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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.

- Name of Chairman filling this report: Sheila Beatty
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- Chairman's Telephone Number with area code: 501-922-7488
- Your state Arkansas (AR)
- Names of 1812 chapters in your state. List to right addresses of chapter web sites

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

Baseline-Meridian, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arbmcsud/baselinermeridian1812/>

Thomas H. Flippin, <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arsod1812/flippin1812/>

President George Washington, _____

- Names of 1812 chapters which sent you reports

Simon Bradford

Baseline-Meridian

Thomas H. Flippin

President George Washington

- 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. **We had a total of 85 articles totaling 3,468.37 newsprint inches and each article with at least one picture or more.**

Simon Bradford – 3 articles; Baseline-Meridian – 82;

See attachment for full listing of articles.

- 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. **The Arkansas Anchor & Star is published monthly and is distributed to all members. It is also published online**

on our State Website. Sent to Linda monthly.

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.

Sent via our newsletter.

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? **Yes – we also modified it for chapter and state specific. We keep it updated as appropriate. Brochures were placed in genealogy libraries and the Arkansas Archives. In addition, brochures were given at the Arkansas Genealogical Seminar where we had a vendor table. Approximate distribution was 200.**

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? **No**

12.. Did any of the chapters in your state donate books on the War of 1812? **If so, what and to whom. Yes: To U.S.D. National Library, “Black Regulars in the War of 1812; to the Mt. Ida Public Library “A Stranger and a Sojourner: Peter Caulder, Free Black Frontiersman in Antebellum Arkansas.”**

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. **We have marked eleven graves this year designating the Veteran as a Veteran of the War of 1812: Robert T. Thrasher, Samuel Harrison Smith, George Marshall Head, Jesse McCain, William Hamilton, Duncan Munn, William Wolverton, James Overton, Joseph Harding Lee, Thomas Powers and Edward Elton McConnell. In addition for the celebration of the National Society’s 125th and the visit of the President National, we re-dedicated the 100 year old War of 1812 Memorial Fountain located on the State Capitol grounds and added the name of Peter Caulder, whose burial site is unknown, to the Fountain. See attachment.**

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. **Yes, on our state website. Both past and present members’ ancestors are listed (635). The list was compiled and is maintained by Sheila Beatty and uploaded by Barbara Doody.**

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. **Yes, via the state website, two links are available to Findagrave where two lists, one of 1812 Veterans buried in Arkansas are listed (who have memorials on Findagrave) and the other is members’ ancestors who have memorials on Findagrave. In addition, two lists are maintained by Beatty of all Arkansas members since organizing, and the other is all Veterans of the War of 1812, found to date, buried in Arkansas (this list is constantly changing as more research is conducted.) 125 Grave Location forms sent this reporting year. See Attachment.**

16.. Did chapters in your state have programs on any aspect of the War of 1812. **The Arkansas 2017 council’s speaker was Dr. Stephen Kneeshaw, Professor Emeritus Collage of the Ozarks, and his presentation was “The War of 1812: So What?”The State newsletter printed 32 articles on the War of 1812 (see attachment).**

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.

17. Did members of any of your chapters take part or attend in symposiums on the War of 1812? If so, which chapters and whichevents? **No**

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. **Yes, biography of Peter Caulder which will be published in the February 2018 NSUSD1812 NEWS-LETTER . Also Baseline-Meridian member Sheila Beatty composes and sends articles to NSUSD1812 NEWS-LETTER for the state and chapters as appropriate.**

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? **Yes, Patricia McLemore, Mary Ellen Laursen and Mary Wilmuth of Baseline-Meridian chapter have visited Mt. Ida Elementary School and gave a presentation on the Star Spangled Banner and gave out brochures and button pins.**

Also Patricia McLemore and Mary Wilmuth gave a history lesson on the Constitution, in costume and gave 3rd grade students dictionaries.

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. **No.**

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. **Yes. The state society now has a scholarship for a female student planning to attend the College of the Ozarks. Newspaper articles already sent to Linda. See attachment.**

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 yours state’s Bicentennial Commission. **No.**

Continue to next page for adding extra items

Synopsis of Some Major Achievements (not in order of importance):

