



# Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter

## Kentucky Society

### Sons of the American Revolution



#### Announcements - Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



**Special Request.** Chaplain McClain is currently fighting the Corona Virus in Jewish Hospital. Please keep Eric in your thoughts and prayers. All of us send Eric our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Eric at Veterans Day Ceremony in Lexington Cemetery where he presided as Chaplain.



#### Veterans Support - Larry Selby.

- **Angel Tree Tags.** The Governor Isaac Shelby, Service to Veterans Chairman, Larry Selby has been busy with activities to support our Veterans. At this time there is a need for items for Veterans from the Angel Tree Tags at Robley Rex Veterans Hospital. The response from the Chapter has been great with all of the initial and second tags taken for gifts. However, there are many other tags available for these heartfelt gift giving to Veterans in need. Please contact Larry at lselby1@bellsouth.net if you would like to sponsor An Angel Tree Tag. The deadline for delivery to Larry is December 13th.
- **VA Thanksgiving Donations.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter members donated \$350.00 dollars in gift cards to the RRVA Medical Center. The support is appreciated.
- **VA Christmas Adoption for Veterans.** The Chapter donated \$150.00 from the GIS Veteran Funds account to purchase items for One Adopted Veteran.
- **Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Virtual Ceremony.** A virtual ceremony will be held by the Chapter to honor those who served and died at Pearl Harbor and marking the entrance of the United States into World War II. The ceremony will be December 10<sup>th</sup> during the weekly social Zoom call. More information and the Zoom number will be coming.
- **2020 Wreaths Across America.** Unfortunately the Wreaths Across America ceremony has been curtailed this year due to Coronavirus. There will be a virtual ceremony from Zachary Taylor National Cemetery not open to the public. The ceremony will be filmed as a virtual event to be placed on Youtube and Facebooks at Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter: [www.facebook.com/groups/483547622573102](https://www.facebook.com/groups/483547622573102). Wreaths Across America, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery - kyztnl: <https://www.facebook.com/WAAZTNC>. On December 19th, from 9:00 am until completed the public will be allowed to enter Zachary Taylor National Cemetery to place wreaths on graves if they have made a reservation to do so. Only ten people will be allowed to place wreaths at a time. To reserve a time go to the Wreaths Across America website and then go to the volunteer button to find a time. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/161906/Overview/?relatedId=14839>. Email Scott Giltner if you have any questions about the ceremonies.
- **New Member Pinning.** Due to the increase of the Covid-19 virus the planned pinning ceremony for new Chapter members has been postponed again. The Chapter will again observe social isolation protocols to reduce possible exposure of the virus to our members. We regret not being able to officially welcome all of our new members into the Chapter, however we will make it up as soon as possible when everyone can stay healthy.

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## **Cross Roads by Chaplain Eric McClain.**



- **Nomination for Patriots Award for Chaplains - The Emerson-Rosbrugh Patriot Award.** The Emerson-Rosbrugh Award will be given out in February at the Washington's Birthday Celebration. If you are aware of a Chaplain, still in the military or retired and deserving of the award, please email Eric for more information.
- **Chapter Chaplain at Ceremonies and Flag Presentations.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter will now do flag entrances and presentations with the Chaplain directly behind the Riflemen leading the procession and before the National flag. This places the Chaplain in a position to immediately move to the podium for the Invocation and emphasizes "Pro Deo et Patria" (for God and Country) by the Chapter at all events. In addition, the Chaplain will wear the "Pro Deo et Patria" pin and carry a Shepherd's Staff to indicate his position in the Chapter. Thanks to Chaplain Eric McClain for bringing these new Patriotic and Spiritual touches to our ceremonies.

**Upcoming Scheduled Events.** The following list is for events being planned for the Chapter. Due to social isolation all events should be verified before planning to attend. Correspondence will be sent out when an event will occur and the [www.GISSAR.org](http://www.GISSAR.org) website link, *Chapter Info, Upcoming Events* should be referenced. The status of a meeting may change at any time. And, many new events are being added as the isolation period ends.

