



# National Society United States Daughters of 1812

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National website: <http://members.usdaughters1812.org>

State website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arsd1812/arkansas1812/>

Simon Bradford website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arda1812/SimonBradford1812/>

Baseline-Meridian website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arbmcsd/baselinemeridian1812/>

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## Arkansas State Society Super-Centennial



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### From Your President:

Dear Daughters: Peeling sweet potatoes to make my world famous sweet potato casserole makes me smile as I remember my mother at work in the kitchen preparing our holiday meals. Why don't I make sweet potato casserole more often so I can bask in the memories of watching mother's agile hands use the paring knife and smell the aromas rising from the stove as onion and celery begin to boil? And oh my! The pies! Mincemeat, pecan and pumpkin. These memories are so precious.

As we bask in our memories and comforts let us pause to remember our soldiers who won't be home to smell Christmas dinner being prepared. Think of the homeless veterans who find it difficult to cope with life and choose to avoid the overnight shelters and offerings of a Christmas meal.

We are so fortunate to have been born in this country where we can gather at a place of worship or the table with our friends and families to eat, to pray, to reminisce.

We are privileged to be members of the United States Daughters of 1812 where we are given opportunities to serve our veterans by being with them to witness an important event in their lives. Yes, we honor our 1812 patriots by marking their graves and rededicating markers having been placed in the past. We write eulogies using tidbits of information gleaned from census, historical books and family history. We give our 1812 patriots the honor they deserve.

My challenge to you is to watch your email and newsletters and take part in events taking place in Arkansas to honor the veterans who are still living. I

promise you as well as the veterans and their families will benefit from your efforts!

Daughters, I am looking in my closet for a frock worthy of the Super-Centennial Celebration to be held during our February 20, 2016 Council meeting. I know you will plan to attend this exciting event where we will take care of State 1812 business and have a "Big 110 Year Birthday Party" for our Arkansas State Society U.S. D. 1812. Don't miss the fun as we celebrate and brag about our longevity!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you, **Sharon**

**We received a nice "Thank You" note from the Mississippi River State Park:**  
*"Dear Sharon & Sheila: It was great to finally meet you. Thank you so much for setting up a booth and manning it during the Bicentennial of the Land Survey event. What amazing information for our visitors to get to see. Sincerely, Tara"*

### Simon Bradford Chapter "adopts" JROTC Cadet now at West Point



At their May meeting, members of the Simon Bradford Chapter had as their guest one of their JROTC medal awardees, Dollarway High School student Cadet Keenan Dickson. The chapter also provided a scholarship for this young man who, although from a modest background, set as his goal acceptance into West Point.

When a freshman in high school, Keenan joined the JROTC and told his instructor he wanted to attend West Point. A lofty goal, but Keenan

succeeded and now is in his first year at West Point. Chapter members continue to support him and send him packages and supporting letters.

One letter received from him: ***“Dear Mrs. Tatum: I have received your letter and finally got the time to read it; things can get a bit busy around here, but I am glad someone has taken out the time just to write me. I remember meeting you at the Pine Bluff country club. I was glad I was invited to meet such patriotic individuals. Also, I would like to thank your son for his service in Iraq. It takes a very brave and selfless person to defend our nation, especially overseas. I would like for you to mail me some Nutter Butter Cookies, Cheese Itz crackers, and Capri Sun juices. Thank you so much in advance, and I can always be reached by my phone or email if you prefer to email instead of writing letters. Very Respectfully, CC Dickson, Keenan L”***

If you would also like to encourage him, his address is: **CC Dickson, Keenan L**

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## **OLD FORT NIAGARA**

**T**he history of Old Fort Niagara spans more than 300 years. During the colonial wars in North America a fort at the mouth of the Niagara River was vital, for it controlled access to the Great Lakes and the westward route to the heartland of the continent. With the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825, however, the strategic value of Fort Niagara diminished. It nonetheless remained an active military post well into the 20th century.

