

Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter

Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution



Announcements - Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



- **Veterans Day Reverse Parade Celebration.** Saturday, November 7th, from 11 am to 1:00 pm. The regular Veterans Day Parade in downtown Louisville has been canceled. In it's place there will be a reverse parade held at Southeast Christian Church on Blankenbaker Lane. The reverse parade will have booths with exhibitors. Visitors will drive cars through a lane of exhibitors and participants. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter will have a large location representing the SAR and honoring Veterans with the flags and banners and SAR and DAR members waving to the crowd as they drive by. We hope to have as many SAR and DAR participants as possible for this fun first time event. More information coming.
- **Veterans Day Ceremonies, Lexington, 11/8, 12:30 pm and Frankfort, 11/11, 4:00 pm.** Special Veteran ceremonies with complete Color Guard detail. See Schedule page 2. Email Scott Giltner if you would like to come or contact Mike King for more information.
- **November 19th, 7 pm, 2020 Chapter Meeting and New Member Pinning.** The November meeting is planned to be in-person with a Zoom meeting link. The meeting will include a special ceremony to officially welcome and pin new members into the SAR and Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. The location is still being determined.
- **The Annual Pearl Harbor Day Dinner and Awards Ceremony - Canceled.** Due to the Coronavirus increase and the need for increased social distancing, the annual Pearl Harbor dinner has been canceled. A virtual memorial ceremony for Pearl Harbor Day will take the place of the event. The dinner has been moved to February.
- **Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Virtual Ceremony.** A virtual ceremony will be held by the Chapter to remember and honor those who served and died at Pearl Harbor hallmarking the entrance of the United States into World War II. The ceremony will most likely be held on December 7th in the evening. More information will be coming on the ceremony.
- **George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual Chapter Dinner.** A tentative date has been set for February 20th, 6 - 9:30 pm for the annual chapter dinner and awards presentation and to celebrate George Washington's birthday. This event takes the place of the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner from December. The location, food, format and agenda are still being worked on. More on this event will be sent out soon.
- **Veterans Support.** The Holiday Season is fast approaching as well as the annual giving for Veterans in need. In the past the Chapter made donations of household items, food and clothes. Unfortunately, due to social distancing protocols these items are still not accepted except for some toiletries. In place of these items Robley Rex VA Medical Center will gratefully accept Kroger and gift cards used for items are needed by Veterans. [Veteran Family Adoption](#). The Chapter has an option of adopting a single veteran or a veteran family during Christmas. This is a way to directly give to a needy Veteran or family during the Christmas Season. More details on this in November. If you have any questions contact Larry Selby.
- **2020 Wreaths Across America.** Unfortunately the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony has been severely curtailed this year due to Coronavirus. There will be a virtual ceremony from Zachary Taylor National Cemetery with only ten participants and not open to the public. The following day limited groups of ten persons at a time will be allowed in the cemetery to lay wreaths on graves. More information on dates and ceremony coming.

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- **Welcome to New Chapter Members.** The Chapter will be welcoming quite a few new members to be sworn in and pinned. There are also new dual members from other Chapters that we welcome also. Some new SAR compatriots are Lincoln Amirault, Kurt Hall, LeRoy Halter, Clyde Wilson, Matthew Coleman, Jason Coleman; Matthew Whisman, Dean Slaby, Mark Slaby, Jackson Slaby, Louis Kelley, John Kelley, Chris Canine, Jon Canine, Phillip Bloyd, Donald Gosser, (John Gosser in approval) and Chad Gahafer. Also welcome to Bill Redmond a new dual member.
- **Financial Audit.** The annual audit of the Chapters finances and bookkeeping was completed in October by Charlie Scott and Tom Higgins. The outcome showed there were no issues. Treasurer Rod Smothers has done a great job managing the finances.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

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.

November.

- 7th - Reverse Veterans Day Parade. Location: Southeast Christian Church, 920 Blankenbaker Pkwy, Middletown, KY, Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (muster time).
- 8th - Patriot Veterans Day Service. Lexington Cemetery, 833 W Main St, Lexington, KY. Time: 12:30 p.m. (muster at 11:30 p.m.)
- 8th - Veterans Day Service. Veterans Park, 10707 Taylorsville Rd, Jeffersontown, KY. Time: 4:00 p.m. (muster at 3:30 p.m.)
- 11th - Veterans Day Ceremony. Frankfort Cemetery, DAR Lot, 215 E Main St, Frankfort, KY. 4:00 p.m. (muster at 3:00 p.m.)
- 14th - KYSSAR Fall Meeting. Location: Virtual Meeting. Time: 9:00 a.m. (BOG) 9:30 a.m. (General Meeting)
- 19th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. TBD. Middletown, KY. Time: 7:00 p.m.

