

# THE TENNESSEE DAR NEWS

*Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution*

*Be Energized by Patriotism \* Be Involved with Education \* Be Enthusiastic for Historic Preservation*

“BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY...” JAMES 1:22



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Dear Daughters,

This summer has been a whirlwind of DAR activity. Following our very successful State Conference, thoughts turned to preparing for Continental Congress. Prior to Continental Congress, scholarships were presented to students on KDS Awards Day. We sponsored the first Statehood Day at the Capital, chapters celebrated Flag Day with luncheons and patriotic activities including Flag Disposal Ceremonies, and Fourth of July events were attended.

Daughters kicked off the 126th Continental Congress with a Tea at the famed Edgar Kitchen of the elegant Mayflower Hotel. When the Mayflower was the official hotel for DAR, ladies would arrive with their trunks and hat boxes all to be stored. Thus the staff met weeks in advance to plan for the storage prior to the arrival of the DAR. Such were the “good ole days.”

A number of awards were received by Tennessee Daughters and chapters for their work this past year and we applaud each recipient. The hardest report ever written by me was the one given on Saturday morning attempting to do justice to all that has been accomplished by you, the Tennessee Daughters. We also heard plans for the “America 250” initiative to not only increase membership, but also to plan for the semiquincentennial in 2026. Can you believe that is only nine years away! Chapters are encouraged to begin to plan for this wonderful event and you may want to “put a



bug” in your County Executive’s ear. This event provides us with a great opportunity for membership growth.

Fall Workshops were well attended and a big thank you goes to Emily Robinson for all the planning and to the District Officers—Millie Peters, Carol Zimmerman, Teresa Rimer, Meegan Burton, Melanie Simmonds, Linda Walkup, Dianna Callaway, Helen Moore, Emmy Edwards, and Dot Watson—for all their help to see it all come together. NIP and SIP are all available and ready for chapters to implement new ideas and projects for this DAR year. Also, thank you to Pam McConnell for our State Directory which is invaluable to me personally. Many thanks to those who presented at our workshops as they shared a wealth of knowledge. Best wishes as you move forward to “Be Involved with Education, Be Energized by Patriotism, and Be Enthusiastic for Historic Preservation.”

August 26<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful day as DAR celebrated Women’s Equality Day with The Woman Suffrage Monument Board at the monument located in Centennial Park, Nashville. As your State Regent it was my honor to speak of Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul, both suffragists and DAR members, and to lay a wreath. Thank you to all the DAR members who were present to raise our glasses of “grape juice” in a toast just as they did in 1920. Remember, the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment was in effect!

A number of celebrations are being planned in honor of our Constitution, Sept. 17-23, including the Bell Ringing at the Capital. It is my hope that each member will be able to attend one of these observances. Our Founders worked long and hard to give us this document and it is our duty to see that it remains OUR CONSTITUTION!

Remember, Mrs. Dillon, President General, has made the focus this year Historic Preservation. I look forward to hearing of all of your accomplishments as you find ways to make Historic Preservation a part of your chapter's story. And that reminds us that we NEED your chapter's history.

Most of us cannot begin to imagine the devastation that Tropical Storms Harvey and Irma have heaped upon those affected in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. As you are aware, DAR is not equipped to provide direct disaster relief; therefore, you are encouraged to donate through those organizations you trust including churches that are gathering items for the affected victims. Continue to remember these people as it will be a long, arduous recovery for them and they will need our prayers and support for a long time yet.

Now, go forth and "Be ye doers,"

Charlotte

## *Fort Nashborough Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony*



Many TSDAR members, including TSDAR Organizing Secretary Nancy Carr, TSDAR Historian Linda Moss Mines, TSDAR Second Vice Regent Emily Robinson, TSDAR Chaplain Jill Jones-Lazuka, and our TSDAR State Regent Charlotte Reynolds were in attendance at the dedication ceremony.

Members from the Fort Nashborough NSDAR chapter joined with members of other Nashville DAR chapters in attending the dedication ceremony for the newly restored Fort Nashborough Interpretive Center. State Regent Charlotte Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance at the ceremony. The Fort Nashborough DAR chapter is named for the first Anglo settlement of Nashville dating back to 1779. The fort was named in memory of General Francis Nash of North Carolina, a Revolutionary War hero. As proud members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Nashville area DAR chapters worked first to fund the construction of the original Ft. Nashborough replica in 1930 and again to preserve the rebuilt replica in 1962. The replica fort has served as a living history museum where school children, locals, and tourists have toured and attended educational programs showing the hardships of frontier life. According to David Curry, Fort Nashborough Restoration project manager, "visitors will have the opportunity to experience and engage Nashville's earliest history at the new Ft. Nashborough once construction is complete. The project is expected to take between two and three years."



## *Bee a Doer for Historic Preservation!*



As our President General focuses on historic preservation for this year, take the opportunity to show support for the historic sites designated by the Tennessee Society: Appalachian – Blount Mansion; Cherokee – Brainerd Mission; Chickasaw – David Crockett Cabin; Cumberland – Fort Nashborough; and, Sequoyah – Rock House.

Plan a visit to one or more of these sites, have a program featuring one or more, or make a financial donation over and above the required amount. **Be enthusiastic for Historic Preservation.**

Charlotte Reynolds, TSDAR State Regent



## *Blount Mansion*

### *Appalachian*

This “house with many eyes” witnessed the birth and growth of Knoxville and housed Tennessee governors and prominent families. It was saved by DAR member Mary Boyce Temple, who wrote a \$100 check to begin the campaign to preserve the home. It is now Knoxville’s only National Registered Landmark.

William Blount, a signer of the United States Constitution, chose to build his home in Knoxville after signing the Treaty of the Holston on the banks of the Holston River just a few hundred yards away from the Mansion’s location. Blount’s Knoxville mansion would serve as the territorial capitol as well as a family home. The house was made of sawn lumber to meet Mary “Molsey” Blount’s requirement of “a proper wooden house.” Unlike most homes built around what would become Knoxville, Blount’s home was made of timber rather than rough logs or hand-hewn timbers. Nails were brought from the Blount family’s naillery near Tarboro, North Carolina, and glass was brought to Knoxville from Richmond, Virginia.

Our own Tennessee State Regent Charlotte Reynolds joined several DAR Chapter Members for a workday of service helping with the preservation of our beautiful Blount Mansion Historic Site. The Knox County Council of Regents plans an annual work day event. “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.”

Chapters are encouraged to plan a visit, have a program, and acquire a membership to preserve, promote and insure available use for future generations. Please make a financial donation through the TSDAR Treasurer for this historic site for chapter recognition. “Be enthusiastic for Historic Preservation.” Our historic sites need your support to continue.



## Brainerd Mission

### Cherokee

The Brainerd Mission Cemetery is all that remains of a 25-acre Native American mission established in 1817 by the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions [in New England]. It is located in Chattanooga on Brainerd Road between two shopping/office centers. The goal of the mission was to establish relations with the Cherokee, teach skills, educate, and introduce the Christian faith. Within a few years there were about forty buildings at the mission. During its existence there were hundreds of students who were educated there. The mission closed in 1838 when the Cherokee were removed to Oklahoma.

The land was in private hands for almost one hundred years. In 1933 the ownership of the remaining cemetery was deeded to the local DAR and SAR chapters. It is considered to be the oldest historic site in Chattanooga. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a site on the Trail of Tears. A fence surrounds the cemetery, but it is open to the public every day. The site is overseen by a committee consisting of two members from each of the five DAR chapters (Chickamauga, Chief John Ross, Judge David Campbell, Nancy Ward and Moccasin Bend) and the John Sevier Chapter of the SAR. The committee has three meetings each year and takes charge of three cleanup days. The biggest event of each year is the Flag Day ceremony in June each year, when there is replacement of the four flags flying over the cemetery--U.S. Flag and Tennessee flag as well as the flags of the Eastern Band of Cherokee in North Carolina and the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. We welcome funds that we can use to continue the upkeep of the cemetery. We enjoy taking groups and individuals through the cemetery and sharing its wonderful history with all who visit us.



