



# **Major Philip Cook Chapter**

*Celebrating 70 years*  
*May 18, 1944 - May 19, 2014*  
**Newsletter**

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Ten Major Phillip Cook Chapter members attended the State Associate Council Meeting on May 3, 2014, at Idle Hour Country Club in Macon. (Standing: L-R Janet Walker, Echo Burrell, JoAn Childres, Sandra Adams, Sandra Darby, and Judy Smith. Sitting: L-R: Kinsey Mason, Christine Napier, and Jane Hampton. Barbara Fincher is not pictured.)

**Congratulations to Christine Napier, who was installed as State Recording Secretary.**

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#### List of Chapter Awards Presented During State Associate Council:

- Largest donation to the Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum
- Greatest Monetary Donation to Old Fort Niagara
- Greatest Monetary Donation to Fort McHenry
- Proper Use, Correct Display & Patriotic Presentations of The Flag of the U.S.A., presented by Tennessee State Society, Tulip Grove Chapter

**Our next chapter meeting will be September 15, 2014 at Mulberry United Methodist Church.**



## Major Philip Cook Chapter

Newsletter, Kinsey Mason, Editor

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### Scenes From Our Chapter's 70th Anniversary at the May Meeting



Major Phillip Cook Chapter members celebrated our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 19, 2014. Janet Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (L) gave an informative program on the history of our chapter. Her grandmother was a charter member. Pictured with Janet is Kinsey Mason, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President who conducted the meeting.

Nathaniel Macon Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution  
Major Philip Cook United States Daughters of 1812

*Request the honor of your presence  
At the dedication of grave markers  
Commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldier and  
War of 1812 Soldier*

## *David Edenfield*

*Saturday, October 11, 2014*

*11:00 A.M.*

*Moore Family Cemetery, Nunez, GA (Emanuel County)*

*Please R.S.V.P. Before October 1, 2014*

*If you plan to lay a wreath contact*

*Sandra Darby 478-747-7529 or*

*Email: [dysa@cox.net](mailto:dysa@cox.net)*

*Directions: (Nunez, GA [Emanuel County])* From Macon take I-16 East to Exit 84; left on GA 297 towards Nunez. Proceed 3.5 miles from the interstate to Grande Creek Road; Left on Grande Creek Road; Proceed 3.1 miles to dirt driveway entrance to Moore Cemetery. Driveway entrance is the first dirt driveway past the Terwilliger-Moore Road.

### **GPS Reading**

**N 32 degrees 32.496613'**

**W 82 degrees 82.374342'**

### *Special assistance from:*

*Gov. David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution*

*John Milledge Chapter Sons of the American Revolution*

*General Society of the War of 1812*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans - McLeod-Moring Camp*

*Lunch catered by Fresh Air Bar-B-Que*

*Please let Sandra Darby know if you plan to stay for lunch.*

*Donations accepted*

## Historic Riverside Cemetery's



## Memorial Day Commemoration



Judy Smith placed a wreath on behalf of our chapter. Judy serves as State Parliamentarian.

Historic Riverside Cemetery's Memorial Day Commemoration was held on May 18, 2014, at 2:30pm with a number of Major Philip Cook members in attendance.

**REPORT OF STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN  
SEND TO CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BY FEBRUARY 15**

*This form can be modified by State Chairmen and distributed to Chapter Public Relations Chairmen for them to use in reporting to the State Public Relations Chairman. Accurate reporting is essential. Chapters will be recognized based on their participation in activities publicizing the work of the U.S. Daughters of 1812.*

1. Name of Chairman filling this report: Robin Towns
2. Chairman's EMAIL ADDRESS robintowns@aol.com
3. Chairman's Telephone Number with area code: 706-548-7291
4. Your state Georgia
5. Names of 1812 chapters in your state. List to right addresses of chapter web sites

<u>General John Floyd</u>	,	<u>Catharine Littlefield Greene</u>
<u>General John Baytop Scott</u>	,	<u>Lookout Mountain</u>
<u>Major Philip Cook</u>	,	<u></u>
<u>Benjamin Hardin</u>	,	<u></u>
<u>General John Clarke</u>	,	<u></u>
<u>Sergeant Benjamin Exum</u>	,	<u></u>

6. Names of 1812 chapters which sent you reports

<u>Catharine Littlefield Greene</u>		<u>Sergeant Benjamin Exum</u>
<u>Major Philip Cook</u>		<u>Benjamin Hardin</u>
<u>General John Baytop Scott</u>		<u>General John Clarke; Lookout Mountain</u>

7. Names of 1812 chapters which have sent you newspaper clippings about 1812 activities. Be sure to List the name of the chapter and beside the number of clipping submitted. **Be sure to include clippings which show name of newspaper and date of publication. If several chapters have submitted clippings and or photos, be sure to identify these.** Use the back of this page if you don't have enough space on the front.

