



United States Daughters of 1812 Arkansas Society

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Dear Daughters and pending/prospective Daughters: Happy New Year and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for 2015! The close of the Bicentennial is drawing near and U.S.D.1812, both Arkansas and National, can be proud of the commemoration.

Reminder to Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs – your reports are due to me now and are not to be sent directly to National. Thank you.

Note: Due to security reasons, the **national members only website has been changed** (see header of the newsletter). The password remains the same. If you do not have the password or have miss-placed it, send me an email and I will send to you.

In your service,
Sheila

NEW ARKANSAS MEMBER



We continue to grow and we want to welcome new member Kristin Hathaway. Please add her to your yearbook.

Baseline-Meridian Chapter



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(Note: Kristin is a FADD - a Flora Adams Darling Daughter – yeah!)

**We now have 127 members.
Another 4 to be a Tier 4 State!
(Not Tier 2 as stated in the
December newsletter)**

A LOOK AT YESTERYEAR 1953 Mar Vol. 27 #4 Arkansas Report to National

Arkansas has been busy trying to locate the graves of 1812 Soldiers un-marked in our State. Have found the grave of Michael Womach at Corinth, Arkansas, six miles from Nashville. This Michael Womach was in the Battle of New Orleans; Arkansas Gazette of April 28th, 1926, gave credit to him as being the one who shot and wounded General Pakenham. The article was by Fletcher Chenault...

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA FOLLOW-UP



Section B, at the entrance to the cemetery, had almost no Wreaths until we went back on the 18th

After publishing the Special Pictorial Report on Dec. 14th, donations were received from members and we were able to place an additional 57 wreaths! **Thank you to Janet Huckabee, Frankie Ochsner, Alice George and the Maria Van Buren Chapter DAR.** We placed the additional wreaths Dec. 18th and nearly covered Section B at the entrance to the cemetery. It looks much prettier now.

I represented you and attended a meeting organized by the Patriot Guard Riders and attended by members of Veterans groups, 4-H, Team Rubicon and others who were meeting to discuss a formation of a 501 (c3) organization to work towards ensuring that every grave receives a wreath. No funding is provided either by the Veterans Administration or the State of Arkansas. The cemetery, which has a capacity for 37,000 graves, currently has about 6,300 internments, with a growth of about 550 per year. This year, only 6% of the graves received wreaths.

We will pick up the 91 wreaths mid-January and store for next year.

Last Bicentennial Stamp to be issued



The United States Postal Service released the design of the Battle of New Orleans stamp, the final stamp commemorating the War of 1812. No details on the First Day of Issue ceremony have been released, but it is anticipated it will take place during the Bicentennial Celebration in New Orleans in January.

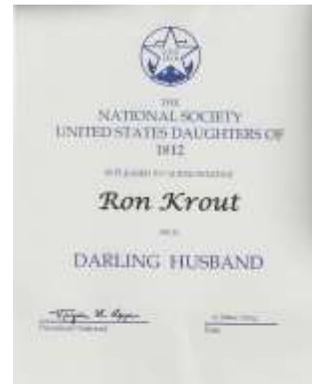


The U.S.D. 1812 Ritual and Prayer Book is available for download at

<http://www.usdaughters1812.org/Forms/National%20Society%20RITUAL.pdf>

The booklet includes: Ritual for Opening Chapter Meeting; Program for Organizing a Chapter; Installation Charge; Welcome to New Members; Memorial Service; Dedication of a Historic Marker; Dedication of Grave Markers; Prayers including Invocations, Table Blessings, Benedictions and Other Prayers. (*Editor: Encouraging to note the name of Jesus is in 18 of the prayers*).

U.S.D.1812 Darling Husband Certificate



National U.S.D.1812 offers a certificate acknowledging our husbands and their support of our U.S.D. 1812 endeavors. It is \$6.00 and I recently received one for my husband, Ron Krout, who has always supported my activities and has even helped me to locate and mark graves:



Ron Krout mixing cement for War of 1812 stake at the grave of William McAlister in Dover, AR

Baseline-Meridian Marks Two War of 1812 Veterans' Graves on Christmas Eve



Grave of David West

The graves of David West and William McAlister were marked on Dec. 24th at the Old Lake Cemetery in Dover, AR. This brings

the total marked/re-marked for 2014 to 19. Total marked/re-marked, dedicated/re-dedicated since the beginning of the Bicentennial is 38. Over 500 still need marking in Arkansas. Total identified to date buried in Arkansas: 664.

