



Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter

Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution



Welcome to 2021

Greetings and Happy New Year! Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter wishes everyone a great upcoming year with optimism and excitement. While 2020 had limited activities and events due to the Coronavirus, the Chapter stayed busy with Zoom Chapter Meeting and Social Calls and some outside Chapter events. 2020 is still considered a successful year for the Chapter due to the involvement and interest of the Chapter members. Special thanks go out to Patrick Wesolosky, Scott Giltner, Larry Selby, Rod Smothers and other for their leadership managing Zoom meetings and ceremonial events. Even SAR President General John T. Manning commented about the efforts and success of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter in communicating with members via Zoom. All members of the Chapter are looking forward to a great upcoming year with even more communications and the return of many gatherings and events. Some of the initiatives being planned include:

- ◆ Ceremonial Events with Grave Markings and Vigils.
- ◆ Flag Presentation Ceremonies at Public Events.
- ◆ Social Gatherings for Members and Families.
- ◆ New Color Guard Maneuvers and Protocols.
- ◆ Cemetery Restoration and Cleanup Projects.
- ◆ Veteran Support Initiatives.
- ◆ Scout and School Projects.
- ◆ Community Projects.
- ◆ Educational Programs.

A goal of the Chapter is to also provide all SAR, DAR and other organizations members a chance to participate in something they would be interested in and enjoy doing. The Chapter welcomes others to participate with the Governor Isaac Shelby activities. If you have any suggestions or are interested in participating contact Mike King.

- **SAR Rosette Pinning Ceremonies Scheduled!** After a long wait, the official SAR rosette pinning ceremonies for new members has been scheduled for February 13th and the 21st at Mission BBQ. See following page for more information.
- **Chapter Awards Program Scheduled!** The annual Chapter Awards program and presentation has been schedule on Zoom for February 20th. See following page.
- **Scheduled Activities.** A variety of activities are now being scheduled or planned. See the following pages for the listings. If you have any ideas send to Mike King.

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Announcements - Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



Chapter SAR Rosette Pinning Ceremonies - February 13th and 21st. After quite a few months the Chapter is finally pinning new members with the SAR Rosette signifying their official welcome into the SAR. It has been awhile and many being pinned have already been active with Chapter participation. The ceremony will still observe social isolation protocol with arrangements to do a public pinning individually with all of the appropriate pomp, circumstances and appreciation for new members.

The ceremonies are now being scheduled and will be located at Mission BBQ, 4607 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207 in the front dining room. The days will be:

- Saturday February 13th, starting at 11:30 pm.
- Sunday February 21st, starting at 1:00 pm.

Each new member is being contacted to set up a time for their pinning. The ceremonies will be photographed and recorded for those who cannot make it. Families are welcome to come and also enjoy eating at the inexpensive family friendly Mission Bar-B-Que that supports the military and the SAR. Social distancing protocols will still be observed.

New members from other SAR Chapters and other members of the SAR who received a pin in the past but did not have a ceremony are also welcome to get pinned during this event. They are also welcome to come and receive their recognition as well as their Patriot ancestor. All members of the SAR are welcome to attend as well as their families. If interested in the ceremony contact Larry Selby and Mike King.

Also, in addition to the rosette pinning ceremony for new members. There are two new ceremonies planning for March. They include a posthumous recognition ceremony for members being listed as members in the SAR and a ceremony for the recognition of compatriots with supplemental ancestors from the Revolutionary War. More details on these later.

Chapter Award Program and Presentation and Washington Birthday Celebration - February 20th, 6:00 pm.

The annual awards program and presentation is usually done at the Pearl Harbor Ceremony and Dinner event in December. However, the ceremony was canceled due to coronavirus isolation. In spite of social isolation many of the Compatriots in the Chapter have earned a number of awards that are long overdue for presentation. Due to this Charlie Scott and Patrick Wesolosky will have a Zoom Awards Program and Presentation scheduled for February 20th at 6:00 pm. The agenda will include:

- The formal recognition and honors for the United States.
- A salute to General George Washington - our nations first president for his birthday
- The presentation of awards to the Chapter Compatriots.

A zoom dial in number will be sent out prior to February 20th for the program. The zoom call will include a slide show with each member receiving an award and the award being received. A list of those receiving awards will also be emailed out so they can be on line when the presentation is made. For more information please contact Charlie Scott or Patrick Wesolosky.