### **December, 2020.**

- 10th - Pearl Harbor Virtual Memorial Ceremony during the weekly Zoom social call.
- 19th - Wreaths Across America. Location: Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, KY - Wreath Placement Only.

### **January, 2021.**

- 17th - 240th Annual Battle of Cowpens. Location: Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Highway, Gaffney, SC  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 21st - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Location: TBD. Middletown, KY. Time: 7:00 p.m.
- ?th - Wreath Retirement. Location: Zachary Taylor Nat. Cem., 4701 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY. Time: TBD
- ?th - VAVS Meeting. Location: Robley Rex Med. Center (Room E005), 800 Zorn Ave, Louisville, KY. Time: 3:00 p.m.

### **February, 2021.**

- ??nd - Ancestral Trails Historical Society Book Fair. Location: Pritchard Center, 404 South Mulberry Street, Elizabethtown, KY  
Time: 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Tentative).
- 13th - George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual Chapter Dinner and Awards Presentation. Saturday evening.  
Location TBD. Louisville, KY. 5:30 - 9:30 pm. (Tentative).
- 18th - GISSAR Chapter Meeting. Location: TBD, Middletown, KY, Time: 7:00 p.m.

### **Pending Ceremonies.**

- Vigil - George Rogers Clark, Cave Hill Cemetery. Date pending.
- Vigil - Zachary Taylor Grave, National Cemetery. Date pending.
- Vigil - War Memorial, Frankfort, Kentucky. Date pending.
- Gold Star Garden Ceremony - Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.

• **Planned Events and Activities with No Chapter Date or Verification Yet.** Due to the Coronavirus social distancing and changing conditions some planned events will not occur. As mentioned elsewhere, before any activity is official it will need to be verified on the Chapter website events list maintained by Scott Giltner. However, with optimism we are now starting to plan and schedule activities for the coming year. This includes grave markings, vigils, parades, social outings and event presentations. If you have an event you would like to schedule please let Scott Giltner or Mike King know.

• **George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual Chapter Dinner and Awards Presentation.** The event for February 13th is now in the planning stage. The format will be similar to the annual Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony except our first president George Washington will be honored. Food and drink arrangements are still to be determined, however this year's event will be a bit different than years in the past. Should be fun.

Note: Please let the Chapter know if you have an idea for an event; if any organizations would like to involve the Chapter in an event or if any schools or organizations would be interested in an educational program from the Chapter.

