological order around a meandering sidewalk with dates. The sidewalk is colored red on dates for conflicts where American blood was spilled. The park is a perfect location for the Gold Star Monument and the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter was proud to have been asked to be the Color Guard posting the National and historic flags and providing the rifle salute.



Medal of Honor Recipient Woody Williams



SAR Posting of Flags

The monument dedication was attended by a multitude of dignitaries. The keynote speaker was Hershel "Woody" Williams whose Foundation created these type monuments to remember families that lost a loved one while in the military. He recognized that when a person in the military makes the ultimate sacrifice for their country the family of that person also makes a sacrifice. Woody Williams is a true American hero as the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. He is also an SAR Compatriot from West Virginia. Other dignitaries included Heather French Henry, former Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs; Judge Sean Delahanty, Chief Court Judge of Jefferson County (ret.); Brigadier General Hal Lamberton, Adjutant General, Kentucky Guard; and Oldham County Judge Executive David Voegele. And most importantly the dedication was attended by a large number of Gold Star Families that helped lift the cover to unveil the monument. Additional photos of the event are on the following page.



Top l to r. SAR Flag Presentation: Color Guard Riflemen: Woody Williams and Heather French Henry at Attention: Woody Williams speaking: Gold Star Families at Front of Monument: Back of Monument: SAR Rifle Salute; SAR Contingent in Formation; SAR at Revolutionary War Marker and Gold Star Monument; Patrick Wesolosky, Heather French Henry, Woody Williams, Doug Collings, Steve Gahafer and Mike King After Ceremony.

Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication in Owensboro, Kentucky. A four panel Gold Star Families

Memorial Monument was dedicated in Owensboro, Kentucky on August 25th. As with the dedication in Crestwood, Kentucky, there were many dignitaries and Gold Star Families there for the unveiling. Included in the invitation was the Lt. Robert Mosely Chapter of the Kentucky Society of the SAR from Owensboro with the role of providing posted flags to frame the monument with color and reminders about our countries history and the sacrifices made by the military and their families. Some of these flags included the Gold Star, Honor and Remember, MIA/POW and the KIA. Compatriots Robert Brooks and Bill DeHaven were SAR representatives at the ceremony and posted the flags in the garden setting. And, Compatriot Gary Tunget, owner



of Gary's Fleur De Lis flower shop generously donated red carnations for Gold Star Families to present in honor of the lost loved one at the monument. Woody Williams and others remarked that the posted flags made the scene beautiful and added to the dignity of the ceremony. In addition to Woody Williams being at the dedication, U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell; U.S. Representative Brett Guthrie; Owensboro Mayor Thomas Watson and many Gold Star Families were present. It was an emotional ceremony as many Gold Star Family members received official Gold Star pins from Woody and Senator McConnell. Mike King, President of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter, SAR and National Project Manager for the Woody Williams Foundation was also at the dedication.



Top Down, l. to r. The Owensboro Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. Bill DeHaven and Robert Brooks setting out SAR flags for dedication ceremony. Woody Williams, Senator McConnel and Mayor Thomas Watson. Senator McConnel and Mike King, The presentation of flags by the Lt. Robert Mosely Chapter.

Invitation to a Gold Star Families Monument Dedication, State Capital Grounds, Frankfort, Kentucky. All

Kentucky Society, SAR Chapters are invited to participate in the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument dedication on September 27th at 2:00 pm. Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Color Guard Commander is coordinating the participation to present flags which will include U.S historical, Armed Forces, and memorial flags for Gold Star, Honor and Remember, MIA/POW and KIA. The SAR contingent will follow in the National Guard contingent to post the flags as a backdrop for the dedication and create a standing company by the monument during the rifle salute and Taps. The SAR and DAR will have a welcome reception tent at the entrance parking area to assist welcoming guests and dignitaries. Some of the dignitaries that will be present include: Woody Williams, Brigadier General Benjamin Adams, Brigadier General Hal Lamberton and many Gold Star Families. The participation in this dedication is the 7th ceremony that the Kentucky Society, SAR Chapters have participated in to remember Gold Star Families. An email will go out from Scott Giltner outlining where and when the Color Guard will need to muster. If you have any questions about the dedication please call Mike King at 502.548.6821.

