



LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NEWS



Sons of the American Revolution

"It is the pride of my heart to have been one of the earliest adopted sons of America." - Marquis de Lafayette



President's Point of View

Steve Gahafer, Chapter President



Greetings Compatriots,

As we turn the calendar to 2026, what an extraordinary moment it is to be an American—and particularly to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. The 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is now upon us. Across our nation, citizens are pausing to reflect on the courage, sacrifice, and conviction that gave birth to the United States. For those of us whose ancestors helped secure that independence, this is not simply a historic milestone—it is a deeply personal one.

Throughout the year, our Lafayette Chapter and the SAR at every level will participate in special commemorations marking this semiquincentennial. From major exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution to featured lectures and public programs across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Americans are rediscovering the Revolutionary Era with renewed interest. Importantly, we are not merely revisiting abstract names and dates from textbooks. We are honoring the men whose bloodlines run directly through our families—farmers, ministers, merchants, soldiers—whose commitment to liberty shaped the nation we inherit today. That personal connection gives our work unique meaning.

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Editorial



Time can be fickle. If you're like me, it passes much quicker than it did when we were younger. As you read this, it may occur to you that this is the first Lafayette Chapter newsletter you have seen since last summer. For that, I

sincerely apologize.

This past July, my family took a vacation to Massachusetts. We had toured Minute Man National Historical Park and were looking forward to more historical sites. The next morning though, I received a call that my father had been injured in a farm accident and was airlifted to a hospital in Nashville.

I was able to fly to Nashville to be there with him, but in a short matter of time it became obvious to my mother and me that he would never leave that hospital bed. On August 6th, I said goodbye to the best man I have ever known.

The past six months have been a type of blur for me. I know many of you have lost parents, so I suspect you can relate. I keep moving forward, but there are days I feel like doing nothing. And, frankly, there are days that I give in to that feeling.

Putting together the newsletter has been on my mind, but it simply kept getting pushed to the back burner. For that, I sincerely apologize.

I do want to thank President Gahafer and all of our chapter's officers. Early on, I notified them that I wasn't sure when I would be able to complete this. To a person, they all understood and told me to take time. I appreciate that more they can know.

But to the members who didn't know the situation, I beg your forgiveness and understanding.

Tommy Druen

President's Point of View (cont.)

Closer to home, I want to encourage every member to attend our first chapter meeting of the year this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel Conference Center on Newtown Pike. In addition to inducting three new compatriots into our chapter, we will be joined by Kentucky Society President-Elect Richard Quire and his son. They will present on emerging tools and technologies that are expanding the possibilities of genealogical research.

Speaking of meetings, one of my primary goals for 2026 is to increase attendance and engagement. Our chapter is strongest when members are present, participating, and sharing ideas. I am committed to ensuring that our programs are substantive, relevant, and appealing to a broad cross-section of our membership. If you have suggestions for speakers, topics, or improvements to the format of our meetings, I sincerely welcome your input.

In an effort to accommodate those who cannot attend in person, we will also begin exploring options to stream our meetings online. While this should help keep everyone informed, I strongly encourage in-person attendance whenever possible. The fellowship we share—the conversation and camaraderie among compatriots—cannot be fully replicated through a screen. If you are unable to make in person though, I would encourage you to view the meeting at vimeo.com/event/5590761/80da8a9c2d.

We are blessed this year with an outstanding slate of officers who are working collaboratively to strengthen our chapter. I am grateful for their dedication and teamwork. Together, I am confident that we will make 2026 a year worthy of the legacy we have inherited.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your continued involvement and commitment to our chapter. Whether you serve in leadership, participate in Color Guard events, mentor new members, support youth programs, or simply attend meetings faithfully, your engagement makes a difference. I look forward to working alongside you in what promises to be a fantastic and meaningful year for the Lafayette Chapter.