8. Send Copies of any Newsletters maintained by your state organization or individual Chapters. Name these in your report. Newsletters will be included in Scrap Book.

Major Philip Cook  
Benjamin Hardin  
General John Clarke

9. Event Photos. Be sure to identify event, when and persons in photo. Photos can be of awards such as: Spirit Award, Guest speakers, Cemetery markings, Scholarship Recipients, School visits, Parades, book fairs, library displays promoting 1812.

See enclosed newsletters

DVD and program for Dedication of Grave Markers of David Edenfield, Revolutionary and 1812 Soldier

10. Did any chapters in your state copy the Publicity Information Circular featured on the National Web Site? If so, how many copies did they place in places where they would be accessible to the public such as libraries and schools.

General John Baytop Scott copied the circular and handed it out at 2 genealogical events.

11. Did any of the chapters in your state make use of Spot announcements for patriotic observances? If so, which chapters and what did they do?

None

12. Did any of the chapters in your state donate books on the War of 1812? If so, what and to whom.

Two books donated by General General John Baytop Scott Chapter to the Athens Regional Library, Athens, GA--"American Prisoners of War Held at Quebec During the War of 1812, 8 June 1813-11Dec 1814" and "American Prisoners of War Held at Barbados, Newfoundland and New Providence During the War of 1812";

General John Clarke donated \$251 to the National Memorial Library of the National Society

13. . Did any of the chapters in your state take part in grave markings and/or commemorative observances at any historical sites? If so which.? Please list and describe these. You may use the back of this page with the number of the question you are answering.

Sgt Benjamin Exum Chapter attended two Viet Nam grave markings  
Benjamin Hardin Chapter attended a Laying of Wreath at Parkhill Cemetery Memorial Day and MIA/POW Day

General John Baytop Scott Chapter held grave marking for Zadock Cook

General John Clarke Chapter laid a wreath at grave of General John Clarke, May 26; gave presentation on "Battle of Horseshoe Bend" at grave dedication April 13, 2014 in Calhoun TN; Sarah Meyer visited the Star Spangled Banner Flag House in August, gave a report on it to the chapter including pictures; Members participated in Wreaths Across America at both the Marietta and Georgia National Military Cemeteries

14. Does your state or chapters within your state have lists of Ancestors of Members, either published or on web sites? You may have to use the back of this page or Add a sheet to the report. If so, be sure to # what you are answering.

All chapters have ancestors of members published in yearbooks.

15. Has your state or individual chapters compiled Cemetery Burial Information on 1812 Veterans buried in your state.? You may have to use the back of this page or Add a sheet to the report. If so, be sure to # what you are answering.

Catharine Littlefield Greene Chapter has identified 6 War of 1812 Veterans' graves in the Historic Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA. None are on the Roster and none have been marked. The committee is in the process of verifying and documenting service in anticipation of marking the graves. The are all Militia Soldiers in Lt. Col. William Scott's Detachment:

Lt. Col. William Scott  
Joseph Bachlott  
Lewis Bachlott  
Robert J. Deloney  
John W. Gray  
Thomas Ellis Hardee

16 . Did chapters in your state have programs on any aspect of the War of 1812. If so, which? All chapters are urged to have at least one program on the War of 1812. **If any of your chapters had an especially good program, provide a copy and be recognized.** We are Beginning and on-line Program Library.