Mount Vernon Vigil at George Washington's Tomb, September 19, 2020. The annual vigil at Mount Vernon, Vir-

ginia at George Washington's tomb will be held on September 19th from 8:15 am until 3:00 pm. Prior to coming a registration form needs to be submitted and the time periods from 8:30 to 2:45 pm that you will be able to stand guard. Special social distancing protocols will be used this year which will be explained the morning of the vigil. Most guards will only be standing at post for 15 minutes before exchanging. The amount of SAR guardsmen that show up will determine how often you exchange to stand at post. At this time there are three compatriots going to the vigil from the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. If you are interested in going, please contact Mike King immediately to receive a registration form, a Washington's Tomb Vigil Guide or more information for this historic road trip at 502.548.6821 or mrfking001@gmail.com.

Announcements. *Hear Ye! Hear Ye!*



- **September 17th, 7 pm, 2020 Chapter Meeting.** The September meeting will be a Zoom meeting due to the Coronavirus isolation measures. The next in-person meeting will hopefully be in October as long as social distancing is not a problem. The location will be announced.

- **48 States in 48 Days Gravestone Restoration Tour.** Jonthan Appel, with 20 years experience at cemeteries renovation, is driving around the USA giving seminars on cleaning and repairing headstones. He is doing 48 cemeteries in 48 days and will be in Kentucky on September 26, 2020. Patrick Wesolosky, who has been spearheading the Chapter graveyard projects said it would be good seminar for our membership to attend if interested in learning more about graveyard renovations and grave marker cleaning. The seminar is free and will be held Saturday, September 26, 2020, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Green Hill Cemetery, 865 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601. If interested please email Patrick at 65moots@gmail.com to coordinate the effort and arrangements. More information can be found at <https://48statetour.com> and <https://48statetour.com/events/kentucky>. Additional information will be sent out.

- **Zoom Social Call-Ins.** A special thanks goes out to Patrick Wesolosky for hosting a weekly social call on Zoom. If you would like to “Zoom In” and do not have the web link send Patrick an email to be included.
- **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 events.
- **New Members.** The Chapter will be welcoming quite a few new members who will be sworn in when the in-person meetings resume. Jon and Chris Canine have been approved as new members. We welcome them and look forward to seeing them in person. There are also a few applications still pending approval. We are fortunate that the Chapter continues to grow.
- **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. At this time they need Kroger and gift cards. Regular donation of toiletry products and books will begin again in the future. Please let Larry Selby or Mike King know if you have donation items. The Holiday Season a few months away, so efforts will begin to collect items for Christmas.
- **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.
- **250th Anniversary Challenge Coins.** Patrick Wesolosky was the first Chapter member to qualify for the 250th 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.

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

- **Compatriots and Family Dinner at Selena’s.** Family and friends are welcome. Pending.
- **Old Friends Equine Horse Farm Tour.** Pending.
- **Trivia Night at Mission BBQ.** Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending.



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

- **Chapter Facebook.** www.facebook.com. Look up: Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Ky Sar
- **Ky Society, SAR Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/1431811717073204/photos/?filter=albums
- **GISSAR Chapter Website.** www.gissar.org

- **NSSAR Website.** www.sar.org
- **Newsletter Submissions.** Send to Mike King at 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.

Upcoming Scheduled 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 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.