In patriotism and service, *Steve*



Winter Meeting

On Saturday, December 6, 2025, the Sons of the American Revolution Lafayette Chapter held its fourth regular meeting of the calendar year at Sullivan University in Lexington. President Steve Gahafer called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. With a quorum present, the chapter proceeded with the posting of the colors, an invocation by Compatriot Todd Renner, the Pledge of Allegiance led by President-Elect Tim Wisner, and the SAR Pledge led by Vice President Thomas Hayden.

The luncheon program featured a presentation by Walter Bowman, archivist with the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs. Mr. Bowman examined the 1780 British-Indian expedition led by Captain Henry Bird against Kentucky frontier settlements, focusing on Ruddell's (Ruddle's) Station in Harrison County and Martin's Station in Bourbon County. He placed the expedition within the broader context of early Kentucky settlement, the legal and military status of frontier stations, and British strategy in the western theater of the Revolutionary War.



Walter Bowman, Archivist for the Kentucky Dept. of Military Affairs

Bowman detailed the composition of Bird's force and the significant logistical challenge of moving three- and six-pounder artillery pieces through the Kentucky wilderness without horses. He compared the surrenders at Ruddell's and Martin's Stations, noting differences in leadership decisions and outcomes for settlers. He also reviewed George Rogers Clark's retaliatory campaign, which destroyed several Shawnee villages but did not decisively eliminate hostile forces. The presentation concluded with discussion of the gradual repatriation of captives between 1783 and the Treaty of Greenville in 1795 and the long-term effects of these events on Kentucky communities. President Gahafer presented Mr. Bowman with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his research and educational efforts.

The chapter then moved into its regular business session. Minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting and the December Board of Managers meeting, previously distributed electronically, were approved without objection. Treasurer's reports for August, September, and November were also approved following a motion and second.

In his report, President Gahafer recapped the recent Central District Meeting hosted in Kentucky and thanked chapter members for their work in making the event successful. He expressed appreciation to Vice President General Tim Brown for his leadership and to Chaplain Nick Blevins for coordinating the Patriot Grave Marking at Bethel Presbyterian Church.

The 2025 Wreaths Across America campaign exceeded its goal. The chapter sponsored 1,925 wreaths to honor 1,495 graves, surpassing the target of 1,550. The surplus 375 wreaths will be credited toward next year's campaign. Now in its third year operating independently from Camp Nelson, the chapter's effort reflects increased community participation, including support from local DAR chapters and the Citizens Police Academy. Members were encouraged to assist with unloading and placing wreaths at Lexington Cemetery in advance of the formal ceremony.

Membership activity remains strong. Vice President Hayden reported 23 membership submissions this year—18 new applications and 5 supplemental. Twelve have been approved, seven remain under review at the national level, one requires corrections, and three are ready for submission. Special recognition was given to Genealogist Doug Tattersall and Registrar Thomas Hayden for their thorough documentation, including one particularly detailed 50-page proof submission.

Three new members were formally inducted into the chapter:

- Elmer Whitner (Patriot Stephen Franklin)
- Michael Jacobs (Patriot John Brewer Dent, whose family includes Julia Dent, wife of Ulysses S. Grant)
- James Barrett (Patriot Peter Barrett)

Each new compatriot received a rosette and was welcomed into the chapter.

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Winter Meeting

Election of officers for the 2025–2026 term was conducted by acclamation. The following officers were elected:

- President: Steve Gahafer
- President-Elect: Tim Wisner
- Vice President: Thomas Hayden
- Secretary: Randolph Wilson
- Treasurer: Dennis Wells
- Registrar: Thomas Hayden
- Historian: Kevin Tudor
- Genealogist: Doug Tattersall
- Surgeon: Dr. Billy Forbess
- Chancellor: Sam Burchett
- Chaplain: Todd Renner
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Installation was conducted by Vice President General Tim Brown, who presented the gavel to President Gahafer.

Vice President General Brown also provided an update on the Central District, which includes Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia. He noted that Kentucky recently hosted the District Meeting at Spindletop at a cost of approximately \$10,000. The Lafayette Chapter contributed \$1,000 and assisted in hosting both the Patriot Grave Marking and the banquet. President Gahafer was awarded the Henry Knox Achievement Medal for his leadership in the Bethel Church Patriot Grave Marking.