## **End of Year Activities and Planning.**



- **Looking for More Member Outreach.** One of the goals of the Chapter this coming year is more outreach and communications with Chapter members. The purpose is to provide all members, regardless of their interest, communications with the Chapter even if they are not active. We want to let them know, they are still fellow compatriots and welcome at any time to meetings and activities. We also request their ideas to improve the Chapter and let us know about activities that benefits the community and the Chapter.
- **Communications.** One of the keys for the Chapter to be successful with being involved with the members and those who may desire to be members is good communications. In some instances the Chapter has not done well with communications to keep in touch and aware about what is going on in the Chapter. Due to this there has been an effort to improve communications. This includes revamping the newsletter, setting up Facebook, having Zoom calls and sending out notification emails. If you have any suggestions please contact Mike King.
- **Chapter Newsletter Send-Out.** The Chapter newsletter is being sent out to all members of the Chapter. In addition, the newsletter will now be sent to all other Kentucky SAR Chapters, DAR Chapters who have requested the newsletter and other clubs and organizations that have activities and events the Chapter may be interested in. The purpose is to let everyone know what we are doing and let them know they are welcome to participate with us and that we may be willing to participate with them. If you know anyone who may be interested in receiving a newsletter, let Mike King know.
- **Missing Chapter Members.** When looking over the roles of the Chapter we found that there are quite a few members over the years that no longer participate, provide feedback, pay dues or do anything with the SAR or Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. This is shame due to all the effort to complete the ancestor genealogy and join the Chapter. There can be many valid reasons for not continuing with the SAR. However going forward there will be a concerted effort to ensure that the reason for leaving is not due to a lack of attention on the part of the Chapter. So, starting this month previous members will be contacted to see if there is something we can do to interest them into coming back. If you know any previous members who may be interested in returning please contact Mike King. We would love to see them again.
- **Upcoming Chapter Directory.** The social isolation due to the Coronavirus has shown the Chapter that there is an increased need for a detailed Chapter Directory. There have been some problems with communications with all members of the Chapter, updated email addresses and ensuring that everyone is kept up to date with Chapter activities. Due to this a detailed Chapter Directory is being developed that will be available to all members of the Chapter and other Chapters as requested. The Directory will hopefully be out by the end of January 2021.
- **Chapter Brotherhood.** During the past year other nearby SAR Chapters have been involved with the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. So, part of the outreach to other SAR and DAR members is to have them post announcements for their activities and events in the Governor Isaac Shelby newsletter. The mutual support will be beneficial for all concerned.
- **Alliances with Other Organizations.** When we participate in ceremonies and events, there are usually guests and other organizations who are interested in our outfits and what we do. Many have expressed interest in cross participation with their events. Due to this, the Chapter email list will also include other organizations. Let Mike King know if you have an organization that would benefit from our newsletter.
- **ByLaws and Constitution Updates.** The Chapter ByLaws and Constitution are undergoing an annual review for changes and additions to ensure that they support the members of the Chapter appropriately. Currently there are a variety of committee additions that will expand activities and opportunities for the Chapter members. After an initial round of editing the draft ByLaws and Constitution will be sent to all members for feedback and approval.

**Cemetery Renovations Committee.** During this year Patrick Wesolosky, Steve Gahafer, John Buckler, Scott Giltner found an alternative to some of the usual Chapter events and activities that were canceled due to the Coronavirus. The alternative is grave renovations. This includes finding and identifying ancestor graves and marking them with GPS locations, cleaning and cutting back vegetation, and recording them for future research and history. Also, included is cleaning up current cemeteries and tombstones that have fallen in disrepair. The work removes grit and moss from the stones so they can be read, doing adjustments and repairs on broken stones and maintenance on the site. The benefits are that the community volunteers ensure that those who passed before us are remembered, the history maintained on the stones is preserved and it gives a good outdoors activity that is recorded by the Chapter for Veterans Service. Due to the interest in cemetery renovation and preservation, a committee is being formed in the Chapter and guidelines for cemetery renovation and maintenance is being developed. In addition, there are now plans for additional training and projects in the Spring. Will have more on this after the first of the year.

## Daniel Boone Base Camp

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Daniel Boone Base Camp.** Governor Isaac Shelby member Scott Giltner recently participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Daniel Boone Base Camp organized by Trail Life USA (TLUSA). Tony Robinson, past Vice President General of the Central District and Ohio Society member, along with Scott Giltner, Vice-President of the Kentucky Society, provided presentations to a gathering of 731 boys ranging in ages from 6 to 17. In addition to Compatriots Robinson and Giltner, Junior SAR member Andrew Giltner, attended the Daniel Boone Base Camp as a member of Trail Life Troop KY 0413 and prospective SAR member Stephen Ashton, TLUSA photographer, was in attendance as well. The event was hosted by the North Central Region TLUSA and directed by Trail man James Ramey, was held 16-18 October at the Johnstown Community Sportsmen's Club near Johnstown, Ohio.

The Daniel Boone Base Camp is an annual Trail Life event where boys can participate in activities and educational programs to learn about a given topic or theme. This year the focus was on the outdoor pioneer life of America, the founding of the United States; the lives of the Patriots, and their beliefs during the American Revolution. The boys rotated through eight presentation stations to learn about such topics as the Declaration of Independence and its context in the American Revolution, the causes of the American Revolution, the history and development of the American flag; and the life and religion of pioneers. Each presentation lasted 40 minutes which allowed for in-depth discussion of each topic.