African-Americans: Citizen-Soldiers of Maryland
 From "Maryland in the War of 1812"



One of the least known aspects of the war on the Chesapeake has been the role of Maryland African-Americans. Renewed interest in the varied military, maritime and civilian roles of Maryland's free men and slaves are now being rediscovered. The Federal and Baltimore Daily Advertiser in 1812 reported Baltimore's African-Americans represented one fifth of the city's 50,000 population which were "of native and West Indian blacks, nearly one half of whom are free and entitled to hold property..."

England abolished the slave trade in 1807, the United States responded a year later prohibiting slave importation into the United States. In Maryland, a large percentage of African-Americans were freemen. By law, African-Americans could not vote nor bear arms, but documents prove otherwise and reveal a broader context in the roles of the naval and military experience whether as free men or slaves. From their peculiar inherited situation they would seek their own roads to freedom, placing themselves in a decision crossroads – between servitude and freedom. In 1814 the British offered slaves an opportunity to join the Corps of Colonial Marines. It is unknown the exact number that responded by running away from their masters. In March 1813, Congress passed "An act for the Regulation of Seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States" allowing "persons of color" to enlist.

African-Americans played a significant role in Maryland during the War of 1812. Freemen volunteered and served shoulder to shoulder with other Americans on land and sea. The extent of their contributions are still to be found, but Marylanders can take pride in the contribution of these "men of color" who fought and worked alongside others, friends and owners to help save Baltimore and their native state during the War of 1812. *Sources: Among the sources cited - George Cockburn Papers, Library of Congress. Baltimore City Archives, RG 22. War of 1812 Collection.*

U.S.D. 1812 Juniors



Prospective Member Alexa Tatum

Children may join the society from **birth to age 21** and become "Juniors." Young men at the age of 21 may join the General Society of War of 1812 if qualified (qualifications differ). This is an excellent opportunity to get young people involved and educate them about the history of the War of 1812. All chapters have a great opportunity to increase their Junior Membership. For chapters who do not have juniors, do a program about the War of 1812 at a school or other children's organization. Every child or young adult is a potential member just waiting for someone to spark their interest. **Note: Not to be confused with FADDS (18-35).**

**College of the Ozarks
 The Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial**



The College of the Ozarks held a groundbreaking ceremony on Dec. 18th for the Missouri Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The Missouri Legislators made this memorial at College of the Ozarks the official Vietnam War Memorial for the state of Missouri.

College of the Ozarks was named an official charity of the Big Cedar Lodge Legends of Golf PGA Champions Tour, presented by Bass Pro Shops, in spring 2014. President Dr. Jerry C. Davis announced Hard Work U will use the donation to fund this memorial.

The Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial is another way to further the College's vision – which

is to develop citizens of Christ-like character who are well-educated, hard-working, and patriotic.

The memorial is based on an architectural rendering created by College of the Ozarks Alumnus Austin Meyer. The memorial will bear the names of over 1,400 Missourians who served and died in the Vietnam War. C of O students and staff will build the structure, which is projected to be complete by April 2015. *(Thanks to Amber Friday-Brown for sending information on this project)*

Meet your President National 2012-2015



Ginger Apyar at the AR Old State House 2013

Editor: Over 50% of our membership are new members and did not have the opportunity to meet our President National when she visited in 2013. A lovely and vivacious woman, we applaud her leadership during the Bicentennial.

Virginia "Ginger" Louise Apyar is a descendant of early Colonial Maryland families of Calvert County. Her 1812 ancestor is Thomas Sollars of Hampshire County, Virginia who served at Fort Norfolk as a Private in the Virginia Militia.