SEPTEMBER

- 6th - Color Guard Training for Vigil, Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY, Time: 2:00 p.m.
- 12th - Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit, Mission BBQ, 4607 Shelbyville Rd, St Matthews, KY, 9:30 am-4:00 pm
- 13th - Memorial Service, Nolynn Baptist Church, Intersection of Glendale and Dorsey Lane, Hodgenville, KY, Time: 1:30 p.m.
- 13th - Hodgen and McDougall Grave Markings, Nolynn Baptist Church, Intersection of Glendale and Dorsey Lane, Hodgenville, KY, Time: 2:30 p.m. (immediately following program at 1:30 p.m.)
- 13th - Anthony Phelps Grave Marking, Barren Run Church, 3875 Airline Road, Sonora, KY Time: 4:30 p.m. (immediately following program at 2:30 p.m.)
- 17th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting, Zoom Call. Time: 7:00 p.m. Link to be sent.
- 19th - Vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA, Time: 8:15 am.
- 24th, 25th, 26th - Fall Leadership Meeting (Virtual), Location: Brown Hotel, 335 W Broadway, Lou. KY, Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- 26th – Graveyard Marker Renovation Seminar, Location: Saturday, September 26, 2020, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Green Hill Cemetery, 865 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.
- 27th - Gold Star Monument Dedication, Capital Grounds, Frankfort, KY, Time: 2:00 p.m. (muster @1:00 p.m.)

OCTOBER

- 3rd - Gold Star Families Motorcycle Ride, Crestwood Veterans Cemetery, Crestwood, KY, 11:30 a.m. (muster @10:45 a.m.).
- 6th - Kings Mountain Reception, Location: Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr., Spartanburg, SC, 4:30 p.m.
- 6th - The Night Before Kings Mountain Presentation, Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chester Hwy, Gaffney, SC, 6:00 p.m.
- 7th - 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Kings Mountain Natl. Military Park, 2625 Park Rd, Blacksburg, SC, Time: muster @9:00 a.m. - ceremony @11:00 a.m.
- 11th - Grave Marker Cleanup Training (Hosted by Corn Island DAR), Eastern Cemetery, 641 Baxter Ave, Lou., KY, Time: TBD
- 15th - VAVS Meeting, Robley Rex Med. Center (Room E005), 800 Zorn Ave, Louisville, KY, Time: 3:00 p.m.
- 15th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY, 7:00 p.m., To verify before meeting. (Pre-meeting at Hometown Pizza, 11804 Shelbyville Rd, Middletown)
- 23rd - Pioneer Day, School Day, Blackacre, 3200 Tucker Station Road, Lou. KY, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ? and ?-18th Century Market Fair, Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Lou. KY, Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm
- ?-18th Century Market Fair, Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Lou. KY, Time: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Planned Events and Activities with No Chapter Date or Verification Yet. The following are some events and ceremonies in the planning or the verification process to determine if they will be scheduled and the date they will occur. Some of the activities are travel events. Due to the Coronavirus social distancing and changing conditions some planned events will not occur. As mentioned elsewhere, before any activity is official it will need to be verified on the Chapter website events list maintained by Scott Giltner.

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| • Black Powder Rifle Training. Date pending. | • Week of Valor Event - Veterans Week (Nov 1-11) Pending. |
| • Color Guard Training Sessions. Date pending. | • Vigil - George Rogers Clark, Cave Hill Cemetery. Date pending. |
| • Flag Retirement Ceremonies. Date pending. | • Vigil -Zachary Taylor Grave, National Cemetery. Date pending. |
| • Battle of Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia. October 7-9. | • Vigil - War Memorial, Frankfort, Kentucky. Date pending. |
| • Celtic Weekend, Shepherdsville, October 3rd. | • Wreaths Across American. December 19, 2020. |
| • Yorktown Day, Virginia. October 19th. | • Gold Star Garden Ceremony – Zachary Taylor Nat. Cemetery. |

Note: Please let the Chapter know if you have an idea for an event; if any organizations would like to involve the Chapter in an event or if any schools or organizations would be interested in an educational program from the Chapter.