Two of the presentations were provided by VPG Robinson and Compatriot Giltner. VPG Robinson provided a presentation on the citizen soldier to colonial soldier. How ordinary citizens came into service trained at Valley Forge and became the US Army of today.

Some of the historical support participants. (L to R) Scott Giltner, Johnny Doe, Jeff Johnson, Joe Forte, and Rick Compton.

The presentation provided by Compatriot Giltner discussed the history and development of the American long rifle and how this important tool influenced the American style of fighting. A comparison between the American long rifle, American fowler, and British Brown Bess showed how their usage influenced battle tactics. Replicas of each firearm were presented. In order to demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of a long rifle versus a musket in battle, the step by step process on how to load and fire a flintlock firearm was included in the presentation.



7<sup>th</sup> Annual Daniel Boone Base Camp organized by Trail Life USA. Some of the 731 participants from the October 16 - 17th

**About Trail Life USA.** Trail Life USA was founded in 2013 and has over 800 troops in all 50 states with a membership of over 30,000 and growing. The vision of Trail Life USA is to be a Christ-centered, boy focused, outdoor adventure, character and leadership organization which produces godly and responsible husbands, fathers, and citizens. Trail Life's Mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, to be good citizens, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.

**Reverse Veterans Day Parade, November 7, 2020.** The City of Louisville was still able to have the annual Week of Valor, Veterans Parade honoring Military Veterans and Active Service members. Due to the Coronavirus isolation protocols the regular parade was unable to be held. Instead, a reverse parade was held in the Southeast Christian Church Parking lot where over 40 participants were assigned a location on the parade route to wave and say hello to those in cars who drove by the route. The day was a beautiful sunny day with a lot of Veteran related participants and many drivers who came to say hello and show their appreciation to all Veterans and active Military service members. The Governor Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Simon Kenton, Daniel Boone SAR Chapters and the Corn Island and John Marshal Chapters DAR were represented. The SAR and DAR Chapters were given the honored positions at the parade entrance with Louisville Governor Greg Fischer.



Thanks to all Veterans!



Top Left to right: SAR and DAR at Massing of Colors; Visitors Passing Through; Mayor Greg Fischer; DAR Contingent, DAR Contingent with Mayor Byron Chappman; Mayor Fischer with SAR, SAR Flag Presentations; SAR Flags; SAR and DAR Contingent, SAR Banner.



**Visiting Veterans Graves to Say Thanks.** During Veterans Memorial Week many of the members of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter visited many cemeteries throughout central Kentucky to remember our Patriot Veterans, place a flag on their grave and render a deserved salute for their contribution to our freedom. The message is clear, “We appreciate what you did, and your are not forgotten”. The pictures below were at Lexington Cemetery, Frankfort Cemetery, Western Louisville Cemetery and Cox’s Creek Baptist Church. Thanks goes to other members who also presented flags to Veterans.



Top Left to Right: Patrick Wesolosky, Frankfort Cemetery, Nick Blevins, Steve Gahafer, Talbot Grave, Mike King, Scott Giltner, Patten Grave, Steve Gahafer, Emery Wilson, Nick Blevins, Mike King, Steve Gahafer, Patrick Parker, Patrick Wesolosky, Mike King - Cox’s Church, Patrick Parker, Chaplain Eric McClain.

**Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony, Lafayette Chapter - Lexington Kentucky, November 8, 2020.** The Lafayette Chapter hosted a beautiful Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony at Lexington Cemetery. Vice President Patrick Wesolosky, designed and organized the ceremony dedicated to all Veterans, Patriots and Active Military. This was the first Lafayette Chapter ceremonial event in recent times and included SAR members from Governor Isaac Shelby and Daniel Boone Chapters, and DAR Members from Bryan Station, Captain John McKinley, Captain John Waller, Lexington, Trabue and Transylvania Chapters. Patrick has more ongoing ceremonies planned for the Lafayette Chapter in the near future.