The three flags flown daily above the parade ground symbolize the nations which have held Fort Niagara. Each competed for the support of a fourth nation: the powerful Iroquois Confederacy. The French established the first post here, Fort Conti, in 1679. Its successor, Fort Denonville (1687-88) was equally short lived. In 1726 France finally erected a permanent fortification with the construction of the impressive "French Castle." Britain gained control of Fort Niagara in 1759, during the French & Indian War, after a nineteen-day siege. The British held the post throughout the American Revolution but were forced, by treaty, to yield it to the United States in 1796. Fort Niagara was recaptured by the British in 1813. It was ceded to the United States a second time in 1815 at the end of the War of 1812.

This was Fort Niagara's last armed conflict, and it thereafter served as a peaceful border post. The garrison expanded beyond the walls following the

Civil War. Fort Niagara was a barracks and training station for American soldiers throughout both World Wars. The last army units were withdrawn in 1963. Today, the U.S. Coast Guard represents the only military presence on the site.

Old Fort Niagara was restored between 1926 and 1934. It is operated today by the Old Fort Niagara Association, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, in cooperation with the New York State Office of Parks. Source: <http://www.oldfortniagara.org/history>

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## **A LOOK AT YESTERYEAR**

### **1911 Dec Vol VI #3 Arkansas Report to National - Excerpt**

***The Nicholas Headington Chapter for the State of Arkansas was disappointed in not being able to unveil its monument on October eleventh as planned, as the work could not be finished. This monument has been presented by Mr. John R. Braddock, (the mother of the President, who is our National Historian, Mrs. John S. Barrow). It will be erected on the State House grounds in memory of General James Miller, hero of Lundy's Lane, and first Territorial Governor of Arkansas.***

***The early members of the Society may remember that many years ago the Society for the State of New York contributed toward a monument to General James Miller, which was placed in Temple, New Hampshire, with very impressive ceremonies. New Hampshire was for many years the home of General Miller and on the monument are his famous words, "I'll try, Sir." Mrs. Royal Whitman, granddaughter of General James Miller, is living in Washington D.C.***

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### **Baseline-Meridian Chapter Members Honor our Veterans**



***Sheila Beatty "pinning" Bob Warner (husband of Mary Reid Warner) at Village Bible Church***

**A**pproximately 80 Veterans, including five ladies, were pinned by Baseline-Meridian members at their church on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Veterans also received a card thanking them for their service.

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## Historic and Notable Women of the United States Daughters of 1812

**W**e are pleased to showcase some of our historic, notable, and founding members. At the founding of the National Society, in 1892, several significant women were elected to honorary memberships. Wives and daughters of distinguished men were elected, also women who won fame in their own right to aid in local interest and secure success through influence of name. These elected members were entitled to the privilege of state societies in their own state, or where they were residing. To honor the original 18 states in the Union during the War of 1812, 18 Honorary Vice Presidents National were elected:

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| Mrs. Louis J. Allen           | Mrs. A.M. Bailey          |
| Mrs. Braxton Bragg            | Mrs. William H. Brearley  |
| Mrs. Jefferson Davis          | Mrs. J.C. Fremont         |
| Miss Elizabeth Benton Fremont | Mrs. James A. Garfield    |
| Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant         | Miss Mary Grace Hall      |
| Mrs. J.D. Iglehart            | Mrs. Sullivan Johnson     |
| Mrs. William Lee              | Mrs. William A. McKinley  |
| Mrs. Edward Roby              | Mrs. Russell Sage         |
| Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris    | Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple |

### One Notable Member of U.S.D. 1812

#### Mrs. Jefferson F. Davis



Varina Howell Davis (May 7, 1826 – October 16, 1906), was born at Natchez, Mississippi, the daughter of William Burr Howell and Margaret Louisa Kempe. She was the second wife of politician Jefferson Davis, who became president of the

Confederate States of America. Mrs. Davis served as the First Lady of the new nation at the capital in Richmond, Virginia, and was an Honorary Vice President National and Life Member of the United States Daughters of 1812. Varina's father, William Burr Howell, originally from New Jersey, was commended three times for extraordinary gallantry in action during the Battle of Lake Champlain, during the War of 1812. **Source:** U.S.D.1812website <http://www.usdaughters1812.org/about/honorary-members.html>