SAR Museum Artifacts. During January, Zachary Distel, Museum Curator, gave some of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter members a tour of some of the new artifacts that have been acquired for the SAR Museum currently being constructed. Those in attendance included Phil Bloyd, Brendan Potter and Mike King. The new acquisitions included Revolutionary War sword, small cannons and busts of historic Patriots, pistols and other items from the Colonial period that show how people lived and functioned at that time. The growing number of display items combined with the well thought out and beautiful design of the museum will make the SAR Museum a great place to visit and learn about our Patriot past. (An article will update the status of the museum the next newsletter).



Chapter Elections Coming in March. The Chapter elections are coming next month. The slate of those volunteering for an office and a call for other nominations will occur followed by vote during the March meeting. If you are interested in an officers position or being a Committee Chairperson please contact Mike King.

Special Induction and Pinning.

Rosette Pinning of Compatriot Kenneth Woodburn. On January 8th at Mission BBQ, Lt. Col Kenneth Woodburn, US Army retired and Veteran of the United States Military was inducted and pinned as a fellow Compatriot under his patriot descendant Thomas Woodburn. In addition, he received the SAR War Service Certificate and Medal for his action in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. The ceremony followed social isolation protocol but was still well attended with the full ceremony which includes the reading of the proclamation, the claspings of the SAR flag, taking the SAR oath and rosette pinning. President Mike King read the proclamation, Registrar Larry Selby assisted with the flag, Compatriot Brendan Potter did the pinning and Charlie Scott provided the certificate and medal to Ken’s wife Tammy to present to her husband. The Patriot ceremonial induction was touching and a reminder about the sacrifices that our Patriot ancestors made as well as our current military and Veterans who protect our freedom.



Lt. Col. Woodburn has been courageously fighting prostate cancer so the induction was a spirit boosting event that showed he has support from all the members of the SAR and Chapter. We appreciate his military service, his ongoing efforts to fight the cancer, and providing public awareness about prostate cancer and treatments. We all wish Ken and Tammy Woodburn and all their family the best for the future and welcome him to the Chapter as a fellow compatriot. Reporter Grace Hayba and the WDRB news crew were there to film the ceremony and interview Ken. The story is on the internet at: [Louisville Veteran Battling Cancer Inducted into Sons of the American Revolution](#). It is also located on the Chapter Facebook page.



Above, l. to r. SAR War Service Medal. Mike King swearing in Lt. Col. Woodburn with Larry Selby, Brendan Potter doing the pinning. Charlie Scott presenting the War Service Medal.

Planned Events and Activities with No Chapter Date or Verification Yet. The following are some activities planned with no assigned dates. The events will be scheduled based on changes in social isolation, opportunities and interest. All scheduled events will be listed on the Chapter website under events. Social events are not shown here, see page 13.

Chapter Dinner and Celebration	Vigil - George Rogers Clark, Cave Hill Cemetery. TBD
Gold Star Garden Ceremony. Zachary Taylor Cemetery	Vigil -Zachary Taylor Grave, National Cemetery. TBD
Derby Festival Events	Vigil - War Memorial, Frankfort, Kentucky. TBD
Armed Forces Day	Vigil - Washington’s Tomb, Mt. Vernon, Alexandria, Virginia
Slugger Field - Ball Park	Grave Markings
Churchhill Downs Racetrack	Keeneland Race Track
Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments. Groundbreakings and Dedication at two new locations	Vigil - Black Patriots Day - Middletown Cemetery. Remembrance for black patriots who fought in the Revolutionary War
Flowers of Remembrance, VE/VJ WWII Memorial. Group Graves at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.	Memorial at King’s Mountain, South Carolina. - October.

Upcoming Scheduled Events. The following list contains scheduled events 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. The website link at www.GISSAR.org under *Chapter Info, Upcoming Events* should also be referenced. The status of any meeting or event may change at any time and many new events are being added as the isolation period ends.



February 2021.

- ◆ 13th - New Member Induction and Pinning. Mission BBQ, 4607 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ 13th - George Washington Birthday / Annual Chapter Dinner and Awards Presentation (**Canceled**). Dinner to be rescheduled.
- ◆ 18th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Virtual Meeting. See email for login or call/email Patrick Wesolosky.
- ◆ 20th - Annual Chapter Awards Presentations. Virtual. 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ 21st - New Member Induction and Pinning. Mission BBQ, 4607 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY. 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

March 2021.