Several certificates and medals were presented to recognize service in areas including Color Guard participation, youth contests, JROTC and ROTC engagement, genealogy, and newsletter publication. These recognitions reflect the chapter's continued emphasis on education, public outreach, and member involvement.

The meeting concluded with the SAR recessional led by Past President Patrick Wesolosky and a benediction offered by Chaplain Renner. The chapter adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m., closing a productive meeting as preparations continue for upcoming commemorative events and the approaching 250th anniversary of American independence.



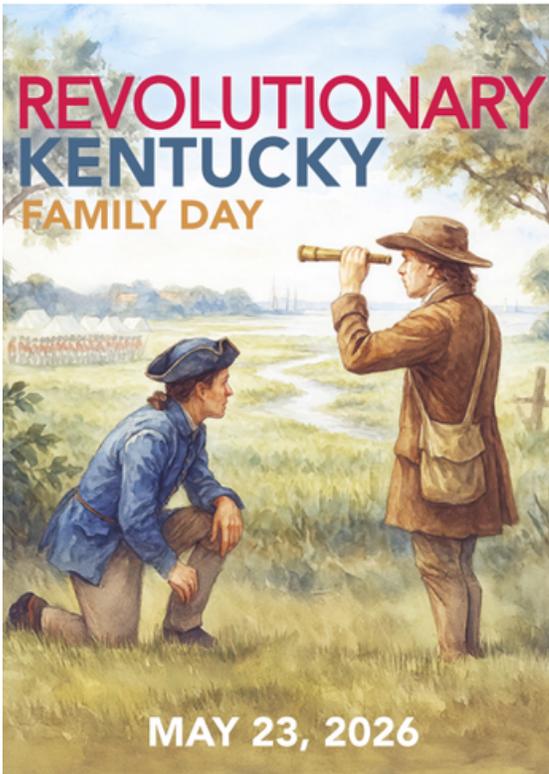
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SHOP NOW!

The advertisement features a dark background with a subtle star pattern. On the right side, there are several pieces of SAR merchandise: a circular medallion with an eagle and the SAR logo, a larger circular medallion with an eagle and the SAR logo, and a large, ornate silver medallion with an eagle and the word 'AMERICA'. Below these are two lanyards with SAR medallions and a small American flag.

Revolutionary Kentucky Family Day



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 23, 2026, when the Kentucky Historical Society invites families across the Commonwealth to celebrate America's 250th birthday at the Revolutionary Kentucky Family Day. Running from 10 AM to 3:30 PM at the historic Old State Capitol and grounds in Frankfort, this free event promises an unforgettable day of hands-on learning and patriotic celebration for young patriots and their families.

Bring your children and grandchildren to experience the American Revolution like never before through interactive activities designed to engage learners of all ages. The Frontier Fortress Learning Lab transports visitors to colonial Kentucky's defensive outposts, while the Betsy Ross Flag Design station lets young patriots create their own stars and stripes. History comes alive at Liberty Laundry, where families discover what colonial clothes washing truly entailed, and at the Art of the Powder Horn workshop, where visitors craft their own decorated horns—iconic symbols of the frontier.

Explore the Revolution to Statehood gallery talks to understand Kentucky's pivotal role in the founding era, or take a guided tour of the Old State Capitol to walk where early Kentucky leaders shaped our Commonwealth. The Kentucky Military History Museum offers special tours highlighting the state's military heritage, while the Find Your Freedoms self-guided activity encourages reflection on liberty's meaning. Don't miss the downtown Toss the Tea activity—a playful nod to Boston's famous protest!

The Ink and Independence Learning Lab (first-come, first-served) invites visitors to experience colonial printing and writing techniques.