- **11 War of 1812** Veterans’ graves marked
- **17 JROTC; 4 ROTC** – medals were personally presented at school ceremonies
- Star Spangled Banner Day at Mt. Ida Elementary School; **3** proclamations obtained
- State Scholarship program implemented for College of the Ozarks
- Publicity: **85** news articles printed; **3,468.37** news print inches
- Celebration of our 125th Anniversary with the President National in attendance
- Re-dedication of the 100 year old War of 1812 Memorial Fountain and the addition of Peter Caulder’s name
- Monthly state newsletters had a total of **42** historical articles
- Provided refreshments and hostesses for **5** events honoring our Veterans
- Attended **5** deployments of Arkansas National Guardsmen and provided goody bags
- Snowball Express departure and return home for Gold Star children
- Flag lines stood for **8** Veterans who were either buried with no family, MIA or active duty
- Salute to Hospitalized Veterans: **U.S.D. 1812 Sock Hop**
- **3,000** Unknown Soldiers received Christmas Wreaths for Heroes at the Little Rock National Cemetery
- **\$24,445.00** in cash and goods donated for Veterans
- Approximately **4,133** volunteer hours for Veterans, this includes 9 regular volunteers and 70 occasional volunteers volunteering on behalf of U.S.D. 1812
- **1,940** Flags given
- **125** Grave Location forms sent to National

Some Individual Achievements:

- Mary Ellen Laursen: Christmas Wreaths for Heroes and VAVS Volunteer of the 1st quarter
- Janet Huckabee: Guardian on 2nd Honor Flight
- Sheila Beatty named VAVS Chairman National
- Amber Friday-Brown for recommending, promoting and establishing the first state scholarship

Historical Articles/Programs

- The Arkansas 2017 council’s speaker was Dr. Stephen Kneeshaw, Professor Emeritus Collage of the Ozarks, and his presentation was “The War of 1812: So What?”
- The Arkansas Anchor & Star is the state monthly newsletter. Additional Special Pictorial Reports are also issued for events.
- “A Look At Yesteryear” - tidbits from the Arkansas Society’s past reports are printed in every monthly newsletter.
- The newsletter is printed in newspaper style, without excessive “white space.” The goal is to keep it at six pages, but activities sometimes necessitate an eight page edition. Each edition has a Dear Daughters letter from our State President, yearbook updates if applicable, up-coming events, report of completed events, historical articles and articles concerning our schools.
- Forty-two (42) other Historical Articles were printed in the state newsletter Arkansas Anchor & Star (32 were War of 1812 specific):
January: 3
“The Defenders – of Fort McHenry”
“Six Myths About the Battle of New Orleans”
“Fighting for Freedom: African Americans and the War of 1812”

February: 4

- “Six Myths About the Battle of New Orleans”
- “Star Spangled Banner”
- “What were the economic effects of the War of 1812?”
- “After the Battle of New Orleans – Chalmette Plantation”

March: 5

- “Six Myths About the Battle of New Orleans”
- “Prisoners of War in 1812”
- “Anishnaabeg in the War of 1812 – More than Tecumseh and his Indians”
- “Maine during the War of 1812”
- “How many people died in the War of 1812”

April: 7

- “Six Myths About the Battle of New Orleans”
- “Anishnaabeg in the War of 1812 – More than Tecumseh and his Indians”
- “Flag Trivia – The Commodore Perry Flag”
- “Arkansas U.S.D. 1812 Memorial Fountain”
- “About Peter Caulder”
- “The Battle of New Orleans – was it necessary?”
- “Tangier Island”

May: 3

- “Six Myths About the Battle of New Orleans”
- “Anishnaabeg in the War of 1812 – More than Tecumseh and his Indians”
- “U.S. Entry into WWI”

June: 2

- “Six Myths About the Battle of New Orleans”
- “Providing Opportunities: The Caney Creek Community Center”

July: 4

- “July 1812 – July 1814”
- “Anishnaabeg in the War of 1812 – More than Tecumseh and his Indians”
- “The Story of the 4th of July”
- “Providing Opportunities: The Caney Creek Community Center”

August: 4

- “Battle of Lake Erie”
- “One Provision of the Treaty of Ghent”
- “The Star Spangled Banner”
- “Providing Opportunities: The Caney Creek Community Center”

September: 3

- “Providing Opportunities: The Caney Creek Community Center”
- “Peter Caulder”
- “Our History”

October: 2

- “New England to Secede?”
- “The Last Battle of Chalmette”

November: 2

- “Penobscot Expedition, Maine”
- “British Naval Power before the War of 1812”

December: 7

- “War of 1812: Naval Goals Met”
- “Interesting Fact About the War of 1812”
- “Another Interesting Fact About the War of 1812”
- “William Wolverton biography”
- “James Overton biography”
- “Closure Brings Healing”
- “How Many People fought in the War of 1812?”

