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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

First of all, I would like to thank everyone of my Chapter Compatriots for making 2023 a wonderful, productive year. We made many contacts and did many events. This year is shaping up to be even busier than the last. We already have done a few events, some good some sad with the passing of Compatriots, Bob Brent and Richard Spencer. They will be very missed! We have many school programs lined up and ready to go, but like I always say we need everyone to step up and help out wherever you can or needed. whatever your talent is or what your interest is, we need you!! There is always something to do.

We are already in the process of getting the Kentucky Riflemen pins made. I feel like this is going to go well as I have already had quite a few compatriots asking about them. The Drum and Fife pins were a huge success with all the pins sold out! We also have a GIS Blanket raffle happening at the moment. Steve Caudill of Daniel Boone of Kentucky LLC. has graciously donated a wonderful wool blanket for us to raffle so we can raise money for youth awards program. This blanket is 100% wool it is a 5.1 lb limited edition first run. It will make a wonderful Christmas gift for your loved one or for yourself! Tickets are \$5.00

PROCLAMATION

BY: Shelby County Judge Executive

Dan Ison



Shelby Co. Judge Executive, Dan Ison Honored the GIS Chapter with a Proclamation making April 30th 2024, Sons of the American Revolution Day



Events

2024

MAY

Martin's Station Location: Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, VA Time: TBD

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GISSAR CHAPTER MEETING LOCATION: MIDDLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 11804 SHELBYVILLE RD. MIDDLETOWN, KY. TIME: 7:00PM

17TH SIEGE AT LOGAN'S STATION SCHOOL DAY LOCATION: MARTIN LUTHER KING ST. STANFORD, KY TIME: 10:00AM TO NOON (MUSTER 9:00AM)

> Logan's Station School Day Location: Martin Luther Kind St. Stanford, KY Time: TBD

Honor Flight Bluegrass Location: Bluegrass Airport, Lexington, KY Time: 9:00Pm (muster 8:00Pm)

Honor Flight Bluegrass Location: Louisville Airport, Louisville KY Time: TBD (muster TBD)

Run for The Wall Location: Robley Rex VA Medical Center 800 Zorn Ave. Louisville, KY Time: 7:30 am to 10:30 am

Events

25TH GEORGE ROGERS CLARK MEMORIAL SERVICE (NATIONAL SAR EVENT) LOCATION: 401 S 2ND STREET, VINCENNES, IN TIME: 10:00AM

26TH LOCATION: VETERANS PARK, 10707 TAYLORSVILLE, RD. JEFFERSONTOWN, KY TIME: 6:00PM (MUSTER 5:30PM)

27TH MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE LOCATION: ZACHARY TAYLOR NATIONAL CEMETERY LOUISVILLE, KY TIME: 2:00PM (MUSTER AT 1:00PM)

JUNE

KENTUCKY HISTORY DAY Location: Old State Capital, 300 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm (setup at 8:00am)

2ND

IST

John Smoot GM

Location: Shively/smoot Cemetery 4107 Dixie Highway Shively KY Time: 3:00Pm (muster at 2:00Pm)

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Flag Day Color Guard & Flag Presentation (Tentative) Location; Little Hunting Creek, 9200 US-42 Prospect, KY Time: 6:00PM (muster at 5:00PM) 14TH

Flag Day Color Guard Presentation Cowley Park,8028 Westover Drive, Prospect, KY Time: 11:00am (muster at 10:00am)

20TH GISSAR CHAPTER MEETING LOCATION: MIDDLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 11902 OLD SHELBYVILLE RD, MIDDLETOWN KY TIME: 7:00PM

26TH FIFE & DRUM MINI PARADE LOCATION: BLACKACRE FARM, 3200 TUCKER STATION ROAD, LOUISVILLE KY TIME: 10:00AM (MUSTER AT 9:30AM)

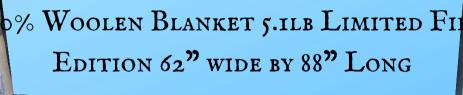
29TH HEROES FOR HUMANITY & INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE LOCATION: MUSTER AT SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 1155 MAIN ST, SHELBYVILLE KY TIME: 10:00AM (MUSTER AT 9:00AM)

29TH

Shelby County 250th Kickoff Event Location: Shelbyville KY Time: 9:00am- 2:00Pm

LIBERTY TREE BLANKETS GOVERNOR ISAAC SHELBY CHAPTER 250TH COMMEMORATIVE REVOLUTIONARY WAR BLANKET





Each blanket has its own serial number

Exact replica of one that resides in the Museum of the Fur Traders Collection in Chadron, Nebraska a Great Gift for the Frontiersman or Frontierswoman in you!!!