## David Crockett Cabin

### Chickasaw

Davy Crockett is a Tennessee 19<sup>th</sup> century celebrated folk hero more popularly known as “King of the Wild Frontier” due to the Disney movie and television series of the 1950s and 60s. However, Crockett was a family man, farmer, hunter, scout, entrepreneur, author, Colonel in the Tennessee Militia, a Tennessee legislator, and a United States Congressman. There are a number of Crockett sites throughout the state as he traveled and hunted across this state extensively. Not one to remain in one place for a great length of time, Crockett was constantly on the move. He believed all men should serve their country. He earned the rank of colonel while residing in Lawrence County and thus, the David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg. Crockett lived near Rutherford,

Gibson County, Tennessee from 1822-1835. This was his last home in Tennessee before leaving for Texas. During his time in West Tennessee, he served three terms in Congress. He died a hero's death in March 1835, at the Battle of the Alamo during the Texas Revolution.

The cabin we see today is restored from timbers of Crockett's last home. The cabin contains furniture and tools from the early 1800s much like that he would have used. The cabin is in need of some exterior repair, which includes the roof and the wall on the northwest side. Termites and moisture have deteriorated some logs and chinking.

Due to bypasses and new roads the David Crockett Cabin and the gravesite of his mother are no longer on a heavily traveled road; however, the colorful personality and influence of Crockett remains with us today. David Crockett Days are held each year to keep this history alive with the DAR chapters in that area participating. The 50th anniversary of Davy Crockett Days will be the next event for the Cabin, taking place October 1-7, 2017. The celebration will feature community events, music on the porch, arts and crafts and a parade on Saturday the 7th. We hope to see you at this event to support the David Crockett Cabin!



## *Fort Nashborough*

### *Cumberland*

Nashville's roots can be traced back to 1779 when the first permanent American settlements were established along the bluffs above the Cumberland River. Fort Nashborough, known originally as the Bluff Station, served to protect pioneers from armed incursions by Native Americans hostile to the expansion of white settlers into the area. The largest engagement took place in April 1781, when a force of Chickamaugan Cherokee, led by Dragging Canoe, unsuccessfully attacked the station in what was known as the "Battle of the Bluffs."

The original Fort Nashborough was built on about 2 acres of land along the western bank of the Cumberland River, just north of the current, smaller site. The fort, known as the "Bluff Station," was used by settlers such as James Robertson to defend themselves against attacks by Native Americans who saw the Cumberland settlements as a threat to the area's use as a hunting ground. Although Nashborough wasn't a standard military fortification, it served the purpose of protecting the settlement in a time when ambushes were common. A small artillery piece helped them stand their ground. It was a very vicious and violent atmosphere. Charlotte Reeves Robertson was credited with saving Fort Nashborough during the "Battle of the Bluffs."

The fort also was significant as the site where the Cumberland Compact was adopted as "the government of the new settlement," according to the historical marker at the current site. The Cumberland Compact, signed on May 13, 1780, was the forerunner of the Tennessee State Constitution, which was ratified June 1, 1796.

The local Daughters of the American Revolution chapters funded the construction of scaled-down version of the original Fort Nashborough in 1930 as part of the organization's national effort to identify and preserve historic

places in the early twentieth century. The structures were rebuilt in 1962. The fort construction demonstrates the building techniques of the area's early settlers. The newly restored Fort Nashborough Interpretive Center was recently dedicated. Your chapter is encouraged to visit!



## *Rock House Sequoyah*

The Rock House is a stone building that once operated as a stagecoach inn and tollhouse in White County near Sparta, Tennessee. Now known as the Rock House State Historic Site, the stone structure was built on Samuel Denton's property sometime between 1835 and 1839. It is unclear whether Denton or Barlow and Madison Fiske built the Rock House; however, the Fiskes were in control of the building by 1839. It offered lodging and supplies to those who travelled on the early stagecoach road running from Knoxville to Nashville. Early guests at the Rock House included Presidents Andrew Jackson and James Polk and Governor Sam Houston. Through the years, the Rock House has operated in a variety of capacities. It has been a tollhouse, stagecoach inn, supply store, school, hospital, personal residence, hog barn and a supply depot for the railroad. It now operates as a museum. In 1941, the State of Tennessee bought the house and its grounds. The Daughters of the American Revolution Rock House Chapter was appointed as its custodian. The Rock House was placed on the Tennessee Register of Historic Places in 1961 and on the National Register in 1973.

The Rock House has recently been updated. This included completely new wiring throughout the building, a top of the line heating and cooling system, walls that were repaired and painted, along with a new historic sign in front of the building giving the hours of operation. New rugs were purchased, replacing rugs that had been in the building since the 1970's. As with any "old" building, there are always repairs that demand our attention, whether they be large or small. The Rock House Chapter continues to be the best stewards possible over such a unique and wonderful asset in the State of Tennessee.



*Remember to  
be enthusiastic for  
Historic Preservation!*



## *DAR Continental Congress: Tennessee Tea at the Mayflower Hotel*



Tennessee Daughters had a wonderful afternoon at the Tennessee Tea in the Historic Mayflower Hotel! A beautiful tea service and buffet were served in the Edgar Restaurant, which was named for longtime F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover who lunched at the hotel daily during his tenure in Washington, D.C. We also were treated to a very interesting history lesson about the hotel by the General Manager, not to mention the scrumptious tea and treats! TSDAR State Regent Charlotte Reynolds read to those in attendance from a historic book about the Mayflower Hotel that was available for sale. Tennessee Daughters were excited to begin their Congress experience with

the very last tea that will ever be served at the Mayflower Hotel!



Top Left: The ladies sat in J. Edgar Hoover's lunch spot! Top Middle: TSDAR State Regent Charlotte Reynolds poses with TSDAR First Vice Regent Cecile Wimberley, who organized the event. Top Right: Second Vice Regent Emily Robinson chooses a delicious tea sandwich! Left Middle: Tennessee Daughters chose from many tasty treats! Right Middle: Daughters, including NSDAR Organizing Secretary General Nancy Hemmrich, await our delicious tea service. Bottom Left: We had a wonderful time together! Bottom Middle: TSDAR State Regent Charlotte Reynolds shares historical tidbits about the hotel. Bottom Right: Our elegant menu made for a delicious tea!

## 2017 DAR Continental Congress Highlights



Top Left: Our State Regent giving her wonderful report! Top Middle: Our TSDAR ladies in the Tennessee box. Top Right: State Regent Reynolds met NASA Flight Director Gene Krantz! Middle Left: Our Outstanding Junior with her sister and mother at the Junior Membership Luncheon. Middle Right: Congrats to Gen. Jethro Sumner Chapter who won a national historic preservation award! Bottom Left: First Vice Regent Cecile Wimberley & DAR Schools Chairman Carol Teeters in the Tennessee Room. Bottom Middle: Parliamentarian Charlotte Miller, Recording Secretary Colleen Spears, and National Literacy Promotion Chair Lee Hunt; Bottom Right: National SPG Chair Jeanne Preston at Service to America Night!



Top Left: We're so proud of our Tennessee Outstanding Junior Stephanie Rimer Young! Middle Left: Page Amanda Hillard with Vice President General Susan Thomas and page Andrea Chaney at Service to America Night. Top Right: President General Ann Dillon presents a service award to First Vice Regent Cecile Wimberley for her years of paging! Middle Left: Cecile Wimberley performs in a skit as "Patience the Peacock" during the Junior Membership Luncheon. Middle Right: We love our Tennessee State Pages! Bottom Left: Our lovely TSDAR Librarian Audrey Rainey in our beautiful DAR Library! Bottom Middle: Page Andrea Chaney carries the Tennessee Flag. Bottom Right: Our State Historian Linda Moss Mines with daughter and page Raz Dumitru.