Historical Programs given to other groups by members: 29

Historical Programs given by 18 U.S.D. 1812 members								
	Name	Chapter	Name of Program	Givren to				
1	Sheila Beatty	BM	Child Migrants	Huegout				
2	Sheila Beatty	BM	Orphan Trains	RedHats				
3	Rita Byram	BM	Constitution in costume with Jimmie Weber	HSBC				
4	MarJo Dill	SB	Christmas during the Civil War	UDC				
5	Alice George	SB	The Early Use of Herbs	School				
6	Mary Herron	PGW	Polly Cooper and the Onieda Indians at Valley Forge	DAR				
7	Nancy Holder	BM	Mail Order Brides of Jamestown VA	Jamestwn				
8	Carol Hunter	BM	Julia Ward Howe, Writer & Activist					
9	Carol Hunter	BM	"Nan-ye-hi, also known as "Nancy Ward",					
10	Frances Jernigan	BM	Jamestowne and the Indians of Powhatan's Coalition	DAR	based on book "Tidewate"			
11	DoraKate Lee	SB	The Day the War Ended	UDC				
12	Mary Miller	BM	Civil War quilts	UDC				
13	Maralou Spear	BM	The Daughters' House	UDC				
14	Kay Tatum	SB	Mount Holly History Program	Civitan				
15	Kay Tatum	SB	Mount Holly History Program	School				
16	Kay Tatum	SB	Women of the Mayflower	AR Women				
17	Kay Tatum	SB	Cherokee History and Mount Holly	DIW				
18	Kay Tatum	SB	Confederate History and Mount Holly	Civil War R				
19	Kay Tatum	SB	Confederate History and Mount Holly walking tour	Pri				
20	Kay Tatum	SB	General and Mrs. T.J. Churchill	UDC				
21	Kay Tatum	SB	Seaman Charles Leslie Sprague, CSS Hunley Submarine	UDC				
22	Jerrie Townsend	SB	History of the DAR Room	DAR				
23	Peggy Vandenberg	BM	Trail of Tears	DAR				
24	Mary-Reic Warner	BM	Tacing Family Histoty	PEO				
25	Mary-Reic Warner	BM	Death and Taxes	VGS				
26	Mary-Reic Warner	BM	American Revolution Genealogy	DAR				
27	Nell White	BM	Women of the Mayflower	VGS				
28	Linda White	BM	Mohegan Chief buried at Southwark	DIW				
29	Sharon Wyatt	SB	Constituion	DAR				

JROTC/ROTC: 17 JROTC; 4 ROTC – medals were personally presented at school ceremonies

Full list of Cadets

School	Chapter	Cadet	Presenter
Arkadelphia	BM	Brianna Tucker	Frankie Ochsner
Arkansas (Texarkana)	PGW	Rebekah Gustafson	by school
Beebe	SB	Aaron Davis	Mary Lee Schultz
Benton	BM	Aiden Ball	Jimmie Weber
Bryant	BM	Lynzel Dimal	Mary Ellen Laursen
Cabot	SB	Brianna Hobbs	Jo Ann Cooper
Conway	BM	Kairah Mathews	Kimberly Jones
Henderson State	BM	Jenna Branchizio	Pat McLemore
Hope	BM	Britney Alvarado	Frankie Ochsner
Hot Springs	BM	Emma Nelson	Frankie Ochsner
Jacksonville	SB	Jamie Huggins	by school
Lonoke	SB	Jo-Lynn Mitchell	by school
Malvern	BM	Christina Harris	Frankie Ochsner

NLR	BM	Jazzinique Dubose	Betty & Teresa
Ouachita Baptist	BM	Will Combs	Pat McLemore
Pine Bluff	SB	Katurah Roberts	Sandra Poore
U of A Fayetteville – AF	THF	Name unknown	Barbara Hart
U of A Fayetteville – AR	THF	Name unknown	Barbara Hart
Watson Chapel	SB	Kiesha Haywood	MarJo & Sharon
Westside Sch Dis/Jonesboro	SB	Rachel Adams	Sarah Dacus
White Hall	SB	Vanessa Hernandez	MarJo & Sharon

Scholarship Winner: Sydney Cothran, the first recipient of the “Arkansas Society U.S.D. 1812 Books and Supplies Scholarship for College of the Ozarks” \$400.00. The scholarship requirements:



- 1). Student must be a female.
- 2). Student must live in Arkansas.
- 3). Must fill out the appropriate application.
- 4). Must submit transcript from either High School or College of the Ozarks.
- 5). If a High School Student, must send a copy of the letter of acceptance from College of the Ozarks.
- 6). All grade levels at College of the Ozarks are encouraged to apply as well as High School Seniors.
- 7). Members of U.S.D. 1812 will be given special consideration.
- 8). Financial need ill also be considered.
- 9). The Scholarship is eligible for renewal, but the applicant must reapply. They do not automatically receive it for a second year.

The Scholarship is a yearly scholarship of \$400. It is divided up by semesters equaling \$200 a semester. To receive the second \$200 in the Spring, the recipient must submit their transcript the Education Committee Chairman.

