

Arkansas Anchor & Star



National Society United States Daughters of 1812 Quasquicentennial

Sharon Stanley Wyatt, Arkansas State President

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/>

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

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Sheila Beatty, Editor

4 Chapters/137 Members

From Your President:

Dear Daughters: Many thanks go out to the Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs who wrote reports and sent them to Committee Report Coordinator, Sheila Beatty. Daughters, this is the time to brag about our society and the work we do to fulfill the "Purposes of our Society".



Thomas H. Flippin Chapter and the Arkansas State Society Board of Directors are working behind the scenes in preparation for the 103rd State Council. Daughters, these important council meetings are instrumental in keeping our State Society alive. Please join us as we meet new members and renew old friendships.

Don't miss out on a chance to win a beautiful Lagos bracelet! This bracelet is a \$495.00 value donated by Sissy's Log Cabin. The drawing will be held at our State Council meeting Saturday, February 18, 2017. No, you do not have to be present to win, but we hope you are there! Buy your ticket from any of the Arkansas State Society Board of Directors. This fund raiser is for the Quasquicentennial Celebration being planned for Friday, September 22, 2017. President National Jacquelyn Schulman will be our guest of honor! You will hear lots more about this event throughout the year.

This State President will be joining with other societies in celebrating Valentine's Day, February 14, by attending the National Salute to Veteran Patients at Fort Root's Hospital in North Little Rock. This event is named a "sock hop" where socks, Valentines and hugs and kisses abound! You are invited to join us for this event or donate socks or money!

Sending my love to all of you,

Sharon

Yearbook Updates

Thomas H. Flippin Chapter

Resignations: Carol Jean Rountree and Joanna Thompson. **Transfer to MAL:** Patricia Crayne Trudell

January 2017 membership

Simon Bradford – 51
Baseline-Meridian – 59
Thomas H. Flippin – 15
President George Washington – 12
Total: 137

We started 2016 with 130 members; gained 14, but lost 7 = 137

ARKANSAS' 103RD STATE COUNCIL



We are so excited to announce the guest speaker for our 103rd State Council in Bentonville will be Dr. Stephen Kneeshaw, Professor of History Emeritus, College of the Ozarks (for 45 years), and his topic will be "The War of 1812: So What?"

As one past student stated: "Stephen is an excellent history professor with a broad range of

skills in higher and secondary education. His knowledge of American history is both broad and deep; his interest in his past and current students is unsurpassed.”

Registration will begin at 10:30 on Saturday, Feb. 18th.



Thank you note received:

“I want to send you and your organization three Thank You's. First – a very sincere Thank You for the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin, letter, and bumper sticker presented to me at the Gathering of the Guard. The second Thank You is for all of the special kindnesses extended to our veterans at Fort Roots and across the state. And thirdly, a special Thank you for your participation with the Patriot Guard in honoring our deceased veterans. You are to be commended for your thoughtfulness for all veterans.”

Don Sloat



Arkansas Society United States Daughters of 1812 One-Hundredth and Third State Council

Saturday, February 18th, 2017
REGISTRATION: 10:30 a.m., Meeting Call to Order: 11:00 a.m.

Where: Fred's Hickory Inn, 1502 N. Walton Blvd., Bentonville (Directions: From Fort Smith: Take I-540 North towards Fayetteville; Road name changes to US-71 N / Bella Vista Way; Take ramp right; Keep straight onto US-71 BR; Arrive at US-71 BR / N Walton Blvd; The last intersection is NW Bella Vista Rd - If you reach NW 14th St , you've gone too far.

Host: Thomas H. Flippin Chapter – Barbara Hart-Yakopec, President
Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Stephen Kneeshaw, Professor of History Emeritus,

College of the Ozarks (for 45 years), and his topic will be:

“The War of 1812: So What?”

LUNCHEON: The Inn Grilled Chicken Salad, fruit cobbler with vanilla ice cream
\$28.00 Paid Reservations and Registration

Form and check to be received
by February 11, 2017

Send To: Barbara Hart-Yakopec
9 Forfar Lane

Bella Vista, AR 72715-4407

Checks payable to: Thomas H. Flippin Chapter
U.S.D. 1812

Please Bring:

- Your Own Name Tag if you have one
- A quality Silent Auction Item

Guests Welcome

We will be carpooling



Have you accessed the State Website lately? If not, find out what all has been added: All known ancestors from past and present members; and, all 2016 State Newsletters. Thanks to

National chairman Barbara Doody for uploading the information!

