

Arkansas Anchor & Star



National Society United States Daughters of 1812

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Arkansas State President

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From Your President:



Dear Daughters: It is such a great honor and privilege to serve the members of this society for the next three years. Thank you for this vote of confidence. I take this position seriously.

I am a bit overwhelmed as I try to fill the shoes of our past president, Sharon Wyatt. What big shoes I will be trying to fill!

Now I am asking for your help as we remember the goals of this society as we continue to celebrate patriotic anniversaries and mark the graves of 1812 soldiers in our state.

As all of you know, none of this can be done alone, so let's work together to achieve these goals. We know Arkansas State Daughters of 1812 are great. One of my goals is to make sure that everyone knows we are great. When you are called upon and are asked to help, please say 'yes'. Vincent Van Gogh wrote that **"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."**

Again, I thank you, daughters, for electing me as your state president. I plan to serve you and the State society to the best of my ability.

I pray your Easter Celebration is full of God's blessings.

Valerie

WE ARE SO EXITED! WE HAVE TWO NEW MEMBERS!!!

NEW MEMBERS

We want to welcome new members **Kim Bailey** and **Connie Crymes** for Baseline-Meridian Chapter. These ladies bring us back up to 136. Contact information, ancestor information and national/state numbers will be printed in the next newsletter.

 **Yearbook Update:** Transfer of **Lisa Winkleman** from Baseline-Meridian

Chapter to Simon Bradford Chapter.

A new Arkansas State Yearbook will be published after the 2018-2021 national officers are installed in April.

About Our 45th Arkansas State President:

Valerie Hartnett

Valerie Ball Hartnett was born in Jeanerette, Iberia Parish Louisiana in 1943. It was a long road for her to find this wonderful state of Arkansas. She moved from Louisiana in 1964 to Indiana, in 1978 to Nashville, Tennessee, and in 2005 to Hot Springs Village.

For 34 years, Valerie has been married to William Hartnett. She has three children and two stepchildren. They have ten grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Prior to retirement, Valerie worked in the field of real estate, both as an agent and as an office manager, and in other clerical and accounting fields.

Valerie is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. She is active and is past Captain in the church ladies guild, and her husband is in the Knight of Columbus and Men's Club.

Valerie has always loved history, and since retirement has developed a love of genealogy. She believes we can preserve history through genealogy. Her hope is she can interest others in preserving their own history.



She is the immediate past state president of the Arkansas State Society Colonial Dames XVII Century and during her term she represented Arkansas at the CDXVIIC national conference each year. She is also past chapter president of the Col. John Washington Chapter CDXVIIC.

She is a member of Village Genealogical Society and a past President of that organization. Other lineage societies she belongs to include DAR, UDC (past chapter Treasurer), DIW, DAC, Guild of Colonial Artisans & Tradesmen, Dames of Court of Honor, Bench and Bar, Daughters of Colonial Planters, Louisiana Colonial Founders, Founders of North America, and Southern Dames of America.

WE'VE GOT MAIL:



From our National Defense Chairman National Lois Swan: **"Good evening Sheila: Thank you so much for this report as well as all the wonderful newsletters that you have emailed to me over the past 3 years. I am in awe at all that you and Sharon do for our societies. And I love the pictures!! It is such a wonderful way to show all that the Arkansas ladies have done to show their patriotism for our soldiers, veterans, etc. BRAVO!!!! Lois"**



A LOOK AT YESTER YEAR

December
1940

A letter was read stating the room in the War Memorial building would soon be available to the society for use. This room will be used as State 1812 headquarters and will be appropriately furnished with funds now on hand for that purpose.

Teaching Our Youth...News from the Northwest

The Thomas H. Flippin Chapter shared the following about one of their members, Alice Tidwell: Alice definitely believes in Patriotic Education of our youth.



- 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. **[Well done Alice!]**

Cookie Alert!!

Ladies: We have been asked to provide and serve refreshments at the Vietnam Era Veterans Celebration to be held **March 29**. Over 700 Veterans will be in attendance so we will need

LOTS of cookies, not necessarily homemade, but preferred. Please notify Sheila at beattykrout@suddenlink.net if you can assist. Thank you.