Topic for the 2017-2018 School Year: *“What was the most important Sea Battle of the War of 1812 and why?”* Please write approximately 700 words. **See the August Arkansas Anchor & Star for Sydney’s biography and winning essay. Articles printed in two newspapers.**

Commemorative/Patriotic Events:



Flag Lines for Veterans: We stood Flag Lines for the following Veterans who either died with no family of record, MIA or were active duty military: SMSgt Charles K. Beckwith; John Calvin Clay; Cameron Beckwith, 36, active duty; Robert Glove; Bruce Foutch; Robert Brooks; Robert E. Mitchell. MIA from Korean War; Donald Wharton. In this picture we were waiting for the hearse to arrive.

Donations for Veterans: In addition to our regular donations from our members, we conducted several

“drives” in our communities to meet the special needs of Veterans for men’s blue jeans, shoes, winter coats, underwear, quilts and towel sets. The result was 218 pair of jeans, 28 men’s winter coats, 182 pair of men’s shoes, 96 pair of new underwear, 46 quilts and 443 towel sets (bath, hand and 2 wash cloths). The jeans and coats are freshly laundered and neatly folded for delivery. The towels are also laundered, sorted as to color for coordination and neatly tied together as a set with a “thank you for your service” note



attached. The time shopping, pick-up, laundry and packing has not been tracked and cannot be noted. We made 25 deliveries to the VA hospital and to Saint Frances House located in Little Rock and North Little Rock. This is 125 miles r/t and takes 3 hour r/t = Total miles delivering 3,125 miles. Total hours delivering: 375 hours.



Vietnam Veterans: Arkansas U.S.D. 1812 is a Commemorative partner with the **50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War**. Although we fulfilled our obligations in 2016 for two events, we continued in 2017 and held two events honoring Vietnam Era Veterans. One event we provided and served a luncheon to the Veterans and their families. The dessert was a special cake decorated appropriately for the occasion. We also attended the VA 2017 Vietnam War Commemoration and stood a Flag line.

WWII Veterans: One of our members, for the second year, was a guardian on an “**Honor Flight**.” This necessitated her paying her own plane fare (\$400.00) and serving her veteran for almost 24 hours. We also attended a special luncheon honoring four WWII Veterans and took gifts.



Pearl Harbor Remembrance and Arkansas

Survivors Day: For the third year we were asked to provide and serve refreshments.



Other Receptions Honoring our Veterans: U.S.D. 1812 has become known as being dependable in providing receptions to honor Veterans. In addition to the Pearl Harbor Day Reception, we also provided and served refreshments at the Capitol for:

- POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony
- Opening of the Arkansas Military Hall of Fame



- Retirement Ceremony for CSM John Doss

Arkansas Freedom Fund (AFF) Golf Tournament: The 7th annual Golf Classic for wounded warriors was held at the Diamante Country Club. This classic raises money for rehabilitative sports equipment for

Arkansas wounded warriors. As in the past, AFF invited veterans who reside in the Community Living Center (CLC) unit at Eugene Towbin VA Medical Center to come and have lunch and spend an hour or two watching the golfers. Almost all the veterans from the CLC unit are in wheel chairs. The volunteer coordinator requested assistance and a special plea went out to U.S.D. 1812 Daughters by this chairman requesting volunteers to act as companions/hostesses for each veteran. Without the U.S.D. 1812, these Veterans would not have enjoyed a day out. Seven members volunteered for the event.



- **Memorial Day Services and preparation:** Members attended their local Memorial Day and placed 1,000 Flags at two cemeteries.

Deployments: We attended four deployments and one welcome home for Arkansas National Guardsmen. All deploying military received a goody bag of home-baked cookies plus a Star Thank You Note package. All friends and family received a 4x6 Flag to wave as their loved ones departed. We were asked to serve lunch to approximately 800 soldiers and their families at one deployment.



Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week— Members helped to decorate the VA hospital auditorium for the opening ceremony and then stood a Flag line. During the week **U.S.D. 1812 held a Sock Hop** and presented socks, Star Thank You packages, Thank you For Your Service Bracelets; Thank You for Your Service Stuffed Hearts; 50 dozen Cookies and Valentine Cards to 150 Veterans at the Eugene Towbin VA Medical Center in North Little Rock.



State President Sharon Wyatt at the U.S.D. 1812 Sock Hop with hand-crafted heart

Veterans Day Events: Members took part in parades and other events in their home communities. Some of the events included:

- Honoring Veterans at our churches
- Placing nearly 1,000 Flag on Veterans graves.
- Held grave marking ceremony on Veterans Day and recognized Veterans in attendance.



