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National Society United States Daughters of 1812

Happy Birthday Arkansas U.S.D. 1812 State Organization Super-Centennial 1906-2016

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VOTE!!!!!!

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4 Chapters/140 Members

From Your President:



Dear Daughters: United States Daughters of 1812 are the best! Once again you have answered the call when there is a need - donating and delivering dozens of jeans and coats to Fort Roots.

You will find other opportunities to serve in this newsletter. **HELP**

WANTED on November 9th and November 16th placing and removing flags. **Cookies and servers are needed for the Open House to be held on Veterans Day, November 11th at the new Arkansas State Veterans Home in North Little Rock.**

Daughters your state president will be in Richmond, Virginia, attending the United Daughters of the Confederacy General Convention on November 8th. Therefore I have already voted! As my husband and I entered the east door of the historical Jefferson County Courthouse in downtown Pine Bluff, we looked at each other and smiled. The line was long, but moving along well. We chatted with other voters about the good turn out and the privilege to be there. It was a good experience!

Daughters as we approach the holiday season preparing for our Thanksgiving feast with family and friends, let us pause and remember to be thankful for the service of our veterans and active duty men and women, and please take time to **VOTE!** This is our privilege and our duty.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sharon

U.S.D. 1812 at AGS Mining for Members



Display table for U.S.D. 1812 at the Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference held Oct. 14th & 15th. Over 100 people attended from around the state and surrounding states. Pictured above are unknown attendees.

A LOOK AT YESTERYEAR

From the IZARD COUNTY HISTORIAN Vol. 24, April 1999 (submitted by Mary Cooper Miller)

War of 1812 Veteran Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony!

Saturday, June 19, 1999 1:30 p.m. Shell Cemetery (1 1/2 Miles east of Sage, AR) For John Shell, born 1778, died ca 1853 Veteran of the War of 1812

A dedication ceremony will be performed by the Wiggins Battery of the Confederate Reenactors, Kevin Bodenhamer, Commander. This will be the first veteran grave marker placed for a veteran of the War of 1812 in IZARD COUNTY and maybe in the state of Arkansas [not so]. This ceremony will follow the 7th Shell Reunion, which takes place every two years at the Sage Baptist Church, Sage, AR. The reunion begins at 10:00 a.m. with a pot luck lunch. Shell descendants from many states will

attend both events. Everyone is invited to join in this historic event and the reunion.

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT THE WAR OF 1812

Samuel Wilson was a meat packer from Troy, New York, and he supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government.

In September 1961, the U.S. Congress recognized Samuel Wilson as "the progenitor of America's national symbol of Uncle Sam." Wilson died at age 88 in 1854, and was buried next to his wife Betsey Mann in the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York, the town that calls itself "The Home of Uncle Sam."



JEANS, JEANS AND MORE JEANS Baseline-Meridian Chapter delivers Men's Jeans for Veterans



Sharon Stanley Wyatt, State President U.S.D. 1812; Alexandra Csanadi, CAVAVS; Sheila Beatty U.S.D. 1812 VAVS Rep.

The Baseline-Meridian Chapter in 2016 has delivered a total of 281 pair of men's jeans to the Central Arkansas VA Voluntary Services (CAVAVS) office at the Towbin Medical Center, Ft. Roots, North Little Rock.

Advised by the CAVAVS of the critical and on-going need for blue jeans, the chapter has been delivering jeans about twice a month to the facility. The donations have been made possible by the Hot Springs Village and Mt. Ida communities and members' donations. Members frequently shop thrift stores in the area for gently used men's jeans. The jeans are freshly laundered before delivery and are given to indigent veterans who visit the hospital for needed medical care. Men's pants not made of

denim are not suitable for sleeping on the streets. Other items of critical need are men's coats/jackets, shoes, underwear and toiletries.



COATS, COATS AND MORE COATS Baseline-Meridian Chapter delivers Men's Winter Coats

The chapter delivered 75 men's coats/jackets for our homeless and indigent Veterans to the Ft. Roots VA facility on October 20th. Collecting from the Mt. Ida and Hot Springs Village areas, the chapter will be delivering more this month at the quarterly VAVS



meeting. The total worth of items delivered to date is almost \$7,200.00.

Left: Vice-President Mary Ellen Laursen assisting with the unloading of the coats and jackets. All coats and jackets were

delivered on hangers.