## 2017 August Workshop Recap

The 2017 August Workshops were a beehive of activity. Three workshops held across the state at Jackson, Lebanon, and Maryville certainly kept Tennessee members busy in August!

Attendees were greeted at each workshop by smiling faces at the registration desks. There were plenty of shopping opportunities at the State Regent, Junior Shoppe, and DAR School's sales tables. Chapter regents received information they will need for the coming year, and members learned about our DAR committees at the wonderful committee displays.

Opening Session was highlighted by State Regent Charlotte Reynolds' greetings and comments to the members and Vice President General Susan Thomas' presentation on "The Road to 250!"

A total of sixteen different classes were offered during the three breakout sessions, and the Tennessee Society was fortunate to have talented members who led the sessions. Officers were trained and new members were informed. Members learned skills to use in their DAR efforts, and they learned how to be more involved in various committees. Attendees were treated to the latest information on DNA and were fascinated with information on our Revolutionary Mothers. What a whirlwind of material to absorb!

During Closing Session, we were proud to see many members graduate from the New Members and New Horizons Courses and learn about the many national awards that our Tennessee Society and Tennessee Chapters received in 2017.

All of this was possible because of the hard work of our District Directors and Secretaries, as well as the many volunteers who helped at each location and all of those who attended. Thank you for your help and support of the August Workshops.

Please plan on attending the workshops next August to become energized by patriotism, involved with education and enthusiastic for historic preservation!

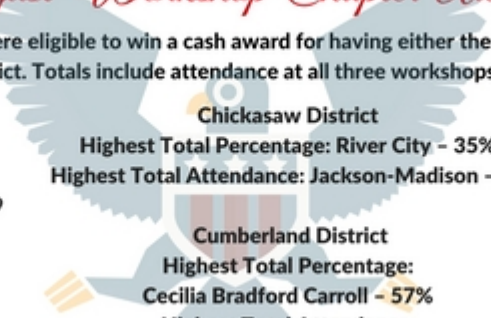
Emily Robinson  
TSDAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent

## Workshop Information

If you would like to review the presentations and handouts from the workshop sessions, please visit our Tennessee Members' Website at [tndar.org/members](http://tndar.org/members), under the Chapter Resources tab. You will "bee" amazed at the wealth of information you will find to encourage your chapter.

### August Workshop Chapter Awards

Chapters attending the August Workshops were eligible to win a cash award for having either the highest percentage of members or the highest number of members attending in their district. Totals include attendance at all three workshops. Congratulations to the following chapters:

<p><b>Appalachian District</b> Highest Total Percentage: Martha Dandridge Washington - 55% Highest Total Attendance: Mary Blount - 19</p>	 <p><b>Chickasaw District</b> Highest Total Percentage: River City - 35% Highest Total Attendance: Jackson-Madison - 25</p>	<p><b>Sequoyah District</b> Highest Total Percentage: Stones River - 34% Highest Total Attendance: Colonel Hardy Murfree - 24</p>
<p><b>Cherokee District</b> Highest Total Percentage: Sequatchie Valley - 25% Highest Total Attendance: Chickamauga - 22</p>	<p><b>Cumberland District</b> Highest Total Percentage: Cecilia Bradford Carroll - 57% Highest Total Attendance: General Jethro Sumner - 32</p>	

# West Tennessee Workshop—Jackson



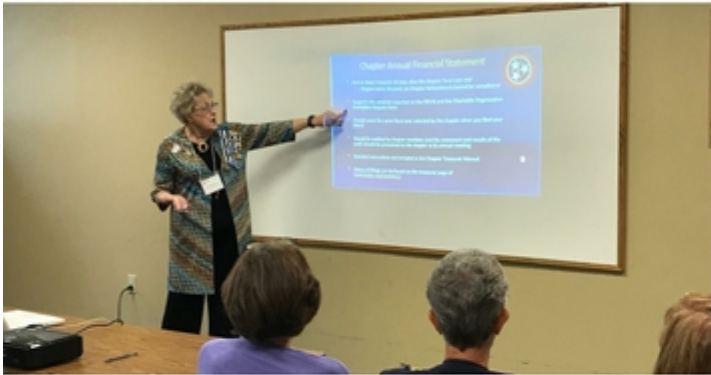
Top Left: Our lucky door prize winner! Top Right: River City Chapter attendees. Middle Left: Jackson Madison Chapter with several of their awards! Middle Right: Our State Regent speaks to the West attendees. Bottom Left: Panelists at the schools workshop. Bottom Right: Chickasaw Bluff Chapter attendees.

# Middle Tennessee Workshop—Lebanon



Top Left: Our District Directors being doers together! Top Middle: Old Reynoldsburgh Chapter with Regent Helen Moore. Top Right: What a great turnout! Middle Left: 2nd Vice Regent Emily Robinson, State Regent Charlotte Reynolds, and District Director Emmy Edwards. Middle Right: Gen. Jethro Sumner Chapter attendees. Middle Right: TSDAR loves our Juniors! Bottom Left: Thank you to our Registration volunteers! Bottom Middle: Mrs. Nelle Ward is an inspiration to us all! Bottom Right: Sarah Polk Chapter.

# East Tennessee Workshop—Maryville



Top Left: Our hardworking sales team and State Regent! Top Right: VPG Susan Thomas receives a plaque from the Museum of Appalachia. Middle Left: Treasurer Betty Stevens leads a session. Middle Right: Our wonderful TSDAR Executive Board! Bottom Right: Thanks to our registration ladies! Bottom Middle: We are so proud of our lovely State Regent! Bottom Left: District Officers kept everyone hydrated! Bottom Left: Our fabulous Junior Shoppe. Bottom Right: New Members Course Chairman Luanne DeWitt.



# *Congratulations to the New Horizons Course Graduates!*



### **West TN**

- Jamie Boone**, Jackson Madison Chapter
- Gail Braddock**, Hermitage Chapter
- Danette Godwin**, Sarah Polk Chapter
- Bonice Henson**, Zachariah Davies Chapter
- Emily Robinson**, Cumberland Chapter
- Abigail Simone**, Hermitage Chapter

### **Middle TN**

- Anne Bunyan Bush**, Gen. Daniel Smiths Rock Castle Chapter
- Lanetta Groves**, General Jethro Sumner Chapter
- Vicki Hines**, Margaret Gaston Chapter
- Augusta Turner Morales**, Gen. Daniel Smith's Rock Castle Chapter
- MerryAnne Pierson**, Fort Nashborough Chapter
- Colleen Taylor**, Margaret Gaston Chapter



### **East TN**

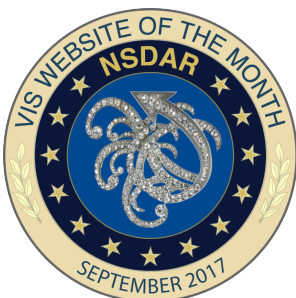
- Mary Addington**, Long Island Chapter
- Brenda Ball**, Long Island Chapter
- Jane Chambers**, Martha Dandridge Washington
- Kathy Corum**, Emory Road Chapter
- Karen McFarland**, Martha Dandridge Washington
- Karen Murphy**, Zachariah Davies Chapter
- Martha Murray**, William Cocke Chapter
- Sharon Nease**, William Cocke Chapter
- Mary Vann**, Emory Road Chapter
- Kim Williams- Clabo**, Martha Dandridge Washington



## *TSDAR Celebrates Women's Equality Day*



The Tennessee Society joined with the Tennessee Suffrage Monument Board to celebrate Women's Equality Day at the newly erected Woman Suffrage Monument in Centennial Park, Nashville. The program began with a re-enactment from 1914 when 2,000 women marched from downtown Nashville to Centennial Park. Although a much shorter march with less than the 2,000 women originally present, it was inspirational. Following greetings from Megan Barry, Mayor of Nashville, we were transported back in time to 1920 with the five suffragists featured on the monument—Carrie Chapman Catt, Anne Dallas Dudley, Frankie Pierce, Sue Shelton White and Abby Crawford Milton—speaking of their delight with the passage of the bill. Returning to the present, TSDAR State Regent, Charlotte Reynolds, spoke of the significance of the connection of DAR with the Suffrage Movement. Both nationally known suffragists Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul were members of DAR. Other speakers included the President of the Parthenon Conservancy and TN Vice President League of Women Voters. A wreath of yellow roses was then laid by the State Regent at the monument followed by wreaths from the Parthenon Conservancy, League of Women Voters, and Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Board. The beautiful and touching "Standing On Her Shoulders" was sung followed by "Toast for Tenacity," a national tribute pressing for equality for all women and girls. The toast was made with grape juice. In 1920, prohibition was the law and Alice Paul toasted Tennessee with a glass of grape juice on August 17, 1920, upon learning that Tennessee had passed the law to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. She had already been imprisoned and treated very harshly and did not want to go back to prison for violating prohibition. All then repeated in unison the words of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment--"The rights of citizens of the United State to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."