Snowball Express: Saturday, Dec. 9th, we were there to see off six Gold Star children as they left for Dallas, TX from LR airport for a 4-day event full time of healing, restoration and fellowship with other Gold Star children from around the world. Each child and their mother received a goody bag for the flight. We were also there when they returned home. They arrived at 10:00 a.m. and were tired. We were there to help welcome them home and help with the luggage. We received the following note from the widow of Army SSG Billy J. Orton who was killed 24 April 2004 in Iraq: *“My regards to you and Mrs. Claus. Thank you very much for your support and love. Margarita”*

***** We excelled in Patriotic Education and the involvement of our youth:**

Please add to report: Alice Tidwell of the Thomas H. Flippin Chapter, reached out to our youth with the following:

- She headed up Story time for preschoolers at the Bella Vista Library which included stories, games, crafts and snacks.
- In September Alice did a presentation for the 4th graders at the Bella Vista Library on the Constitution which included books, games and crafts.
- In October Alice Tidwell did another presentation with the 3rd and 4th graders at Cooper Elementary School. This included a short video on Fort McHenry and the writing of the Star Spangled Banner.

The Baseline-Meridian Chapter President, Vice-President and Historian, presented a program at the Mt. Ida Elementary School on the Star Spangled Banner. The program was covered by the local press. The children were given flags, Star Spangled Banner buttons, brochures, and the 3rd graders were given dictionaries which we assisted in distributing and quizzing the students. We received precious thank you notes from the children.



U.S.D. 1812 teaches children at Mount Ida School District



Pat McLemore, Mary Ellen Laursen and Mary Willmuth

Baseline-Meridian Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812 (U.S.D. 1812) gave the history of the National Anthem to students and faculty on "Star Spangled Banner Day," Sept. 14.

Chapter president Mary Ellen Laursen, chapter vice president Pat McLemore and chapter historian Mary Willmuth gave each student a Star Spangled Banner pin and brochure with the history of the poem, which became our National Anthem, penned by Francis Scott Key during the attack by the British on Fort M'Henry during the War of 1812.

The Governor's Proclamation, proclaiming Sept. 14 as "Star Spangled Banner Day" was read to the students. The governor stated, "our National Anthem symbolizes endurance, promotes patriotism and inspires Americans." Mayoral proclamations were also issued by mayors across the state, including Hot Springs and Mount Ida.

The lyrics come from "Defence of Fort M'Henry," a poem written on Sept. 14, 1814, by 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet Francis



Kindergarten through 4th grade students sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

Scott Key, after witnessing the bombardment of Fort M'Henry by British ships of the Royal Navy in Baltimore Harbor during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the large American flag, the Star-Spangled Banner, flying triumphantly above the fort during the American victory.

The poem was set to the tune of a popular British song written by John Staf-

ford Smith. Set to Key's poem and renamed, "The Star Spangled Banner," it soon became a well-known American patriotic song. Although the poem has four stanzas, only the first is commonly sung today.

"The Star Spangled Banner" was recognized for official use by the United States Navy in 1889, and by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, and was made the National Anthem by a

congressional resolution on March 3, 1931, which was signed by President Herbert Hoover.

The original 15-star flag that inspired Key to write the poem is among the most treasured artifacts in the collections of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

One of the objectives of U.S.D. 1812 is patriotic education.

We involved and/or taught children patriotism. Two specific reports from members were:

- During **Constitution Week**, Baseline-Meridian chapter members, Pat McLemore and Mary Willmuth, instructed elementary school children about the birth of the Constitution. This was done in colonial costume.
- Arkansas personally presented 14 JROTC Medals and 4 ROTC Medals to our youth.

Very special events: Blue Star Children and Gold Star Children:

- Members attended **five deployments** and gave Blue Star families 4x6 stick Flags to wave as their loved ones boarded the plane or bus. Deployed were.
 - o January 30, 2017: 77th Combat Aviation Brigade.
 The 80 airmen each received a Pocket Flag, a bag of home-baked cookies and other treats. The Blue Star Families and friends receive 550 Flags, donated by members of the Baseline-Meridian Chapter.

In this picture, the granddaughter of one of our prospective members also assisted in handing out the Flags and also stood the Flag line during the deployment ceremony (see below)



- o April 2, 2017, 140 soldiers of the 39th IBCT deployed and once again we were there to give goody bags to the deploying soldiers and 200 Flags to family and friends:



- o The Memorial Day deployment of the 39th HHC IBCT we were there again with our goody bags for the soldiers and 450 Flags for family and friends. This time, we also served lunch to the soldiers and their families. We served about



800:

- o And we were there in May along with their families to welcome home the 19th Security Forces; 13 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.