19th SF deployment to Afghanistan



Sheila Beatty, left, wishing the 19th SF well as they pass through the TSA Security point at LR National Airport

Thirteen airmen of the 19th Security Forces Squadron (19th SF), stationed at Little Rock Air Force base, deployed to Afghanistan for a six month mission in October. Members of the Baseline-Meridian and Simon Bradford Chapters and the Gen. T.J. Churchill Chapter UDC gave 65 U.S. Flags to all members of the unit as well as to family and friends and others at Little Rock National Airport as the 19th SF boarded their plane destined for their deployment station. (Note: It is cost effective to transport a small contingent via commercial airlines rather than military flights.)

Each of the airmen were given "goodie" bags full of cookies, treats and puzzles as well as thank you cards by the two groups for the flight to the east coast. For several of the airmen, this was their first deployment. United States Air Force Security

Forces are the force protection and military police of the United States Air Force.



Beverly Webb, family members of the Dodson family, Sheila Beatty, Mary Ellen Laursen and Beth Webb

The Merikins



The story behind the arrival of the Merikins in Trinidad goes back to the American War of Independence, 1775 – 1783, when runaway slaves were first encouraged to join the British fighting forces. A major enticement for their enlistment was the promise of freedom by Lord Dunmore, the then Colonial Governor of Virginia. At the end of the war these ex-soldiers were granted their freedom and taken to Nova Scotia in Canada, Sierra Leone, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

During the War of 1812 the British made similar promises of freedom to slaves who joined their naval or military forces. These black soldiers were told that at the end of the war they would remain free men and earn 16 acres of land per head of family.

Historians document these black soldiers/marines, who were runaway slaves of American slave owners, made up a total of six (6) military companies in the British army. They were recruited mainly from the Chesapeake Bay, shores of Virginia and Maryland, as well as from the coast of Georgia.

Trinidad in the early 1800s was described as a “mélange of ideologies, cultures, color and status.” It was different from most West Indian islands in respect of the high proportion of free colored people. Notably, when Britain took Trinidad in 1797 there was already a large intermediate group of free

colored people, in the middle of the ruling white elite and the growing number of slaves.

These ex-slaves, ex-soldiers, now land owners, spoke an abbreviated version of the language, which was attained by either dropping the first letter or two, or the last letter off words. The word American went through a similar mutation; they meant to say “I am American” but instead they said “I am Merikin.” To the Merikins, their plots were “Blood Lands,” that is, allotments earned by military service.

The total number of Merikin settlers who arrived in Trinidad between May 1815 and August 1816 was approximately 781 men, women and children, out of which 574 were the disbanded ex-soldiers.

They were settled in the South of Trinidad, in the Naparima District/Savanna Grande (now Princes Town). Even with the lack of proper building materials, animals, equipment and proper roads, the settlers who had the experience of building shelters for themselves in Chesapeake were able to construct rudimentary shelters which saw them through the rainy seasons.

The Merikin settlers had difficulty identifying with the surrounding population, which was mainly French-speaking and Catholic, since they were English-speaking and Protestant. As a result, they developed a strong sense of group identity. They also felt a marked pride in their freedom and in their independent status.

Those with ownership of land in oil producing areas were able to benefit from oil rights and lease rents. The ex-soldiers played a very important role in the promotion of Trinidad’s indigenous economy. As subsistence farmers they were pioneers in the growing of short-term crops.

‘Merikins’ displayed a high level of fierce independence and this they carried through all walks of their lives. [Excerpts from <http://www.nalis.gov.tt/Research/SubjectGuide/TheMerikinsFreeBlackSettlers18151816/tabid/563/Default.aspx?PageContentMode=1>]

Question: What kinds of weapons were used in the War of 1812?

The most widely used weapon in the War of 1862 was the smoothbore musket, which was carried by most of the infantrymen in the field. These had an effective battlefield range of 50-100 yards, necessitating close assaults and bayonet tactics be employed. There were also some units equipped with rifles, which were used primarily as light or specialized infantry.

Cannons were smoothbore as well, though they could shoot roughly 400 yards accurately. They were used with deadly, decisive effect on the battlefield.

Cavalrymen generally carried pistols and sabers and were used to outmaneuver or charge enemy formations. [From: <http://www.campaign1776.org/war-of-1812/war-of-1812-faq.html>]



AVENUE OF HONOR FLAGS



Donation made for one Flag from the Simon Bradford Chapter and the Baseline-Meridian Chapter. State President, Sharon Wyatt; VAVS Chief, Michael Dobbs; and State VAVS Representative, Sheila Beatty

An Avenue of Honor Flags is being planned for the Towbin VA Medical Center (Ft. Roots) in North Little Rock. The Flags will be posted in the ground from entry to the front of the Ft. Roots Building. It is estimated approximately 100 United States Flags will be needed at a cost of \$80.00 to \$150.00 each. The cost is dependent upon obtaining volunteers to place the poles. The project is not funded by the Federal government and will be made possible entirely through donations. If successful, the project will be extended to the McClellan VA Medical Center in Little Rock.