## *Congratulations, Nancy Ward Chapter!*

The Nancy Ward Chapter has been selected as the 2017 Website of the Month by the National VIS Committee Site of the Month volunteer judges. Visit their lovely new website at <http://www.tndar.org/~nancyward/>.

## *State Regent's Project at Tamassee DAR School*



One of the projects of the State Regent is to paint the exterior of the Tennessee Smith Mettetal Building at Tamassee DAR School with new signage for the building. Pictures show the progress of the painting of the beautiful building. Signage will come following the completion of the painting.

## *Oak Ridge Naturalization Ceremony*



Manhattan National Park Ranger Christy Strand, The Honorable Thomas Varlan, Margaret Terrell, TN State Representative John Ragan, Gwen Cole.

In true DAR spirit, representatives from four chapters converged for the first Naturalization Ceremony in the history of Oak Ridge on June 17. Ten members of the host chapter, Clinch Bend, 10 members from Rhea-Craig, 2 members from Andrew Bogle, and 1 member from Emory Road joined forces and provided refreshments for all of the newly naturalized American citizens and their families. As each new citizen crossed the stage and was congratulated by Judge Thomas A. Varlan, and the staff of the Manhattan National Park, Clinch Bend member Gwen Cole gave each an American flag and a flag code booklet. Seventy eight new citizens from 43 foreign counties proudly carried their flags and stopped at the League of Women Voters table to sign up for their voting privileges. Selma Norton coordinated a lovely reception with balloons and flowers, and an ample staff to greet the newest Americans. Many new friendships were made that day. All of the chapters agreed this was one of the best DAR experiences and all were proud to serve. Hopefully the Manhattan National Park office will be picked to sponsor the ceremony in the future and our DAR sisters will be ready to take on the task!

Manhattan National Park, Clinch Bend member Gwen Cole gave each an American flag and a flag code

## *Appalachian Daughters Visit Crossnore*



Members from five chapters along with members of the organizing chapter from Mountain City visited the Crossnore School on Thursday, June 15th.

The visit was organized by DAR School Committee Vice Chair for Crossnore School, Ellen Betts, a member of the Samuel Doak Chapter. The ladies assembled in the conference room where they enjoyed a lunch prepared by the school's Miracle Grounds Coffee Shop. The members were welcomed by Ellen Betts. Martha Dandridge Washington's Chaplain gave the blessing. Courtney Lane, Crossnore School Annual Giving and Outreach Coordinator gave an informative talk on the history of the school as well as information about the services provided to the children in their care. After lunch, Appalachian District Event Photographer Jean Potter took photos. Members were then free to visit the Blair Fraley Sales Store, the Weaving Room, the Crossnore Fine Arts Gallery and view the Ben Long Fresco in the Sloop Chapel.

An impressive amount of items were donated for the Blair Fraley Sales Store and the Birdcage for the 2017 Transitions as well as items for the teachers.

Attending were Martha Dandridge Washington Chapter Regent Mary Cay Khriel, members Karen McFarland, Carolyn Mitchell and husband Phillip, Kim Williams-Clabo, and Elizabeth Finchum; William Cocke Chapter member Martha Murray; Julius Duggar Chapter Regent Dora Kinzer and member Jean Potter; John Sevier-Sarah Hawkins Chapter Regent Johnda Burdette and members Dynel Savery and Sharon Oliver; organizing members for the new chapter in the Mountain City who were present were Janet Rhea Payne, Janet C. Payne, Martha J. Elerdze, Rosemary Stanbery and Margaret Westphal.



## Appalachian District Registrar Workshop



TN State Registrar Debra Nimtz held a workshop for Appalachian District Chapter Registrars on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church in Dandridge. The workshop was hosted by the Martha Dandridge Washington Chapter who graciously provided delicious morning treats and lunch for the group. Thirteen chapters were represented by 25 participants.

## State Chairman News

### American Heritage

We are buzzing about the 2017-2018 American Heritage Committee theme of “Exploring America Through The Arts.” Did you take some pictures of the recent eclipse or of your family and friends enjoying that momentous day? What a great entry that would be this year! Did you vacation this year in one of our wonderful state or national parks? Our Tennessee daughters are so talented in all the fields of entry that showcase our rich American Heritage. Please consider submitting an entry in the fields of fiber arts, music, crafts, art and sculpture, and drama and literature.

Our Costume theme for this year is “Women’s Contributions to our Nation Through Military, Federal and Voluntary Service era 1910-1920.” The Committee would be so excited to receive costume entries this year.

Remember our Woman in the Arts Recognition Award, which asks for the nomination of a DAR member or a non-member to recognize worthy women at the community level for outstanding achievements in the non-performing arts.

For more information, go to [dar.org](http://dar.org), sign in as a member, go to Committees, and click on American Heritage. Rules are there for each category. Click on last year’s winners and peruse the many choices you have for submitting an entry or our Tennessee DAR website at [tndar.org](http://tndar.org). Entries will be accepted from January 2, 2018 until February 15, 2018, except for FIBER ARTS which must be sent ONLY to your state chairman by February 8, 2018. All entries must send a duplicate/copy of your national application, narrative and photos to Susan E. Church at [basketweaver63@gmail.com](mailto:basketweaver63@gmail.com). You can send your entry in PDF and/or jpg formats. If you don’t have email, please send forms in regular mail to the above address. Chapters should consider scheduling an American Heritage program during a

regularly scheduled meeting. Please contact the state chairman if you wish to schedule a speaker. This would count toward the Master Questionnaire scoring system for your chapter.

Tennessee Daughters let us proudly Explore America Through The Arts.

Susan Church, State Chairman

## *Children of the American Revolution*



The National C.A.R. Mid Southern Conference was held in Knoxville, TN, on July 7-8. I received many compliments on our Tennessee Society members regarding how professionally they dressed and behaved. Thank you, Honorary Senior State President Lori Cook, and all of TSDAR members that hold our members to the rules of the society and dress code. You helped to prepared them for TN to host, and they sure did shine. You make it look easy and very worthy of our time. Please continue to prepare your papers for new members and provide guidance at meetings. A big thank you to Emory Road chapter for hosting the NSCAR Thursday night and providing dinner.

The following Monday was the SAR Congress. Featured is a picture of TN State CAR President Leslie Myers with TSDAR Regent Mrs. Reynolds.

Tabitha Myers, TSCAR Senior State President

## *DAR Service for Veterans*

Greetings from your DAR Service for Veterans Committee! Now that our chapters are beginning to reconvene for fall, we would encourage you to make sure you have completed your Service for Veterans efforts in advance of Chapter Master Report timing, especially since Veterans Day is fast approaching! Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11th, that honors military Veterans.