- ◆ 5th - Spring Leadership Meeting (National Committees) (Virtual). Brown Hotel, 335 W Broadway, Louisville, KY, 8:00 -3:00 pm.
- ◆ 6th - Spring Leadership Meeting (Virtual). Brown Hotel, 335 W Broadway, Louisville, KY. Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ 13th - KYSSAR Annual/Spring Meeting & Luncheon (Virtual). Location: Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz, KY. Time: 9:30 a.m. (BOG), 10:00 a.m. (Regular Meeting), 10:00 a.m. (Youth Awards).
- ◆ 18th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Location: TBD. Middletown, KY. Time: 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ ?th - Flag Folding, Presentation, & Color Guard Training. Location: Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ ?th - Musket/Rifle Drill Training. Location: Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

April.

- ◆ 15th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Location: Zoom or TBD. Time: 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ ?th - A Revolutionary War Encampment. Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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- ◆ 29th - Pegasus Parade. (Canceled). An alternative is being planned. Details to be released when completed.

May.

- ◆ 20th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Location: TBD. Time: 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 23rd - Patriots Monument Dedication. Location: 140 Freeman Lake Park Road, Elizabethtown, KY. Time: 2:00 (muster 1:00 pm)
- ◆ 29th - Flags4Vets Memorial Day Vigil. Location: Great Lawn at Waterfront Park, Louisville, KY. Time: noon (setup at 11:00 a.m.)
- ◆ 30th - Memorial Day Service. Location: Veterans Park, 10707 Taylorsville Rd, Jeffersontown, KY. Time: 6:00 (muster at 5:30 pm)
- ◆ 31st - Memorial Day Service. Location: Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, KY. Time: 2:00 p.m. (muster at 1:00 p.m.)

JUNE.

- ◆ 5th - Highland Games Location: Glasgow, KY Time: 12:00 noon
- ◆ ?th - Flag Day Color Guard & Luncheon - John Marshall DAR. Location: Pendennis Club, 218 Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY Time: 11:00 a.m. (muster at 10:30 a.m.)
- ◆ 17th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY. 7:00 pm.

JULY.

- ◆ 4th - Independence Day Ceremony & Parade. Owl Creek Lodge, 10607 Hobbs Station Road, Middletown, KY. 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ ?th - VAVS Meeting. Location: Robley Rex Med. Center (Room E005), 800 Zorn Ave, Louisville, KY. Time: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ 10th-15th - NSSAR 131st Annual Congress. Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, 1053 Lake Washington Blvd. North, Renton, WA.
- ◆ 15th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY. 7:00 p.m.

Comments: As social isolation (hopefully) ends, it is expected that there will be many new and some previous events schedule. If you think you will have an event please contact Scott Giltner and Mike King as soon as possible. Some events will include travel to other states e.g. Vincennes, King's Mountain, Mt. Vernon. Travel planning information for these events will be listed in the newsletter so the trips can be coordinated as a group.

- ◆ Washington Tomb Vigil at Mt. Vernon, Alexandria Virginia in September. Currently in planning. Will include a visit to Arlington Cemetery with possible wreath laying, visiting Lincoln, Vietnam, Korea, WWII and other monuments and Smithsonian Museums. Contact Mike King for more information.
- ◆ Social Events will be added to the calendar when they have a firm schedule.

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.

Veterans Support - Larry Selby. The Governor Isaac Shelby, Service to Veterans Chairman, Larry Selby has been busy with activities to support our Veterans.



- **Angel Tree Tags, VA Thanksgiving Donations and VA Christmas Adoption for Veterans.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter members donated \$350.00 dollars in gift cards to the RRVA Medical Center. The Chapter donated \$150.00 from the GIS Veteran Funds account to purchase items for One Adopted Veteran.
- **Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Virtual Ceremony.** A virtual ceremony was held on December 10th by the Chapter to honor those who served and died at Pearl Harbor and marking the entrance of the United States into World War II.

Cross Roads by Chaplain Eric McClain.