**And we also need servers and hostesses.
Please help to honor our Veterans.**

Another Hero of the War of 1812: British Major General Robert Ross at the Battle of Baltimore and Fort McHenry



Robert Ross was born in Rostrevor, County Cork, Ireland in 1766. He was educated at Trinity College in Dublin, but as the son of a British officer who fought in the Seven Years' War, there was little doubt that he would follow

in similar footsteps. Robert Ross enlisted as an officer in the 25th Regiment of Foot in 1789 at 23 years of age.

Ross worked his way up the ranks through distinguished service in the Napoleonic Wars, participating in the capture of Alexandria, the Battle of Maida, and was wounded in the Battle of Orthes during the Peninsular War in Spain. By 1814, after 25 years of service, he was elevated to Major General. With the British government looking for experienced officers to lead the troops in the east coast of the United States, he was sent across the Atlantic to serve.

Upon arrival in Bermuda in the summer of 1814, Ross was given command of 4,500 troops, and transported to the Chesapeake by Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane's fleet to rendezvous with Rear Admiral George Cockburn. They navigated up the Patuxent River, moving by land, but keeping the Royal Army close by. The army sieged small towns on the march, but Ross' eyes were firmly set on

Washington. The primary mission was to seek retaliation on the capital city for the American invasion and burning of York, Canada, the year prior.

Ross personally led the victorious sieges, including at the Battle of Bladensburg on August 24, 1814. When the invading army arrived in Washington, Ross took command easily, ordering the burning of all public buildings, including the White House, Capitol, and Library of Congress. He was insistent on preserving private property and punished troops that disobeyed that order. Although appreciated by the Americans, it was a controversial order among the British.

Upon retreating following the successful attack on Washington, Ross (along with Cochrane and Cockburn) ordered the attack on Baltimore commencing on September 12, 1814. **Ross was a popular leader, and always rode out first to lead his men into battle.** During the Battle of Baltimore, this bravery and leadership proved fatal. He was killed by American snipers early in the battle.

Ross' body was eventually sent to Canada for burying in British protectorate soil (his body was transported to Canada in a barrel of rum). He is memorialized by an obelisk near his birthplace in Ireland, a monument in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and even in the American Capitol (the building he personally ordered destroyed) hangs a portrait honoring him.

Ross's campaign on the shores of the Chesapeake lasted less than a month, but its military and political impact was enormous. Considered an officer and a gentleman by many on both sides of the Atlantic, the general who captured Washington would in time fade in public memory. Yet Ross's strategies and achievements during the final days of his career would shape American defense policy for decades to come. *Source material: "The Man Who Captured Washington: Major General Robert Ross and the War of 1812" by Dr. John McCavit and Christopher T. George. Review: This is a fascinating book about a long-neglected and somewhat forgotten British General. The authors have done a superb job researching and illuminating the life and wars of Major General Robert Ross. Ross was an outstanding officer whose victorious career in the Napoleonic Wars was tainted by the misfortune of being in command of a British Army tasked with fighting an unpopular, frustrating, and ultimately futile war against the United States of America. The often-horrendous conduct of his troops, combined with Ross's death in combat outside Baltimore led to him being consigned to historical obscurity. This book brings to vivid life a man who almost (maybe) changed the course of the history of the United States - and the world. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812.*



College
of the
Ozarks

What do these two U.S.D. 1812 sponsored schools have in common? Both strive to induce good work ethics, patriotism, integrity and leadership in their graduates, who graduate tuition free.

From our State School and Scholarship Chair, Amber Friday-Brown: "Thank you so much for your generosity toward the scholarship we are

providing for a deserving young woman from Arkansas to attend College of the Ozarks. It warmed my heart to know of your generosity. I would also like to thank State President Valerie Hartnett for appointing me to another term as Chairman of the Schools Committee.

Additionally, I did receive a note from our recipient stating the acquisition of funds was easily accessed at the school and the money was waiting for her. With our help, she was able to purchase the books and supplies she needed. She wishes to express her appreciation for her scholarship to the ladies of the Arkansas Society.

The Scholarship Committee is already working on the application and writing topic of the next year. This chairman will be attending a large social gathering of College of the Ozarks Alumni in Arkansas in April and I plan to advertise our scholarship and all the good works we do to these alumni.

Again, thank you all for your generosity.

Amber Friday-Brown
Arkansas State Chairman of Schools

After the Battle of New Orleans

The single individual to benefit most from the New Orleans Campaign was Andrew Jackson.

The victory on Jan. 8 made Jackson not only a hero in New Orleans, but a national figure.