December.

- 7th - Pearl Harbor Virtual Memorial Ceremony. Time: to be determined.
- 18th - Wreaths Across America. Virtual Ceremony. Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, KY .
- 19th - Wreaths Across America. Location: Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, KY - Wreath Placement Only.

January, 2021.

- 21st - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Location: TBD. Middletown, KY. Time: 7:00 p.m.
- ?th - Wreath Retirement. Location: Zachary Taylor Nat. Cem., 4701 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY. Time: TBD

Pending Ceremonies.

- Vigil - George Rogers Clark, Cave Hill Cemetery. Date pending.
- Vigil - Zachary Taylor Grave, National Cemetery. Date pending.
- Vigil - War Memorial, Frankfort, Kentucky. Date pending.
- 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.

End of Year Activities and Planning.



- **Looking for More Member Outreach.** One of the goals of the Chapter this coming year is more outreach and communications with Chapter members. The purpose is to provide all members, regardless of their interest, communications with the Chapter even if they are not active. We want to let them know, they are still fellow compatriots and welcome at any time to meetings and activities. We also request their ideas to improve the Chapter and let us know about activities that benefits the community and the Chapter.
- **Communications.** One of the keys for the Chapter to be successful with being involved with the members and those who may desire to be members is good communications. In some instances the Chapter has not done well with communications to keep in touch and aware about what is going on in the Chapter. Due to this there has been an effort to improve communications. This includes revamping the newsletter, setting up Facebook, having Zoom calls and sending out notification emails. If you have any suggestions please contact Mike King.
- **Chapter Newsletter Send-Out.** The Chapter newsletter is being sent out to all members of the Chapter. In addition, the newsletter will now be sent to all other Kentucky SAR Chapters, DAR Chapters who have requested the newsletter and other clubs and organizations that have activities and events the Chapter may be interested in. The purpose is to let everyone know what we are doing and let them know they are welcome to participate with us and that we may be willing to participate with them. If you know anyone who may be interested in receiving a newsletter, let Mike King know.
- **Chapter Brotherhood.** During the past year other nearby SAR Chapters have been involved with the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. So, part of the outreach to other SAR and DAR members is to have them post announcements for their activities and events in the Governor Isaac Shelby newsletter. The mutual support will be beneficial for all concerned.
- **Alliances with Other Organizations.** When we participate in ceremonies and events, there are usually guests and other organizations who are interested in our outfits and what we do. Many have expressed interest in cross participation with their events. Due to this, the Chapter email list will also include other organizations. Let Mike King know if you have an organization that would benefit from our newsletter.
- **ByLaws and Constitution Updates.** The Chapter ByLaws and Constitution are undergoing an annual review for changes and additions to ensure that they support the members of the Chapter appropriately. Currently there are a variety of committee additions that will expand activities and opportunities for the Chapter members. After an initial round of editing the draft ByLaws and Constitution will be sent to all members for feedback and approval.
- **Chapter Branding.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has worked hard the last few years to participate in activities, grow in size and create our own identify to honor Governor Isaac Shelby and all Patriots from the past. Due to this we are now branding documentation using the Governor Isaac Shelby image along with the SAR emblem.
- **Looking for Ideas and Interests.** Many members assume the focus of the Chapter is just on grave markings and ceremonies where you dress up in Colonial attire. While this has been a major activity of the Chapter, we would also like to expand the interest to other areas for those who are not interested or in a position to go to grave markings and other ceremonies. This includes more genealogy work, historical presentations, visits to museums and other organizations presentations. If you have an area you are interested in that you feel would benefit the members of the Chapter please let Mike King know.
- **Ceremonies and Events.** Unfortunately a large number of ceremonies and events have been canceled this year due to social isolation needs. However, with optimism we are now starting to plan and schedule activities for the coming year. This includes grave markings, vigils, parades, social outings and event presentations. If you have an event that is upcoming and you would like to schedule please let Scott Giltner or Mike King know.
- **Chapter Projects.** There are some Chapter project that did not move forward this past year due to social distancing issues. These include the Dog Tag Project, Monument at Locust Grove and Lafayette Trail Markers. Hopefully these can move forward this coming year. If you have a project you would like to recommend or organize for the Chapter let Mike King know.
- **Flu Shots.** Tis the season. Medical organizations have recommended getting flu shots as soon as possible. There is an expected increase in flu combined with the risk of Coronavirus. If you get the flu you are more susceptible to the impacts of getting he Coronavirus. For those volunteering at various organizations e.g. Robley Rex VA Medical Center, it is required. Call your doctor or a pharmacy to find the best location to get your flu shot.
- **Additional Veterans Support.** Currently there is a small house in the West End of Louisville that is being renovated by a non-profit organization to use as a home for older Veterans with no permanent place to live. The house will hold three Veterans and one support person who will watch over them. The house is still being renovated with the plan on completing the effort by the end of the year at which time the house will be furnished and prepared for the Veterans. At this time they are looking for good used furniture and household goods that can be used for the house. This includes single beds, tables, chairs, lamps, dishes, etc. A detailed list is now being prepared. So, if you have any good items you would like to donate, please contact Mike King.

