

# The Sentinel The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution



Welcome back to the 2022 Chapter Newsletter. Apologies for the delay. As you know we have gone through some changes in the chapter since the last edition. It is my intention to release new letters bi-monthly. We are hoping to add new articles to the newsletter. If anyone has anything they would like to share, please contact me and we will make sure it is in the next letter.

Thank you, John Doss (jay) jaydoss410@gmail.com

#### Presidents Message

I would like to wish all the Compatriots of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter a Happy Independence Day. On the 2nd Of July 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence and on July 4th, delegated from the colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. You should all feel proud that at some point during the Revolutionary War, your ancestors provided some type of service so that this Declaration was fulfilled. I hope everyone of you has a safe and enjoyable holiday with friends & family. HUZZAH!!!!!

Next I would like to thank John (jay) Doss for stepping up to bring the Shelby Sentinel back to life. I really appreciate this added task that he has taken on to improve our Chapter. I know he is going to continue to grow and improve our newsletter. Thank you Jay.

We are past the half way point of the year and Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has been very busy. I honestly do not think the pandemic slowed us much. And it feels like we are back to bring the active chapter that welcomed me three years ago. In the short time that I have been President, we have had both virtual and in person meetings, two social events, and countless color guard and veteran related activities. But the one thing that has bothered me is the number of members that are coming out for our pre-dinner meetings and chapter meetings. These numbers have seemed to dwindled since we returned to in person meetings. and these are two things that attracted me to our chapter. I drive about 150 miles round trip to attend most of our meetings and events. So, I would like to challenge our membership to try and become a little more active and supportive. I know most of us cannot make every meeting or event. But I hope we can get back to the attendance that first attracted me to the GIS Chapter.

As we continue to move forward. I want to ask each of you to think about how we can continue to improve and grow our chapter and the Kentucky Society. But we need more ideas. We need Compatriots who are willing to see this through to fruition. Recently Compatriot Bill Lawrence approached the chapter with an idea and then coordinated that idea into an event to honor a high school classmate and military veteran. Bill not only had an idea; he had the drive to make it happen. Thank you Bill.

#### **Officers**

President - Patric Wesolosky Vice President - John Doss Secretary - Scott Giltner Registrar - Chris Canine Chaplain - Charlie Scott Historian - Kent Hathaway Treasurer - Jon Canine Chancellor - Karl Truman

Color Guard Comm. - Scott Giltner

Now, that I have askes and challenged our membership, I want to also thank the chapter for the past few years. I am so thankful for the friendships that have developed and the meaningful events that I have had the opportunity to be part of with this amazing group of Compatriots. I look Forward to what lies ahead ad we approach the 250th birthday of the United States of America

With Patriotism, Patrick

# Hershel "Woody" Williams



It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of Hershel "Woody" Williams.

Woody was a true Hero in every since of the word. He received the United States highest decoration of valor - the Medal of Honorfor heroism above and beyond the call of duty during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. He was the last living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.

He founded the Woody Williams Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that establishes Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments and conducts outreach programs for Gold Star Families.

#### **Announcments**

#### Up Coming Inductions

July 21 meeting we will induct two new Compatriots, Jeffery Kenneth Butcher & Jonathon Scott Butcher Welcome Compatriots, Huzzah!!

We would also like to welcome Compatriot

Karl Truman, Huzzah!!

Karl has graciously excepted the office of our Chancellor

and Chairman of the Service to Veterans Committee.



#### Chapter Activities & Events

#### July

- \* 2 Color Guard for Independence Day Concert Location: Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Rd. Louisville, KY. Time: 3:00 p.m. (muster at 2:15 p.m.)
- \* 2 Edward Rogers Grave Marking Location: 320 Zoneton Rd. Shepardsville, KY. Time: 6:00 p.m. (muster at 5:00 p.m.)
- \* 4 Independence Day Ceremony & Parade Location: Owl Creek Lodge, 10607 Hobbs Station Rd, Middletown, KY. Time: 11:00 a.m. (muster at 10:30 a.m.)
- \* 4 Independence Day Color Guard

Location: Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S Peterson Ave, Louisville, KY Time: 9:30 p.m. (muster 9:00 p.m.)

\* 7 Blackberry Festival Parade Location: Carlisle, KY. Time: 7:00 p.m. (muster: TBA)

\* 10-15 NSSAR 132nd Annual Congress

Location: Hyatt Regency, 2 West Bay Street, Savannah, GA.

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Location: Robley Rex Med. Center(room E005) 800 Zorn Ave, Louisville, KY. Time: 6:00p.m.

\* 21 GISSAR Chapter Meeting Location: Middletown United Methodist Church 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd. Middletown, KY. Time: 7:00 p.m.

\* 23 Fort Laurens Memorial Service Location: Fort Laurens Rd NW, Bolivar, Ohio Time: 11:00 a.m. (muster 10:15 a.m.

#### August

\* 18 GISSAR Chapter Meeting
Location: Middletown United Methodist Church
11092 Old Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY.
Time 7:00 p.m.

\* 20 240th Annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service Location: Blue Licks BattleField State Park, 10299 Maysville Rd, Carlisle, KY. Time; 10:00 a.m. (colorguard muster at 9:00 a.m.)

\* 20 KYSSAR Summer Meeting & Luncheon

Location: Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, 10299, Maysville Rd, Carlisle, KY. Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### Youth Protection Training:

The SAR Youth Protection Training is an online training program available to any member of the SAR.

This training is required for SAR members engaged in Youth Contests & Awards and/or who comes in contact with youth as a representative of the SAR. This Includes Presentations at schools & in public settings

IF you would like to take this training, go to, <a href="https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training">www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training</a>

#### Photos:

I need photos for the newsletter of our events. If any of you who take photos at our events please send them to me so i can get them into the newsletter, Thank you.