### INTERESTING FACT ABOUT THE WAR OF 1812

**W**hile the War of 1812 may seem to have been fought as a sideshow to Britain's war with France, it did have several important consequences for the U.S., including a rise in U.S. manufacturing and the end of the Federalist Party. The U.S. also came out of the war with a sense of pride and nationalism—the U.S. had not lost to the mightiest nation in the world. Consequently, other countries viewed America as a force to be reckoned with.

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## Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 74 Years Ago and still "A Date Which Will Live in Infamy"



U.S.D. 1812 will be joining with CDXVIIC and UDC hosting Veterans of Pearl Harbor at the Maritime Museum, North Little Rock, at 2:00 p.m. on

December 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to bake 20 dozen cookies for the reception. **Please remember to fly your Flag at ½ staff.** There will also be a State House Wreath Laying Ceremony on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm, at the front steps of the Capitol in Little Rock. Governor Hutchison will be speaking during the ceremony.

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## Did You Know?

World War II started with the dropping of bombs on Pearl Harbor (December 7) and ended with the dropping of bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Very different bombs.

The United States Government ordered 500,000 Purple Heart Medals in the closing days of WWII in anticipation of a ground invasion of Japan and projected heavy casualties. The medals were not needed as the decision was made to drop the Atomic Bomb on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima, then Nagasaki. Japan surrendered only after the second bomb was dropped. [Source: PBS]

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### HELP PRESERVE OUR HISTORY



**Arkansas Needs You! The Arkansas History Commission, which is the only state agency we have to preserve the history of our state, faces many challenges. The History Commission includes the State Archives and it is through the State Archives that the heritage of our people is preserved.**

**It has never been easy for the Arkansas History Commission, and things have gotten worse in recent years due to staffing limitations, the costs incurred in managing two regional archives, and increased demands for digital records.**

**However, the History Commission cannot do all of this on its own. Because of a tiny**

staff and budget, there are limits to what can be done to preserve the history of Arkansas and its people.

For these and many more reasons, a new support group is being formed in order to help the AHC continue its work and make it even better. The purpose of this group will be to support the Arkansas History Commission and to work with them in preserving the heritage of our great state.

We are convening an organizational meeting to establish "Friends of the Arkansas History Commission and Archives." We hope you will join us at the meeting to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet in the board room of the History Commission just behind the state capitol building in the Multi-Agency Complex. If you cannot be present but would like to help out with the effort, please let us know. Tom Dillard, Historian & Retired Archivist [Arktopia.td@gmail.com](mailto:Arktopia.td@gmail.com); George Mitchell, President Arkansas Genealogy Society [george@pbark.com](mailto:george@pbark.com); Timothy G. Nutt, President Arkansas Historical Association [tgnum@swbell.net](mailto:tgnum@swbell.net) Note from Lisa Winkleman who provided the above information: *"Ladies, I was at the Heritage Seekers Genealogy meeting last week in Little Rock along with my sister Teresa and Betty Harp and it was brought to our attention that there is talk of some major changes at the Arkansas History Commission. Mr. Tom Dillard said one change talked about was moving it from the Dept. of Parks and Recreation to the Dept. of Arkansas Heritage which makes sense but the other change is that it could be moved from its present location at the Capitol Mall to a metal building that is located on Cantrell Road where Balch Oldsmobile use to be. This metal building was where all of the Clinton papers were stored while the library was being built. This is all in the talking stages at this point. I am attaching a document that Mr. Dillard handed out about a meeting to help support the AHC. As I said this is all in the talking stages but we all need to be aware so we can protect the valuable history of Arkansas and its people."*

**Attention Chapter & State Officers and Chairmen:** The National Information Packet (NIP) is available for download [http://members.usdaughters1812.org/?page\\_id=235](http://members.usdaughters1812.org/?page_id=235) the members' only website. The reports from State Officers & Chairmen are due to me, for reporting year 2015, by **January 15, 2016**. No reports are to be sent directly to National.