- **Chaplain McClain Health Update.** After a hard fought battle against the Coronavirus Eric was released from rehabilitation and is now at home. He is working with a home health medical organization doing rehabilitation and said there is still a lot of work to fully recover. We miss and wish a speedy recovery to his return to his Chaplain duties for the Chapter.
- **Patriots Award for Chaplains - The Emerson-Rosbrugh Chaplain Patriot Award.** The first Emerson-Rosbrugh Award will be given out during the Spring to CW0-4, Hershel "Woody" Williams, US Marine Corps (retired) and Medal of Honor Recipient from Iwo Jima in World War II. Mr. Williams founded the Woody Williams Foundation installing over 75 Gold Star Families Monuments nationally with 76 now in progress. Governor Isaac Shelby has had the honor to be at the groundbreaking and dedications for five of them. Mr. Williams became a lay minister for his church and served as Chaplain Emeritus for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. As a real American hero, a member of the SAR and a Chaplain providing solace to families who lost a loved one in the military, the Chapter is honored to present the first Emerson-Robrough Chaplains Patriot Award to Hershel "Woody" Williams.
- **Remembering the Four Chaplains.** On February 3rd, 1943 during World War II, the USAT Dorchester was struck by a torpedo. On board were 902 Officers, servicemen, and civilian workers. Among them were four chaplains: Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling Reformed. In a totally selfless act they worked to help save as many men as possible, calm the panic and fear with spiritual guidance and gave up their own life preservers so other could live. The four Chaplains remained on the ship's slanted aft deck, standing together, arms linked, heads bowed in prayer, as the Dorchester slipped beneath the waves. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter remembers these brave Patriots with the highest respect and honor. Their sacrifice is not forgotten.
- **Sincere Condolences.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter extends the deepest sympathies and prayers for those who lost a loved one recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.
 - **Wife Of Compatriot Richard Spencer.** Lena Mae Tomlinson Spencer of Prospect, Kentucky. May18, 1948 - December 16, 2020. Lena passed away very peacefully, from complications of pancreatic cancer on December 16, 2020 with Richard, her husband of 52 years, by her side, talking to her, holding her hand and reading Christmas cards and letters as she drifted off into silence. Richard said he knew she is in a much better place, with family and friends and our beloved seven Saint Bernard's. Memorial service will be on Her Birthday, May 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM in sanctuary of Beargrass Christian Church. 4100 Shelbyville Road Louisville, Kentucky 40207.
 - **Wife of Compatriot Noble Roberts.** Frances Maxson Roberts, of Shelbyville, Kentucky, died on September 30, 2020, at the age of 95. Frances was born on September 4, 1925, the daughter of the late Marion and Eva Burdine Maxson of Watson, Arkansas. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Noble Roberts; her daughters, Marian Biagi (Greg) and Rachel Weinblum (Arthur); three grandchildren, Megan Kirts (Jake), Mollie Weinblum, and Sam Weinblum (Karrie); and four great grandchildren, Thatcher and Callum Kirts, and Ella and Ezra Weinblum, all of whom she deeply loved.
 - **Compatriot Don Slaby, Son of Compatriot Mark Slaby.** Nebraska football lost one of their biggest fans on December 1st as Donne Dean Slaby passed away surrounded by loved ones at his home in Naperville, Illinois after a long battle with multiple myeloma. Don was born October 24, 1939, in Smith Center, Kansas to Ed and Mabel (Miller) Slaby. He was married to his wife, Barbara for 49 years. They have two children, Mark (daughter-in-law Dana) and Scott (daughter-in-law Michelle). Don, Mark and grandson Jackson were recently approved as members of the SAR but have not been pinned yet. Due to this a special posthumous and remote pinning ceremony will be schedule in the near future.

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.

Planning Activities.



- **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 when 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 and involved with 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 keep everyone aware about what is going on in the Chapter. Due to this there is 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 is now being 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.
- **Missing Chapter Members.** When looking over the roles of the Chapter we found that there are quite a few members over the years that no longer participate, provide feedback, pay dues or do anything with the SAR or Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. This is shame due to all the effort it took to complete the ancestor genealogy and join the Chapter. There can be many valid reasons for not continuing with the SAR. However going forward there will be a concerted effort to ensure that the reason for leaving is not due to a lack of attention on the part of the Chapter. So, starting this month previous members will be contacted to see if there is something we can do to interest them into coming back. If you know any previous members who may be interested in returning please contact Mike King. We would love to see them again.
- **Upcoming Chapter Directory.** The social isolation due to the Coronavirus has shown the Chapter that there is an increased need for a detailed Chapter Directory. There have been some problems with communications with all members of the Chapter, updated email addresses and ensuring that everyone is kept up to date with Chapter activities. Due to this a detailed Chapter Directory is being developed that will be available to all members of the Chapter and other Chapters as requested. The Directory will hopefully be out by Spring 2021.
- **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.
- **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 with Other Organizations.** When we participate in ceremonies and events, there are guests and other organizations 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 includes other organizations. The Alliances program 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. Let Mike King know 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.
- **Volunteers Needed.** The Chapter has a lot of activities and projects that are now moving forward. There are a variety of them listed throughout the newsletter under committee projects. Volunteers are needed to complete any of these initiatives that support our history and community. If interested in helping contact Mike King. Some areas in need of help include:
 - **Newsletter** - Assisting with articles and information and assembling the newsletter with Mike King.
 - **Chapter Directory** - Helping assemble and update the Chapter directory to send out correspondence and newsletters.
 - **Pickup and Delivery** - As the coronavirus restrictions are reduced, donated items need to be picked up and delivered. The