She was born in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, a small town south of Pittsburgh, along the Monongahela River. The family lived across the river in Monessen. Her formative years were spent in Northern Illinois in Libertyville and in Long Beach, California. The family moved to Canada for her high school years and she attended Scarlett Heights Collegiate in Weston, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto. While in Canada, she studied ice skating and performed with the Michael Kirby Ice Skating School. She graduated high school from St. Xavier Academy, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. She was inducted into the National Honor Society, participated in the National Forensic League winning a position to attend the National Competition in extemporaneous speaking. She was also a member of the glee club. She won awards from the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Sciences and Betty Crocker.

She is a graduate of the Duquesne University School of Pharmacy. She was a member of the Lambda Kappa Sigma, pharmacy sorority and Gamma Phi Beta, social sorority.

Prior to becoming President National, she held a management position with Walgreens. She is still employed as a part-time immunizing pharmacist. She also was a clinical assistant professor in experimental learning at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy at Baltimore and on the Eastern Shore campus in Princess Anne.

She was the President of the Maryland Pharmacist Association from 2006-2007. She served on the Board of Trustees for 6 years, and was membership chairman for 3 years and convention chairman for 3 years.

She became a member of the United States Daughters of 1812 in July, 1983. Her chapter was Dolley Madison, Chapter No. 1 in Pittsburgh. Her career took her to Maryland where she transferred her membership to the Kitty Knight Chapter, Eastern Shore of Maryland.

She has served Maryland 1812 as Chapter President, State President and various state and chapter chairmanships.

She has served the National Society as Chairman National for Insignia, American Merchant Marine Library Association, Star Spangled Banner Flag House and Fort McHenry. She has served as 4th Vice President National and Vice President National.

PN Apyar will be leaving office at the close of the Associate Council in April.



The annual George Washington Birthday luncheon will be held on **February 21** at the Hot Springs Country Club. The speaker will be Dr. Chuck Argo, History Professor at National Park Community College. Paid reservation of \$20.00 should be made payable to Akansa NSDAR and mailed to Sheila Beatty, 27 Doblez Circle, Hot Springs Village, 71909-5109 and received **by me no later than February 14th**. Seating is limited, so get your reservations soon.

Washington's Prayer for the United States of America

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection. That Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another

and for their fellow citizens, of the United States at large. And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example, in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The 101st Arkansas Society U.S.D. 1812 State Council

The first State Conference was held on April 4, 1914 at the Hotel Marion in Little Rock. Then State President Katherine Braddock Barrow's report spanned the period of our chartering from April 4, 1908 to April 4, 1914.

Now, 101 years later, the 101th State Council will be hosted by the Baseline-Meridian Chapter and will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on Thursday, February 26, 2015. **The Call and Registration form have been sent in a previous email.** If you missed it, send your check of \$20.00 made payable to the Baseline-Meridian Chapter NSUSD1812 and mail to Carol Sue Williams, 16 Magnifico Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-7907. Carol Sue must receive your check by Feb 17th.

Our Special Guest and Speaker will be Dr. Wade Derden. Among business to be conducted (not in any particular order): Installation of Bicentennial Members; Election of State Officers and Installation; Awards; Election of Delegates National Associate Council; Officer's and Chapter Reports; Adoption of proposed Budget and Audit Report; Chartering of the Thomas H. Flippin Chapter; Adoption of proposed By-Law changes (sent with the "Call."



The War of 1812 is sometimes referred to as the "Second War for Independence." Although the Americans had won the Revolutionary War, Britain had not relinquished control of all of the lands it was supposed to per the Treaty of Paris of 1783. By winning the War of 1812, the United States secured its position as an independent country.

Unlike later wars, service in the War of 1812 was largely through local militias with relatively short terms of service, often only 30 days. **Because of this shorter term of service, it isn't unusual to find a man serving in more than one unit. It's also not unusual to find men who might otherwise be considered "too old" to serve.**

The United States granted bounty lands based on War of 1812 service. The young United States was cash-poor, but had a lot of available land. Giving these veterans some of that land not only paid some of the debt owed to them, but also encouraged westward migration. Much of the bounty land was located in Michigan, Illinois, [Arkansas] and Louisiana. (Eventually, military bounty lands could be redeemed in exchange for any land that was available through a federal land office.) **It is important to note, however, that not all veterans settled on the bounty lands they were awarded. Many sold their interests to land speculators.** [Source: Ancestry.com]



Chapters: It is time to order your JROTC/ROTC medals and contact your area High Schools and/or Colleges for presentation of the medal to a deserving cadet.