This is more than a day of fun—it's an opportunity for families to connect with the patriots and pioneers who shaped Kentucky and America. Whether your children are budding historians or simply curious young minds, Revolutionary Kentucky Family Day offers something for everyone. Come celebrate the ideals of liberty, courage, and community that define our nation. See you in Frankfort!



**KENTUCKY
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**



As part of their Celebrating 1776 Series, the University of Kentucky's Department of History will be presenting a lecture by Christy Coleman, Executive Director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Ms. Coleman will present on The Power of the Declaration.

The event will take place on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00 PM. The location is not yet determined, but will be announced on the History Department's website.

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Department of History



Wreaths Across America



On December 13, 2025, the Lafayette Chapter conducted its third annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at Lexington National Cemetery. Held as part of the national Wreaths Across America initiative, the ceremony joined thousands of similar observances across the country with a shared purpose: to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

Weather conditions were markedly improved from previous years, contributing to higher-than-anticipated public participation. Families, veterans, civic leaders, and community members gathered to witness the ceremonial wreath placements and to reflect on the sacrifices of those interred at Lexington National Cemetery. The program included the traditional presentation of wreaths honoring each branch of the United States Armed Forces, followed by the laying of remembrance wreaths at individual gravesites.

Special recognition is due to the cadets of the Henry Clay High School Army JROTC, who played a significant role in the ceremony. Their professionalism and attention to detail enhanced the dignity of the event and demonstrated the continued importance of youth engagement in patriotic observances. Appreciation is also extended to the Kentucky National Guard Teen Council for assisting with the distribution of ceremony programs and supporting event logistics.

Through the combined efforts of volunteers, youth organizations, and community partners, this year's ceremony once again affirmed the Lafayette Chapter's commitment to honoring America's veterans and preserving the memory of their service.



Chaplain Nick Blevins leads the invocation, as President Steve Gahafer stands in the background.



A member of the Henry Clay JROTC presents a wreath.



Veteran graves adorned with the wreaths following the snow.

Kentucky Society Spring Meeting

KY SAR 2026 Annual Meeting Weekend

March 14-15, 2026
Harrodsburg, KY
Historic Beaumont Inn
638 Beaumont Inn Drive
Harrodsburg, KY 40330



Come "stockade up" with us!

Saturday, 14 March

1:00-2:00 pm	Youth Awards	Banquet Room
2:00-4:00 pm	Annual Meeting	Banquet Room
2:00-4:00 pm	Wine Tasting*	Logan Vineyards
5:30-6:30 pm	Social Hour	Banquet Room
6:30-7:45 pm	Dinner	Banquet Room
7:45-8:30 pm	Awards & Installation	Banquet Room

*For the ladies. No registration necessary. See below for address.

Sunday, 15 March

11:00 am-UTC Patriot Grave Marking Service Fort Harrod

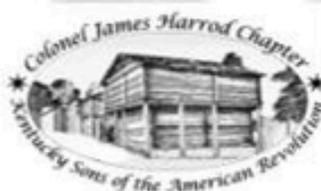
Dinner will be buffet style & \$24.95 per person plus drink, tax, and tip.
Attendees will pay their server at the dinner. Please register at the following link NLT March 10th: <https://forms.gle/pGawifZKLMXBnck46>

Historic Beaumont Inn offers unique accommodations and a complimentary breakfast is included in all reservations. To make your reservation, please visit www.beaumontinn.com or call (859)734-3381.

If you plan to attend the 5-patriot grave marking on Sunday morning, please also register at <https://forms.gle/BGWkEnc1Wzb63q9VA>

Fort Harrod Pioneer Cemetery
100 S. College Street
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Logan Vineyards
245 Hopewell Rd
Harrodsburg, KY 40330
www.loganvineyards.com
facebook.com/LoCoWinesKy/



Activities



On January 18, 2026, members of the Captain John Waller Chapter of the DAR, the Lafayette Chapter of the SAR and one handsome golden retriever joined together to retire the wreaths placed at the Lexington National Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America the previous month.