Sgt. Benjamin Exum Chapter had a program on Fort Niagra  
Major Philip Cook Chapter had as guest speaker Katie Barney Moose, from Maryland, who spoke about Georgia's involvement in the War of 1812 as well as the early history and food leading up to the war.  
Benjamin Hardin Chapter had programs on the Battles of Tippecanoe, Fort McHenry and Old Fort Niagara and their newsletter featured the Treat of Ghent, the Battle of New Orleans, 1815 Fashions and more During the War of 1812, Getting to Know James Madison and the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.  
General John Baytop Chapter had a program on Fort Hawkins.  
General John Clarke Chapter had programs on "Johann Kalb, Farm Boy, Soldier, Spy, Hero" and another program on the Battle of Horsheshoe Bend.  
Catharine Littlefield Greene Chapter--"Lady Unveiled: Catharine Green Miller, 1755-1814" was presented by author Pamela Mueller. The book is a biography of the Chapter's namesake. 

17 Did members of any of your chapters take part or attend in symposiums on the War of 1812.? If so, which chapters and which events?

None

18. Did members of any of your chapters submit an article which was published in an 1812 Newsletter or in another publication. Be sure to name the chapter, the member of the chapter whose article was published, the name of the publication in which it was published and the date and the title of the article or articles.

18.

Major Philip Cook Chapter--Kinsey Mason submitted a picture to the Macon Telegraph which ran in May 2014. It was about their chapter's 70th anniversary. Sandra Darby had an article published in the Forest Blade newspaper in Swainsboro, GA, September 2014 regarding a proclamation signed by commissioners regarding the grave marking of her ancestor. There was also an article in October in the Swainsboro paper about the grave marking event.

19. Have any of your chapters visited schools and/or made contacts with teachers encouraging them to use 1812 Resource materials with students studying American History?

None

20. Have any chapters within your state sponsored poster/ and or essay contests? If so, please name the chapter or chapters who have done this and describe what they have done including which, if any, awards were given.

None

21. Has any chapter in your state provided "an 1812" scholarship to a high school student planning to attend college? If so, don't forget to send a photo and newspaper clipping if you have it.

None

22. Does your state have a Bicentennial Commission? If so, what is its web address? Also provide the names of any members from your state who work with your state's Bicentennial Commission.

Georgia does legislation proposed to establish a War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, respectively for the United States of America and the State of Georgia. The legislation was drafted by Michael Higgins, Historian and Chairman for the Committee on Merchant Marine Affairs, Navy League of the United States, Greater Golden Isles Council, Brunswick, GA. <http://warof1812ingorgia.com/Page3.html>

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I was asked to become President of our chapter two years ago, I said "I'm too old"! Well, here we are two years later, I'm two years older, I've learned a lot, and have enjoyed serving in this office!

How great it is to have so many new members, more than any other chapter in Georgia this year. My wish is, when asked, you too will become involved. The more we do, the more we learn.

Many thanks to all who served with me. One cannot do it alone, but together we can achieve much.

My best wishes to our new officers.

*Kitty*

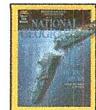


Welcome Slayton and William Veale (pictured above) and Brandon Morgan, new Junior members of the Benjamin Hardin Chapter. They join Elizabeth Grace Dodd, Taylor Ragan, and Lawson Ragan.

### CHAPTER DONATIONS

Please continue to bring Box Tops and Labels for Education. Please check expiration dates.

Also bring your gently read books and magazines for the Merchant Marine Library. (No romances please.)



### Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, comprising Regina Ragan, Carol Merrill, and Margot Dudewicz, presents the following slate of officers for the 2014—2016 term.

- President—Regina Ragan
- First Vice President—Ann Williams
- Registrar—Lynne Tate
- Secretary—Martha Thom
- Treasurer— Erma Jean Brown
- Historian—Eunice Carr
- Librarian—Carol Merrill
- Chaplain—Anne Wilson

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**March 11 at 11 AM  
at The Wynn House**

**Program – Eunice Carr**

**Topic – “St. Michael’s Church”**

**Special: Election and Installation of Officers**

**Hostesses – Eunice Carr and Erma Jean Brown**

**Ancestor Minute-Eunice Carr & Erma Jean Brown**

**For lunch reservation, send \$12.00 check payable to**

**Benjamin Hardin Chapter #366 USD1812 to**

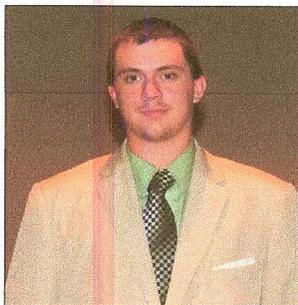
**Eunice Carr, 204 Springdale Drive,**

**LaGrange, GA 30140,**

**no later than Tuesday, March 4.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

*Student Spotlight from Alice Lloyd College*



My name is Josh Jackson, and I am a sophomore at Alice Lloyd College. I am majoring in biology (pre-engineering) with a minor in business. I plan to attend graduate school at the University of Kentucky. I play tennis for ALC, and I work on grounds. This semester I am the full-time garbage

man (or sanitation engineer, as I like to say) for the entire campus.