He became Military Governor of Florida in 1821, fighting the Seminole tribe. Success in the Seminole War returned him to the U.S. Senate in 1823, from

where he ran for president in 1824. After losing an acrimonious campaign to Adams that year, he ran again,



four years later, and won, becoming the nation's seventh president. In New Orleans, the Place d'Armes, the "Parade Ground" in front of St. Louis Cathedral, was renamed "Jackson Square" in 1851. An equestrian statue of Jackson was commissioned and erected in the square five years later. Excerpt from "The Aftermath of the Battle of New Orleans, 1815-Present" By Edward Branley and Kate Williams, Archival Assistant. @NOLAHistoryGuy, January 12, 2015, NOLA History <http://gonola.com/2015/01/12/nola-history-the-aftermath-of-the-battle-of-new-orleans-1815-present.html>

George Washington's Birthday Luncheon



Jimmie Weber and Sheila Beatty present Arkansas State citation to the Hot Springs High School JROTC commander in appreciation for their assistance in celebrating George Washington's birthday.

A good time was had by all at the 14th annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon held Feb. 22nd in Hot Springs. Many Arkansas Daughters attended and although U.S.D. 1812 is not considered a colonial heritage society, our state president was recognized and all Daughters of 1812 were asked to stand. I estimate at least 25% of attendees were U.S.D. 1812. As always the speaker was wonderful. Next year's event will be held tentatively on **Friday, February 22, 2019.**

National Defense: Flooding in Arkansas

- Floods are to Arkansas what hurricanes are to the coast: cyclic and variable, but expected.
- Riverine floods can last for weeks. Every day the rain continues, the disaster is compounded.
- The terrible flood of 1927, one of America's greatest disasters, was a riverine flood. Eventually, the rivers broke through or overflowed most of the levees in Arkansas and six other states.
- The flood forced massive evacuations, killed hundreds, and left 750,000 people homeless.
- Flooding in 1990 killed two people and caused \$60 million in damage. In the spring of 1997, flooding along the Mississippi River inundated at least 300 houses to a depth of up to three feet.

- Elsewhere in Arkansas, 11 inches of rain fell over a 24-hour period.

**Are you ready to evacuate?
Where will you go?**

VA Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week



Mary Ellen Laursen, Pat McLemore, Catherine Fortney, Sue Sutley of Village Bible Church, Ashley Meggers, Licensed Clinical Social Worker Adult Day Health Care (ADHC), and Sheila Beatty present the socks and Hearts to Meggers to be given to absent Veterans.

The Baseline-Meridian Chapter delivered 200 pairs of socks, 150 Valentine Cards made by students at Mt. Ida Elementary School and 150 stuffed "Thank You For Your Service Hearts" to hospitalized Veterans at the Eugene J. Towbin VA Healthcare Center (VAMC) for "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week." The annual VA event is held during Valentines Day week to encourage citizens to visit and show their appreciation to those who served us first.

The Veterans especially loved the stuffed Hearts. The 5" by 4" stuffed Hearts were handcrafted by ladies of Village Bible Church, Hot Springs Village. After presenting one Heart to a Veteran, he stated **"I have been having a very rough day and this is an answer to prayer for encouragement."**

During the National Salute, many citizens visit Veterans to thank them for what they have done for our country in the past and support them in the challenges they face today. They come face-to-face with the cost of our freedom and see for themselves that freedom is not free. It is earned with valor, commitment and undying patriotism, which is worthy of our time, energy and appreciation.

Members of U.S.D. 1812 have been visiting the Veterans at the VAMC and presenting gifts during Valentines week for six years. Special visits to the Community

Living Centers and the ADHCs are especially rewarding as they are given the opportunity to chat more with the patients. The



ladies were personally escorted by Michael Dobbs, Chief of Voluntary Services.

TWO WAR OF 1812 TOMBSTONES PLACED IN FEBRUARY



We will schedule dedication ceremonies in the Spring (probably around the first weekend in May).

Thanks to Kay Tatum for making this happen.

Delivery to St. Francis House



State President Valerie, McArthur Carter and SFH Veteran Re-Entry Director Ken Mace

Before representing the State society at the annual CDXVIIC state conference, Valerie Hartnett with Sheila Beatty delivered \$1,044.00 worth of items including handmade quilts and handmade backpacks (made by ladies of Village Bible Church) as well as towel sets, clothing, toiletries and other items to St. Francis House.