Vigil at Washington's Tomb



On September 19th the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter was represented at Mt. Vernon, near Alexandria, Virginia for the Annual Vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb. The Compatriots from the Chapter included Jay Doss, Kent Hathaway and Mike King with Shelly Doss representing the DAR and Mary Jean King taking pictures. As always, it is emotional to stand guard at the tomb of our first President and military commander during the Revolutionary War. As members of the SAR, it is a privilege to remember and honor the most important founding father of our great country.



The day was sunny at the beautiful historic home overlooking the Potomac River. While the participants followed social distancing protocols, it did not diminish the impact of being at Washington's home, standing guard at his grave and touring the historic site and cultivated grounds, boat dock and farm.

The Market Fair was going on the same time as the vigil and spread out over the estate. Many in the crowd were dressed in Colonial attire making it feel as if you had stepped back in time. The crowd was smaller than usual for the vigil and fair, however it just made it more intimate and made your feel more involved. After the Vigil, the Chapter members spent the rest of the day visiting the Lincoln, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, the DAR National Headquarters and doing a driving tour past Ford's Theatre, the US Capital and the Mall. The day was capped off with dinner in Old Town Alexandria (see pictures next page). Planning has already begun for the 2021 Mt. Vernon Vigil. If interested in going this coming September look for planning announcements beginning early Summer.



Images top down. Jay Doss and Kent Hathaway at Guard Post. Kent at Guard Exchange. Jay Doss and Mike King Marching to Post, Posted and Exchanging Guards. Jay Doss Giving Personal Salute from the Chapter.

In the background, the sarcophagus of Martha Washington on the left and George Washington on the right. The George Washington's Commander-in-Chief Flag is posted in place.

Road Trips and Events. There are a variety of historical ceremonies and events that occur throughout the year that are within driving distance from the Louisville and Lexington area. Some are regularly attended by members of the Chapter. Others are pretty neat but are not as well known. The trips, like the one's to Mount Vernon, King's Mountain and Vincennes are interesting and fun. However, in a recent conversation some in the Chapter asked how they can find out about them, what types of arrangements are needed, who all is going, where are you staying, etc. Good questions all. So, going forward there will be a road trip calendar in the newsletter with information about road trip events, dates, hotels, who is going, and other information to make the trip fun and satisfying. Chapter members are also asked to let Mike King know about events they are interested in attending. And, in some cases the road trip is not to go to an event, it may be a visit to a museum or historical site that is away from Louisville. For more information on this or suggestions contact Mike King.

Touring Washington, DC. After the Vigil at Mt. Vernon the group toured downtown DC. It capped off a wonderful weekend. Already looking forward to next year. Some photos follow.



Top l to right. Mt. Vernon, Iwo Jima Monument, Kent Hathaway, Jay Doss and Mike King at Vietnam Wall, Kent at Vietnam Wall, Jay and Shelly at Lincoln Memorial, Shelly at DAR Headquarters, Jay, Mary Jean King, Kent and Shelly at Lincoln Memorial, Jay, Shelly, Kent and Mary Jean at Old Town Alexandria Town Hall, the main street in Old Town Alexandria for dinner and shopping.

Cemetery Renovations Committee.