I was born in Boone, NC, and moved to Bristol, TN, at a young age. I was born into a large family: 3 half-sisters and 2 half-brothers. My father is the pastor of my church, and my mother is a stay-at-home mom. We never had a lot of money, but God has always helped us make it through. I was always active in church, sports, hunting, and fishing. When I was a junior in high school, my parents decided to adopt four young children into our family through foster care. After this, we had no idea how we were going to be able to afford any colleges at all, so I prayed to God that I could get enough scholarship money to afford tuition.

I had never heard of Alice Lloyd College until my last semester of my senior year. My cousin, who was coming here for a visit, told me the school has a tuition guarantee for students from our area, and as long as we participated in work-study, we didn't have to pay a dime. I was so excited that I visited the campus the very next week. I fell in love with ALC and its "at home" kind of atmosphere, and decided to attend.

My freshman year here flew by. The teachers are very gifted, and the majority of the faculty and students feel like a family to me now. In work-study I gave 100% effort, and because we work so close together, it feels like a team to me. My reward was being hired for the summer work program at ALC this past summer and becoming a student supervisor for the following semester.

This is where you come into my life. Without your donations to this college, I would not have the opportunities that have been given to me here at Alice Lloyd. My life gained a multitude of potential, simply because someone who doesn't even know me was kind enough to donate their hard-earned money. The experiences I've had here at ALC will last a lifetime and is sure to give me great opportunities in the future. For this, I am eternally thankful to you. I hope God blesses you in everything you do.

*Slightly edited for space.*

## BICENTENNIAL MINUTE

### Time Line

November 29, 1813 – Battle of Autosee and Tallahassee, Alabama

December 23, 1813 – Battle of Econochaca or Holy Ground, Alabama (The scalps of the Fort Mims victims were discovered on display here.)

January 22, 1814 – Emuckfau Creek, Alabama

March 27, 1814 – Battle of Horseshoe Bend

### The Battle of Horseshoe Bend

We have been looking at the Creek War - the war within the War of 1812. You will remember it was multifaceted - one faction of Native Americans was rebelling against the influence of the Americans who were encroaching on Indian lands. Tecumseh and his brother led an effort to unite the tribes into one nation, return to Native ways, and forsake the new ways of white settlers, but found resistance among the Southern Creeks. The British enlisted Tecumseh to help them against the Americans with a promise of returned lands. From late 1813, the Americans entered the Indian Wars following attacks on settlers, the most egregious being the attack on Fort Mims. Both sides made mistakes, many lives were lost, and there was little headway made toward defeating the hostile Red Sticks.

Then in March 1814, General Andrew Jackson began his advance on Tohopeka, the Indian fort where about a thousand Red Sticks had gathered. They had built a strong barricade or breastworks within a "horseshoe" bend in the Tallapoosa River that they believed invincible. Many of the elite of the fighting strength of the Upper Creeks were gathered there under the leadership of their principal chief, the prophet Menahee, and the fighting commander Menewa, "Great Warrior."

At 6:30 on the morning of March 27, 1814, Jackson's army took up the march to Tohopeka or "Horseshoe Bend." The bombardment began at 10:30 a.m. For two hours the guns fired iron shot at the barricade protecting the Red Sticks, who waited and shouted at the army to meet them in hand-to-hand combat. Perhaps a third of the 1,000 warriors defending the barricade possessed a musket or rifle.