\$5.00 A CHANCE

PROCEEDS GO TO THE GOVERNOR ISAAC SHELBY CHAPTER Youth Awards Program Contact John Doss for more information jaydoss410@gmail.com The Raffle will be held December 7th 2024 you don't have to be present to win

Each Blanket sells for \$250.00

IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE ONE OF THESE LOVELY

Blankets out right, contact: Steven Caudill of Kentucky LLC.

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Music in the American Revolution (Chester)

BY: SCOTT GILTNER

The second most popular son in the American colonies during the American Revolution was Chester (the most popular song being Yankee Doodle). One explanation the popularity of the song during the revolution is its strong religious convictions which aligned with the American view of the revolution as being a crusade. Although Chester was extremely popular during the American Revolution, today few people outside the 18tg century re-enacting community are familiar with the song.

The Word "Chester" is from the old English and Latin words for "military camp". It was arbitrarily selected as the name for the song as at that time it was a common practice to name tunes after a place that had nothing to do with the theme or the lyrics of the song. The disconnect between the name and the message of the song was intentional as this would allow the tune to be used with different lyrics which was a common practice in music at that time.

Chester was written by William Billings in 1770 and was published in his songbook entitled "The New-England Psalm- Singer". This songbook was the first book of songs completely composed in America. Chester quickly became known as the "anthem" of the American opposition to British policies in North America.

William Billing, a Boston native, was Americas first choral composer. For the most part he was a self-taught musician, song writer, and composer. At the age of 24 he issued his first songbook, the aforementioned "The New-England Psalm Singer". Billings was a very popular song writer having published six songbooks during his lifetime. Unfortunately, his style of music eventually went out of favor. Due to the copyright laws of the time, he was unable to financially capitalize on the popularity of his music. He died in poverty at the age of 53 and was buried in an unmarked grave in Boston. Chester was the first truly patriotic song with both the tune and lyrics written by an American in the American colonies. The original lyrics for Chester consisted of only two stanzas which were very similar to the Psalms in both form and content. The original 1770 lyrics also applied common Puritan themes to trust God and God's protection of the righteous against any foe.² This may have contributed to its initial popularity in Puritan New England after which it spread to the other colonies.

ORIGINAL 1770 LYRICS:

Let the tyrants shake their iron rod, And Slav'ry clank her galling chains, We fear them not, we trust in Gog, New England's God forever reigns.

What grateful off'ring shall we bring? What shall we render to the Lord? Lord Halleluiahs let us Sing, And praise his name on ev'ry Chord.

In 1778 Billings revised the song and published it in his songbook :The Singing Master's Assistant". The revised Chester of five stanzas whish bore a stronger patriotic message than the original. It is the 1778 version that is best known by those familiar with the song today.

The three stanzas added in 1778 were inserted between the original first and last stanzas of the 1770 version. By this time the American Revolution was in full force which is reflected by the references to battles and victory in the inserted stanzas.

1778 LYRICS:

Let tyrants shake their iron rod, And Slav'ry clank her galling chains, We fear them not, we trust in Gog, New England's God forever reigns.

Explanation:

(IRON RODS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STRICT RULER WHILE GALLING CHAINS ARE THE HUMILIATING BOUNDS OF SLAVERY. BOTH ARE USED HERE AS SYMBOLS OF INTIMIDATION BY THE BRITISH. IT IS THEN STATED THE AMERICANS ARE TO TRUST IN GOD AS UNDER HIS PROTECTION THEY WILL BE VICTORIOUS).

1778 LYRICS:

Howe AND BURGOYNE AND CLINTON TOO, WITH PRESCOT AND CORNWALLIS JOIN'D, TOGETHER PLOT OUR OVERTHROW, IN ONE INFERNAL LEAGUE COMBIN²D.

EXPLANATION:

(By 1778 when these lyrics were published THE AMERICANS HAD ACHIEVED VICTORIES AT THE SIEGE OF BOSTON, MONTREAL, SARATOGA, AND PRINCETON. EACH OF THE BRITISH GENERALS NAMED IN THIS STANZA WAS IN COMMAND FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE BATTLES. THESE VICTORIES ARE ATTRIBUTED TO THE VIRTUE OF THE AMERICAN CAUSE).

WHEN GOD INSPIR'D US FOR FIGHT, Their ranks were broke, their lines were forc'd Old Testament, God has provided the THEIR SHIPS WERE SHATTER'D IN OUR SIGHT, OR SWIFTLY DRIVEN FROM OUR COAST.

The Foe comes on with haughty Stride, OUR TROOPS ADVANCE WITH MARTIAL NOISE, THEIR VET'RANS FLEE BEFORE OUR YOUTH, AND GEN'RALS YIELD TO BEARDLESS BOYS.

WHAT GRATEFUL OFF'RING SHALL WE BRING? WHAT SHALL WE RENDER TO THE LORD? LORD HALLELUIAHS LET US SING, AND PRAISE HIS NAME ON EV'RY CHORD.

