

Lafayette Chapter News

December 2020



2021 Officers

President:

Dale Henley

President-Elect:

Patrick Wesolosky

Vice President:

Steve Gahafer

Secretary:

Don Adams

Treasurer:

Greg Landon

Registrar:

John Thomas Buckler

Historian:

Joe Clancy

Surgeon:

Emery Wilson

Chaplain:

Ted Kuster

Eagle Scout Award

Chairman:

Dr. Michael Krause

ROTC/Jr. ROTC

Chairman:

Mike Sullivan

Color Guard Commander:

Mike Sullivan

Newsletter Editor:

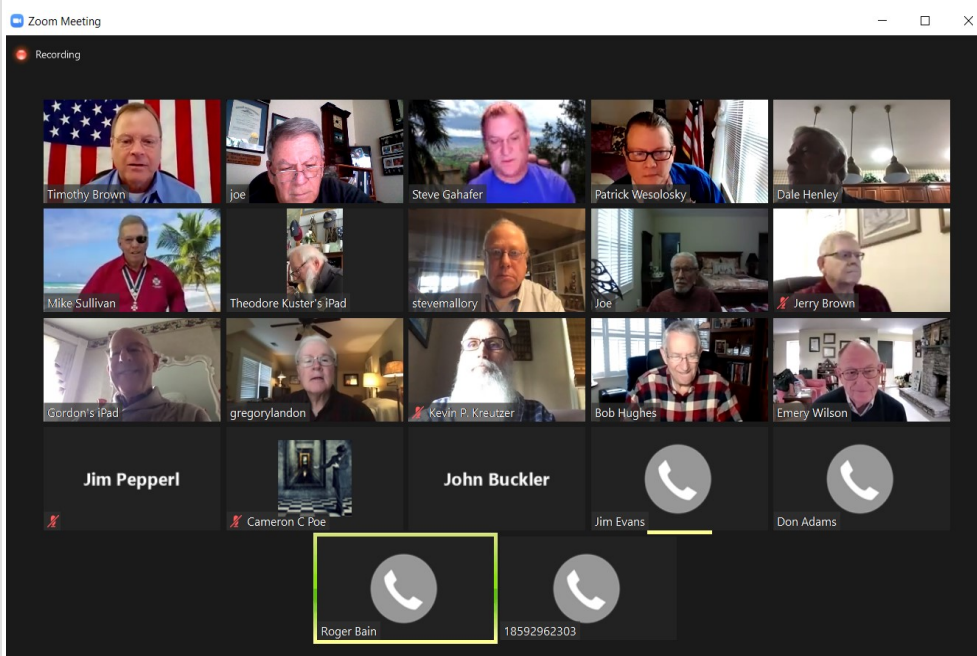
Joe Clancy

Lafayette Chapter

(Chartered March 25, 1960)

Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution



Board of Managers Meeting - November 7, 2020

Lafayette Chapter President Tim Brown presided at the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting via a Zoom call. Attending were: Dr. Emery Wilson, Greg Landon, Mike Sullivan, Dale Henley, Gordon Krist, Joe Clancy, John Buckler, Steve Gahafer and Patrick Wesolosky. The minutes of the meeting were distributed and are available to chapter members. Zoom meetings provided opportunities for members to participate in chapter business during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. Many members were not comfortable meeting in person but some were able to take part in Zoom meetings.

Gold Star Families Memorial Unveiled in Frankfort, Kentucky

On Sunday, September 27, 2020, the Commonwealth of Kentucky unveiled the Gold Star Memorial Monument. It honors families who have lost loved ones serving in the military during times of conflict.



The Woody Williams Foundation was responsible for establishing the monument.



The Lafayette Chapter participated in the Color Guard during the dedication ceremony.

Patriot Veterans Day Service November 8th at Lexington Cemetery



Posting of the Colors



Lafayette Chapter Wreath, KY SAR

Tim Brown, Lafayette Chapter president, welcomes SAR and DAR members and guests.