One important deadline that you need to prepare for is December 1<sup>st</sup>, when nomination packets for Outstanding Volunteer Service are due! Chapters may nominate individuals for three awards: Outstanding Veteran Volunteer, Outstanding Youth Volunteer, and Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans (a member of DAR). ALL NOMINATIONS MUST REACH THE STATE CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2017. Please do NOT send via certified mail requiring signature. Forms and instructions are available online:

<http://members.dar.org/committees/vet/index.htm>

If you have nominated a volunteer in the past, but he/she was not a winner, you may nominate them again. Since we can only select one winner for the State, we want to encourage you to resubmit if your nominee does not win in a particular year. It can be quite competitive. That said, last year we did not have any nominations for an Outstanding Youth Volunteer, despite nine chapters reporting youth volunteer hours on their CMR! One easy way to identify a youth volunteer would be to reach out to your local CAR, JROTC, and Boy/Girl Scout programs, to find out which young people are actively involved in helping Veterans through community service. Let's ensure we have a State winner in each of the three categories this year!

At State Conference, your chapter awards packet may have included awards from this committee. We gave 111 awards to chapters in 2017, including recognition for

Outstanding Service in our State Projects: Fisher House, Honor Air/Honor Flight, West TN Veterans Home, and West TN Veterans Cemetery. Even if you do not live close to one of these projects, please consider donating funds and time to these worthy endeavors. We need to ensure Veterans across our state are cared for! The Members website is being updated with a new wish list for the Fisher House, and all of our projects need your continued support to sustain their good works.

For active-duty military projects including Trees from Home, coupons, and care packages, please contact the DAR Project Patriot committee. For Vietnam War Commemoration, please contact the Commemorative Events committee.

Aubrey Williams, State  
Chairman, [DARaubrey@gmail.com](mailto:DARaubrey@gmail.com)

## *East TN Juniors and Pages*

Mark those calendars East TN Juniors and Pages!!!

Our 2016 service project for the first year of the Reynolds administration - Wreaths Across America - was such a moving experience for those who participated, that I signed us up to participate again this year! For anyone who is new, or just needs a refresher on what Wreaths Across America is about, here is a brief explanation. "Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad."

Our group will be meeting at 11:45 a.m. at the New East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery located at 2200 East John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37920. The ceremony will begin promptly at noon. **\*\*Bring a few tissues...you will probably need them!\*\*** We have been registered as a group,

so all you need to do is notify me (via Facebook or email at [aldixon2013@gmail.com](mailto:aldixon2013@gmail.com)), your Junior Membership Vice Chairman East TN, that you will be participating. Laying a wreath on these veterans' graves is such a simple yet poignant way to honor their memory, their service, and their sacrifice this holiday season. Get ready to Be Ye Doers, and sign up today!

P. S. If any Junior/Page wants to be a part of this project, but can't make it to Knoxville, sign up as a volunteer for a participating cemetery near you. Then, let me know the name of the cemetery, and that you went there instead. Pictures would be greatly appreciated!

Amanda Dixon, Vice Chairman,  
Appalachian Junior Membership



*Junior American  
Citizens*

Your chapter is missing out if you don't have any entries in the Junior American Citizens Contest this year. Last year we had 4 Southeastern Division winners and 4 National winners. It's an opportunity to spark creativity through Art (poster, banner, stamp, and photographic essay), Creative Expression, and Community Service Project. Many chapters have community service projects involving students that could be entered in JAC contests. You can meet once a year, daily, or somewhere in between. Be inspired to take a few minutes to read the SIP as well as the NIP for instructions and ideas that you can tailor to your C.A.R. chapter or other groups you might work with. The theme this year is "100th anniversary of World War 1". It's your chance to bring WW1 to life for children in a way that no one else can.

Each participating child receives a lovely certificate. Please note that the deadline for sending entries to the state chair is December 15th which is

earlier than the deadline on the NSDAR website. Entries should be sent by email with attachments. Also, note the contest rules about size and other specifications. Please email me at [tex2204@comcast.net](mailto:tex2204@comcast.net) if you have questions. I hope to hear from many of you.

Ginger Hoogesteger, State Chairman

## *DAR New Horizons*



This fall the TSDAR had its second class of New Horizon graduates with twenty-two (22) ladies graduating during our three fall workshop locations. Forty-six (46) women have now completed the program in Tennessee. With such a wonderful group of women successfully completing the program we are looking toward our next graduation ceremony that will be held at state conference in 2018. If you have been considering starting the course, now is the perfect time with our rolling enrollment.

The DAR New Horizons Course is designed to develop chapter leaders and educate members to the history and work of the NSDAR and TSDAR. This is accomplished by a series of online webinars, study of DAR published resources, in-person activities and independent projects. The goal is complete the course over the period of a year, although more time may be approved by the Advisor if necessary. This program is open to any current DAR member in good standing, who has attended a combination of at least five chapter meetings and qualifying events in the past twelve months and has been nominated by three other members of her chapter - the current chapter regent or vice regent, one other current chapter officer, and any other current chapter member. A current subscription to American Spirit magazine is also required. The course is designed for interested, enthusiastic, dedicated members who want to learn

more about the operation and governance of successful chapters.

Visions Course graduates can participate as well with a bridge program that will pick up the additional items that were not covered in the original program. However, please note this bridge program will be phased out next year, and previous Vision graduates will only have until Spring 2018 to apply for and complete the bridge program. Starting in April 2018 only the full New Horizon's course and the New Horizon/New Member bridge course will be offered. For more information on the New Horizon's Course or the Vision/Horizon Bridge Course please contact the DAR Horizons Course Advisor, Cecile Wimberley, at [rcswimberley@gmail.com](mailto:rcswimberley@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you in our next graduating class.

Cecile Wimberley, New Horizons Course Advisor

## *Service to America*

It was great to see so many Daughters at the Fall Conferences. Remember to continue to log those hours of service. This fall we will again be celebrating the National Day of Service where chapters give back to their communities through volunteer activities in recognition of the anniversary of our Society's founding. Chapters will foster member involvement and retention by planning a special project on or around October 11. Be sure to take photos and write an article for your local newspaper: that will reinforce your members' involvement, let the community know your chapter is active in serving, and further augment NSDAR's reputation for being the largest women's service organization in the world. For a project that would be convenient for many chapter members, encourage them individually to make and deliver a home baked goodie to a community helper (law enforcement, fire, EMS, teachers, military, etc.). For more information on the DAR Day of Service, <http://www.dar.org/national-society/celebrate-125/national-dar-day-service>

Joyce Ernst, State Chairman



# 113TH STATE CONFERENCE

# 2018



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TSDAR STATE REGENT

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**VIRGINIA "GINNIE"**  
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## WE NEED YOU!

The State Conference Committee is looking for daughters with special talents or gifts that are willing to sell their items at State Conference. Make a little money for yourself while also supporting the State Regents Project. Inquire within your chapters to see who might be interested. Show off your talent!

Items that would be of interest: Paintings consisting of oil, acrylic or water color, items made of wood, mixed media, photography, books, music, sculpture, calligraphy, or anything unique.

Please, no jewelry, crocheted items or quilts.

All items will be considered but will go through the State Conference Committee. Certain rules will apply. 20% of all sales will be required as a donation to the State Regents Project. If you are interested in having a booth at conference you will need to fill out a few questions regarding your item or items and submit a few photos with details. Contact Angela Beaton at [thebeatonpath@aol.com](mailto:thebeatonpath@aol.com) or 615.403.8255 for specific details.



### *State Conference Delegates and Alternates:*

#### **Credentials Committee Dates to remember and plan for!**

**December 1, 2017** – Pay chapter dues AND State Conference Fee.

**February 17, 2018** – Deadline for election of delegates to State Conference.

**March 10, 2018** – All chapters postmark credentials to State Regent and Credentials Chair.

Marcia Pickel, Credentials Chairman

Jane McPherson, Credentials Vice Chairman

## Chapter News

### Alexander Keith Chapter



Past Regent Mary Ellen Nolletti with McMinn County Mayor John Gentry.

**Athens**--Alexander Keith Chapter, NSDAR presented ten framed George Washington prints in 2017. McMinn County Mayor John Gentry showed Mary Ellen Nolletti, Immediate Past Chapter Regent, the prominent placement of one in the courthouse in Athens, TN. Nine others were given to schools contacted by Janet Cantrell, DAR American History Chair.