Top Down, Left to Right: Flag posting with DAR; Flag posting with Patrick Wesolosky, Chaplain Eric McClain, Mike King with Color Guard Commander Mike Sullivan; Chaplain Eric McClain; Chapter President Tim Brown; John Buckler; Taps - Scott Giltner; Judy Sullivan; Major Dwayne Edwards, US Army (ret.); President Elect Dale Henley; Past President Emery Wilson; Marika Wesolosky; Nick Blevins; Patrick Wesolosky presenting Mike Sullivan with a Gorget as Color Guard Commander; Mourn Arms - Patrick Wesolosky and Jay Doss; DAR and SAR Contingents.



**Colonel Daniel Boone Chapter - Revolutionary War Patriots and Veterans Day Memorial, Frankfort Cemetery.** The Colonel Daniel Boone Chapter hosted a special event on Veterans Day that honored 29 Revolutionary War Patriots and Military Veterans and Active Service Members. The ceremony was beautiful and touching with a tolling bell for each of the 29 Patriots buried in the cemetery including Daniel Boone the namesake of the Chapter. Patrick Parker of the Chapter designed and organized the ceremony that reminds all of us about the sacrifice our pioneer forefathers made to settle our homeland of Kentucky.



<b><u>Patriots at Rest in Frankfort Cemetery.</u></b>		
Lieutenant Colonel John Adair, South Carolina	Patriot Jesse Foree, Virginia	Patriot Thomas Paxton, Virginia
Major Bland Ballard, Virginia	Chaplain John Gano, New Jersey	Sergeant James Russell, Virginia
Colonel Daniel Boone, Pennsylvania	Colonel Christopher Greenup, Virginia	Major General Charles Scott, Virginia
Major Walker Baylor, Virginia	Captain Thomas Henton, Pennsylvania	Patriot John George Teeter, Virginia
Captain Joseph Cross Belt Sr, Maryland	Chaplain William Hickman, Virginia	Colonel Thomas Tunstall Jr, Virginia
Continental Congressman John Brown, Virginia	Captain John Howell, New Jersey	Captain Daniel Weisiger III, Virginia
Captain Philip Buckner, Virginia	Major George Madison, Virginia	Private Arrington Wickliffe, Virginia
General John Caldwell, Virginia	Captain John Morrison, Pennsylvania	Patriot Alexander Wilson Sr, New Jersey
Colonel Anthony Crockett, Virginia	Colonel George Muter, Virginia	Patriot William McQuiddy, Virginia
	Patriot Abijah North, Connecticut	Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Todd, Virginia

Top Left Down. The Color Guard in Position for the Flag Posting; The DAR Gravesite and National Flag; Bill Lawrence Posting the Kentucky Flag to honor the Kentucky Patriots Buried in Frankfort Cemetery; A Beautiful National Anthem Played on Violin; Invocation by Regent Patricia Knapke, Frankfort Chapter DAR; Speaker - Sergeant Major Lonnie Lewis (retired); National Honor Students, The Frankfort Christian Academy: Rifle Salute with Mike Sullivan, Color Guard Commander, Patrick Wesolosky and Jay Doss, Lafayette and Governor Isaac Shelby Chapters, SAR; Patrick Parker, Daniel Boone Chapter; Daniel Boone Chapter President Steve Vest; Ceremony Site; Daniel Boone's Grave; The SAR and DAR Ceremony Contingents and National Honor Society Students.

**Chapter Projects and Activities.** The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has a variety of projects and activities that are ongoing or being planned. If interested or you have an idea for a project let Mike King know. Many of these efforts earn points for the Chapter and member towards medals and awards. Submit ideas to Mike King.