Keynote Speaker Dwayne Edwards (Major-US Army Retired), presented the *History of Veterans Day*.



President-Elect Dale Henley presented the *History of the Different Military Service Branches*.



Taps - Scott Giltner, KYSSAR Color Guard Commander

Lafayette Chapter, KY SAR– Annual Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, December 5, 2020

New Business:

- **Proposed Chapter Constitutional Amendments**—Timothy Brown, Chapter President
- **New Standing Committee**– Service to Veterans Committee
- **New Constitutional officer position**– Surgeon
- **Election of 2021 Constitutional Officers**– Emery Wilson, Immediate Past President
 - Voted to approve 2021 Constitutional Officers
 - Installation of 2021 Constitutional Officers

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Keynote Speakers for the Annual Meeting:

Dr. John Fox and Dr. Ira Bates,

Boone Trace 1775 “That Little Road”

The speakers discussed the history and preservation of Boone Trace. No other road is of greater historical significance to the founding of Kentucky and opening of the west than “that little road”...and it comes right up through Kentucky.

The Mission is:

- Preserve the remnants of the original Boone Trace trail opened by Daniel Boone and his party of trailblazers in 1775.
- Elevate awareness of its historical significance.
- Convert the original Boone Trace into a multi-use trail as a means of preserving historical awareness.

Boone’s Trace covers approximately 195 miles beginning at Martin’s Station in Virginia, traveling through the Cumberland Gap, and ending at Fort Boonesboro in Kentucky.

“All you need in life is a good gun, a good horse, and a good wife”

Daniel Boone

Awards and Recognitions



Mike Sullivan receives a Gorget for being an official **Color Guard Commander**.

50 Year Membership Award Certificate

Presented to a Compatriot with 50 years of membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

James O. Evans

Member since May 6, 1966

Awards Continued...

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal: Multi-purpose award for service rendered to entities other than SAR.

Nick Blevins - for participation in numerous Color Guard activities.

John Buckler - for participation in numerous patriot grave markings.

Steve Gahafer - for participation in numerous patriot grave markings.

Emery Wilson - for extensive work with the *Wreaths Across America Program*.

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal - awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to the chapter.

Joe Clancy - for continued service as the Chairman of the Publicity Committee, Editor of the Chapter newsletter, and Chapter Photographer.

Patrick Wesolosky - for coordinating the chapter's numerous patriot grave markings efforts and color guard events.

Awards Continued...

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

The law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement.

Steve Gahafer - for years of continuous service as a Law Enforcement Officer in the Lexington Police Department.

Military Service medal - The Military Service Medal is presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service.

Patrick Wesolosky - for his service in the United States Army.

Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.

John Adams

Awards Continued...

Chapter Meritorious Service Medal

The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful, and meritorious service to the chapter.

Dale Henley - for years of continuous service as the Chapter Vice President, President-Elect, Historian, and Chairman of the Historical Research Committee.

Ted Kuster - for years of continuous service as Chaplain of the Lafayette Chapter.

Greg Landon - for years of continuous service as the Treasurer of the Lafayette Chapter.



Awards Continued...

Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service

The Chapter medal of Distinguished Service is the highest medal that can be awarded by a Chapter to its members.

Don Adams - for years of continuous service as the Chapter Secretary, Chapter President, and Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman.

Gordon Krist - for years of continuous service as the Chapter Registrar, Chairman of the Publicity Committee, and Editor of the Chapter newsletter.

Tim Brown - for service as Vice President and two terms as President.

Past Chapter President Pin

Tim Brown - The Past Chapter President Pin is awarded to the outgoing Chapter President.

Wreaths Across America at Camp Nelson National Cemetery



Pictures by Patrick Wesolosky

A team placed 500+ grave-specific wreaths on December 19, 2020.



The Lafayette Chapter donated 200+ meals to both frontline and essential healthcare workers, and their support staff at the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Medical Center for their efforts in fighting the COVID-19 virus. These meals were purchased from and distributed by Price Club Catering of Lexington, Kentucky.

Photo by Price Club Catering