Zoom...Zoom...Zoom. The weekly Chapter social call continues to provide good social communications to members of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter as well as others from other chapters and locations thanks to Patrick Wesolosky. The Thursday call is open to anyone and also provides a forum for any subject from SAR business, social events, football, hats and general banter. The number of people zooming varies from week to week and will vary from 15 to 30 people. The zoom calls are also used for the monthly Chapter business meeting and for educational events, remote member rosette pinnings and special ceremonies. Anyone



interested in receiving the zoom link can email Patrick Wesolosky or the newsletter to receive it. The picture shows some who attended a recent zoom meeting. Those on the zoom included SAR President General Jack Manning, upcoming Kentucky Society President Steve Mallory, SAR Registrar General Doug Collins, and members from the Daniel Boone Chapter, Lafayette Chapter and Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. Again, everyone is welcome. Hope to see you on an upcoming call.

Noble Lafayette Roberts - Recipient of the 2020 Revered Forrest B. Chilton Kentucky Patriots Award.

On January 8th, 2021 members of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter presented Dr. Noble Lafayette Roberts the annual Chapter award in memory of past Chapter President and SAR activist, Reverend Forrest Chilton. The award was presented by Compatriots



Charlie Scott, Chuck Scott and Mike King with honor and respect. Dr. Roberts earned his PhD from the University of Louisville after serving his country during World War II with distinction and courage fighting in the Pacific Campaign. 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. He now lives in Shelbyville. He is a legacy of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter and was active from the beginning. We thank him for all of his contributions throughout his life to America, his community and our Patriot ancestors.



Top. l to r. Noble Roberts leading SAR Ceremony. Noble in Coast Guard. Noble at Signalman Post. Noble with Heather French Henry. Chuck Scott Presenting Certificate. Mike King Reading Proclamation. Charlie Scott presenting the award will be in future newsletters.



Patriot and Community Cemetery Committee. During the last year Patrick Wesolosky, Steve Gahafer, John Buckler, Scott Giltner, Mike King and others have found an alternative for Chapter events and activities canceled due to the Coronavirus. The alternative is cemetery cleanups and 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 current cemeteries and tombstones that have fallen in disrepair. Many of the stones are dissolving due to time, covered with dirt and algae and are becoming hard to read. The work removes grit and moss from, resets stones, repairing broken stones and doing maintenance. The benefits include having those who passed before us are remembered, their history maintained and the stones are preserved. It also provides a good outdoors activity that is recorded by the Chapter for Veterans Service.

Due to the interest in cemetery renovation and preservation, a committee called the *Patriot and Community Cemetery Committee* has been formed in the Chapter with guidelines for cemetery renovation and maintenance. The committee can provide direction to assist with the location and documentation of graves, the cleanup and cemetery restoration. There are now plans for additional training and projects in the Spring. If any reader knows of a Revolutionary War Patriot in a graveyard that may not be documented or a cemetery in disrepair please send that information to the newsletter so assistance can be provided to collect the needed information for posterity. The following are new cemetery projects now getting started. If interested contact Mike King.

- **Brown-Lawrence Cemetery.** The historical cemetery needs a cleanup and removal of bushes, tree branches and raking. The project is approved by St. Matthews and will begin in February. An email will be sent out with time and work to be done.
- **Greenwood Cemetery.** Greenwood historical cemetery, at 40th and Hale Avenue in the West End of Louisville has fallen into severe disrepair. Extensive work is being done to bring the cemetery back to community standards including cutting grass, trees and shrubs and leveling tombstones. The project is under the NABVETS and Rotary who would like help by the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. The cemetery was originally owned by the same organization as Eastern and Schardein Cemeteries.

Scott, Andrew and Elizabeth Giltner Grave Identification. During January Scott, Andrew and Elizabeth Giltner continued their work doing research to find and document patriots graves in Kentucky. They go to locations where there may be graves of patriots buried and record the information and GPS coordinates of that gravesite so it can be found again in the future. On their last trip the located 9 Patriot graves, took photographs and got GPS coordinates. The ongoing efforts of the Giltner family have located many patriot gravestones that are now documented in the SAR database.

Andrew and Elizabeth Giltner documenting a patriot grave. The Colonial shape of the tombstone resembled a the headboard of a bed and was thus symbolic of man's final sleep. Colonial tombstones in Kentucky were usually made of sandstone, slate or local granite. Most were sandstone which is why many have disappeared.



Kentucky Lafayette Chapter Patriot's Grave Research.