- **Brown-Lawrence Cemetery.** The historical cemetery needs a cleanup and removal of bushes, tree branches, raking, etc. This effort is being organized and waiting for final approval. More information to be sent out soon.
- **Memorial Stone Marker at Locust Grove.** A proposal last year was made to do an SAR marker stone at Locust Grove near the DAR marker near their front entrance. This project will be organized during the next few months.
- **Dog Tag Project.** The goal of the project is to have a hanging dog tag for each of the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter members, past and present. Each tag will have the members and their ancestors name on it. While the dog tags are not Revolutionary War period, they are inexpensive and can create a unique exhibit for SAR members. The planning includes finding a location for the exhibit, determining costs, updating, structure, associated ceremonies, etc. It could be open to others and used for public relations efforts. If interested contact Mike King.
- **Veterans Home Support.** Currently there is a small house in the West End of Louisville that is being renovated by a non-profit organization to use as a home for older Veterans with no permanent place to live. The house will hold three Veterans and one support person who will watch over them and will be ready by Spring 2021. At that time they will be looking for good used furniture and household goods that can be used for the house. This includes single beds, tables, chairs, lamps, dishes, etc. A detailed list is now being prepared. So, if you have any good items you would like to donate, please contact Mike King.
- **Scout Projects.** Before the social isolation there was a variety of Scouts events and projects scheduled with the SAR and the Chapter. All were canceled when isolation began. Lee Muncy, Chairperson for the Scouting Committee has stated that after things have returned to normal he will begin to organize and schedule the event again and get them back on the schedule.
- **WaterStep Shoe Project.** The WaterStep organization in Louisville is now collecting usable used shoes for third world countries. To help with this the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter will ask for any shoe donations starting in January. More details on this later.
- **New Raffle - Biplane Flight.** This one is a bit different than the usual raffle item. It will be for a Classic Biplane ride out of Bowman Field circling around Louisville for two people. The views are fantastic and pretty neat to fly over the city and river to gain new perspectives. The raffle tickets for two people to take the flight are on sale for \$10 per ticket. If interested contact Mike King.
- **Looking for Ideas and Interests.** Many members assume the focus of the Chapter is just on grave markings and ceremonies where you dress up in Colonial attire. While this has been a major activity of the Chapter, we would also like to expand the interest to other areas for those who are not interested or in a position to go to grave markings and other ceremonies. This includes more genealogy work, historical presentations, visits to museums and other organizations presentations. If you have an area you feel would benefit the members of the Chapter please let Mike King know.
- **Associates and Friends Program.** The Associates Program is a Chapter activity that is for those working on their lineage to become an SAR member. It is also for those who would like to participate with the Chapter activities but cannot become a member. The exact criteria and standards for the Chapter are still in discussion.
- **Alliances and Links Program.** The Alliances and Links is a program that is design to solicit support and communications with other organizations in our area. Many have events we are interested in, and in turn, they have activities that we may be interested in. This expanded communications will help our Chapter gain more supporting partners and observers for our events. The exact criteria and standards for this program is still in discussion.



**Social Events.** The following are some planned social events waiting to be scheduled. All Compatriots, families and friends are welcome to attend for casual fun filled evenings.

- **Compatriots and Family Dinner at Selena's.** Family and friends are welcome. Pending.
- **Old Friends Equine Horse Farm Tour.** Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending.
- **Trivia Night at Mission BBQ.** Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending.
- **My Old Kentucky Home Visit.** Waiting for social distancing to end. Pending.

**Chapter Communications.** The following are the primary sources of communications with the Chapter.

- **Chapter Facebook.** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Look up: Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter Ky Sar
- **Ky Society, SAR Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/groups/1431811717073204/photos/?filter=albums](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1431811717073204/photos/?filter=albums)
- **GISSAR Chapter Website.** [www.gissar.org](http://www.gissar.org)
- **NSSAR Website.** [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)
- **Newsletter Submissions.** Send to Mike King at [mrking001@gmail.com](mailto:mrking001@gmail.com)
- **Mailing Address.** Send to Mike King at 9016 Willow Springs Drive, Louisville, KY 40242
- **Chapter Officers.** See the front page for the Chapter Officers email addresses.
- **Zoom Social Call-Ins.** A special thanks goes out to Patrick Wesolosky for hosting a weekly social call on Zoom. If you would like to "Zoom In" and do not have the web link send Patrick an email to be included.