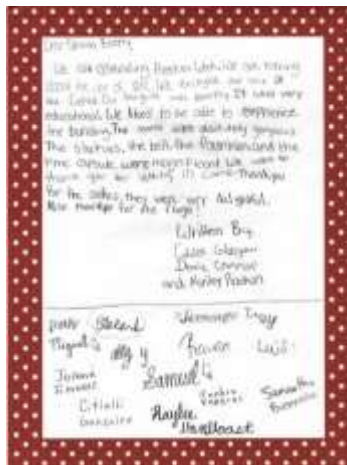
- o The last 21 soldiers of the 39th deployed on June 23rd, and again we were there with our goody bags and Flags.

- As a 50th Anniversary Vietnam Commemoration partner, the society held a luncheon for Vietnam Era Veterans and provided a free lunch with dessert to the Veterans and their families. Several grandchildren attended. The families were given "I love my Vietnam Veteran" pins and sticker. Approximately 10 children attended.



Other involvement with children in U.S.D. 1812 patriotic activities:

- The POW/MIA Remembrance ceremony was held at the State Capitol and U.S.D. 1812 was asked to provide and serve refreshments again. Many children attended including **67 students from the Horatio Elementary School**. Each student received a Flag, and also, cookies to munch on while traveling back home on the bus. We received the following thank you note from the students:



“Dear Sheila Beatty, We are celebrating Freedom Week. We are learning about the War of 1812. We enjoyed our visit at the Capitol. Our tour guide was amazing. It was very educational. We liked to be able to experience the building. The rooms were absolutely gorgeous. The statues, the bell, the fountain [War of 1812 Memorial Fountain] and time capsule were magnificent. We want to thank you for letting us come. Thank you for the cookies, they were delightful. Also thank you for the flags! Written by, Cadee Glasgow, Dovie Connor and Kinley Rankin”

- Fundraisers were held by the Baseline-Meridian chapter to benefit the placing of nearly 3,000 artificial **Christmas Honor Wreaths** for unknown soldiers buried at the Little Rock National Cemetery. This was the second year wreaths were placed at the cemetery. The project, led by Baseline-Meridian Chapter President, Mary Ellen Laursen, involved purchasing the wreaths and ribbon, making the bows, fluffing the wreaths and affixing the bows, obtaining storage facilities, transporting the wreaths to the cemetery and placing them at the gravesites. After Christmas, the wreaths were picked up and transported to the storage facility to be used again next year. **JROTC** and a **Girl Scout troop** assisted.



- Members of the United States Daughters of 1812 provided refreshments at the 76th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor and Survivors Ceremony on December 7th. This is the third year the groups have been hostesses for the event. Children who attended were given sailor hats by the society.

- The Society also held grave marking ceremonies for Veterans of the War of 1812. This special marking for William Wolverton involved his young descendants in the ceremony held on Veterans Day. Three of William Wolverton's 6th great grandsons unveil his marker:



Other noteworthy events/items:

- Three members visited College of the Ozarks. One of our members is an alumni of C of O and attends the alumni association meetings.

- **\$24,445.00** in cash and goods donated for Veterans. Over **4,133** volunteer hours were given.

- Flags given to others: Approximately **1,940**.

- U.S.D. 1812 was a presence at the Arkansas Genealogical Seminar. We had a vendor table and approximately 150 people were made aware of us.

- Arkansas had a total of **85** articles in newspaper and other publications totaling **3,468.37** newsprint inches.

- **125** War of 1812 Veteran Grave Locations sent to Chairman National: Using the Goodspeed's History of Arkansas on CDs which are in .pdf format and are searchable, we searched for "1812" and went through both sets of CDs looking for 1812 Veterans mentioned. As found, the page was printed and the pertinent information underlined. Next steps:

- Checked the N.S.U.S.D. 1812 grave location data base to determine if the Veteran was already listed, if so, no further action and printed page trashed. If not, then:
- Checked Find-a-grave/Billion Graves for his burial site. If found, printed the on-site page and then:
- Checked the N.S.U.S.D. 1812 to see if he is a new patriot – if not, I printed the page and placed in folder for submission for grave marker location. If so, I then:

- Checked Ancestry/Fold3 for the service/pension record and added to the documentation.

By doing the above Veterans buried in other states and Arkansas have been found. Most are new patriots. The next step is completion of the online form for each Veteran and send to Chairman National.

The whole process is very time consuming and has been an ongoing project since 2013. In 2017, 125 grave location forms were sent to National. Including previous years, this is a total of 775 forms sent with all the supporting documentation.

We have also purchased the Goodspeed's Histories for some of the surrounding states and currently working on those. The process will be ongoing for several years due to time constraints.