### Caney Fork Chapter



L-R Grace Louise Buell, Regent, Caney Fork DAR; Felicia Hix, Regent Colonel Hardy Murfree Chapter-Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Nancy Carr, State Organizing Secretary Tennessee DAR; Benita Lane and Grace Harbison, members of Caney Fork DAR.

**Carthage**--On Saturday, June 17, 2017 the local Daughters of the American Revolution hosted the Sequoyah District in a Flag Day Celebration at the Smith County Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 50 guests from Middle Tennessee attended including several state officers. The chamber was decked out in different flags that have flown over our country--the Union Jack, the Betsy Ross Flag, and the Cowpens Flag to name a few. After reciting the Pledge to the American Flag, the American's Creed, and the Pledge to the Tennessee Flag, the group joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Smith's Catering of Lebanon, Tennessee. Mr. David Currey of Encore Interpretive Design gave an informative presentation of the plans and progress in rebuilding a replica of Fort Nashborough on the banks of the Cumberland River in downtown Nashville. The grand opening was slated for July 8, 2017, with more interactive exhibits and displays to be added in the coming years. The new replica is built from authentic hardwoods in a historically accurate fashion but without the blockade fence blocking it from the view of downtown traffic thus inviting more people to come and experience the first settlement that became Nashville. There is space for a Native American exhibit and indoor/outdoor classroom space to entice school groups to come and learn about the history of our state.

### Cavett Station Chapter

**Knoxville**— Four Cavett Station Daughters traveled to Washington, D.C., for DAR Continental Congress this summer. The chapter was proud to earn a Bronze American Spirit award and to receive the Junior Membership Platinum Award with other Tennessee chapters. Vice Regent Holly Matthews was presented with two first place American Heritage awards for poetry. Regent Amanda Hillard, Vice Regent Holly Matthews, and Corresponding Secretary Billie Cobb served as Pages. TSDAR American History Chairman Julia Cowart also served as a delegate. Members attended

the Tennessee tea, the Junior Membership luncheon, Service to America Night, and several other events. Seven Cavett Station members were present at the August Workshop in Maryville, including Appalachian District Secretary Carol Zimmerman, TSDAR American History Chairman Julia Cowart, Regent Amanda Hillard, Vice Regent Holly Matthews, Recording Secretary Rachelle Joy, Corresponding Secretary Billie Cobb, and Treasurer Amanda Dixon. The chapter was so proud of our own Carol Zimmerman for all of her work!



L-R Vice Regent Holly Matthews, Regent Amanda Hillard, TSDAR Appalachian History Chairman Julia Cowart, and Corresponding Secretary Billie Cobb at the Junior Membership Luncheon.

### *Chief Piomingo Chapter*

**Collierville**--On July 8, 2017, Collierville's Chief Piomingo Chapter and Brownsville's David Craig Chapter co-hosted an award presentation honoring Margaret Clark Norville of Cypress Community, Crockett County, TN. The presentation was held at Cypress United Methodist Church in Bells, TN. Mrs. Norville was recognized as a "Tennessee Treasure" for her work Preserving American Heritage with her quilting, needle arts, gardening, and food preservation. State Regent Charlotte Reynolds gave greetings from TSDAR. Also participating in the program were State Chaplain Jill Jones-Lazuka, State Organizing Secretary Nancy Carr, State Registrar Debra S. Nimitz, and State

Historian Linda Moss Mines, who presented the award to Mrs. Norville.

Carol Berning, Mrs. Norville's daughter, spoke of her mother's love for family and friends, her interest in her historical roots, and her artistry with fabric. Decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall was an array of quilts pieced and hand-quilted by Mrs. Norville. This was the first time the Tennessee Treasure Award has been presented by the State Society.

Ms. Norville, 92-years young, still quilts, gardens, preserves vegetables, bakes, and enjoys sharing her many skills with others. She has hand sewn many quilts (over 35), and won a First Place Blue Ribbon for her Bible Quilt.

Wanda Hunter Day, Chief Piomingo Chapter, organized and presided at the event after hearing TSDAR State Historian Linda Moss Mines speak about the importance of preserving our American Heritage. This was Wanda's capstone project for her Leadership Development Training.



TSDAR Historian Linda Mines presents the "Tennessee Treasure" award to Margaret Clark Norville. Daughter Carol Burning was present.

### *Col. Hardy Murfree Chapter*

**Murfreesboro**--Junior Members of Col. Hardy Murfree chapter spent a delightful evening on August 29 at Sinking Creek Farm in Murfreesboro where they enjoyed a picnic lunch

together and a Conservation workshop on Bees, Butterflies, and Bats. They learned about honey production, new colony creation, and different types of colonies. They then followed a butterfly trail where they discovered plants and flowers in a butterfly and bee pollinator garden area. They even tasted berries that the Native Americans ate. Finally they observed a bat habitat and watched as the bats began coming out at dusk. New friendships were made and two members even decided to attend the Juniors Retreat!



L-R Karen Maynard, Junior; Marcia Jones, Chapter Librarian; Karen Hudson, Regent; Nancy Kelley, Junior; Nancy Dill; Donna Scarlett, Historian; Lila Beasley, Corresponding Secretary; Lauren Welborn, Junior; Joyce Russnogle; Nancy Carr, TSDAR Organizing Secretary.

### *Col. Joseph Hardin Chapter*

**Savannah**--A total of twelve chapter members attended the August Workshop in Jackson, with member Linda Walkup serving as Chickasaw District Secretary. Linda's function at the workshop was to introduce Tennessee State Regent Charlotte Reynolds and to perform the Roll Call of Chapters. Vice Regent Laura Hinton represented

the chapter by attending the Middle Tennessee Workshop later in the week.



L-R Faye Lindberg, Connie Austin, Pam Fant, Yvonne Hanna, Shirley Baker, Marie Paulk, Chickasaw District Secretary Linda Walkup, Jean Gunn, Cathy Latham, Emily Pollard Patterson, Judy Pollard, and Elizabeth Lambert.

### *Fort Nashborough Chapter*



Deployed service members were excited to receive their "Trees from Home" last Christmas!

**Nashville**--It might have looked like a sweatshop, but actually it was Fort Nashborough Chapter's annual tree skirt workshop held on August 29, 2017, where members were busy making "Trees from Home" tree skirts for DAR Project Patriot. Thanks to our member Jennifer Watts-Martin for offering her drapery workshop, 23 members gathered, formed a production line (tracing the tree skirt form, cutting, counting and packaging) and made 2,050 tree skirts in one day. Our chapter's goal is to beat our 2016 number of 2,680. By October we plan to

have 3,000 plus tree skirts for the “Trees from Home” project. Trees from Home, Inc. (Whitefish Bay, WI) has no paid staff. Each \$25 donation provides a fully decorated 12-inch tree, handmade skirt, Christmas card, candy, toothbrush and paste and other goodies. Kids help decorate the trees, volunteers pack the boxes and our deployed service members receive a piece of home when home is far away.

What great members we have in the Fort Nashborough Chapter. OOH RAH

### *French Lick Chapter*



French Lick members pose with TSDAR State Regent Charlotte Reynolds.

**Nashville**--On August 27, 2017, members of the French Lick chapter along with State Regent Charlotte Reynolds attended the laying of the wreath at the Suffragist Monument in Nashville. The event was held in Centennial Park.

### *General Jethro Sumner Chapter*

**Gallatin**--This spring the General Jethro Sumner Chapter presented Juanita Gourley, of Gallatin, TN with a well-deserved honor—the Women in American History Award. In high school Juanita exhibited leadership skills and was described in her yearbook as, “gentle in manner, she does bold things in a quiet way.” Juanita has exhibited this

constant mantra by becoming involved in so many causes and projects in Sumner County.