Meanwhile, across the river from Tohopeka, three of General Coffee's Cherokee warriors slipped into the

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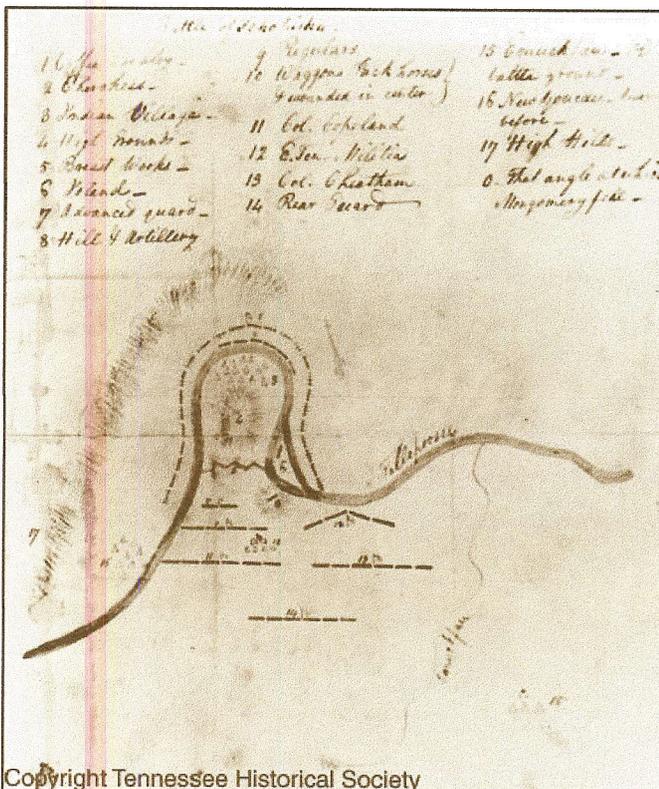
river and swam to canoes lying on the opposite bank. Using the stolen canoes, the Cherokee and Lower Creek warriors crossed the river in increasing numbers, attacking and burning Tohopeka from the rear.

At midday, Jackson ordered a frontal attack on the breastworks. While the barrier was breached, it was costly to the men and officers of the 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment. Once inside, the overwhelming force of infantry could move without obstruction. The scene was horrific. As one writer described it, "Arrows and spears and balls were flying; swords and tomahawks were gleaming in the sun, and the whole peninsula rang with the yell of savages and the groans of the dying." Jackson reported that the battle "continued with severity" for five hours (10:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M.) but that "the slaughter continued until it was suspended by the darkness of night."

Menewa, although severely wounded, escaped. Monahoe was killed. Jackson ordered a careful count of the Creek dead on the Horseshoe Bend peninsula. The total was 557. (One source says the noses were cut off as the bodies were counted to prevent duplication.) General Coffee reported an additional estimate of 250 to 300 warriors lost in the river. Losses in Jackson's army were much less - forty-nine dead including the Cherokees and friendly Creeks, and 165 total wounded.

Later events confirmed the prophetic vision of the Milledgeville, Georgia newspaperman who, upon first learning of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend wrote "...this battle decides the fate of the Creek Indians."

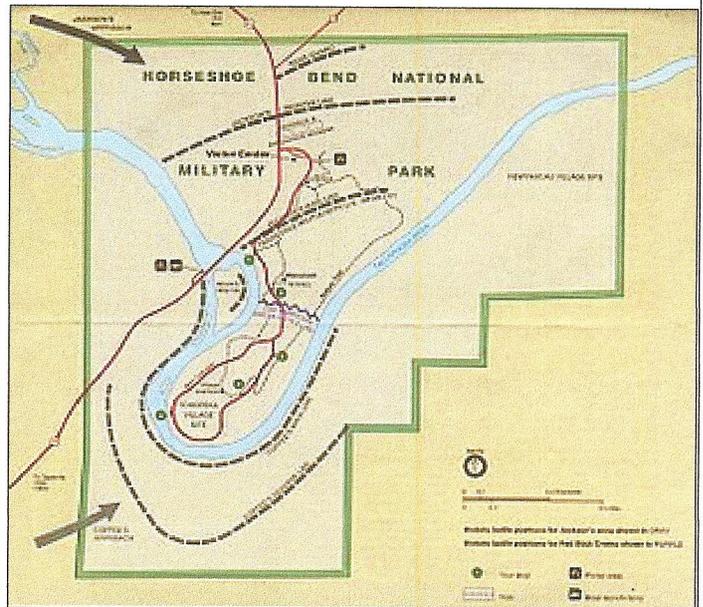
President Madison recognized the connection of the Creek War with the War of 1812. His message to Congress, September 20, 1814, contained this reference: "On our southern border victory has continued...to follow the American standard. The bold and skilful operations of major general Jackson, conducting troops drawn from the militia of the states least distant, particularly of Tennessee, have subdued the principal tribes of hostile savages, and...(the country) has been guarded against their cooperation with the British enterprises which may be planned against us in that quarter."