During this year Patrick Wesolosky, Steve Gahafer, John Buckler, Scott Giltner found an alternative to some of the usual Chapter events and activities that were canceled due to the Coronavirus. The alternative is grave renovations. This includes finding and identifying ancestor graves and marking them with GPS locations, cleaning and cutting back vegetation, and recording them for future research and history. Also, included is cleaning up current cemeteries and tombstones that have fallen in disrepair. The work removes grit and moss from the stones so they can be read, doing adjustments and repairs on broken stones and maintenance on the site. The benefits are that the community volunteers ensure that those who passed before us are remembered, the history maintained on the stones is preserved and it gives a good outdoors activity that is recorded by the Chapter for Veterans Service. Recently the Lafayette, Gov. Isaac Shelby and Boone Chapters were involved in a training class in Frankfort for tombstone renovation and the Corn Island, DAR Chapter in Louisville held a similar class in Eastern Cemetery. The effort to go to cemeteries that have fallen into disrepair is fast becoming an outdoor hobby that is satisfying to the person doing it and to the community and Veterans graves that are cleaned. The Chapter Cemetery Renovations Committee is assembling materials from the internet and classes to help guide those interested in doing this type of volunteer work. Hopefully during the next few months a class will be sponsored by the Chapter to train volunteers on graveyard and tombstone renovations. And, effort on some graveyards in Louisville are waiting approval to begin cleanup as soon as the leaves have fallen. If you are interested in participating your help would be appreciated. Contact Patrick Wesolosky if you are interested in helping.



Veterans Service Hours.

Helping on projects cleaning Veterans graves at cemeteries can earn the Chapter service hours that count towards the USS Stark award and chapter members would individually earn points towards the Service to Veterans Medal. Information will be sent out for dates and times when cleanups occur.

Pictures top down, l to right. A Group of DAR and SAR Compatriots watch marker cleaning demonstration. Rod and Connie Smothers with Larry Selby look on during training, Patrick Wesolosky cleaning a Veterans tombstone. Rod and Connie standing in Eastern Cemetery roadway.



The Almost Battle of Marshfield - Kent Hathaway.

The town of Marshfield was well known as a heavy Torie town, with the lead Torie being Nathaniel Ray Thomas. The Loyalists of Marshfield wrote to General Gage to send some of their finest troops for protection from the Patriots, on January 23, 1775. A detachment of 100 troops known as the Queens Guard led by Captain Nesbitt Balfour marched their way unnoticed to stay at the Thomas mansion. These guards hunkered down for a long stay. On March 2, 1775 General Gage replied to the town of Marshfield, saying that "I have great Satisfaction in having contributed to the safety and protection of a People so eminent for their loyalty to their King and Affection to their country, at a time when Treason and Rebellion is making such hasty strides to overturn our most excellent constitution and spread ruin and desolation thro' the Province."

Patriots were harassed, aggravated, and bullied everyday by these Redcoats. Mercy Otis Warren wrote to Abigail Adams from Plymouth "You have doubtless heard that there is a detachment from headquarters stationed in the neighborhood of Plymouth. People here are much at a loss, what can be the design of this ridiculous movement; probably it is intention to provoke, till some rashness shall give a pretext, to the beginning of hostilities." The Patriots were ready for war! Local Colonel Anthony Thomas sent word to his brother, General John Thomas, at Boston to dispatch two regiments to Marshfield. With tensions rising, men of Plymouth County knew what they had to do. They would march to Marshfield and deal with Balfour's Redcoats.



Two Patriot regiments were sent to Marshfield to attack the Redcoats. The two regiments arrived in Marshfield led by Colonels Theophilus Cotton and John Baily. The militia observed the Regulars in battle maneuvers, and they were frightened by rumors that there were Cannons at the Nathaniel Ray Mansion. The Patriots did not march against the enemy, even though they outnumbered them. Had these two regiments proceeded to drive the Redcoats out of Marshfield then history would be a little different.

On April 19, 1775, the news of Lexington and Concord had reached the Marshfield Wigs around noon. Even if the Militia and Minutemen men of Plymouth County were to march towards Boston, they would have been too late to fight on the "Battle Road" alongside their fellow Compatriots. On the morning of April 20, 1775 Captain Willie Thomas climbed to the summit of Wards Hill and fired three shots to alert the town that war had begun. General Gage decided to immediately ship Balfour's regiment back to Boston. As Balfour and his troops evacuated Marshfield, more Patriots arrived from surrounding towns which included Minuteman, Samuel Savory Jr., of the Wareham Militia. These troops made and carried a coffin for the hated Nathaniel Ray Thomas who had left for Boston with the British. One of the Patriot Regiments had gotten to the mansion and asked, "where are the British?" Mrs. Thomas reported "you just missed the them."