In 1959 she volunteered to help guide the restoration of Historic Cragfont. Juanita, realizing the need for funding, set about writing and securing grants for the restoration. She has served on the Cragfont board since 1964 and as president for ten years.

In 1982 when Rose Mont Restoration Foundation she was a major volunteer. She has continued to serve on that board since 1992 and as president for five years. In 2002 Juanita was given the “Silver Quill Award” from the City of Gallatin. She was awarded the “Certificate of Merit” from the Tennessee Historical Commission. The Sertoma Club of Gallatin gave her its coveted “Service to Mankind Award” a few years ago and stated that. “She is an inspiration to all those who have the honor of knowing her.” In addition to historic preservation, Juanita has been involved in many other civic and social activities too numerous to mention.



L-R Front row: Helen Marshall, Juanita Gourley, Regent Sandra Long, Pat Wright. Back row: Ms. Gourley’s daughters Jamie Reeves and Margaret Cowan.

### *General William Lee Davidson Chapter*

**Nashville**--As the new regent of the Chapter, I wanted to plan an event that would allow a social time to get to know each other. I've been with the

chapter for four years and we do not have time in meetings to get to know each other. After talking with interested members we decided on a Fellowship Time that would include a Flag Retirement Service Project.

Chapter member Linda Tripp graciously volunteered her beautiful home and provided a light meal. We enjoyed the time relaxing, talking and eating. We could have stayed the night talking and listening to the bullfrog in the pond.

We had a lovely afternoon on June 29; the weather was not too hot. Linda had worked all week preparing her gardens, pond, and fire pit to be ready for our Fellowship and Flag Retirement.

Ten ladies attended the event--six members, two soon-to-be associate members, and two prospective members.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony was a learning experience, since it was a first for all of us. We followed the DAR Flag Retirement Ritual for a meaningful service.

This will become an annual June event. We think every chapter should hold fellowship events throughout the year.

Arlene Cook, Regent



Front Row L-R Linda Tripp, Harriette Maloney; Back Row L-R Regent Arlene Cooke; Shirley Hutsell

## General William Lenoir Chapter



General William Lenoir Chapter was represented by 17 chapter members at the August Workshop in Maryville!

**Lenoir City**--Our entire newly elected panel of officers of our rapidly growing General William Lenoir DAR Chapter all attended the TSDAR 2017 August Workshop in Maryville, TN on August 19th: Renee Hamilton, Regent, Marcia Bottenhorn, Vice-Regent, Pennie Cockrel, Secretary, Karen Gardner, Treasurer, Katie Lee, Chaplin and Alice Brosey, Registrar. Eleven additional members also attended bringing our total chapter attendance to an impressive 17 members.

Our chapter was proud that three of our members were presented awards for completion of the New Members Course presented by Luanne DeWitt: Katie Lee, Karen Gardner, and Teresa Bennett. Our chapter meets the third Saturday of the month September-May.



Congratulations to these New Members Course graduates!

## *Gideon Carr Chapter*

**White Bluff**—Gideon Carr Chapter recently welcomed a transfer member, Jana Calderon, and a new DAR member, Rebecca Smith, to the chapter.



L-R Jana Calderon, Regent Susan Church, and Rebecca Smith.

## *Hermitage Chapter*



L-R Mary Margaret Buck, Ann Andrews, and Pam Fleming showing off their outstanding baked goods.

**Memphis**--Mary Margaret Buck, DAR VAVS Representative and member of Hermitage Chapter, Pam Fleming-Gold Star Mother and prospective

DAR member, and Zachariah Davies DAR Service for Veterans Chairman Ann Andrews worked at the Bake Sale at the "Christmas in July" event at the Memphis Veteran's Administration Hospital on July 26. We had a wonderful time.

## *Jackson-Madison Chapter*



Jackson-Madison DAR and Pinson Mounds CAR members attended this year's Memorial Day ceremony.

**Jackson**--Jackson-Madison Chapter member Jamie Boone chose a cemetery cleanup and Memorial Day ceremony honoring World War I and World War II veterans as her Horizon Course capstone project. Aided by registrar Alice Holtin, member Kathy Williams, and the Bemis [TN] Historical Society members, Jamie identified seven WWI veterans and 10 WWII veterans interred in the Bemis Cemetery.

On Memorial Day 2017, members of DAR, SAR, and C.A.R. joined veterans and veterans' family members at the Bemis Cemetery to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice paid by local soldiers. The crowd was estimated at 40 people.

Following the welcome by chapter regent Beth Bates, the colors were posted by Jon Harrison and J. D. Carden of VFW Post 1848. Invocation was given by Rev. Walter German, Bemis United Methodist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DAR member Jennifer Rowan and Children of the American Revolution member Alyvia Baxter. DAR member Wendy Williams led the singing of the National Anthem. Bob Hughes, representing Sons of the American Revolution, brought

greetings. Following a history of the Bemis Cemetery by Joel Jackson, president of the Bemis Historical Society, DAR chapter members Alice Holtin and Jamie Boone read the names of the 17 World War I and World War II veterans interred in the cemetery. Following the retiring of the colors, the group was dismissed.

## *John Sevier- Sarah Hawkins Chapter*



L-R Melodie Daniels was installed by Chaplain Dynel Savery as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent of the John Sevier-Sarah Hawkins Chapter NSDAR.

**Johnson City**--The John Sevier-Sarah Hawkins Chapter NSDAR honored the American flag by performing a Flag-Folding Ceremony for chapter members and guests at the home of Sharon Oliver. The flag folding was performed by veterans Lois Wetzel and Jerry Oliver with Sharon Oliver explaining the symbolism of each fold of the flag. Melodie Daniels was installed by Chaplain Dynel Savery as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent immediately after the Summer Salad and Dessert Luncheon. Ms. Daniels has honored our chapter by paging at the 125<sup>th</sup> and 126<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress in Washington, DC. Chaplain Dynel Savery conducted a beautiful Memorial Service for Emily McClellan and Mary Hensley. The ladies were honored by members with telling of wonderful, touching stories about their interaction with them.

## *Martha Dandridge Washington Chapter*

**Dandridge**—Martha Dandridge Washington Chapter was proud to have four members graduating from New Members Course and three members graduating from the New Horizons Course at the August Workshop!

Susan Lane, a Board Member of the Hills Union Cemetery in Dandridge, which is one of the largest cemeteries in Jefferson County, has long had a dream of seeing the graves of every veteran in the cemetery marked with flags on July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day. The graves that had military markers were easy for her to identify but she had no idea how to identify those that were not marked. All it took was for her to mention her desire to a DAR member and the wheels were in motion!

Several members from the Martha Dandridge Washington Chapter jumped at the chance to help. In May 2017, one member participated in the Cemetery's Decoration Day and created a list for the Cemetery representatives to ask those that came through if they had a veteran family member or friend buried there. Other ladies of the Chapter are walking sections of the cemetery recording names as well as birth and death dates of those who could possibly have served during a war, and using Fold3 and other means to help prove veterans.

The project is still under way, but it is our hope that by July 4, 2018, Susan's dream will be realized and flags will be flying!



The chapter enjoyed attending the August Workshop in Maryville!

## Margaret Gaston Chapter

**Lebanon--**Joyce Harris, an accomplished weaver and member of the Margaret Gaston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, formally donated a rare historic rocking loom to Fiddlers Grove Historic Village in Lebanon, Tennessee. The rocking loom had been on loan to the village and the ceremony on March 17, 2017, attended by many DAR members and friends including several weavers, made it a permanent display and part of Lebanon history.

The rocking loom dates to the mid 1800s and is only one of four known to be in Tennessee. The loom was originally a wedding present for William Kelly and Sarah Ricketts in 1865. It was owned by Billy Blythe, a local farmer in Statesville, Tennessee in the 1970s then purchased by Joyce and her husband Richard in that decade. For a period of time the loom was on loan to the Lebanon Woolen Mills Store.