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General Andrew Jackson's map of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend

Horseshoe Bend Battlefield National Park is located in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, on highway 46.



The map shows the Horseshoe Bend National Military Park and is annotated with the historical battle positions of Jackson's Army and the Creek Red Sticks. (PCL Map Collection at the University of Texas Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin. )

## Have You Heard...

Starting a new feature about little known historical facts.

### Oysters a la mode

Ice cream was on the menu at the second Inaugural Ball of President James Madison in 1813. It is recorded that the cream came from the Madison dairy at Montpelier and that the strawberries came from Dolley Madison's own garden.

A recipe for Strawberry Ice Cream much like the one served that evening at the Ball can be made and enjoyed from *The Whitehouse Cookbook* published in 1887. (A very good recipe for Squirrel Soup is also found in the book!)

Dolley Madison's elaborate Washington dinners would often include a serving of ice cream. Her favorite flavor is said to be *oyster*.

From the August 2013 edition of the NSUSD1812 *News-Letter*.

NOTE: A recipe for Oyster Ice Cream is included in "The Virginia Housewife," a cookbook by Mary Randolph, published in 1824. It is essentially an oyster soup with the oysters strained out. The liquid is then frozen. It is a savory dish, so maybe it was not served as dessert.



Above: an ice cream container from the Madison china collection at the White House Museum.



Dolley Madison, the original Washington "Hostess with the Mostest"

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING

New members—Amy Veale, Carol Merrill, and Maggie Redden—were inducted, and three junior members announced—Slayton and William Veale, and Brandon Morgan.



Margot Dudewicz presented a program on the Star Spangled Banner Flag House in November. Peggy Vaden, who

served as co-hostess with Margot, brought beautiful roses from her garden for the table.



### REMINDERS

- Election and Installation of Officers takes place at the March meeting. Please review the slate presented on page 1.
- Bring (good dates only) Box Tops and Labels for Education to benefit our schools and gently used books and magazines for the Merchant Marine Library.
- Having a birthday? Donate a non-fiction book of the War of 1812 period to a local library or bring an equivalent monetary donation for the Merchant Marine Library.



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Benjamin Hardin Chapter was well represented at the Georgia Society USD1812 Board of Management meeting in May.

Pictured above seated are Kitty Thompkins and Eunice Carr. Standing left to right are Regina Ragan, Erma Jean Brown, Lynne Tate, Jane Petsch, Jeannine Jackson, and Martha Thom. Not pictured is Ann Williams, Georgia Society President 2012-2014, who was busy with official duties.

Lynne Tate was installed as State Second Vice President and Martha Thom was installed as State Corresponding Secretary. Congratulations ladies.

Among the National Awards given to the Benjamin Hardin Chapter were:

- Second Place Chapter Newsletter
- Honorable Mention for Program on St. Michael's and All Angels Church
- Most Books donated to the Merchant Marine Library
- Greatest monetary donation to the Merchant Marine Library
- Second Place National Defense Award for honoring 13 ROTC cadets (see page 3 for more)
- Award for Proper Use and Correct Display of the Flag Of the United States of America.



Ann Williams presents Eunice Carr a National Honorable Mention Award for her program on Saint Michael's and All Angels Church.



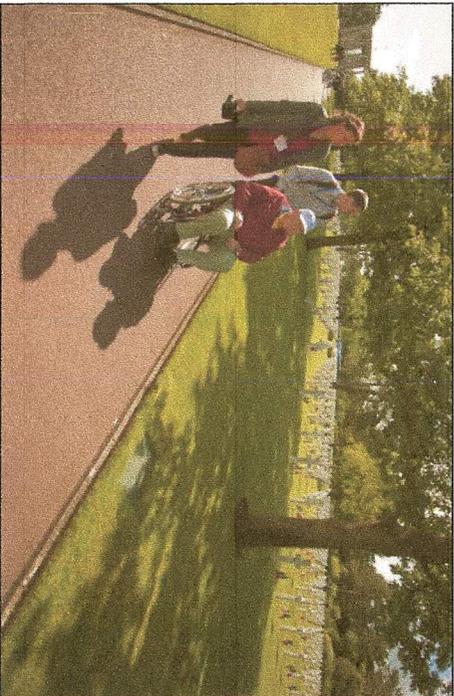
Ann Williams presented the certificate for National Second Place Award for Chapter Newsletter to Kitty Thompkins and Martha Thom.