Other sources used for identifying potential Veterans buried in AR included the books "AR Pioneers State Association 1911-2002" "Historical Review of AR – its Commerce, Industry and Modern Affairs"; "Pioneers and Makers of AR", 1908; "AR Pensioners"; etc., as well as online data bases such as "Arkansas Gravestones." We also utilized the CDs from Arkansas Genealogy Society and searched past quarterlies.

- Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS): Arkansas has/or will have three VAVS Representatives (the maximum allowed) and five VAVS Deputies. Sheila Beatty has been named VAVS Chairman National and National VAVS Representative. She is responsible for the recruitment of U.S.D. 1812 VAVS Representatives and Deputies within the state societies.

- Baseline-Meridian Chapter President, Mary Ellen Laursen (MEL), named **VAVS Volunteer of the Quarter**. At the first quarter VAVS meeting, MEL NAMED volunteer of the quarter: Michael R. Dobbs, Chief, Voluntary Services Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVAVS), announced that Mary Ellen Laursen, United States Daughters of 1812 (U.S.D.1812) VAVS Deputy Representative, was named Volunteer of the Quarter. Volunteers who are making an exceptional impact for Veterans at the VA and in their communities are being recognized every quarter and these individuals will be nominees for the annual Volunteer of the year for 2017. Dobbs stated: ***"For 1st quarter, I selected Ms. Mary Ellen Laursen for her efforts in supporting Volunteer activities as a VAVS Deputy Representative and her contributions for the local National Cemetery Wreaths Across America (WAA). Before being notified of WAA donating 5,000 wreaths to Little Rock National Cemetery, Mary Ellen had already began canvassing donations to purchase artificial wreaths to cover unknown Soldiers graves at the cemetery. She contributed several hundred hours of her time accepting donations and effort to purchase over 700 Wreaths for Unknown Soldiers during Christmas. Mary Ellen's kindness is always shown through her enthusiastic Volunteer activities in her community and at the VA! As the Voluntary Service Chief, I saw the effort she put into the wreaths for the LR National cemetery and felt that it would be great to recognize her for her efforts that mean so much! The additional 5,000 wreaths from WAA, I believe, came about only because of the awareness Mary Ellen brought forth but also the more than 500 Volunteers organized in December to lay wreaths at the cemetery. This is only the beginning of wreaths for the LR National Cemetery and we can thank Mary Ellen for assisting in such a monumental achievement!"***

- Two of our members volunteer to sit with Veterans who are dying. They are "No Veteran Dies Alone" volunteers.

1812 NEWS ARTICLES & other publicity for 2017

Date of				
Article	NAME OF PAPER	ARTICLE NAME		inches
	5/12/2017	DOSS RETIREMENT PROGRAM		10.00
	10/10/2017	Tales of the Crypt	program	13.00
	10/21/217	Ark Gen. Society	syllabus	5
		Pearl Harbor		
	12/7/2017	Reception		4
			US Daughters of 1812 participates in Wreaths	
1	1/1/2017	Sentinel Record	Across America	63.00
2	2/14/2017	VA Program	Salute to Hospitalized Veterans	5.00
		Hot Springs Village		
3	2/28/2017	Voice	U.S.D. 1812 assists with deployment of 77th CAB	29.50
4	3/1/2017	Village Bible Church	Thank you for your service	14.00
5	3/5/2017	Sentinel Record	USD 1812 holds 103rd state Council	21.25

6	3/7/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	U.S.D. 1812 locates and marks more graves of veterans.	43.75
7	3/7/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	U.S.D. 1812 holds 103rd state council	42.50
8	3/7/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	Sock Hop held for veterans at VA Medical Center	42.50
9	3/26/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	VAVS Names 1st quarter volunteer	61.88
10	3/28/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	CENTRAL ARKANSAS NAMES FIRST QUARTER	41.25
11	4/18/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	Deployment Goodies	19.25
12	4/18/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	Deployment Goodies	40.00
13	4/18/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	U.S.D 1812 AWARDS JROTC MEDAL	51.75
14	4/23/2017	Sentinel Record	WWII VETERAN TAKEN HOME FOR BURIAL	36.75
15	4/28/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TOWEL DRIVE	57.75
16	5/2/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	VILLAGERS ASSIST USD TO FULFILL THE	60.50
17	5/7/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	VOLUNTEER BANQUET HELD	36.75
18	5/16/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	CENTRAL ARKANSAS VETERANS HEALTHCARE	40.00
19	6/4/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	USD 1812 serves luncheon to troops	27.56
21	6/6/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	U.S.D. 1812 serves lunch to deploying troops	52.50
22	6/6/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	Villagers again help veterans	47.50
24	6/9/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	Veterans helped by Villager donatiions	31.50
25	6/20/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	U.S.D. 1812 marks grave of veteran	77.50
26	7/2/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	USD 1812 dedicates marker at veteran's grave	36.00
27	7/4/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	Groups join to clean and preserve Garland County	55.00
28	7/20/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	United State Daughter of 1812 Announce Scholarship Winner	45.63
29	8/20/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	USD 1812 Chapter elects new officers	25.81
30	8/22/2007	Hot Springs Village Voice	Locasl Woman appointed to natinal position	27.50
31	8/22/2007	Hot Springs Village Voice	USD 1812 Chapter elects new officers	38.75
32	8/27/2017	Sentinel Record Montgomery County	Locasl Woman appointed to natinal position	18.38
33	9/21/2017	News	Mount Ida elementary students celebrate	95.00
34	9/24/2017	Sentinel Record Arkansas Democate	POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony	36.75
35	9/24/2017	Gazette Hot Springs Village	Pioneer expelled by state honored	58.63
36	9/26/2017	Hot Springs Village Voice	Veteran of the War of 1812 grave marked	28.00
37	10/1/2017	Sentinel Record	War of 1812 grave marked	24.50
38	9/24/2017	Seattle Times	Pioneer expelled by state honored	58.63