U.S.D. 1812 Committee Corner: FORT McHENRY

This National Monument and Historic Shrine occupies a preeminent position among the historic shrines and monuments of our country by reason of its special meaning in American history. It was a glimpse of the American flag waving defiantly over the ramparts of Fort McHenry that inspired Francis Scott Key to compose our national anthem. The Fort McHenry Committee encourages chapters to schedule programs on the history of Fort McHenry, as well as the battle during the War of 1812, when the military and the citizen-soldiers of Baltimore saved the city and the nation during one of the longest days and nights in Baltimore's history. **Arkansas Chapters supports this committee with donations and programs.**

Veterans Administration National Salute to Veterans

Valentines' Day Week

VA Voluntary Service staffs, plans and executes local events and activities at VA Medical Centers, and Community Based Outpatient Clinics. The

National Salute is observed annually during the week of Valentine's Day – a day of caring and sharing which underscores the Salute's expression of honor and appreciation to Veterans. U.S.D. 1812 Chapters are encouraged to support our Veterans during this week by perhaps holding a reception at a VA facility, giving Valentine Thank you cards, or giving gifts. In addition to the VA Hospitals in Little Rock, North Little Rock and Fayetteville, there are local Community Based centers in the local areas, including: Texarkana, Hot Springs and Pine Bluff.



Mary Ellen Laursen nad Carol Sue Williams preparing gift bags for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in NLR, 2013



“Take the Lead – Rock the Blue”

“A law enforcement appreciation and support rally will be held Friday, January 9th. Come out and ROCK your blue! Have fun and get creative - wear a blue shirt or a blue wig, make signs - bring friends!” I do not have specifics yet, but if you are interested in attending, please send me an email and I will follow-up.



Manufacturers Coupons Needed for Deployed Military Families

Arkansas has taken on an easy project – clipping and sending coupons to deployed Military Families. It is so easy – just cut those coupons you don't use and get to me – I will mail. Please sort food from non-food items and count the number of coupons in each category. From the website:

“Did you know that overseas military members can use expired coupons up to six months past their expiration date? Military families stationed overseas are often living on one income and money

can be scarce. Let's support our military by showing them some coupon love!

- Eligible Coupons: Send only Manufacturer Coupons; Do NOT send store or restaurant coupons. Coupons must be Clipped and Sorted into Food and Non-food (explained below). Do NOT send coupons that are over 30 days expired.

- How to sort the coupons? Separate your clipped coupons into two categories: “Food and Non-Food” Most military bases have 2 stores. One is called the “Commissary” which is a grocery store and the other is the PX or BX which is a department store. We therefore ask you to sort the coupons into “food” and “non-food” bundles so that they can more easily be placed in the correct venue once they arrive at the base.

- Label the Bundles. Try to use a baggie to separate your coupons instead of paper clips or rubber bands.

- What's Food & Non-Food? Here's the rule of thumb: Its' food if it can be eaten by humans, is usually eaten by humans, and is normally eaten to provide calories. For example, dog & cat food would be “Non-Food,” but Ensure or Slim-Fast would be “Food.” Vitamins would be non-food. Chewing Gum and Mints are food.” **[Baseline-Meridian Chapter has sent over 4,800 coupons to Guam and Japan bases]**

George Izard Plaque placed by AR U.S.D. 1812



From Kay Tatum: “It's across the street from the Pulaski County Court House on Spring Street, to the East. I think it's part of Bill Trice's law firm. Years ago, my friend Charles Witsell, who is a historical architect, took me to see it. It was white then and didn't look like much, but it had some of the 1820's elements in the façade. Sadly, that's about all that's left. The house has been changed many times. We were downtown late yesterday and drove by. I don't think that I realized that the U.S.D.1812 placed the marker.Since ‘I ARE ONE’ now, it meant a lot more to me.”