<http://sites.usdaughters1812.org/arkansas1812/index.html>

Six Myths About the Battle of New Orleans

MYTH #2 of 6: The Battle of New Orleans was the final military engagement of the War of 1812.

While Jackson's stunning victory was the last major battle of the War of 1812, it wasn't the final time that British and American forces traded shots. Driven from New Orleans, the British fleet sailed east along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico and launched an amphibious assault on Fort Bowyer, which guarded the entrance to Mobile Bay. American forces inside the fort had repulsed a smaller British attack in September 1814 but could not withstand the larger onslaught that began on February 8, 1815. The fort's commander surrendered three days later. Thirteen Redcoats died in the battle along with one American. British plans to seize the port city of Mobile were abandoned when news of the peace treaty finally arrived.

Training at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in NLR

On January 5th, Charline Manning (Simon Bradford Chapter), Sheila Beatty and Mary Ellen Laursen (Baseline-Meridian Chapter) received training as volunteer cemetery representatives (see January *Arkansas Anchor & Star* about this program). We learned several things about the position and what can be expected. And we learned about other items such as: Did you know that when a Veteran or his/her spouse dies, they need to have the **latest DD214 (yes, there can be more than one) AND a copy of their marriage certificate?** Also, if there is a dependent child, copy of the child's birth certificate available? Since many people do not plan, this can become an obstacle. So note: If you are a Veteran or spouse of a Veteran, develop in your funeral file – yes, we all should have along with the Will locations, etc. - copies of the above document. Also see below from our National Veterans Chair other information concerning funeral planning for Veterans:

VA National Cemeteries Now Offering Pre-Need Eligibility Determinations

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2840>

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced it now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery.

“MyVA is about looking at VA from the Veterans’ perspective, and then doing everything we can to make the Veteran Experience effective and seamless,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. “This new program reaffirms our commitment to providing a lifetime of benefits and services for Veterans and their families.”

Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214, if readily available, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

VA will review applications and provide written notice of its determination of eligibility. VA will save determinations and supporting documentation in an electronic information system to expedite burial arrangements at the time of need. Because laws and personal circumstances change, upon receipt of a

burial request, VA will validate all pre-need determinations in accordance with the laws in effect at that time.

VA operates 135 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers’ lots in 40 states and Puerto Rico. More than 4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA’s national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand and maintain 105 Veterans cemeteries in 47 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For Veterans buried in private or other cemeteries, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. In 2016, VA honored more than 345,000 Veterans and their loved ones with memorial benefits in national, state, tribal and private cemeteries.

Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery, opening/closing of the grave, a grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite, and a government-furnished headstone or marker or niche cover, all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a burial flag and may be eligible for a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, from the Internet at www.cem.va.gov, or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

-See <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2840#sthash.ooWN32tp.dpuf> at:

Mark Your Calendars:

Friday,

September 22nd

President National Jacque-Lynne Amann Schulman will be visiting Daughters on September 22nd to help us celebrate U.S.D. 1812’s 125 Birthday

and to assist in the marking and dedication of War of 1812 veteran Benjamin Brantley’s grave, located in historic Oakland-Fraternal Cemetery in Little Rock. We will have a luncheon (site to be decided, but possibly the Governor’s Mansion). You won’t want to miss this!

A LOOK AT YESTERYEAR

1914 January Arkansas Pioneers

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...One of the pleasant occasions of this season was the convention of the First State

Council of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 in Arkansas, held March 28th, at the Hotel Marion. After a most harmonious meeting and election of officers, the members and guests were treated to a fine luncheon...

Flag Trivia Quick Guide on displaying the U.S. Flag from Army Study Guide:



<http://www.armystudyguide.com/content/army-board-study-guide-topics/flags/quick-guide-on-displaying.shtml>

Upside down - An upside-down flag is considered a distress signal.