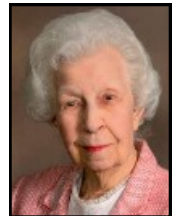
Cross Roads by Chaplain Eric McClain.

- **Patriots Award for Chaplains - The Emerson-Rosbrugh Patriot Award.** Eric McClain has worked to develop a special award for military Chaplains that have provided exemplary spiritual service to those in the military, veterans, law enforcement and first responders. The first award will be given at this years Pearl Harbor / Christmas Dinner. At this time Eric is looking for a worthy recipient and is taking nominations. If you are aware of a Chaplain that is still in the military or retired, please email Eric for more information about the criteria and submission form.
- **Chapter Chaplains Guide.** Eric is beginning to work on a new project to define the roles and responsibilities of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Chaplain. The effort includes examining other documentation from the National Society SAR and the roles of Chaplains in other organizations and determining what is needed and will work best for our growing Chapter. Some of the items include having an official Chaplains pin and identifier, the position placement when posting flags and in parades, and what types of prayers and music should be used during ceremonies. The outcome will be a standardized protocol that will create a memorable dedication during ceremonies. In addition, other Chapters are also interests in copies of the Chaplains Guide for there own use when completed. Please contact Eric if you have any suggestions.
- **Chaplain's Pin.** Eric has chosen a special pin to identify our Chapter Chaplain. The name of the pin is the Pro Deo Et Patria, the Regimental crest for the U.S. Army Chaplains Corps with motto "Pro Deo Et Patria" which in Latin is "For God and Country". It also contains the date the Army Chaplain Corps was established by the Continental Congress, July 29, 1775, only fifteen days after the creation of the Continental Army on July 14. The Chaplains for the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter will use the symbol to identify our Chaplain and to emphasize the importance for spiritual guidance. The Chaplains Guide and symbol will be voted on for approval at the next Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Meeting.



Patriot Award for Women - The Corbin-Luddington Patriot Award . DAR members Laura Jones, Rev. Sally McClain, Shelly Doss and Marika Wesolosky have worked to name the Governor Isaac Shelby woman's award. The name of the new award is called the *Corbin-Luddington Patriot Award* after two women who fought for our freedom during the Revolutionary War. This award recognizes and honors a modern woman Patriot who is in the military, a Veteran or with law enforcement. The selection recommendation and criteria will be given to the Chapter for approval at the next chapter meeting. The design is in planning and will be similar to other Chapter awards. At this time the committee for the award is seeking nominations. Please call Mike King if you would like the criteria, a nomination form and someone you would like to nominate. The first award will be given out at this years Pearl Harbor / Christmas Dinner.

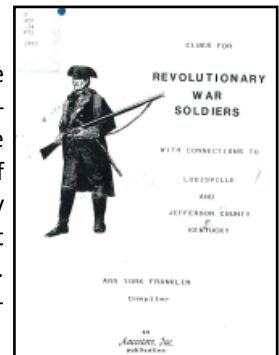
A Loss for the Chapter - The Passing of Ann Pennington York Franklin. It was with sadness that the Chapter learned about the passing of Ann Franklin. She was a friend of the DAR, SAR and the Governor Isaac Chapter and worked hard to keep Patriot history alive. Her support and contributions of knowledge and involvement were invaluable. Her obituary below shows the depth of her involvement and activism in genealogy and Patriot remembrance. Her publication is still used in the SAR Library. It was also appreciated that Ann willed a generous contribution of \$1,000 to the Chapter. Thanks Ann, you will not be forgotten.



Ann with Rev. Forrest Chilton

Ann passed away August 9, 2020 at the Episcopal Church Home in Louisville. She was born November 22, 1923 in Crockett County Tennessee, the daughter of Willard York and Mary Lucille Pennington York. She graduated from Atherton High School and received a BS degree from the University of Louisville in 1943. Ann was a chemist at Brown Forman during World War II until marrying the boss. She returned to college and received a MA in Education and a MS in Library Science from Spalding University. She worked for many years as a consultant and archivist for the Jefferson County Schools. Upon retirement she found her passion for genealogy.