Honor Flight

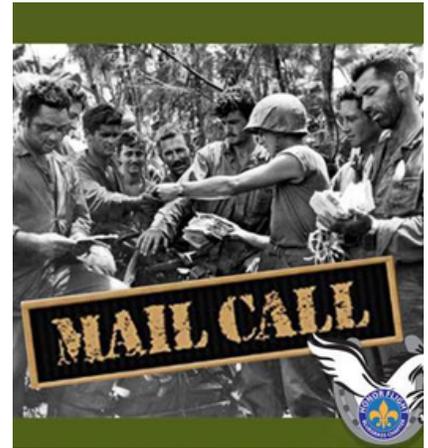
Veterans of Vietnam, Korea and World War II will all be a part of the upcoming flight sponsored by Honor Flight Bluegrass. Honor Flight Bluegrass will take these veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials and honor their service.

A touching part of the program is the letters and cards sent to honor these veterans.

Honor Flight Bluegrass is requesting that you consider sending letters and cards of gratitude. The flight is on April 21st, but the cards must be received by April 11th.

You can address them to:

Honored Veterans
806 Cannons Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40207



Color Guard

On Friday, December 19th, the University of Kentucky's women's basketball team took the floor at Memorial Coliseum against the Wright State Raiders.

Prior to the start of the game, members of the Lafayette Chapter's Color Guard presented the colors during the singing of The Star-Spangled Banner.

Photo courtesy of Danny Pendleton.



Trailblazer's Tour



On Saturday, May 23, 2026, the Kentucky Historical Society invites you to join A Trailblazer's Tour Across Central Kentucky—a full-day journey through battlegrounds, forts, and founding sites where Kentucky's Revolutionary-era settlers fought and triumphed. Led by expert KHS educators, this tour transports you to the 1770s and 1780s, when every settlement was a fortress and every pioneer a patriot.

At Fort Boonesborough, Daniel Boone's settlers endured an eleven-day siege in September 1778,

surrounded by Native American warriors allied with British forces. Walk the reconstructed fort and watch artisans demonstrate 18th-century frontier crafts.

At Logan's Fort (St. Asaph's), Benjamin Logan and his settlers withstood a determined May 1777 siege. Logan's bravery secured a crucial frontier foothold, reminding us the Revolution was won by ordinary citizens who refused to surrender.

At Old Fort Harrod, Kentucky's first permanent European settlement, explore the replica fort and pioneer cemetery.

We conclude at Constitution Square in Danville, birthplace of Kentucky's state government.

Tour Details:

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EDT

Departure Location: Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, 100 W Broadway St, Frankfort, KY 40601

Cost: \$40 for Kentucky Historical Society Members; \$50 for Non-Members

The tour includes admission and expert narration. Lunch stop in historic downtown Danville (lunch cost not included).

Wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Bring a backpack, umbrella, and water bottle. Arrive fifteen minutes early. Return to Frankfort at approximately 5:00 PM.

Recommended for ages 16 and older. Youth must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Registered participants will receive itinerary, liability waiver, and lunch information closer to the event.

To reserve your place, contact the Kentucky Historical Society. Cancellations before registration closes receive refunds minus a \$10 processing fee. For more information, contact KHSeducation@ky.gov.

Frankfort Cemetery Tour

Historic Frankfort Cemetery is the final resting place for many soldiers and leaders from the Revolutionary War. On Saturday, April 18th, the Kentucky Historical Society will be presenting a guided tour at the Frankfort Cemetery centered around the final resting place of such luminaries as Daniel Boone, Reverend John Gano and General Charles Scott.

The tour will begin at 10:30 AM and last one hour. The cost is \$5 for members of the Kentucky Historical Society and \$15 for non-members.



You can register at history.ky.gov.

Revolutionary Kentuckians

Marquis Calmes IV (February 26, 1755 – February 27, 1834) exemplifies the Revolutionary generation that won American independence and then carried the torch of liberty westward to build new communities on the frontier. His life of service spanned two wars and the founding of Kentucky, embodying the courage and vision that defined our nation's early decades.

