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Lafayette Chapter News

Established March 1960

Lafayette Chapter

Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution

2021 Officers

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We're back!!

After being locked down for more than a year because of the Covid 19 virus, the SAR Lafayette Chapter was finally able to come together for a chapter dinner meeting.



President-Elect **Patrick Wesolosky** welcomed Lafayette Chapter members and guests, and called the first in-person meeting since 2019 to order. President Dale Henley was absent due to some health-related matters.



Lafayette Chapter members enjoying the evening dinner meeting with fellow compatriots and guests. The evening's festivities were held June 14th at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.



The Invocation was led by **Judy Sullivan** (DAR) in the absence of Chapter Chaplain Ted Kuster.



Compatriot Noah Grebe presenting...

“The Enemy of Smallpox in the American Revolution”

Isaac Shelby Chapter Compatriot **Noah Grebe** is reading his National 1st Place essay from the SAR’s George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. This was the first time that the Kentucky Society has ever had a 1st Place winner in the national Knight Essay Contest. The essay told the story of the ‘other’ war the patriots fought... the battle of smallpox. Noah received a 1st Place prize of \$5000.

Awards Presented at the Lafayette Chapter Meeting



Amelia Wisner (Lexington Chapter DAR), made presentations to Vice President **Steve Gahafer** and to President-Elect **Patrick Wesolosky**, for documenting Revolutionary Patriot gravesite locations in Central Kentucky, cleaning and restoring headstones, and placing flags on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.



Nick Blevins received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from Mike Sullivan, Past Lafayette Chapter President, and Past Kentucky Society President.



Vice President **Steve Gahafer** received the Patriot Grave Marking Medal from Mike Sullivan.

Patrick Wesolosky received the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster for grave marking from Mike Sullivan.





Vice President **Steve Gahafer** gave the “Flag Day” Presentation.



Tim Brown, KY SAR Vice President and the Immediate Past President of the Lafayette Chapter, gave an update on both the National SAR and KY Society Eagle Scout Commit-



William “Skip” Redmond receives the SAR Rosette Pin. His wife Penny Redmond did the honors.

Compatriot Joe Jones Receives His 60-Year Membership Certificate!



Meeting of the Lafayette Chapter Board of Managers



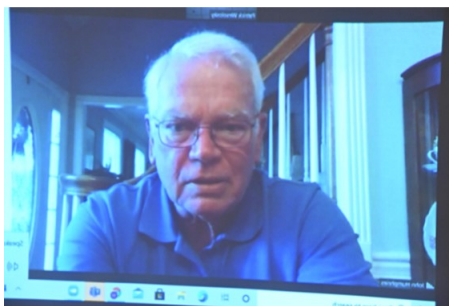
The Lafayette Chapter Board of Managers (BOM) meeting was held at Joseph Beth Bistro Cafe, Lexington, Kentucky on May 3, 2021 at 5:30 PM. President Dale Henley welcomed members and guests.

Members in attendance were (clockwise): John Buckler, Emery Wilson M.D., Steve Gahaffer, Greg Landon, Betsy Kuster (guest), Dale Henley, Mike Sullivan (guest), Ted Kuster, Joe Clancy, and Patrick Wesolosky. Absent were Tim Brown and Don Adams.

Among the many topics discussed were: Patriot grave cleaning at the Lexington Cemetery, and Flag Certificates of Appreciation to the Jessamine County Historical Society.

Another topic considered was discussion about the desire to have an American Revolutionary Memorial in Fayette County.

President-Elect Patrick Wesolosky introduced speaker **John Humphries** via Zoom. Mr. Humphries explained how he was able to get an American Revolutionary Patriots Memorial in Hardin County Kentucky. Patrick wants to pursue a similar memorial for Fayette County. The BOM approved the request to pursue this project.



Right: Hardin County Revolutionary War Memorial. (right)



Awards and Certificates at BOM Meeting



President Dale Henley presented the Meritorious Service Medal to **Ted Kuster**. Accompanying Ted was his wife Betsy (DAR).