Article by John Buckler. John is a member of the Lafayette and Governor Isaac Shelby Chapters of the Kentucky Society SAR. A retired postal employee and a multi-generational farmer and Kentuckian living in Berea, Kentucky with my wife Lorna, member of Berea Laurel-Ridges and Trabue chapters DAR.

Kentucky's Lafayette Chapter's last in person meeting was held early in March 2020, just as the Covid crisis was beginning in earnest. During this meeting, Compatriot Wesolosky detailed, in a short presentation to the chapter how he had seen a Patriot's grave that sorely needed attention. He showed before and after pictures; the "before" picture showed what was once a clean, well-tended site, with a small upright V.A. headstone, the entire small enclosure surrounded by a yard-tall black iron fence.

The "after" picture showed some overgrown weeds with the headstone and even the fence completely hidden from view. Compelled by the striking lack of obvious care from the photos, soon after, Compatriots from the Lafayette Chapter began locating sites, obtaining permission from landowners, and cleaning gravesites and headstones, if any can be located in large and small cemeteries and graveyards in central Kentucky.

During this search for Patriot's graves we encountered two landowners who still live on land once owned by their Patriot ancestors. We visited the first of these two properties on June 30, 2020. Met by descendant Andy Wilson, we were led to the gravesite of his ancestor, Alijah Woods. According to the family headstone, Alijah was born in 1740 in Morristown, New Jersey and served in the militia under Captain William Hogan. This militia was responsible for defending Bryan Station in what was Fayette County, Virginia (now Fayette County, Kentucky,) between the years 1780 and 1782.

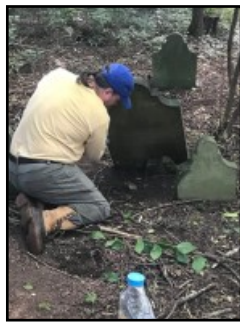
(continued).

Andy's Wilson's family own this and other properties of historical significance in Jessamine County, Kentucky. They are well respected throughout their town and in the central Kentucky Farming community. One of their properties is near Woods Road, (Alijah Woods) which is adjacent to the Wilson farms, so in addition to having led us to Alijah Wood's gravesite , Andy met us in early August and escorted us to the grave of another Patriot of which he was aware. This was the grave of Patriot George Cleveland,1757-1850. We are researching more information about Patriot Cleveland, but we were glad to be able to have had the opportunity to honor another Patriot.

After quite some detective work and many telephone conversations, a volunteer from the Madison county Historical Society was able to speak with Mrs. Betsy Burch, wife of a former LaFayette Chapter President. Mrs. Burch put us in contact with Mr. William (or as Mrs. Burch called her cousin, "Billy Glenn") Turpin. Mr. Turpin and his son Scott own and operate several farms in Madison County, Kentucky.



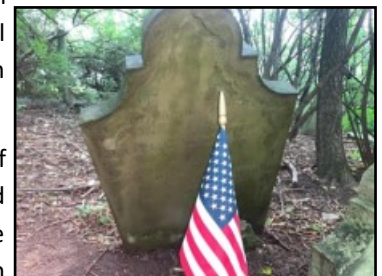
Top l to r. Two Pictures of Overgrown Cemetery. John Buckler in Cleared Cemetery. Patrick Wesolosky Examining and Cleaning Tombstones. Honoring the Patriot Graves with Flags.



Mr. Turpin is a retired public school-agriculture teacher. On July 18, 2020 we met Mr. Turpin and his son and were granted access to the farm where their ancestor, Conrad Cornelison is buried along with other family members. Tucked away in a corner of their property, with a subdivision and an industrial area looming, this is one of the cemeteries in the Richmond area containing graves with the Cornelison name.

Conrad Cornelison was born on May 28, 1763 in Loudoun, Virginia and moved to Rowan, North Carolina as a child. (sarpatriots.sar.org biography) In September 1779, at the age of 16, Conrad Cornelison joined the fight for America's independence as a private in Colonel Hampton's North Carolina Regiment. Discharged in March, 1781, Conrad served again under Peter Hendrick until the close of the war. By 1792 Conrad had moved his family to Kentucky where the Cornelison family name is still prominent.