**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**  
**August 12 at 11 AM**  
**at The Wynn House**  
**(see page 4)**

## SCHOOL NEWS College of the Ozarks

June 6, 2014, marked the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. College of the Ozarks commemorated these historic occasions by sending sixteen students with eight World War II Veterans to France, Belgium, and Luxembourg. The group visited many landmarks including the beaches of Normandy, the Normandy American Cemetery, the foxholes of Bastogne, and the Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery.

Please visit the blog link, [www.cofo.edu/Normandy](http://www.cofo.edu/Normandy), to read students' posts of this amazing journey. It is well worth a look. Each day a different veteran is highlighted with photos and a biography by his student escorts.



Senior Ethan Meeks and Junior Elizabeth Martin walk with Mr. Bill Brannan who enlisted in the Navy when he was sixteen years old and was just seventeen when he was involved in the D-Day invasion. Mr. Brannan drove a LCVP, or Higgins Boat, onto Juno and Gold beaches on D-Day.



Regina Ragan accepts yet more awards.

## BICENTENNIAL MINUTE

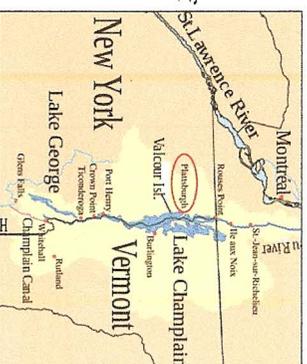
The year 1814 was marked by two outstanding events—the burning of Washington, DC, in August and the attack on Fort MCHenry in September,

Less outstanding, but still important events occurred in 1814.

- 1) On July 3, 1814, General Jacob Brown, a Pennsylvanian of Quaker ancestry, captured Fort Erie on the Niagara River.
- 2) One of Brown's officers, Winfield Scott of Virginia, won the Battle of Chippewa on the Chippewa River
- 3) In late July, Brown and Scott outfought a superior British force at Lundy's Lane, a village on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.

- 4) In September, an English army marched from Montreal to Lake Champlain with the aim of cutting New England off from the rest of the Union. British troops outnumbered American forces located at Plattsburgh, N.Y. The struggle occurred on Lake Champlain located between Vermont and New York. The commander of the American forces was Thomas McDonough, only 31 years old. He made a hard sesaw battle finally turn his way. \* The British withdrew leaving the United States in clear control of Lake Champlain.

\* It was at Plattsburgh that Daniel Appling with his 110 riflemen managed to delay the 8200 British troops, leading to what is considered to be the most decisive battle in the war.



*Share Your Story...*

*An "Old Salt's Tale" of a plucky War of 1812 rooster.*

The naval battle at Plattsburgh of September 11, 1814, between the United States and Britain, was the largest battle fought on Lake Champlain. When the fighting commenced, the British brig *Linnet* fired on the flagship *USS Saratoga*. The cannonball struck and demolished a chicken coop on the *Saratoga's* deck. A rooster escaped, perched on top of one of *Saratoga's* cannons, faced the enemy, and began to crow loudly. The sight of this courageous rooster crowing and flapping its wings at the enemy's ships offered a portent of good luck to the American sailors. And as seen in the article above, the Americans prevailed.

Several U. S. warships have been given the name "*Saratoga*" to carry on the legacy of the historic 1777 Revolutionary War battle at Saratoga, NY. It was the second ship bearing the name that sealed her place in history in the decisive 1814 Battle of Lake Champlain.

A live rooster reportedly traveled the world as a good luck mascot on the sixth ship to carry this name, the *USS Saratoga* (CV-60). A fighting gamecock sits atop the ship's crest to honor that first brave rooster.

(August 2013 *NSUSD1812 News—Letter and Wikipedia*)