Ann was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, founding member of the Louisville Genealogy Society, founding member and registrar of First Families of Kentucky, member of First Families of Tennessee and First Families of Georgia, former chapter regent of the John Marshall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, member of the Daughters of the War of 1812, Huguenot Society, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, Magna Carta Society, Descendants of Early Quakers, and many others. She was a charter member of Joyous Singers, and a charter member of Christ Church United Methodist. Ann was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Carl Cecil Franklin. She is survived by her daughter Ann Franklin Redmond Pennie" (husband Skip), Lexington, KY, and grandson William Wesley Redmond "Wes", Lexington, KY She leaves behind a special friend Clarese Fuller.



Compatriot Corner by Melvin Rowe.



Each newsletter highlights Compatriots with personal biographies so we can 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, their family and interests in and outside the SAR as well as their ancestors who they used to enter the SAR.

Patrick Wesolosky. Patrick is originally from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and moved to Kentucky in 1984 the day after graduating high school. His father had been transferred to Louisville the previous year. He attended the University of Kentucky. He is a veteran, having joined the Army Reserves after college and was based out of Bowman Field as part of a Military Intelligence Unite. Married to his wife, Marika for 14 years, Patrick has spent his entire career in retail, working for a sporting goods chain and later Liquor Barn. He is currently serving as vice president of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, serving non-profit organizations is not new to Patrick. An avid bicyclist, he has served as president of the Bluegrass Cycling Club based in Central Kentucky. Being from Pittsburg, he is a huge fan of the Pirates, Steelers and Penguins. He and his wife also enjoy visiting distilleries, breweries and wineries, and has visited major wineries in California, Washington, Canada, Argentina, and Chile. Lately he has developed a passion for locating patriot graves, and those GISSAR members who have an account of Facebook may have seen the many photos Patrick has posted of his finds and work to clean the graves. Patrick joined the Lafayette Chapter in January of 2018. Due to his schedule, he was not able to attend my first chapter meeting until December of that year .He attended the Color Guard Training in the spring of 2019 and met a bunch of members of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter and became a dual member of the GISC the next month.



Vigil Guard at George Washington's Tomb

George Adam Ruffner (1747-1828). George was a sergeant in the Northampton County Militia. After the war ended in the late 1780s, George and two of his brothers (also Patriots) and their families moved to Western Pennsylvania and settled in what is now Westmoreland County. They moved there to purchase land so that they could build a place for Catholic worship. In 1790 they started constructing a building for a visiting priest. The priest held mass in Patrick's 4th Great Uncle's house during construction. Sportsman Hall as it was called would become the first Catholic parish in Pennsylvania west of the Allegheny Mountains. More than 200 years later, that same site is the home to Saint Vincent Basilica and Saint Vincent College. For those members who have been participating in the virtual GISSAR meetings, social gatherings, and other ZOOM events, it is Patrick and his computer experience that is making those things possible. His enthusiasm and involvement are appreciated by all.

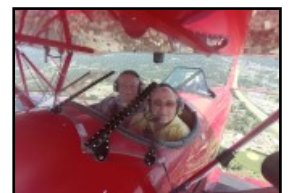
Chapter Projects. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has a variety of projects and activities that are ongoing or being planned. If interested in a project or you have an idea for a project let Mike King know. Many of these efforts earn points for the Chapter and member towards medals and awards. Submit ideas to Mike King.



- **Brown-Lawrence Cemetery.** The historical cemetery needs a cleanup and removal of bushes, tree branches, raking, etc. This effort is being organized for September. More information about cleanup to be sent out soon.
- **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.** 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.