The DAR and Fiddlers Grove share a love of history and its preservation. To see the rare loom or for more information contact Fiddlers Grove at 615-547-6111.



Joyce Harris poses with the loom she donated to Fiddlers Grove Historic Village.

## Mary Blount Chapter

**Maryville--**The Mary Blount Chapter of Maryville welcomed DAR members from Cherokee and Appalachian Districts to Maryville for the August

District workshops. Members assisted Appalachian District Director and Mary Blount member Millie Peters with setting up, registration, kitchen duty and other activities to make the day enjoyable for all.



Pictured seated in front, from left to right, are Kitchen Coordinator Bobbie Hoffman, Vice Regent Donna Nuchols, Regent Myrtle James, District Director Millie Peters. Standing from left to right, Chaplain Myrtle James, Pat Reilly, Corresponding Secretary Valerie Hendrix, Kathy Butcher, Registrar Ann Cherry, Jo Webb, Bonita Witt, April Wegner, Margaret Ellen Crawford, Wanda Taylor, and TSDAR Parliamentarian Charlotte Miller.

## Mary Patton Chapter



Members of Mary Patton Chapter help at their recent golf tournament.

**Erwin--** Mary Patton Chapter had some very interesting and informative programs this summer. In July we had several other chapters join us as the State President of Children of the American Revolution visited our chapter and presented a program on their state project, Mary's Magical Place. August brought a CAR member who shared information about the CAR Convention that was held in Knoxville. We had five members attend the

fall workshop and everyone is very excited about the upcoming year. We ended August with a golf tournament fundraiser for our veterans and school programs.

## *Nolachuckey Chapter*



**Congratulations to chapter Treasurer Carolyn Gregg on her award!**

**Greeneville--**On May 22, 2017, Nolachuckey Chapter presented to Carolyn Gregg, Treasurer of the Chapter, the DAR History Award Medal for her lifetime of service and publications to preserve and document American history on the local, regional, and national level.

Historian Kathleen Cannon and Regent Brenda Olafsen presented the prestigious award and summarized Carolyn's activities. Carolyn wrote musical plays and created a Greene County History book for her third graders over 13 years. Her elementary Greene County history summer classes mapped cemeteries and studied their family histories.

She has written 17 books—The History of Nolachuckey Chapter NSDAR, Stories From the South of Greene County, Reflections From the Past in Chuckey, Afton, Tusculum and Eastern Greene County, Remembering Greene County Mills, Tales of the Rails, Saint James Lutheran Church Celebrates 200 Years—1811-2011; The History of Asbury United Methodist Church; The History of Blue Springs Lutheran Church; Blue Springs Church, Community, and Colleges; and six volumes

about Harden, NC; The Corriher and Patterson Family; and The Gregg Family. She has written many scripts for Church and Community Plays and “Whispers From the Grave” performances. She contributes articles and does the final editing for the Pioneer of the Genealogical Society.

## *Rachel Stockley Donelson Chapter*



**L-R Seated Jane Dugger, Kathy Heath, Bitsy Gulbenk, Marian Schmidt, and Anne Haston.**

**L-R Standing Eddie Robbins, Barbara Robbins, Natali Devine, Maj. Gen. Max Haston, Dianne Freeman, Mary Ellen Black, Marsha Chisolm, Jana Tompkins, and Virginia Bean.**

**Hermitage--**Major General Max Haston, the 75<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General of Tennessee, addressed the Rachel Stockley Donelson (RSD) Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) at its May 11, 2017 meeting at The Hermitage. As the Adjutant General, General Haston oversees the Military Department of Tennessee that includes the following: the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and the Tennessee State Guard. The members were further honored that Mrs. Anne Haston, a member of the Samuel Frazier DAR Chapter in Knoxville, was able to attend.

## *Rhea-Craig Chapter*

**Sweetwater**--Nelle Ward remembers when women weren't allowed to vote and she remembers with great pride the very first time she voted. Mrs. Ward, who celebrated her 105th birthday on July 30th, enjoyed an early birthday party with several members of Rhea-Craig Chapter DAR in Sweetwater, TN. As a 43-year member of Rhea-Craig Chapter, Mrs. Ward still occasionally attends meetings with her daughter Marilyn. Her attendance always results in a room full of smiles. Admitted to NSDAR in 1974 Mrs. Ward served as chapter regent and shares memories of those days with stories and smiles.

Mrs. Ward was the first girl to go to high school in the area and she is quick to tell that she was one of very few young women in her graduating class from Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, TN. She remembers her father bringing fruit to her at college and the excitement of her friends when shared this delicious treat with them. After graduating she taught school before she married. Her husband built the house she still lives in.

Rhea-Craig Chapter is enriched with the addition of each new member. Mrs. Nelle Ward, this delightful 105 year-old member, continues to bless all of us with her history, her stories, and her beautiful smile.



L-R: Carrie Ann Bright, Regent; Jane Yates, Vice Regent; Mrs. Nelle Ward, member; Barbara McKeel, Recording Secretary. Standing L-R: Susan Pluff, Treasurer; Marilyn Ward (Nelle's daughter), member; Kathy Tyler, Registrar; Caren Lorelle, Corresponding Secretary.

## *State of Franklin Chapter*

**Jonesborough**--On July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the town of Jonesborough and Mayor Kelly Wolfe presented the State of Franklin Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution with a proclamation declaring September 17 – 23, 2017 as Constitution Week.

The State of Franklin Chapter is very grateful to Mayor Wolfe and the town of Jonesborough for their support of our Constitution Week Bell Ringings. The Chapter is sponsoring its fourth Constitution Week Bell Ringing on September 17th this year at Jonesborough's historic Oak Hill School.

The chapter also donated 782 miniature tree skirts and 28 helmet liners to the NSDAR's Project Patriot committee in August. Several local groups donated their time, supplies and work making tree skirts and helmet liners to add to the tree skirts made by the chapter. 'Volunteers with Shears' from Cold Springs Presbyterian Church and 'South Holston Ruritan Group', both from Bristol TN cut many of the tree skirts. A group from Jonesborough, 'Not Your Mother's Sewing Guild' crocheted the helmet liners. The ladies of State of Franklin chapter are thankful for the opportunity to express our gratitude and respect for U.S. soldiers everywhere.

The chapter earned 22 awards in 2016 for their tireless work for their community, the American active duty military, U.S. veterans and DAR and local schools. We thank Jonesborough and the surrounding Tri-cities for their help and support.



L-R Teresa James, Jane Matthews, Mary Nelle Roberson, Carol Redmond and Kelly Wolfe, Jonesborough Mayor.

## *Stones River Chapter*



Linda Cazel and Barbara Smith delivered items to the Fisher House.

**Smyrna**--The Stones River Chapter is proud to be a supporter of the Fisher House in Murfreesboro. At our August Meeting we collected paper products. The items were delivered by Linda Cazel and Barbara Smith.

## *Zachariah Davies Chapter*



Melanie Smith and Ann Andrews serve up lemonade and goodies to veterans and their families!

**Brunswick**--Each Wednesday afternoon during the month of August, members of the Zachariah Davies Chapter serve on the Lemonade Brigade in the various lobbies in the VA Hospital-Memphis. Along with the lemonade and coffee provided by the Voluntary Services Office, we provide peanut butter crackers and sugar-free as well as cookies made with sugar to our veterans and their family and friends who are there with them. As partners of the Vietnam War Commemoration, our chapter provided buttons, pins, and bumper stickers to show our gratitude and support for those who served in Vietnam. We found that our veterans and their families valued these items more than the refreshments. We were happy to have the opportunity to say "thank you for your service."

Members of the Zachariah Davies Chapter NSDAR attended the recent Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court-Western District of Tennessee. After the Naturalization Court Proceedings, Oath of Allegiance and Presentation of New Citizens, the receiving line which includes the League of Women Voters, Navy Wives Club and Daughters of the American Revolution welcomed each new citizen. The DAR presented each citizen with a flag and brochure.

*Next Newsletter Deadline:*

*November 1*

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