Kent Hathaway (Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter, Kentucky Society) is the 9th generation grandson of Samuel Savory, Jr., a Minuteman for the Wareham, Massachusetts Militia whose first assignment was to march to Marshfield, Massachusetts to remove the hated Regulars. References: Of Tea and Tories, Cynthia Hagar Krusell and History of Duxberry, Justin Winsor.

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

- [Chapter Facebook](https://www.facebook.com). www.facebook.com. Look up: Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Ky Sar
- [Ky Society, SAR Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1431811717073204/photos/?filter=albums): www.facebook.com/groups/1431811717073204/photos/?filter=albums
- [GISSAR Chapter Website](http://www.gissar.org). www.gissar.org
- [NSSAR Website](http://www.sar.org). www.sar.org
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- [Chapter Officers](#). See the front page for the Chapter Officers email addresses.

Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication in Frankfort, Kentucky. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter participated in the opening ceremony for the newly dedicated Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on the Capital Grounds in Frankfort, Kentucky. The monument is the brainchild of Hershel “Woody” Williams the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from Iwo Jima in World War II and co-founder of his organization that honors Gold Star Families and the loss of a family member while serving in the military. While the dedication was limited in number due to social isolation protocols, the addition of the SAR flag presentation provided a colorful backdrop and added to the pageantry of the ceremony. The SAR has participated in six dedication of these monument, and supports the effort to recognize and honor Gold Star Families.



Pictures top to bottom, l to r. National Guard Color Guard Entrance, National Guard Color Guard in front of veiled monument with Chapter Color Guard Commander Scott Giltner at Attention, National Guard Color Guard Entrance with Larry Selby and Jay Doss at Attention, Mike King, Taylor Henry, AW Buie and Shelly Doss Posting the MIA/POW and Gold Star Flags, Governor Andy Beshear Speaking, Woody Williams Congratulating General Benjamin Adams -the Chairman of the Frankfort Gold Star Monument Project for the Completion, Mike King Presenting the Wreath for the Governor, Randy Lane by UPS Truck, Dedicated Gold Star Families Memorial Monument with Wreath and Flowers from Families.

Cross Roads by Chaplain Eric McClain.

- **Patriots Award for Chaplains - The Emerson-Rosbrugh Patriot Award.** The Emerson-Rosbrugh Award will be given out in February at the Washington’s Birthday Celebration. If you are aware of a Chaplain that is still in the military or retired that is deserving of an award, please email Eric for more information about the criteria and submission form.
- **Chapter Chaplains Guide.** The Chapter Chaplains Guide has been developed with new additions to address the needs of the Chapter. Eric is still looking for suggestions and ways to have the Chaplain support Chapter members and being more involved in SAR ceremonies and events. Some of the items include official Chaplains pin and identifiers (Pro Deo et Patria military pin and the vintage Shepherds Crook), position placement when posting flags and in parades, types of prayers and music for ceremonies. The outcome will be a standardized protocol that will create a memorable dedication during ceremonies. 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.

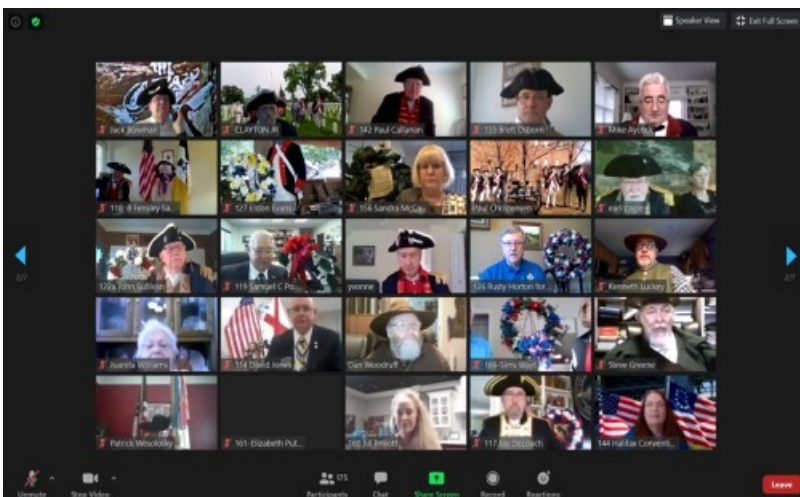
Motorcycle Rally. Annual Gold Star Families Memorial Motorcycle Ride - October 3rd, 2020. The annual motorcycle ride honoring Gold Star Families was held at Captains Quarters in Louisville and the recently dedicated Gold Star Families Monument in Crestwood. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter was asked to provide Colors and Standards with the Marine Corps League providing a rifle salute and the Sounding of Taps. Woody Williams was present with a group of Gold Star Families, 50 riders, the Kilroy Chapter and the Crestwood Fire Department. The brief ceremony was special to the Gold Star Families present and to Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams who celebrated his 97th birthday.