Born in Frederick County, Virginia, to a family of French Huguenot descent, Calmes was the son of William Waller Calmes and Lucy Neville. His father died when he was young, but the family's prosperity enabled Marquis to receive a European education—a privilege he willingly abandoned when the call to arms sounded in 1775.

Returning from his studies abroad, the twenty-year-old Calmes threw himself into the patriot cause with remarkable zeal and generosity. He personally raised and equipped a company of Virginia volunteers at his own expense. Commissioned as a lieutenant in the 2nd Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army under Colonel Thomas Marshall—father of the future Chief Justice—Calmes would prove himself repeatedly in the crucible of combat.



General Marquis Calmes

At the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777, when Colonel Marshall fell severely wounded during the fierce engagement near Philadelphia, Lieutenant Calmes assumed command under fire. His steady leadership in that desperate hour earned him promotion to captain, a rank he would hold through subsequent battles at Germantown that autumn and at Monmouth in June 1778. These were no minor skirmishes but major engagements where Washington's Continental Army contested British control of the mid-Atlantic states. Captain Calmes served with distinction until his honorable discharge in 1779.

In 1782, Calmes married Priscilla Heale in Fauquier County, Virginia, but like many Revolutionary veterans, he soon looked westward to the opportunities beyond the mountains. Acquiring land in what would become Woodford County, Kentucky, Calmes established an estate he named Caneland near the present site of Versailles. There he became not merely a planter but a founding father of Kentucky itself.



Battle of Brandywine

When Versailles was formally established in 1792—the year after Kentucky achieved statehood—Calmes was among its principal founders. He chose the town's name partly to honor his old comrade-in-arms, the Marquis de Lafayette, whose devotion to American liberty had made him beloved throughout the new nation. Calmes served on the Woodford County court and in 1795 was elected to the Kentucky State Legislature, bringing his military experience and Revolutionary ideals to the work of frontier governance.

When war came again in 1812, the aging veteran answered his country's call. Promoted to brigadier general in

the Kentucky militia, Calmes commanded a brigade of Kentucky riflemen under General William Henry Harrison in the Northwest Territory. Kentucky troops played a decisive role in Harrison's campaign, culminating in the Battle of the Thames in October 1813, where American forces defeated the British and their Indian allies and where the great Tecumseh fell. General Calmes's service in this second war for American independence demonstrated that the patriot fire still burned bright in the hearts of the Revolutionary generation.

Revolutionary Kentuckians

After the war, Calmes returned to Caneland and resumed his civic duties. Following his wife's death in 1821, he embarked on an extended hunting expedition to Arkansas—the restless spirit of the frontiersman enduring even in his seventh decade. In 1825, he had the honor of hosting Lafayette during the general's triumphant tour of America, a reunion of old soldiers who had fought together for liberty.

General Marquis Calmes died at Versailles on February 27, 1834, one day after his seventy-ninth birthday. He was laid to rest in a stone mausoleum on his estate, a monument that still stands as testament to a life devoted to American independence and Kentucky's founding. From the battlefields of the Revolution to the settlement of the frontier, from the halls of the Kentucky legislature to command of militia in a second war, Marquis Calmes embodied the patriot ideal: a citizen who served his country in war and peace, and who helped build the nation he had fought to create.



Final resting place of General Marquis Calmes in Woodford County.



House Bill 191 is referred to as the Honoring Our Constitution Act.

Representative Johnson, an Army veteran, is in his fourth term and serves as Chairman of the House Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Constitution Day

As part of the 2026 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, State Representative D.J. Johnson of Owensboro has filed multiple pieces of legislation dealing with the recognition of Constitution Day.

House Resolution 38 would recognize September 17th as United States Constitution Day and June 1st as Kentucky Constitution Day.

As a companion piece of legislation, he has also filed House Bill 191, which would require that all public schools in Kentucky devote at least one hour or instructional period for the observance of Constitution Day. It would also require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop and make available such programming to schools.



