

Report from the Public Relations Chairman National

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I see that my "Public Relations Box" is filling. I find myself acquiring a lot of information from chapters and state organizations that have shared newsletters, facebook sites and newspaper articles with me chronicling their activities and what can be described as an on-going effort on the part of U.S. Daughters of 1812 to Document, Record and Preserve. The slogan Document, Record and Preserve is the stated goal of the New York Society and its very active president, Beverly Sterling Affinati who has traveled the width and breadth of New York visiting historical sites, planting flags, and reporting on activities undertaken by NY Daughters such as a genealogical table maintained by Bette Lathan of the Jefferson County, New York Historical Association who was helped by Anne Davis and Tammy Plantz. Cleaning the Pickneyville Cemetery, which was also reported, represented a major effort that involved more participants than any PR Chairman can hope to name. The Pickneyville Cemetery Cleanup also was an activity that generated not a little publicity, which is what we want and need. We can't do what we need to do in a vacuum. We must be seen and heard if we are going to preserve anything of the much which we accomplished while so many U.S. Daughters of 1812 were celebrating and commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Our President General, Lynne Schulman has told us all what we need to do when she reminded us: "We must do what we can to ensure that history is not forgotten, and she summoned us with her "All Hands On the Deck For Star Spangled Banner Day" message. Those of you who answered our President General's call used public relations materials and brochures which were made available to teach the public the historical significance of the Star-Spangled Banner. I have received several reports of school programs. One of the most interesting Star-Spangled Banner projects did not involve a school. It involved an entire town, Jackson, Tennessee which the Tulip Grove Chapter managed to decorate stem to stern with flags as part of this chapter's Liberty Street Star-Spangled Banner Project. Here, I must thank the Tulip Grove Chapter President Sherry Taylor and Teresa Deathridge who proven herself to be a very special person as a consequence of her sending me over the years all manner of things Tennessee including a large package of clippings I need to negotiate into the scrapbook. I also want to thank Linda Lind (Washington Society) for remembering me again with more scrapbook information.

The Slogan coined by the New York Daughters: Document, Record, and Preserve should, actions count, apply to all of the Daughters from a number of state societies who have generously shared their newsletters, newspaper publicity and facebook websites with me. Elizabeth Normand of the Scioto Valley Volunteers Chapter (Ohio) staged a birthday celebration for our Star-Spangled Banner. Kathleen Loftman reported on a Grave Marking for Worthy Pratt which was held jointly by the Lucas Sullivan and San Diego Chapters (California Society) and included photos and a nice historical write-up with newsletters in the same large package. Connecticut Daughters provided this chairman with photos and a brochure on a marking their society did for Caleb Brewster whom some of you will remember as one of the members of "the Secret Six," the six spies who aided General Washington during the American Revolution. Brewster went on to have an active role in the War of 1812. The brochure printed by the Connecticut Society states its objective as "To Remember, to Honor, To Commemorate, To Celebrate and

To Create a Legacy for the Future.” This similarity in goals, suggests that members of our society at least share a common vision, or goal. However, at times this is not the case, at least where communication is concerned. Earlier this year, Ohio Daughters participated in the dedication of a marker at Fort Meigs which had been placed by the Virginia Bicentennial Commission but not publicized. Fortunately, Susan Leininger and Sharon Myers knew about the event and attended. As a result, I have some very good photos that I will be able to share with our members. The Ohio Daughters have done a great job with their newsletter. Among other of their many activities, I have a photo of these daughters marching in a Pu-in-Bay Historic Parade and have just finished reading in our society News-letter that the Ohio Society has documented more than 10,000 patriots, War of 1812 soldiers, buried in Ohio.

The best newsletters I have received are again the Arkansas Society Newsletter (Sheila Beatty) and the New York Society Newsletter and the Ohio Star and Anchor.. Other newsletters worthy of note are: the Nickajack Chapter Newsletter (Tennessee Society, Felicia Wilt), the Thomas Bay Tickler (Janisue Rigel), The Captain John Cleveland Chapter Newsletter (West Palm Beach, Florida), and the General John Baytop Chapter Newsletter (Georgia). If our members are interested in a very interesting and informative website, they may want to visit the Sackets Harbor Battlefield Organization website.

The best Commemorative Event reported so far this year was submitted by the Alabama Society: “The unveiling and Dedication of the Fort Morgan Historic Site” by the Major Uriah Blue Chapter of the Alabama Society in conjunction with the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Alabama. I have more than twenty photos on our website and thanks to give the following: Mary Collins, the President of the Uriah Blue Chapter, Carol May, the Alabama Society historian, and Richard Smallwood, the registrar of the Alabama Society of the War of 1812 and an enthusiastic photographer.

I am hoping that all of our members will take a look at the PR Chairman NIP (National Information Packet) found under Members Only, Forms on the national society website. Also, please take time to read the article submitted by our National Society historian, Jan Johnpier, in the August, 2015 Newsletter about three battles fought after the Treaty of Ghent was signed on December 24, 2015. A fourth post Treaty of Ghent battle, The Battle of the Great Sink Hole, was fought near what is now St. Louis, Missouri on May 24, 2016 by Fox and Sac warriors led by Chief Black Hawk. Here, the Indians, numbering more than 1,200, easily defeated a much smaller force of rangers. Peace did not come to Missouri until September 16 when the Sac and Fox and representatives from seventeen smaller tribes agreed to sign a treaty which guaranteed the Indians “ all privileges, rights and property they had enjoyed 1811.” An excerpt from Michael Dickey’s The Forgotten War: Missouri from 1812-1816, from which information on the Battle of the Great Sink Hole is taken, is being included on this chairman’s War of 1812 Trails website.

Respectfully submitted,
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