- **New Raffle Coming - Biplane Flight.** A new raffle is starting is starting October 1st. This one is a bit different than the usual raffle item. It will be for a Classic Biplane ride out of Bowman Field circling around Louisville for two people. The views are fantastic and pretty neat to fly over the city and river to gain new perspectives. The raffle tickets for two people to take the flight will be on sale for \$10 per ticket as of October 1st. If interested contact Mike King. Mike and Murray King with Pilot.



- **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 interested in getting involved let Patrick know. This type of effort is great for school groups and organizations looking for community service hours and involvement.

Next Month: More Compatriots to be profiled in the next newsletter.

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.



- **Historically Accurate Shooting Bag.** Leather, oil tanned leather, pillow ticking. They were called possible 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, and <https://www.etsy.com/shop/KentuckyRootsWood>.
- 4 left handed archery bows. Call for price. Contact: Melvin Rowe. melvinrowe@potteryrowe.com
- Left handed .22 rifle. Call for price. Contact: Melvin Rowe. melvinrowe@potteryrowe.com
- Left handed deer rifle. Call for price. Contact: Melvin Rowe. melvinrowe@potteryrowe.com
- Pair of colonial shoes, string ties, \$20.00 - Eric McClain. mcclain.ericd@yahoo.com
- A pair of cow-hide leggings, See picture. \$50.00. Dennis Scott, 502.349-0308
- A leather cartridge box, see picture. \$60.00. Dennis Scott, 502.349-0308



• **"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.

- **Haircuts.** Recently there were some comments about people not being able to find a barbershop during social distancing. Just a heads up that if you need one, you can go to the barber that cut Forrest Chilton's hair and now cuts members of the Chapter. You can call Steve at Jim's Barber Shop, 11718 Old Shelbyville Road, Middletown, KY 40243, 502.244.5857 to make an appointment and get a good haircut. Is across the street from the City Hall in Middletown. Steve was kind to Forrest and it is not forgotten.
- **Other Historical Genealogy Groups.** Some of the compatriots in the Chapter belong to other historical genealogy groups besides the SAR. These include the First Families of Kentucky and the Society of the War of 1812. If you are interested in finding out more information about these organizations contact Mike King.

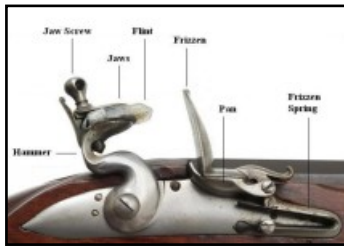


Correspondence. The Chapter has many associates and friends in the community with similar interests in genealogy, history, Veteran and military support and projects to help others. The Chapter will be sending our newsletters to the list and working to communicate with them about our events and theirs. The Social Page will list events by other organizations and give links to their information. If you would like to add a person or organization to the list please contact Mike King.

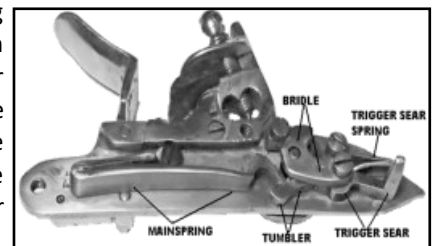
RamRod Tales by Rod Smothers. The Flintlock in the Revolutionary War.

The “Shot Heard Around the World” occurred April 19, 1775 and although there were many reasons for the start of hostilities between Great Britain and her colonies, the immediate cause centered on the control of weapons, ammunition, and other military stores that had been gathered at Concord in anticipation of the coming conflict. The colonists were well aware of the need to protect their ability to resist tyranny since the Massachusetts Government Act had restructured the Colonial government by British parliamentary fiat in 1774. General Gage, as governor and commander of British troops, held power over the colony and had declared it to be in open rebellion since he controlled nothing but Boston. His plan to avoid open conflict had been to use quick strikes to take the powder stored in many villages surrounding Boston in the months prior to April 19. These almost bloodless forays were initially successful but later outmaneuvered by the colonists who understood the importance of keeping their own powder stores. The first of these strikes on September 1, 1774 became known as the “powder alarm” and was followed by other expeditions later that year and in early 1775.