While there they were advised by Ken Mace that although U.S.D. 1812 has delivered over 460 towel sets since May of 2017, SFH is low. There has been a rapid discharge of Veterans who have obtained their own housing, which is a good thing, but it puts a need on supplies as SFH gives each person two towel sets. There have been many families assisted and each person of a Veteran's family also receives two towel sets. Currently there are two families of five and 45 single veterans in residence (110 towel sets).

Other needs include new men's underwear and full sized bottles of body wash and other toiletries as well as laundry detergent.



Ken Mace with a nearly empty box of towel sets; we delivered 18 towel sets on Feb. 23rd



because the camera and I kept showing as a reflection in the shiny gold of this pin.

Thanks Arkansas Society U.S.D. 1812 for making this pin that can be worn on our ribbons. Now, I'm just waiting on my new, longer ribbon from Hamilton."

The pins are selling briskly. If you have not bought yours yet, we suggest you do so soon. Price is \$48.00. Contact Linda Vandenberg White for details: 501-262-3347 or geniedar1@yahoo.com.

National Defense: Did you know?

Nationally, the average age of the homeless person is **nine** years old. [Source: *Star of Hope*.]

 **Reset your clocks**

Spring forward March 11

Email "buddies" wanted!

To ensure someone without email receives the newsletters and special EBLASTs notifications. Please advise who you will be "adopting" as an Email Buddy. Thank you. **If no email buddies step up, it will be**



**the responsibility of the Chapter Presidents
to ensure all in her chapter receive the
notifications and publications.**

News from Simon Bradford Chapter: New Officers Elected

Elected and installed at the February 21st meeting were: President Kay Tatum; Vice-President MarJo Dill; Secretary Frances Jernigan; Treasurer Sandra Poore; Registrar JoAnn Cooper; Chaplain DeeLois Lawrence; Historian KarLynn Roberts. Thank you ladies for serving!

Spirit of 1812 Awardee: Jeanette Frahm...

When the Bicentennial began in 2012, we had a total state membership of 64 and two chapters. By the close of the Bicentennial in 2015, total membership had grown to 130 and we had three chapters with one more almost chartered. Jeanette's chapter's membership, where she was also chapter Registrar, grew by 300% during this time period. Although helped by this being the Bicentennial, Jeanette worked hard to capitalize on the momentum.



Jeanette was the key to the organizing of the Thomas H. Flippin and the President George Washington Chapters. She submitted the papers, after doing the research herself, for most of the charter members of the two chapters. She also trained the Organizing Registrars for both chapters.

She is a "working" Registrar and does much of the research for prospective members. She has traveled to Fort Wayne and to Salt Lake City researching on behalf of prospective members.

Never one to say "no" to someone who seeks her genealogist skills, she has also assisted prospective member of the DeSoto Trace Sons of the American Revolution and also the newly organized Arkansas General Society War of 1812 when they could not find a registrar in their own societies.

Jeanette digitized the membership roster for Arkansas and also has been the Yearbook Chair for almost six years which has consistently brought National U.S.D. 1812 award recognition to the state.

Jeanette's genealogy expertise is known throughout the state. In addition to giving presentations on research, in particular War of 1812 research, she has represented the state society at genealogy seminars. She also volunteered at our

local LDS Library assisting others in family research which brought in more members.

From Jeanette: "I want to express my sincere appreciation for the Spirit of 1812 Award. I am truly humbled and honored to receive it. You have no idea how surprised and speechless I was when I received notification from Mary Reid Warner and Sheila Beatty.

It is an even greater honor to be placed amongst such distinguished ladies as those honored before who have made such important contributions to USD of 1812 to make the organization a success.

Again, I am deeply grateful for this honor.

Sincerely, Jeanette Frahm"

[Editor's Note: Prayers needed for Jeanette today (3/1/18) as she undergoes shoulder surgery. Please pray it goes well. She is also probably looking at another surgery within the next few months for her acute pain she has had for the last two years.]

Question: What were the more notable American defeats during the War of 1812:

One was the capture of Detroit (August 16, 1812) – Only weeks after the war began, American General William Hull surrendered Detroit, along with a sizable army, without resistance to a smaller British force.

Question: What were the more notable American victories during the War of 1812:

One was the capture of the HMS Java, HMS Guerriere, and HMS Macedonian (August–December 1812) – The new US frigates Constitution and United States started the war with a bang, performing well in a series of Atlantic engagements that boosted American morale after a disappointing beginning on land.

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

April 1st:



HE IS RISEN!