Frankfort Heritage

LECTURE SERIES

Author and museum curator Nicky Hughes will lead a presentation entitled *There is Something in the Air of Kentucky That Makes a Man a Soldier*. The presentation will be on the history of the Kentucky Militia and the Kentucky National Guard.

It will take place at 1:00 on May 9th at the Paul Sawyer Public Library in Frankfort.

Lecture



Did you know? Frankfort's roots come from the Revolution?



In the 1780s, the Kentucky Militia fought many skirmishes with Native Americans who were allied with the British soldiers.

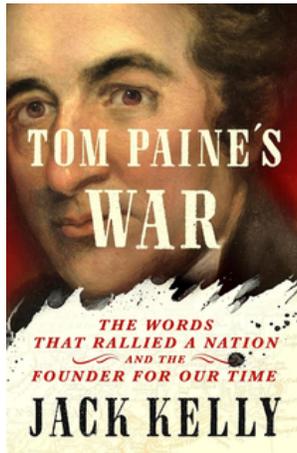
In one such incidence, a skirmish took place alongside the Kentucky River. Native Americans attacked a group of colonists from Bryan Station, who were on their way to make salt at Mann's Lick in Jefferson County.

One of the pioneers, Stephen Frank, was killed during the skirmish and the settlers thereafter called the crossing "Frank's Ford".

Through the years, the name would be shortened to Frankfort, which would become Kentucky's capital city a short twelve years later.

Recommended Reading

In January 1776, Thomas Paine—a recent immigrant to America—published *Common Sense*. His straightforward argument upended the fraud of monarchy and dismantled the idea of aristocratic privilege that had dominated the world for centuries. His words convinced Americans that the king had no divine right to rule them—they could rule themselves. He turned a rebellion over taxes and representation into a true Revolution.



A tribute to the Revolution's 250th anniversary, *Tom Paine's War* is a riveting exploration of our nation's birth. This is a story of the power of words—and the power of belief—and how both speak as well to America's current crisis.

Tom Paine's War is available at local booksellers and online.

FUN FACT

Bushnell Turtle

American inventor David Bushnell built the Turtle, the world's first documented combat submarine, to sneak under British warships and attach explosives. In 1776 it attempted a daring but unsuccessful attack in New York Harbor—an early example of underwater warfare that helped pave the way for future submarines.



Calendar of Events

Full calendar at lexsar.org

March 1

Lafayette Chapter Meeting
6:00 PM EST
Clarion Hotel Conference Center
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

March 5-6

National Spring Leadership Meeting
Time TBA
Galt House Hotel
140 North 4th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

March 14

Kentucky Society Spring Meeting
1:00 PM EST
Historic Beaumont Inn
638 Beaumont Inn Drive
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

March 15

Five Patriot Gravemarking Service
11:00 AM EST
Old Fort Harrod State Park
100 S. College Street
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

March 20

Three Patriot Gravemarking Service
10:00 AM EST
Old Methodist Cemetery
4710 Lawrenceburg Road
Bloomfield, Kentucky

May 16

Harlan Patriot Gravemarking Service
2:00 PM EDT
James Harlan Cemetery
1544 Salt River Road
Danville, Kentucky

June 19

Ruddles Station Twilight Memorial
7:00 PM EDT
2810 Ruddles Mill Road
Paris, Kentucky

July 4

Lex 250 Independence Day Parade
11:00 AM EDT
Corner of Short St. and Elm Tree Ln.
Lexington, Kentucky

July 10-16

136th Annual Congress
Sheraton Greensboro
3121 W. Gate City Boulevard
Greensboro, North Carolina

August 16

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial
8:30 AM EDT
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
10299 Maysville Road
Carlisle, Kentucky

September 8

Lafayette Chapter Fall Meeting
5:00 PM EDT
Bluegrass FOP Lodge
1097 Duval Street
Lexington, Kentucky



136th Annual Congress

July 10–16, 2026

Greensboro, North Carolina

Information at
ncssar.org/2026-national-congress/