On that day we were privileged to visit the resting place of, as our SAR pledge says, a "hero" of the American Revolution., where we preliminarily cleaned the headstone and monument, and promised to return when the weather was cooler in order to do a more thorough cleaning of the cemetery, less encumbered by the overgrowth of weeds, etc. We were honored to speak with Mrs. Burch, and to meet Andy Wilson and Mr. Turpin and his son Scott, to pay our respects to those Patriots who still have family living on land they owned and upon which they are buried. Lafayette and Governor Issac Shelby Chapter members have been involved in searching to find those graves and document their locations. We have been able to do so even during this pandemic, staying healthy and observing social distancing and wearing masks where appropriate. We have located and documented over one hundred Patriot graves in central Kentucky- and the search continues.



2020 Wreaths Across America, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery. Social isolation protocols made it a challenge for



the annual *Wreaths Across America* ceremony at Zachary Taylor National Ceremony. However, with perseverance and planning by Scott Giltner the placement of wreaths on the graves of Veterans was still accomplished. The National Cemetery Administration, managing all Federal Veterans cemeteries, required only 10 people can be in the cemetery as a group. So, the memorial ceremony was limited to ten people and held on Friday, December 18th. The actual placement of wreaths on the graves was December 19th and required scheduling of 10 people at a time to place wreaths and then leave for others to then place theirs. Again, when the wreaths were removed at the end of the Holiday Season, only ten volunteers could be there to remove the wreaths. Overall, in spite of any obstacles, the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter was still able to honor and remember those who served and sacrificed for our country in the military.

- **Wreaths Across America Ceremony.** The memorial was December 18th and livestreamed and recorded on Youtube.



Top l to r. Scott Giltner with Color Guard. Reverend Randy Edwards - Chaplain and Guest Speaker. Trish Aaron, DAR- Pledge of Allegiance. Jean Gray, Highland Latin School - National Anthem. Julia Hood, DAR - Speaker Introduction. Jason Thompson, Marine Corps League - Rifle Salute. Scott Giltner - Rendering Taps.

- **Placement of Wreaths by Volunteers.** The placement of wreaths by volunteers was on December 19th.



- **Wreath Cleanup After the Holiday Season.** The seasonal cleanup was on January 23rd.



L to R. Chris and Jon Canine. Patrick Wesolosky. Steve Gahafer. The Cleanup Crew Directed By Scott Giltner. Others not shown also pitched in to

Chapter Committees and Projects. The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has a variety of committees and projects that are ongoing or being planned. Some are listed below. If interested 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.



- **Communications and Correspondence - Chairperson Mike King.** Creates and sends out the newsletter, updates the member information and sends out other correspondence. Volunteers needed.
- **Scout Committee - Chairperson Lee Muncy.**
 - **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. Some of the activities for Scouts include: Merit Badges, Community Service and Scouts Essays
 - Next Newsletter will feature Scout essay submission by Chapter essay winner Eric Schneider.
- **Educational Programs, Youth Activities and Awards Committee - Chairperson J.C. Barnett.** These programs includes essays and presentations to schools and other organizations.
 - Next Newsletter will feature contestants in the George and Stella M. Knight Essay contest.
- **Veterans Support Committee - Chairperson Larry Selby.** The Veterans Support efforts work with the Robley Rex Veterans Administration Hospital and other related organizations doing volunteer work and collecting donations.
- **Patriot and Community Cemetery Committee - Chairperson Patrick Wesolosky.** (See earlier articles).
- **Chapter Events and Color Guard Committee - Chairperson Scott Giltner.** (See events schedule page).
- **SAR and Chapter Awards Committee - Chairpersons Charlie Scott and Patrick Wesolosky.** This committee tracks members participation in events leading to certificates, medals and awards. This committee helped to create new Chapter awards for Color Guardsmen, Women Veterans and Military Chaplains under Chapter Champlain Eric McClain.
- **Special Chapter Projects.** Some projects now underway follow. If interested in helping contact Mike King.
 - **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.
 - **Lafayette Trail.** The Lafayette Trail Association is marking the route of the General Marquis de Lafayette during is historic 1824 tour through the United States. Part of that tour was through Kentucky including Middletown, the home of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. More information on the markers and overall effort in the next newsletter.
 - **Gold Star Family Projects.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has participated in over seven Woody Williams Foundation, Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments ceremonies over the last four years. More are coming with plans to build more monuments in the Louisville and Shelbyville area.
 - **WaterStep Shoe Project.** The WaterStep organization in Louisville is now collecting usable used shoes for third world countries. To help with this the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter will ask for any shoe donations starting in February. If you have any new or old shoes, boots, etc. that are usable we will be putting out a call and start collecting them in February and March. Shoes are donated to WaterStep who send the to third world countries and converts them to funding to provide clean water to third world countries and natural disasters. www.WaterStep.org | Save lives with safe water.
 - **Veterans Home 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 and will be ready by Spring 2021. At that time they will be 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 to donate, please contact Mike King.
 - **Chapter Bell Project.** The use of the Chapter bell will be added to some ceremonies and events. Unfortunately the current bell is heavy and difficult to carry and manage. Due to this a new bell is being sought that is more lightweight and easier to manage while still providing a nice resonating tone. The selection and cost effort is now underway.