**Thank you. Sheila Beatty, State Report Coordinator**

The National Society's ancestor database was updated on November 1, 2015 and is now holding 40,996 records.

## Our Friend: Brandon Winkleman



Brandon Winkleman, right, now has his own colonial costume, thanks to Mom, Lisa Winkleman of the Baseline-Meridian Chapter, and his Aunt, Teresa Clark of the Simon Bradford Chapter. He plans to assist with Color Guard duties for his SAR chapter. Pictured above with his friend Jimmie Weber.

## Black Jacks: African American Mariners in Early America by Cliff Odle

From the earliest days of the colonies, people of African descent answered the call of the sea. By the 1830's, over 20% of the sailors who claimed the coastal cities of America as their homeport were of African descent. These "black jacks" provided many invaluable services that were vital to the development of the country.

In 1763 England controlled most of North America after the French and Indian war. After the war, activity in harbor cities like Boston and New York grew, as did the need for sailors and dockworkers. Maritime work in these cities provided many opportunities for blacks both slave and free. During the Revolutionary War 10 percent of the nation's slaves worked the docks and ships of the country. By the 1830's 20 percent of all maritime workers in the country were of African descent.

The average black mariner was either in his late twenties or early thirties. Most of these men were slaves hired out by their masters. When work on the plantations and farms became scarce, slave owners often hired out their slaves to make extra money. Most black mariners were family men as opposed to their white counterparts. Seafaring was extremely dangerous work, but it was often the only type of work free blacks were allowed to pursue. Money earned from such treacherous work could pay for their own freedom or the freedom for their loved ones.

Whether a person was white or black, life on a ship was hard for a new recruit. They had to

respond to orders barked at them in a language that resembled English, but filled with unfamiliar words. Within days a green sailor had to know the difference between a baggywrinkle and a boot top, or between a chock and a chine.

The basic hierarchy of most ships was: able seamen, ordinary seamen and boy. The sea was one of the few places that a 40-year-old man, white or black, could be called boy without offence. Source <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/educational-resources/article-black-jacks.shtml#sthash.jdcPaons.dpuf>

### Star-Spangled Banner Flag House



The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, formerly the Flag House & Star-Spangled Banner Museum, is a museum located in the Jonestown/Old Town and Little Italy neighborhoods of

eastern downtown Baltimore, Maryland. Built in 1793, it was the home of Mary Pickersgill when she moved to Baltimore in 1806 and the location where she sewed the "Star Spangled Banner," the garrison flag that flew over Fort McHenry in the summer of 1814 during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. The museum contains furniture and antiques from the period as well as items from the Pickersgill family.

A 12,600-square-foot museum was constructed next to Pickersgill's home. This museum houses exhibits on the War of 1812 and the Battle of Baltimore. It has an orientation theater, gift shop, exhibit galleries, and meeting rooms. The museum features a 30 by 42-foot tall window which was created to be the same color, size, and design of the original Star-Spangled Banner made by Pickersgill in the adjacent Flag House.

The house was designated a National Historic Landmark under the Historic Sites Act of 1935 program of the U. S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service in 1969. Source [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\\_House\\_%26\\_Star-Spangled\\_Banner\\_Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_House_%26_Star-Spangled_Banner_Museum)

### Just in time for Christmas: 1812 Jacket to benefit the

### President National's Project



The new durable fleece Port Authority® jackets are made of 13.8-oz, 100% polyester. Eye-catching contrast reverse coil

zipper draws their attention to our 1812 imprint in blue.

Chin guard protects your skin and provides extra comfort. Warm your hands or store valuables in the front zippered pockets. Stretch woven, welded sleeve pocket at the left arm with contrast zipper provides a modern appearance and space to store business cards or other small items.

Binding at the cuffs and a toggled hem keep this value jacket snug against the body.