### **Compatriot Corner by Melvin Rowe.**

The newsletter highlights Chapter Compatriots with personal biographies so we can get to know each other a bit better. It will be nice to know a about what a compatriot does, or did for a living if retired, their family and interests in and outside the SAR as well as their ancestors who they used to enter the SAR.

**Compatriot Joe Noffsinger.** Joe Noffsinger is a Chapter legacy and long time member. He is a direct descendant of Captain Henry Rhoades (Rhodes), of the Third Company First Battalion of Bedford County Pennsylvania. He himself is an army veteran, having served in Korea during the Korean War and holds the Korean Defense Medal.



Joe's service did not end with his military service. He is the past master of a Lexington, Kentucky Masonic Lodge, a chapter member of Lexington, Kentucky Scottish Rite, a Member of Oleika Temple of Lexington, Kentucky, and served as an aid to several Potentates. He also is the former chairman of DeMolay Advisory Council of Lexington, Kentucky, and a member of Oleika Marching Patrol. And if that was not enough, he was a member of the Lexington, Kentucky Civil War Roundtable.

On a special note. Joe is a Gold Star Son. The term "Gold Star" is used to indicate that a family member made the ultimate sacrifice while in the military. Joe's father (Ted Noffsinger) was killed in action in World War II during the Battle of the Bulge. The sacrifice by Joe and his family is appreciated and is not forgotten. As a special honor, Hershel "Woody" Williams, Medal of Honor recipient from Iwo Jima in World War II requested that Joe raise the Gold Star Flag at the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument dedication in 2016 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery by Fort Knox. This flag was given to Joe when it was retired. Joe also presented the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter wreath at the monument. It was a beautiful day for honoring all military sacrifices.



Joe married his wife, Betty Jo Parker of Henderson, Kentucky in 1957. They have three children, Jeffery Lee Noffsinger of Lexington, Kentucky, Stephan Ray Noffsinger of Louisville Kentucky and Susan Barnett of Louisville, Kentucky. A retired property insurance fire rate adjuster, Joe now lives in Louisville, Kentucky and joined the GISSAR chapter in December of 2009. In his spare time, he enjoys collecting antiques, especially old kerosene lamps. All of us in the Chapter appreciate Compatriot Joe Noffsinger and are glad he is a member of the Chapter.

### **Next Month.**

- **Compatriot Corner Returns.** Two compatriots to be profiled in the coming edition.
- **Scouting Activity Updates.** A list of current and planned activities will be listed.
- **Related Organizations.** A detailed List of related historical, genealogical and related organizations that you can also join.
- **Chapter Support - Help Wanted.** A list of volunteer activities needed to support the Chapter.
- **Project Organizing for Current Projects.**
- **Identifying and Scheduling Events for 2021.**
- **250th Anniversary Challenge Coins.** Patrick Wesolosky was the first Chapter member to qualify for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary challenge coin by posting historical information on Facebook. The limited issue coin can be purchased from the SAR bookstore once you have qualified. Requirements and details on activities to qualify for a coin will be outlined in the next newsletter.
- **Haircuts.** Recently there were some comments about people not being able to find a barbershop during social distancing. Just a heads up that if you need one, you can go to the barber that cut Forrest Chilton's hair and now cuts members of the Chapter. You can call Steve at Jim's Barber Shop, 11718 Old Shelbyville Road, Middletown, KY 40243, 502.244.5857 to make an appointment and get a good haircut. Is across the street from the City Hall in Middletown. Steve was kind to Forrest and it is not forgotten.
- **Newsletter Submissions.** Do you have a submission, an article or an announcement for the newsletter? Or, is there something you would like to see. If so, please send to Mike King.



**Correspondence.** The Chapter has many associates and friends in the community with similar interests in genealogy, history, Veteran and military support and projects to help others. The Chapter will be sending our newsletters to the list and working to communicate with them about our events and theirs. If you would like to add a person or organization to the list contact Mike King.