Mike Sullivan presented the ROTC Medal and Certificate to **Carson Kitts** at the Henry Clay Military Ball.

**Lafayette Chapter
Kentucky SAR
Patriot Memorial Day Ceremony
Bethel Presbyterian Church
May 30, 2021**



Patrick Wesolosky (Lafayette Chapter President-Elect), made the opening remarks.



A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Pastor **Pat McIntyre**, Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Nick Blevins (Senior Elder Bethel Presbyterian Church), received a Certificate of Appreciation from President-Elect Patrick Wesolosky.





Lafayette Chapter Compatriot **Kevin Tudor** led the Pledge of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Steve Gahafer and Patrick Parker assisted with the flag presentations.



Compatriot **Charlie Scott** (Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter), presented **Marika Adams Wesolosky** a SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



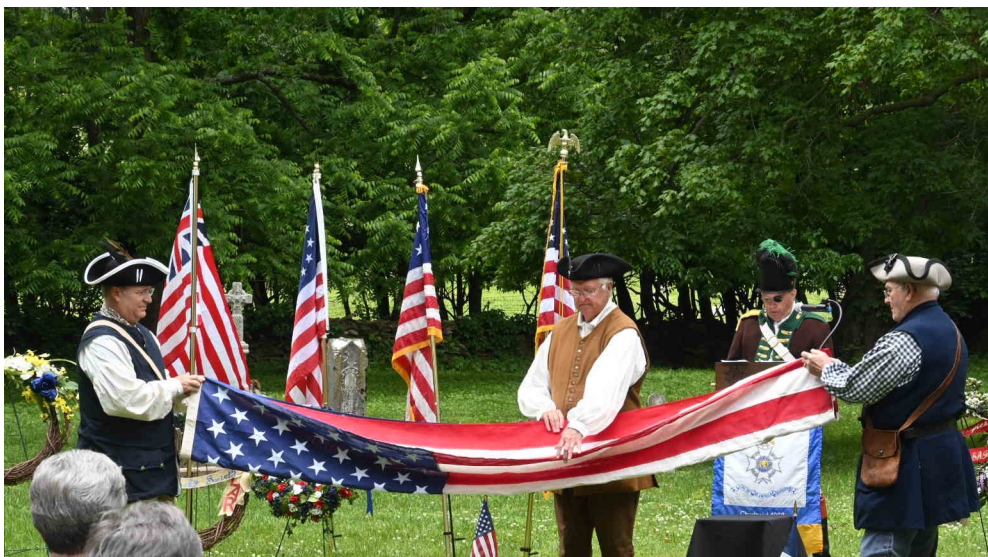
Carol Rogow (State Regent Kentucky DAR), gave remarks at the Memorial Day Ceremony.



Scott Giltner, (President-Elect Kentucky SAR) presented the opening remarks. Mike Sullivan (Master of Ceremonies), looks on.



Tim Brown (Vice President Kentucky SAR), gave a presentation on the **History of Memorial Day**.



Folding of the Flag



Floral Tributes



A Chapter 1st Place Eagle Scout Certificate was awarded to **Jeremy Russell II**. Accompanying him were (L-R) Mike Sullivan, Jeremy's father Jeremy Russell I, and Tim Brown (Kentucky SAR Eagle Scout Committee Chair).



Standing on either side of Eagle Scout Jeremy Russell II and his father, were (Left): Jim Mallory and Patrick Wesolosky, and (Right): Tim Brown and Emory Wilson, M.D. **Jim, Patrick, Tim, and Emory** are also Eagle Scouts.



TAPS, played by **Scott Giltner** (President-Elect, Kentucky SAR).



Compatriot **John Buckler** continues to share stories of Revolutionary War soldiers. John tells a wonderful story about the life of Samuel Hoard (sometimes called Howard). Howard was drafted into the Continental Army and served with General Washington. He was inoculated early for smallpox, and was present at Lord Cornwallis' surrender, possibly close enough to see the actual surrender.