(Reminiscent of the Isrealites in the Americans with victories due to their FAITHFULNESS, CONFRONTED WITH SUCH A DIVINELY LED FORCE THE ONLY OPTIONS FOR THE BRITISH ARE TO FLEE OR FACE DESTRUCTION.)

(THE TERM "HAUGHTY STRIDE" IS APPLIED TO THE FOE (BRITISH) AS AN INDICATION OF THE SENSE OF SUPERIORITY THE BRITISH FEEL THEY HAVE OVER THE AMERICANS. THE "MARTIAL NOISE" OF THE AMERICANS IS A REFERENCE TO THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE AND FAITH IN VICTORY. The dedication and faith of the inexperienced

AMERICANS TROOPS IS WHAT LEADS THEM TO VICTORY OVER THE EXPERIENCED VETERANS OF THE BRITISH FORCES.)

(IN A LYRICAL STYLE SIMILAR TO A PSALM, THE Americans proclaim their gratitude for GOD'S INTERVENTION AND ASK HOW CAN THEY SHOW SUFFICIENT GRATITUDE FOR HIS BLESSING. The lyrics end with Proclamations that THE AMERICANS SHOULD BE IN CONTINUAL THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE OF GOD.)

After the American Revolution the song became the de facto national Anthem and remained that wat for many years. Eventually Chester slipped away from public consciousness and for the most part was forgotten with the passage of time. The music of Billings, and more specifically Chester, were rediscovered by the public in 1956 when American composer William Schumann wrote his "New England Triptych" based on the works of Billings. The Third part of this triptych is Chester. Schumann wrote in the preface to his New England Triptych that "the Works of this Dynamic composer (Billings) capture the spirit of sinewy ruggedness, deep religiosity

AND PATRIOTIC FERVOR THAT WE ASSOCIATE WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD"

Although the popularity of Chester has not risen to the same level it experienced during the American Revolution, it has become well ingrained in the awareness of 18th century re-enactors, historians and students of early American music. Therefore, its place in history as a uniquely American patriotic song is firmly established.

1. Billings, William, The New England Psalm-Singer, Boston, New-England: Printed by Edes and Gill 1770, Page 91

2. Cowen, Mimi, "From Puritan to Patriot: John Adams and William Billings'; Chester", www.werehistory.org,2015

3. Billings, William, The Singing Masters Assistant, Boston, Massachusetts: Drafer and Folsom, 1778, page 12.

4. Schuman, William, New-England Triptych, Three Pieces from Orchestra after William Billings, Music Score, New York Philharmonic Digital Archives, (ID 3290), 1956

RIFLE SAFETY

John Doss: KYSSAR Safety Officer

I JUST WANTED TO TAKE TIME TO THANK ALL THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY RIFLEMEN FOR COMING OUT ON YOUR OWN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIFLE TRAINING. AS YOU KNOW TRAINING, AND MOST OF ALL, SAFETY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

Not long ago a North Carolina Society Chapter had an incident in which someone joined the rifle squad, unchecked, and fired their ramrod out of their weapon during the rifle salute. The ramrod hit a person and thankfully that person wasn't hurt. Another bit of bad news is that the person that fired their weapon wasn't even an SAR member! Gentlemen we cannot let this sort of thing happen here in Kentucky or anywhere.

When you do a walk through, look at the compatriot in front of you and in back of you. In most cases this is going to be how you will line up. it should also be the color guard commanders job as well to take notice of any person or persons that didn't do the safety inspection and the walk through. If you notice anything that seems wrong at all.. please call it out. Its better to stop the ceremony for a few minutes than have something bad happen. Some of you already know this from the rifle training classes. So Please use good judgement.

Remember Safety First!!!

Kentucky Society spring Meeting



Compatriot Scott Giltner recieves a certificate



The swearing in of the new officers



John Doss is Honored with the Color Guardsman of the Year Award



Kentucky society President, Steve McCain



Charlie Scott receives the Gold Roger Sherman medal GREAT JOB CHARLIE



Color Guard Training Certificates Huzzah!!!!

Pictures Taken By Marika Wesolosky & John Doss

Color Guard for the Kentucky Society DAR Spring meeting



Compatriot Patrick Wesolosky Showing his musical talents



Mike King, Esther Drewry, Pat McMurchie Patrick Wesolosky



Compatriot Reed Martin is ready for action



A MOTLEY CREW!!



Smile!!!



Color Guard Commander Scott Giltner



Getting our orders!!

Pictures By Marika Wesolosky & John Doss

Indiana 250TH Bench Dedication



















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2024 PEGASUS PARADE



Photos by Marika Wesolosky



Compatriot Rod Smothers showing how to make flax



MILITIA CAMP SETUP

Oldham County History Center School Day



Compatriot Martin showing the children militia camp items



Compatriot Scott Giltner showing off his music skills!!