- **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 feel would benefit the members of the Chapter please let Mike King know.



- **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.

- **The SAR Colorguardsman Magazine.** The NSSAR Color Guard publication was released January 2021. It can be found and read with all previous issues by visiting the SAR.org ([and logging in](#)) --> Compatriots --> SAR Committees --> Color Guard committee link, then the SAR Colorguardsman Magazine link . Or by clicking or copy/paste this URL - https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/32-colorguardsman_v9-i4.pdf

The SAR Colorguardsman Magazine is an E-Magazine. The publication schedule is set for quarterly issues that will be distributed via email notification and be available on the Color Guard committee web page. Each issue will be published in a PDF format (Adobe Acrobat). The plan is for The SAR Colorguardsman to contain articles of interest to the Color Guard including, but not limited to the following:

- Uniforms – history, where to get replicas made, etc
- “How To” Articles – establishing a color guard, drill manuals, handling weapons, etc.
- Events – what should be expected of color guards, pictures and articles of color guard participation, etc.
- Announcements – what upcoming events need color guard participation, etc.

Deadlines for Article Submissions are as follows:

- October Publication – September 30th Deadline
- January publication – December 31st deadline
- **April publication – March 31st deadline**
- July publication – June 30th deadline

Thus, the call is now going out for submissions for the next issue of The SAR Colorguardsman e-magazine issue (April 2021). To cover your state’s Color Guard activities/events during the 2nd quarter of this **2021** year. Each submission should be sent in a DOC or RTF format (Microsoft Word) or similar format. Pictures should be sent in JPEG format - *not embedded in a document but separately*. Submissions should be emailed to: **Steve Williams: sarwilliamssa@gmail.com**

- **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.
- **Valentines Day - February 14th.** A special day for those you love. Don’t forget all the good things they do you.

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 mrking001@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.
- 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.



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. If you would like to add a person or organization to the list contact Mike King.

- **New Raffle - Biplane Flight.** Now on sale. 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 send Mike King or Rod Smothers and email that you would like a ticket.

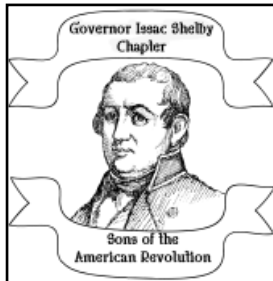


- **Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter T-Shirts and Mugs.** Cool new stuff from fellow compatriot Melvin Rowe that are supportive of the Chapter. There are two versions of the design; one with banners and a portrait of Governor Isaac Shelby, the second with the same design with the Betsy Ross flag behind it. Coffee cups and other items are available also. Thanks to Melvin. Check out at following links:

https://www.teepublic.com/t-shirt/18731983-governor-issac-shelby-chapter-sar?store_id=513072

<https://www.teepublic.com/t-shirt/18732130-governor-shelby-sar-chapter-with-betsy-ross-flag>

<http://tee.pub/lic/v-TL6-uXdYA>



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

- Distillery Tour. Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending for February.
- Compatriots and Family Dinner at Selena's. Family and friends are welcome. Pending for March.
- My Old Kentucky Home Visit. Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending for April.
- Old Friends Equine Horse Farm Tour. Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending for May.
- Trivia Night at Mission BBQ. Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending. TBD

- **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.

- **Part Time Job for Retired Veterans.** Kentuckiana Pool Management is looking for a Veteran interested in working as a lifeguard. The position will be at a local pool in Louisville and is part-time. If interested call the following:

Compatriot *John Clay Barnett*,
 8017 Catherine Lane, Suite 1A, Louisville, KY 40222
 Safety Operation & Education, Kentuckiana Pool Management
 Scott Miller, President/General Manager
 P: 502-394-9759, C: 502-639-6448, F: 502-394-9760
scott.miller@kentuckiana-pmg.com



- **Other Organizations.** There are variety of other organizations with similar interests in ancestral lineage, history and social involvements. The next newsletter will list many of these and some basic information about each. Many are interested in sharing information and participating with the Chapter in our ongoing ceremonies and events. They include:

- General Society of the War of 1812,
- Sons of the Revolution
- 1st Families of Kentucky
- Louisville Genealogical Society
- Filson Club,
- Locust Grove.