The complete story is published in the Spring 2021 Issue of *The SAR Magazine* (page 32).

A special thank goes out to John for sharing the life of one of America's Patriots.

Lafayette Chapter in Action!



Compatriots Gahafer and Wesolosky presented Kentucky SAR President Steve Mallory a Certificate of Appreciation for the Lafayette Chapter Podium he constructed.



Lafayette Chapter Compatriots **John Buckler** and **Mike Flynn** practiced musket drills during State Color Guard Training at SAR National Headquarters in Louisville.



Veteran Grave Cleaning (Berea Cemetery)

Lafayette Chapter Compatriots Gahafer, Wesolosky, Buckler, and Flynn at the Berea Cemetery.

Gold Star Family Monument Dedication in Shelbyville



President Elect-Patrick Wesolosky and Vice President Steve Gahafer are seen here with **Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams**, the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient of World War II.



Mike Sullivan stands ready for the Gold Star Family Monument Dedication in Shelbyville.

Patriot Grave Marking Service at Cave Hill Cemetery

Past Chapter and State Society President **Mike Sullivan** addresses the guests.





While in Washington, D.C. for the SAR Special Congress, Lafayette Chapter Compatriot **Patrick Wesolosky** addressed the Piankeshaw Chapter NSDAR (via Zoom) about finding and cleaning Patriot graves in Central Kentucky. Patrick was there representing the Lafayette Chapter and the Kentucky Society.

Steve Gahafer presents a folded American Flag to the descendant of Patriot Robert Tevis.



American Revolution Patriots Memorial Dedication (Elizabethtown)

Members of the KY SAR Color Guard...



Patriot Day Service - Hopkinsville

Lafayette Chapter Compatriots Steve Gahafer and Patrick Wesolosky attended the Patriot Day Service in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.



2021 Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service and KYSSAR Board of Governors and Summer Meeting

Compatriots,

This is a reminder of our annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service to be held on **August 21st**, at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, 10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, Kentucky. **The memorial service will begin at 10:00 AM EDT** (Muster at 9:00 AM EDT). The Board of Governors Meeting (BOG) will be held immediately after lunch, with the KY SAR Summer Meeting to follow. Time TBD...

A small number of rooms have been blocked for the night of August 20th, and reservations can be made by calling the Lodge at (859) 289-5507. The daily rate for these rooms is \$80.96 plus tax. Reservations for these rooms should be made by no later than July 20th. After this date, the rate will remain the same provided that rooms are still available.

I have been in contact with the Park. At this time, Covid restrictions have been lifted, attendance numbers are not an issue, and masks are not required. However, they are understaffed especially in the dining room. Currently, the Buffet is unavailable, but hopefully it will reopen before we are there. If the buffet remains unavailable, ordering off the menu is probably not an option because of the understaffing of the dining room. The only other option would be to have a private buffet prepared. This would require a response from all who plan to partake in lunch so preparations can be made. We should know about the buffet by the later part of July. If we have to have a private buffet prepared for our group, I will be asking for attendance responses at that time.



Lafayette Chapter's 2021 Calendar

- September & December Meeting Dates (09/13/21 & 12/04/21 Time/Location TBD)

Upcoming Chapter/State/National SAR Events

- Independence Day Parade, Saturday, July 3, 2021, Georgetown, Kentucky
- 16th Annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service, August 21, 2021, Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, 10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY, Time: 10:00 a.m.
- KYSSAR Summer Meeting & Luncheon, August 21, 2021, Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, 10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY, Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Patriots Veterans Day Service, Sunday, November 7, 2021, Lexington Cemetery, Time TBD
- Fall Leadership Meeting, September 23-25, 2021, Brown Hotel, 335 W Broadway, Louisville, KY, Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wreaths Across America, December 18, 2021, Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville KY, 12:00 p.m. (noon)