Did you know that the effort to make the **Star-Spangled Banner** the official National Anthem of the United States **began** with the **United States Daughters of 1812**?

In 1918, Mrs. Reuben Ross Holloway, a member of U.S.D. 1812 and president of the Maryland State Society, led a campaign to make the Star-Spangled Banner the official National Anthem of the United States. She approached many prominent persons and sought their support for the cause. Mrs. Holloway sent U.S. Representative John Charles Linthicum, of Maryland, a petition gathered by the Maryland Society U.S.D. 1812, which included signatures representing fifty-one individuals and forty-nine civic, fraternal, and patriotic societies. Only a few of the supporters, including the state librarian of Vermont and the **state registrar of the Arkansas Society**, U.S.D. 1812, lived outside of Maryland. Representative Linthicum was the first to introduce a bill on congress making the "Star-Spangled Banner" the National Anthem, however, the measure failed to gain much support. Linthicum introduced similar measures in every succeeding Congress.

As an effort to continue to secure endorsements, help from other organizations joined in. Other congressmen also introduced bills to designate the National Anthem, without success. Then, on Jan. 30, 1930, representatives from more than 60

patriotic organizations gathered in Washington, D.C., to press for another version of the bill introduced by Maryland Representative, Charles Linthicum. Linthicum's bill finally passed in the House of Representatives on April 21, 1930, and in the Senate on March 3, 1931. President Herbert Hoover signed it into law that same day designating the Star-Spangled Banner as the National Anthem of the United States of America.

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO RESERVE SEATING FOR THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The 13th annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon will be held February 28, 2017 at the Hot Springs Country Club. The \$22.00 "paid reservations only" must be received no later than February 16th. **Make checks payable to Akansa Chapter NSDAR and mail to Sheila Beatty, 27 Doblez Circle, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-5109.** Seating will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the program will begin at 11:30. The featured speaker is Reggie Fryar and his presentation will be "George Washington: Man of Determination."



Reggie Fryar teaches at Cossatot River High School and is in his 36th year, all in the same district. He holds a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Social Sciences from Henderson State University and a degree in Library Science from Southern Arkansas University. Throughout his career, he has taught every area of social sciences from junior high to college. He currently teaches World History, American National Government, U.S. History II, and Orientation to Teaching, as well as coaching soccer. Reggie is also an adjunct instructor at University of Arkansas Rich Mountain and Pastor at Revival Center Church. He has been named Arkansas Rural Teacher of the Year, National Rural Teacher of the Year and DAR Arkansas History Teacher of the Year and has been chosen as favorite teacher for 33 years. He is married to his wife Sandy and they have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Question: What were the economic effects of the War of 1812?

In the early years of the 19th century, the United States was a rapidly expanding commercial power. Many historians cite this growth as a key factor in Britain's desire to contain American expansion. The war helped to secure America's unfettered access to the sea, which played a large role in a post-war economic boom.



The prosecution of the war cost the United States government 105 million dollars, which equates to roughly 1.5 billion dollars in 2014. The strain of raising this money drove legislators to charter the Second National Bank, taking another step towards centralization. [From: <http://www.campaign1776.org/war-of-1812/war-of-1812-faq.html>]

Working at the VA



VAVS Deputy and Baseline-Meridian Chapter Vice President Mary Ellen Laursen organizing the VA Voluntary Services donation room January 26th.

National Salute to Veteran Patients



The Opening Ceremonies for the National Salute to Veteran Patients will be held **February 13th 11:00 a.m.** at Ft. Roots. All are encouraged to attend and support our Veterans.

On February 14th, 1:00 p.m., U.S.D. 1812 will be visiting our Veterans at Ft. We will be visiting five wards in the afternoon and will be taking 150 individually packaged socks (in Valentine bags) and will be presenting to each veteran while we thank them for their service. Each bag will have a Valentine thank you note tied to it. Any leftover socks will be given to the Adult Day Care center for their Bingo prizes. All our members are encouraged to join us.

The purpose of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to: pay tribute and express

appreciation to Veterans; increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; and encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, more than 98,000 Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for every day in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes.

During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities and Veteran recognition programs.