WE HAVE MARKED ANOTHER VETERAN OF THE WAR OF 1812 GRAVE



Baseline-Meridian Chapter Vice President Mary Ellen Laursen Taking advantage of the cooler weather, Baseline-Meridian Chapter marked the grave of Alexander Montgomery designating him as a Veteran of the War of 1812. Alexander was a Private in the 1st Regiment of TN and also served as a 2nd Major in the 48th TN Militia. He is buried in Solgohachia Friendship Cemetery. The short ceremony was held Oct. 7th.

13th Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon Planned for February 22, 2017



2011 picture of some members of the George Washington Birthday Planning Committee: Seated, Duane Vandenberg (deceased); Left, Sheila Beatty, Judy Coleman, Peggy Vandenberg and Susan Veal

Over twelve years ago, Col. Duane Vandenberg (retired), voiced to his wife Peggy his concern about the lack of history being taught in public schools. Specifically, he was concerned about today's populace and its lack of knowledge of our first president, George Washington, and the obscuring of his birthday by combining it into Presidents' Day.

The Vandenberg, active in many service and lineage organizations, reached out to their friends in the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames 17th Century and other lineage groups with the intent of forming a George Washington Birthday Celebration Luncheon committee. The first meeting was held in the spring of 2004 and the first George Washington Birthday Celebration was held February 22, 2005, at the Hot Springs Country Club.

Known for its excellent speakers, the annual luncheon is attended by people from across the state and has an average attendance of over 100. The committee held its first planning meeting for the 2017 luncheon last month and has announced the date of the luncheon will be February 22, 2017, at the Hot Springs Country Club. The speaker will be Reggie Fryar, history teacher at the Cossatot River High School in Cove, AR. Mr. Fryar was awarded the Arkansas State Daughters of the American Revolution History Teacher of the Year Award in 2015.

Flag Trivia: Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, contains rules for handling and displaying the U.S. flag. While the federal code contains no penalties for misusing the flag, states have their own flag codes and may impose penalties. The language of the federal code makes clear that the flag is a living symbol.



Arkansas Society Pays Honor to Vietnam Era Veterans

Left: Don Sloat with Jerry Ashby, Ride Captain



The Arkansas Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) held their 2016 "Gathering of the Guard" at Old Post Park in Russellville on October 8th. With food

furnished by Dixie Café and Wendy's, all were treated to a wonderful cookout and fellowship.



Mary Ellen Laursen assisting PGR Mark Taylor with grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs

In attendance were members of U.S.D. 1812. The Arkansas Society is a participating partner with the United States of America 50th Vietnam War Commemoration and attended the gathering to honor 21 Veterans of the Vietnam War Era. Flying the Flag of the Commemoration, U.S.D.



1812 presented the Veterans with lapel pins and certificates and thanked them for their service. All Veterans in

attendance were given a Star Thank You card (41). This is the second event for state U.S.D. 1812 and it has fulfilled the requirement of two events in two years as a partner of the Commemoration. However, more events will be planned.

The PGR was formed in 2005 to shelter and protect a deceased's family against protesters who claimed "the deaths of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan are divine retribution." PGR members position themselves to physically shield the mourners from the presence of the protesters by blocking the protesters from view with their motorcycles, or by having members hold American flags. The group also drowns out the protesters' chants by singing patriotic songs or by revving motorcycle engines.

Although initially founded by motorcyclists, the organization is open to anyone, regardless of political affiliation, veteran status, or whether they ride or not. The only prerequisite is "a deep respect for those who serve our country; military,

firefighters, or law enforcement." The group's mission quickly expanded to include the funerals of law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, all first responders, and any active duty member or veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces from all previous wars and conflicts.



October 7th: PGR readying to escort the remains of SGT Joshua Clark Moore, age 38, to the cemetery. U.S.D. 1812 stood the Flag line with the PGR.



Arkansas State Veterans Home-NLR Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Nov. 11th

From Kathie Gately, Administrator

I am pleased to share with you the Ribbon cutting and Veterans Day ceremony to be held at the new state of art Veterans Home located at Fort Roots.