Top down, l to r. Gold Star Families at the Monument, the Marine Corps League Rifle Salute, Woody Williams with members of the SAR, SAR Posted at Attention Steve Gahafer, Rod Smothers, Kent Hathaway, Allen Rusing, Patrick Wesolosky, Randy Lane and Mike King, The SAR Color Guard Entrance Lead by Scott Giltner, Waving SAR Flags with Allen, Parick and Randy.

Annual King's Mountain Celebration. The annual King's Mountain Celebration of the Overmountain Men victory over the British and Major Patrick Ferguson, in South Carolina, was held on the anniversary, October 7th. However, this year instead of doing the annual assembly and climb up the mountain to the memorial monuments, the members dialed in to a virtual ceremony.

The well organized celebration was virtual using Zoom and pre-recorded video. (The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter uses the same technology at previous events in Middletown and Blue Licks). Multiple compatriots from the Kentucky Society SAR presented wreaths during the ceremony including Pat Berry, State President, Kentucky Society; Doug Collins, Registrar General Louisville-Thruston Chapter, KY SAR; Edward Keeton Chapter President Big Sandy Chapter, KY SAR; Mike King President, Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter; Scott Giltner, National Color Guard Adjutant, Col. John Hardin Chapter, KY SAR. Patrick Wesolosky, Vice President of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter, KY SAR was a member of the Color Guard. Many Kentuckians have ancestors who were Overmountain Men so the annual celebration is special to the Kentucky Chapters and the members who remember them. One of the many screens from the ceremony is shown.



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 and waiting for final approval. More information 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 - Biplane Flight.** 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 are on sale for \$10 per ticket. If interested contact Mike King.



Ideas from Chapter Members. The following are some ideas from members that are helpful for wearing period clothing.

- **Colonial Shoes.** Many of the Chapter members who participate in events and ceremonies dress in Revolutionary War and Colonial style outfits from the tip of the hat to the bottom on the shoes. However, many complain about the shoes. Some have bought authentic style shoes only to discover they are uncomfortable, hard to walk in and expensive. Others wear gators to hide regular street shoes but would prefer to wear stockings. One idea to address these issues was pursued by Steve Gahafer recently. With a little work, you can have comfortable shoes that look like those worn in Revolutionary War times. The trick is to buy some black slip on shoes at "Off Broadway Shoes" or other shoe stores, get some shoe buckles from Townsend or another period dress vendor, some plastic tie wraps to secure the buckles and small straps of black leather that can be glued across the buckle. The effort gives you colonial shoes that look fairly authentic, are comfortable and inexpensive. Ask Steve Gahafer or Mike King if interested in making your own colonial shoes.
- **Sagging Socks.** One problem with wearing colonial stockings is that after they have been



worn awhile they begin to sag that can give you a that "Aunt Bee" wrinkled ankle look even if you wear garters. One suggestion is to use "blousing garters" like what is worn in the military to blouse pants over boots. The blousing garters can be worn hidden above or below the knees, easily adjusted as needed and put on and taken off in a moments notice with the little hooks. They an also be used to wrap other items that need quick access. Blousing garters are inexpensive at about \$1.00 a pair, come in a variety of colors and can be purchased thru Amazon and a variety of stores on-line. Ask Mike King for more information if interested.

Newsletter Submissions. Do you have a submission, an article or an announcement for the newsletter? Or, is there something you would like to see. If so, please send to Mike King.

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.
- **My Old Kentucky Home Visit.** Pending.
- **Distillery Tour.** In planning for December.

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
- **"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.



Next Month.

- Compatriot Corner Returns. Two compatriots to be profiled in the coming edition.
- Scouting Activity Updates. A list of current and planned activities will be listed.
- Related Organizations. A detailed List of related historical, genealogical and related organizations that you can also join.
- Chapter Support - Help Wanted. A list of volunteer activities needed to support the Chapter.
- Project Organizing for Current Projects.
- Identifying and Scheduling Events for 2021.
- Earning the 250th Challenge Coin.

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.