The week also provides an opportunity for the community to become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center.



A fun time was had by all who attended the DeSoto Trace SAR Holiday luncheon in January at the DeSoto Club in Hot Springs Village. At their invitation,

U.S.D. 1812 members enjoyed a wonderful lunch and presentation by Jeff Meek. Attending from Baseline-Meridian were Sheila Beatty, Pat McLemore, Jeanette Frahm, Mary Ellen Laursen, May Anne Riehart, Susan Veal and Frankie Ochsner. Jeff spoke of his research on the American Revolution from original sources, such as rare books of firsthand accounts and original newspaper articles. Thank you SAR!

OCTOBER 2016 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

From the report of PUBLIC RELATIONS/SCRAPBOOK Chairman: LINDA W. SHABO

...Three of the best of these newsletters are the Ohio State Society Star and Anchor (Susan Leininger), the Thomas Bay Tickler (Janisue Rigel, TX), and the **Arkansas Society Newsletter** (Sheila Beatty). The Arkansas Society Newsletter provides marvelous photos of an amazing number of events undertaken by Arkansas Daughters who are very actively involved with veterans. Sheila Beatty, its editor, has produced marvelous articles on Black Tars (sailors) in the War of 1812, Naval Battleships and Dartmoor

Prison among others which make the Arkansas newsletter a very interesting read of the sort guaranteed to attract the interest of visitors to the war1812trails.org website.

Sheila Beatty and Tennessee's State Publicity Chairman Theresa Deathridge are again our two newspaper clipping stars, two amazing ladies. Getting newspapers to publish all of our stuff is difficult. My trying to get all of the publicity these two ladies generate in our scrapbook and online also is difficult, a time consuming process which is, nevertheless, worthwhile... [Editor: Thank you Linda!]



Beautiful Bracelet to be raffled at State Council

Lagos sterling silver design bracelet. Retail value \$500.00 plus tax. Lagos created the brand's iconic design, textured sterling silver known as Caviar. Finished with a box clasp detailing the LAGOS crest its width is 9mm. Donated by Sissy's Log Cabin, tickets are **\$5.00 per raffle ticket; 5 tickets for \$20.00!** Proceeds from the raffle will assist with expenses for the **Quasquicentennial Celebration** to be held September 22nd. Contact you chapter president for tickets or State President Sharon Wyatt. You do not need to be present to win.

Yes! Arkansas Web Site has been

updated: 634 ancestors of members, both past and present, are listed. It is a work in progress as research is conducted for the ancestor's state of service. Go to

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ar sd1812/arkansas1812/>

February Calendar Reminders:

- Feb. 1st** Baseline-Meridian Meeting
- Feb. 11th** deadline to have reservations in for the state council
- Feb. 13** National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans and Presentation to Veterans Valentine gifts
- Feb. 15th** - Simon Bradford Meeting
- Feb. 16th** – Deadline for George Washington Luncheon reservations
- Feb. 18th** - Arkansas State Council
- Feb. 22nd** – George Washington Birthday Luncheon

After the Battle of New Orleans

The final big takeaway of the Battle of New Orleans was its impact on tourism. The land on the Chalmette Plantation, near the Rodriguez Canal, was considered hallowed ground by many in the city, and the State of Louisiana purchased this land in 1855. Plans began to construct a monument on the battlefield, which was finally completed in 1908. The state turned the battlefield over to the federal government in 1930. Up to the start of the Civil War, Jan. 8 was considered a major day of celebration in New Orleans, and many would make the trek down to **Chalmette** to visit the battlefield. The Union Army sectioned off a portion of the “British side” of the battlefield property to make a military cemetery for both Union and Confederate troops in 1864. The cemetery, along with the battlefield, passed to the National Park Service in 1933. Excerpt from “The Aftermath of the Battle of New Orleans, 1815-Present” By Edward Branley @NOLAHistoryGuy, January 12, 2015, NOLA History From <http://gonola.com/2015/01/12/nola-history-the-aftermath-of-the-battle-of-new-orleans-1815-present.html>

Chapters & State Chairmen:

Please send your news and photos to me for inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you. Your Editor.

Wishing you and yours a beautiful Valentine's Day