We need Cookies and Servers! The ceremony will be November 11th (Veterans Day) beginning at 10:00. Gov. Hutchinson will be speaking! This is a huge event and very historical for our Veterans and our state. Nationally, only one percent of nursing home are the home-style design.

The National Guard will be providing BBQ!

It is the first Veterans home in Arkansas developed from the ground-up for the sole purpose of long-term care for our Veterans.

ASVH-NLR is a "small home" design with eight individual homes that serve 12 residents each. Each resident will have a private room and private bathroom. Less than one percent of long-term care facilities across the nation are built and operated as small homes. The small home concept seeks to de-institutionalize care and provide a warm, home-like environment in a setting that encourages social activity. As a result of the design, the operating model differs substantially from that of a traditional skilled nursing facility. Criteria for Admission: •No criminal record; •Honorable discharge; •Have a medical need for nursing home placement; •Arkansas residents have first priority; •Veteran's spouses and Gold Star parents may apply for admission.

Location: 2401 John Ashley Drive, NLR; located across the street from the Towbin VA Medical Center (Ft. Roots)

Alice Lloyd College

U.S. News Ranks Alice Lloyd College Among Top in the Nation (September 15, 2016)

U.S. News and World Report rankings were released this week and Alice Lloyd College (ALC) has again captured high rankings in multiple categories. ALC is ranked fifth in the nation for least amount of average debt. The College is ranked twelfth among national liberal arts colleges for alumni giving and fifteenth among all colleges nationally.

ALC's impressive 6% acceptance rate equals that of top universities such as Harvard and Columbia, and ties for the rank of the second best acceptance rate in the nation.

U.S. News and World Report evaluates institutions based on several different criteria including academic quality and financial statistics. President Joe Stepp had this to say when asked about ALC's rankings, "We're honored ALC is again listed among the top colleges in the nation. Our college is blessed to continue to provide opportunities for the brightest and best of Appalachia."

Since the survey data collection period this spring, ALC continues to excel. This fall, a record 6,460 applicants competed for only 221 spots in the freshman class. ALC's tuition guarantee to members of the 108-county service area, along with other scholarship opportunities, is a huge attraction for applicants.

ALC graduates have always been very involved and supportive, and this year was no exception. The College had a record number of 47.2% of alumni donate to their alma mater during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Nearly a century ago, Alice Lloyd set out to educate the youth of Appalachia. The College continues that mission today by keeping the cost of an ALC education affordable so students, regardless of financial ability, can attend without incurring enormous debt. It is with great pride we are able to see the traditions Mrs. Lloyd, set forth so long ago, earn national recognition today.



Help needed to place Flags on Veterans' graves on Wednesday Nov. 9th 8:00 a.m. till finished in preparation for Veterans' Day. And also pick up on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. Rain dates will be the Thursday or Friday after each of these dates if applicable.

TALES OF THE CRYPT-OCTOBER 11TH

Once again U.S.D. 1812 was a proud sponsor of the annual event held at Mount Holly Cemetery the 2nd Tuesday of October. Plan to attend next year.

Mark Your Calendars

103rd State Council to be hosted by the Thomas H. Flippin Chapter, Saturday, February 17, 2016

Did you know the U.S. gave bounty land to Canadians for their service in the War of 1812?

James Madison' Proclamation - Announcement of Location of Canadian Volunteer Warrants May 1, 1816

Whereas by the act entitled "An act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," passed the 5th March, 1816 it was enacted that the locations of the land warrants of the said volunteers should "be subject to such regulations as to priority of choice and manner of location as the President of the United States shall direct:" Wherefore I, James Madison, President of the United States, in formity with the provisions of the act before recited, do hereby make known that the land warrants of the said **Canadian volunteers** may be located agreeably to the said act at the land offices at Vincennes or Jeffersonville, in the Indiana Territory, on the first Monday in June next, with the registers of the said land offices; that the warrantees may, in person or by their attorneys or other legal representatives, in the presence of the register and receiver of the said land district, draw lots for the priority of location; and that should any of the warrants not appear for location on that day they may be located afterwards, according to their priority of presentation, the locations in the district of Vincennes to be made at Vincennes and the locations in the district of Jeffersonville to be made at Jeffersonville.

Given under my hand the 1st day of May, 1816.

JAMES MADISON.

Star-Spangled Buttons for sale = \$5.00 each. Contact State President Sharon Wyatt.

Chapters & State Chairmen: Please send your news and photos to me for inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you. Your Editor.

Chapters: Submissions for the national February News-Letter are due Nov. 15th.