39	9/24/2017	Union-Bulletin	Pioneer expelled by state honored	58.63
40	9/24/2017	Arkansas Online	Pioneer expelled by state honored	58.63
41	9/24/2017	The Washington Times Hot Springs Village	Pioneer expelled by state honored	58.63
42	10/17/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	U.S.D. 1812 teaches children at Mount Ida	52.70
43	10/17/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	Quasquicentennial celebration of	34.75
44	10/17/2017	Voice	Third annual POW/MIA Remembrance	35.00
45	10/22/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	USD 182 teaches children at Mount Ida	30.00
46	10/24/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	U.S.D. 1812 re-ded-cated 100-year old Memorial Fountain	45.00
47	10/24/2017	Voice	U.S.D. 1812 donated for veterans' service dogs	43.63
48	10/22/2017	Pine Bluff Commercial Hot Springs Village	United States Daughters of 1812 members dedicate grave	36.13
49	10/31/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	W.IN.G.S. Helping veterans	51.00
50	10/31/2017	Voice	U.S.D. 1812 and GSW of 1812 mark	54.75
51	10/24/2017	The Courier	Society hosts grave marking ceremony	90.00
52	10/31/2017	SFH News	Thank you Daughters of 1812 and W.IN.N.G.S.	45.00
59	11/1/2017	Village Bible Church	Veterans Day	32.00
60	11/5/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	USD 1812 donates for veterans' service dogs	30.81
61	11/7/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	Local Lineage Societies display at fall conference	36.25
62	11/7/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	Veteran of the War of 1812 grave marked	32.81
63	11/7/2017	Voice	U.S.D. 1812 provides reception for Hall of Fame	39.88
64	11/11/2017	Sentinel Record	USD 1812 assists in preparation of cemetery	29.75
65	11/12/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	USD 1812 celebrates quasquicentennial	49.00
66	11/14/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	U.S.D. 1812 thanks Vietnam Vet	73.75
67	11/21/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	Village Bible, U.S.D. 1812 recognize veterans	27.50
68	11/21/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	U.S.D. 1812 assists in preparation	55.00
69	11/21/2017	Voice	War of 1812 grave marked	73.13
70	11/26/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	World War II veteran honored at luncheon	40.25
71	11/28/2017	Voice Montgomery County	WWII Veterans honored	48.75
72	11/17/2017	News Cleveland County	Montgomery County honors Veterans	42.50
73	11/21/2017	Herald	War of 1812 Daughters Recognize Service of Early	70.31
74	11/29/2017	Village Bible Church	Veterans Day at VBC	86.00
75	12/2/2017	Sentinel Record	Veterans pinned	21.25

76	12/3/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	First Wreaths Placed	34.75
77	12/12/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	First Wreaths Placed	54.00
78	12/12/2017	Voice	Johnny Cash's ancestor's grave marked	40.13
79	12/17/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	Ark. Survivors of attack on Pearl Harbor	21.88
80	12/19/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	U.S.D. 1812 honors unknown soldiers	77.50
81	12/19/2017	Voice Hot Springs Village	Organizations send-off Snowball Express Arkansas Survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor	53.75
82	12/19/2017	Voice	honored	52.50
83	12/24/2017	Sentinel Record Hot Springs Village	Groups conduct Toy Drive	41.30
84	12/26/1947	Voice	It takes a Village to make Christmas special	52.00
85	12/31/2017	Sentinel Record	Organizations send-off Snowball Express	33.25
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