Jackets are available in Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large. There is a limited supply of these jackets: Cost \$47.50, each (includes shipping). Please make checks payable to Treasurer National, USD 1812. Please indicate size and quantity. Please send order to: Janisue Rigel, 10809 West Timberwagon Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77380-4030; 281-292-4766; [janisue@aol.com](mailto:janisue@aol.com)

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



### SATURDAY DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup>

- The Baseline-Meridian Chapter, through donations, has purchased 110 artificial wreaths. The chapter will be holding a "fluffing" party to freshen the wreaths on Friday, **December 11th** at 10:30 a.m. at Diamante Country Club (North Conference Room), Hot Springs Village. Call Mary Ellen Laursen if you are willing to assist at 501-922-4802. Mary Ellen will also arrange for gate entry for those residing outside Hot Springs Village.

- Ceremony: Saturday **December 12, 2015** at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, NLR, 11:00 a.m. After the ceremony, the placing of nearly 4,000 live wreaths.

- Artificial Wreaths: Will be laid on Sunday, **December 13, 2015** at 1:00; U.S.D.1812 has approximately 110 and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) has approximately 1,000 to be laid. U.S.D. 1812 and CVMA will be assigned their sections for their wreaths.

- Pick up of wreaths scheduled for **January 15, 2016**.

### U.S.D. 1812 Committee

### Corner: PRESERVATION OF St. Michaels and All Angel's Church Committee, **Connie Grund,** **Chairman National**



St. Michaels and All Angel's Church was built first by the French prisoners held by the English at Dartmoor Prison and finished by the American prisoners. The first American prisoners arrived on 2 April 1813 and eventually totaled 6,553 of which 271 known died.

The Churches Conservation Trust, which has saved and restored the church, needs our continued interest and support. St. Michael's has always been a special project close to the hearts of our Daughters and you have given generously.



1906 - EVENING

## Mark Your Calendars

102<sup>nd</sup> State Council to be held in Pine Bluff in Saturday, February 20, 2016 and it will be the

## Super-Centennial Celebration for the Arkansas Society

1906-2016

*I have heard that:*

- There will be **BirthDay Presents** for **each** Daughter in attendance



- Prizes given for the best Edwardian Era (1901-1906) costumes - \$2.0



million to each daughter in attendance [...oops, wishful thinking on that

last one..] - And we hope to have a car there, such as this one for a photo op with all the



Daughters in costume

## Working to re-build: Vilonia Museum of Veterans and Military History



Right, in the white shirt, is Simon Bradford chapter member Kimberly Jones, with Mikki Reid, passing out Flags to attendees of the Vilonia 5K run and walk held November 7.

The annual event benefits the Museum of Veterans and Military History that was destroyed by a tornado two years ago. Simon Bradford chapter member Beth Webb entered the event.

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



Per the United Daughters of the Confederacy "Code for the Correct Use of Our Confederate Flags & How to Display and Respect Our Flags," the Confederate Flag should **NEVER** be displayed without the **United States Flag.** The Flags should be displayed with the **U.S. Flag** in the prominent position and not on the same staff.



Ten colleges and universities with the lowest acceptance rates based on the fall 2014 entering class: [Editor's note: This means everyone wants to attend these schools!]

Stanford University (CA)	5.1%
Harvard University (MA)	6%
Yale University (CT)	6.3%
Columbia University (NY)	7%
<b>Alice Lloyd College (KY)</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
Princeton University (NJ)	7.4%
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	7.9%
United States Naval Academy (MD)	7.9%
<b>College of the Ozarks (MO)</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
Brown University (RI)	8.7%

Source: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/the-short-list-college/articles/2015/11/03/10-colleges-and-universities-with-the-most-competitive-admissions-rates> [NOTE Alice Lloyd College and College of the Ozarks are U.S.D. 1812 supported schools where students graduate tuition free]

## NLR VETERANS' CEMETERY



At the NLR Veterans' Cemetery November 4<sup>th</sup> placing Flags on 6,000 graves in preparation for Veterans Day ceremonies.

And to us a child is born...

**Merry Christmas!**