#### Advanced Color Guard Training:

For those who are in the color guard, who would like to hone their skills or learn more advanced skills, please think about coming out to the advanced training.

Blue Licks is coming up fast and the SAR President General will be there in attendance. This is a great chance to show what "Kentucky Boys" can do!!



#### Stories, Legends, & Lore

I know some of us may have heard a tale about our Patriots. Today I would like to share a story of Jon and Chris Canine's Patriots grandfather Sgt. Peter Canine.

Our grandfather was living with Capt. Verbrycke at the time of the Declaration of Independence. In the application for pension, Mrs. Verbrycke gives oath, "He was living in the family of William Verbricke and acting as a clerk for him in his store." He continued to live with Captain/later Major Verbrycke for two oe three years after the marriage."

Major Verbrycke.s widow in 1837 when applying for a pension, recalls a "skirmish at Millstone, the latter of which was only twelve miles from their residence. Owing as she was then informed of the activity of her husband in the service there an attempt made by some British troops to surprise and take her husband prisoner whilst he was at home on leave." He, however, made his escape and our house was plundered by them of many articles of property.

John Tuney also gave testimony in the application for Peter Canine for Revolutionary War Pension. "This Deponent recollect that "the British came to our house of s'd Canine after Capt. Verbrycke and plundered and took blankets & knapsacks and filled their canteens with rum and threatened to kill the said Canine."

By the grace and mercy of God they did not! As your compatriots, Jon & Chris would not be.

What a blessing it is to have this tidbit of history to dream and imagine about..... that took place so long ago!

Regards, Chris

#### Rev War Trivia

What was the Seven Years War called in the Colonies?

The Coercive, or Intolerable Acts were passed in response to?

Why was the 1777 Battle of Saratoga a turning point in the Revolutionary War?

What did the Peace of Paris do?

British troops were sent to occupy Boston in 1768 after?

Trivia by Kent Hathaway

: Answers in the next newsletter :

## Flag Etiquette Basics

The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter color guard members are the most visible part of the chapter to the community. Therefore, I would like to provide bits and pieces of information that would be useful to our color guard members in this and future newsletters. In this issue I would like to touch on some key flag etiquette issues. This is not intended to be an exhaustive review of Flag etiquette, but simply a review of the flag protocol items that we most encounter in our color guard events.

- 1) The American Flag is always the flag furthest to the presenter's right. No other flag should be to the right (presenters right) of the flag.
- 2) No other flag should be in a forward position, or more prominent, with respect to the American Flag. This also means that no other flag should pass in front of the American Flag.
- 3) The American flag should be the highest flag in the color guard. This includes the national flags of other countries that may be present.
- 4) The American Flag never dips. During the pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem the American flag stays vertical and is preferably elevated. All other flags are dipped during the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.
- 5) When marching, the flag bearer of the American flag is always correct. Everyone else in the color guard should be in step with the bearer of the American flag. All members of the color guard should also guide on the bearer of the American flag for alignment.
- 6) Once called to attention, the color guard members remain silent and are "on guard". Therefore, the members of the color guard do not bow their head or remove their head covering during the invocation (closing of eyes is permitted). The color guard members do not recite the Pledge of allegiance, sing the National Anthem, or recite the SAR pledge. After the posting of colors, the color guard will be marched off the field and then dismissed. Once dismissed the color guard goes off duty and the chapter members are then free to participate in the remainder of the ceremony.
- 7) The American flag never touches anything below it except the pole used for support.
- 8) The American flag is never displayed flat or horizontal except when draped on a casket of a Veteran.
- 9( The American flag should never be used as a tablecloth or covering for common items.
- I hope everyone found this flag etiquette summary useful. If you have any questions about other flag protocol issues or have suggestions for articles, please let me know.

# Honor Flight Bluegrass





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Compatriot Charlie Scott with Honor Flight Veteran



The Three Amigo's Bill Lawrence, Kent Hathaway, Melvin Roe



Compatriots



Son & Father Rod & Kyle Smothers



Compatriots Chris & Jon Canine



Honor Flight Vets HUZZAH!!!!



Compatriot Kyle Smothers Receiving a Medal from Compatriot Mike King



Compatriots Randy Lane & Patrick Wesolosky



Welcome Home!!!

## KYSSAR State Spring Meeting



New State Officers take the oath of office



Thank you Steve Mallory for a job well done as the SAR KY Society President HUZZAH!!!!



Compatriot Steve Mallory
Presenting the KY Society State wreath



Compatriot Scott Giltner Receiving his Presidents Medal



Compatriots of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter



KY State Society Color Guard Giving Honor

# George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath laying Ceremony Vincennes IN.



































# Memorial Day Ceremony Zachary Taylor National Cemetery



Compatriots John Doss & Patrick Wesolosky



Compatriot Mike King



Continental Musicians



Posting the Colors



Marching in the Colors



Compatriots, Mike King, John Doss, Scott Giltner, Randy Lane,



KYSSAR President Scott Giltner Presenting the KYSSAR Wreath

# 6th Annual Patriots Day Commemoration



Steve Gahafer



Compatriots, Andrew Giltner, Allen Manning, Bill DeHaven



The Monument



BOOM !!!!!



Chris Canine



FOR COUNTRY!!







# Owen Gwathmey Grave Marking



SAR Compatriots

GIS Compatriots John Doss, Bill



Owen Gwathmey Grave



John Doss & Patrick Wesolosky



That's a Motley Crew



Flags & Wreaths



Members of the SAR & the DAR