The struggle over military stores and especially weapons and ammunition certainly influenced the 2nd amendment to our Constitution as the founders sought to avoid the same tyranny at some future date. As indicated in the previous article, the Flintlock was the most advanced personal weapon of the day in 1775 and would remain so for at least the next 50 years. The flintlock relied on a flint striking a steel frizzen to produce the shower of sparks necessary to ignite the powder in the pan and ultimately the main charge in the breech of the weapon. The diagrams below show the parts of the lock. Note the presence of three springs (frizzen, main, and trigger sear) that provide the energy to operate the gun. Cocking the gun stores the energy in the main spring and trigger



ger sear spring necessary to fire the gun. The frizzen spring keeps the frizzen closed and is in its compressed state with the frizzen closed. When the gun is not in use, the hammer (also known as the “cock” because of its shape) should be resting in the pan and the frizzen should be open to take the strain off the springs. The bridle and tumbler operate to release the energy of the mainspring when the trigger mechanism presses the trigger sear upward to fire the gun.



The flintlock is known as a muzzleloader because the main powder charge and the lead ball or bullet is loaded through the muzzle. Loading requires the frizzen to be opened exposing the shallow depression called the pan. A small amount of powder is poured in the pan and the frizzen is closed entrapping the powder. Then the main powder charge is poured in the barrel followed by the ball which is tamped down to seat it firmly on the powder. Wadding of some kind (often paper) is then rammed to hold the ball in place. Most Revolutionary war flintlocks were muskets (smooth bore weapons). These are analogous to shotguns and while they are not as accurate as flintlock rifles, they have two advantages: (1) they were much faster to load and (2) military muskets had a bayonet lug on them that allowed the soldier to attach a bayonet.

During the Vietnam War, the US army determined that an important factor in winning a fight was the number of rounds fired. As a result, defense secretary Robert McNamara switched from the M14 (a 7.62mm round) to the M16 (a 5.56mm round) in 1964. This smaller “assault” rifle meant that a soldier could carry more of its lighter ammunition and could therefore keep more rounds flying toward the enemy. During the Revolutionary War, the rebels soon learned that the musket was a better option than the rifle because it can fire four rounds per minute while the rifle averages only three rounds per minute because of the need for a cloth patch to insure a tight fit for the ball. This patch was critical to achieve the greater accuracy since the spin of the ball is what keeps it on target and the spin is dependent on the patch making tight contact with the spiral rifling of the barrel. The flintlock musket is often thought to be fairly inaccurate with many people suggesting that it was used mostly in battle lines only 50 to 80 yards apart. Fellow reenactors however, report that they are able to hit a man sized target consistently up to 200 yards. The rifle on the other hand was reported to have been accurate on actual Rev. War battlefields at 400 yards. As a result, the rifle became a specialized weapon used when tactics prioritized accuracy over rate of fire.

A significant problem with both the musket and the rifle is the powder itself. Black powder is notorious for fouling the barrel. That is, there is incomplete combustion even in modern black powder that is presumably of higher quality than the powder available in the 18th c. After only a few rounds, the fouling can make it noticeably difficult to load the weapon and eventually the shooter will not be able to seat the ball. At this point, the soldier is grateful if he is using a musket because he can now attach his bayonet to convert the musket into a seven foot long spear. Plug bayonets can be inserted into the barrel of a rifle once the barrel is fouled beyond use but the musket has the advantage of being designed so that it can be fired with the bayonet attached.

In most conflicts the army holding the ground is the winner and in the Revolutionary War, early British victories were often concluded with a bayonet charge to drive the colonists from the field. It is indeed a harrowing experience to face a battle line when the command is given to “charge bayonets” weapons are lowered, drum beats urge the quickstep, cries of “huzzah” accompany the sight of unrelenting British grenadiers and one realizes that mercy has flown and no quarter is given.