



# Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter

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### Chapter Monthly Newsletter

### Painted Stone Settlers/Long Run Massacre

About a year ago Vic Bitter, a member of the Painted Stone Settlers, joined our chapter. He has been an active and valued member of our chapter. To show our appreciation of his efforts with us, we asked if we could help in any way with the Painted Stone Settlers annual event where they recreate an 18th century environment for students and also a reenactment of the Long Run Massacre.

Our chapter displayed our flag collection and as the students came to our space, we talked about our flags, did a flag folding ceremony and explained other items on display—like our guns, tomahawks and other items that could have been used during the 18th century. On the other days of the weekend event, held at Red Orchard Park, we worked the gate to free up the members of the Painted Stone Settlers so they could do other activities.

This was a great experience for us and we should plan on helping out again next year.



Forrest explains our different flags while Dennis and Tom holds the flags for viewing. An estimated 700 students were at the park on a special field day away from the classroom. We had the opportunity to discuss our youth activities with several teachers and parents of home-schooled students. We gave the teachers a copy of the NSSAR history CD and talked about the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.



Vic Bitter talks about some of his personal collection.



Students waiting for the cannon to fire and the Indian Raid.

Painted Stone Settlers/Long Run Massacre (continued)



Preparing and firing the cannon.



Different stations visited by the students included spinning wool, dying yarn and soap making.



A few of the Indians that took part in the reenactment of the Long Run Massacre.

Mad Anne Bailey was at the event to tell her story. We hope to hear her again sometime!

John Sevier Grave Marking and 230th Anniversary of the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals



A few years ago Charlie met Rick Hollis, then President-elect of the Tennessee Society. Rick mentioned that they would be marking the grave of John Sevier, first Governor of Tennessee and a leader along with Kentucky's first Governor Isaac Shelby in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

An agreement was made that our state societies would try to support each other. The picture to the left shows compatriots from Kentucky who attended the John Sevier grave marking in Knoxville, Tennessee. (L-R) Charlie Scott, TNSSAR President Rick Hollis, Tom Higgins, KYSSAR President Jim Strohmeier, Rev. Forrest Chilton, Del White (Lafayette Chapter) and Jon Huffman (Louisville Thruston Chapter.)

One of these days we would like to mark the grave of Isaac Shelby and I know our Tennessee friends will support us.



Charlie Scott, Jon Huffman and Tom Higgins walked down to the Watuaga River to see the Shoals.



Former KYSSAR President Tom Higgins shakes hands with TNSSAR President Rick Hollis



Sycamore Shoals 2010  
Picture by Bob Yankle

## What happens before a grave marking?

Those attending a Patriot Grave Marking for the first time usually go away saying the ceremony was more than they had expected. The Compatriots in uniform, flags waiving in the breeze, hearing a brief story about the Patriot, music, flowers and wreaths, flag-folding ceremony, black-powder gun salute and finally taps being played. All of these things are done in a reverend way to honor the Patriot who help secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

What's done before the ceremony?

First of all, there is a request—usually from a descendant. Information is gathered about the Patriot. If the Patriot does not have a head stone, permission is secured in writing so we can act as agent to order a headstone or bronze marker from Veterans Administration. Permission must also be secured in writing from either the land owner or cemetery. Order flag from Post Office for flag-folding. The flag will be given to one of the descendants—usually the oldest one in attendance. Money collected to pay for SAR marker and installation costs. SAR members commit to the service and the program is planned.

Since the editor does not do many of the things mentioned above, I am sure that I probably left out a few tasks—but, you get the idea. You ask: How about preparing the cemetery? You are correct! Sometimes the cemetery has not had the tender loving care it deserves or if located in a remote area it has almost been forgotten. This is true until a Patriotic descendant finally finds where his/her ancestor is buried.

As is the case of the cemetery where Scott Giltner's ancestors are buried. Don Boone, the land owner, who owns the property where the cemetery is located, said the expression on Scott's face when he saw the grave site was worth a million dollars. Scott, Mr. Boone, the cemetery board and other interested community leaders have worked hard to get the cemetery in shape to honor those buried there. Here are a few pictures about getting ready for the Patriot Grave marking service to be held on October 2 at Fredonia, KY.

## Preparing Fredonia Cemetery for Patriot Grave Marking \*October 2, 2010\*

Early in the year, Scott Giltner, Dennis Scott and land owner Don Boone spent a hard day removing downed trees and limbs that had accumulated over the years and from a recent ice storm.



Dennis Scott, with a chain saw and Scott Giltner standing by a grave of one of his ancestors during their work day early in the year.



Land owner, Don Boone takes a rest and observes the work that needs to be done.

Another work day was scheduled where about 30 people from the community showed up to do more cleanup of the cemetery. Last week, Scott Giltner, Dennis Scott, Charlie Scott and Don Boone installed the VA and SAR markers at the grave sites.



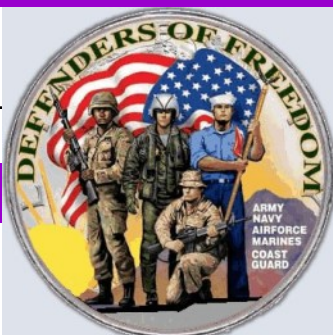
## “Parting Glass” introduced at Grave Marking Service

Sung by Chapter members attending last four Grave Marking Services

Oh, all the comrades e'er I had,  
They're sorry for my going away,  
And all the sweethearts e'er I had,  
They'd wish me one more day to stay,  
But since it falls unto my lot,  
That I should rise and you should not,  
I gently rise and softly call,  
Good night and joy be with you all.



Freedom is not free!



Thank a Veteran!

### Calendar of Events

- September 28 Patriot Grave Marking—Sonora, KY
- September 30 GIS Monthly meeting (for October)
- October 2, Patriot Grave Marking, Fredonia, Caldwell Co., KY (Scott Giltner's ancestors)
- October 2, Honor Flight—7:15 PM—Standiford Field Airport
- October 3 Point Pleasant trip, WV—Sign up with Forrest
- October 6 & 7 Kings Mountain trip, SC
- October 16 Three Patriot Grave Markings—Salt River Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, KY
- October 23 Patriot Grave Marking—Versailles, KY
- October 23 Honor Flight, 7:15 PM—Standiford Field Airport
- November 6 State meeting—Williamsburg, KY

Sign-up sheet will be passed around at our next meeting.