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TENNESSEE STATE SOCIETY THEME: ANCHORING the Past for the Future
STATE SCRIPTURE: "We have hope as an ANCHOR for our soul, firm and secure". Hebrews 6:19

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the last few months of this administration, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State President. It has been an amazing journey and such a pleasure to meet with each Chapter across the State which gave me the opportunity to put names with faces of members.



Thank you for your support – you are an extraordinary group of talented dedicated women who have taken to heart our State theme “Anchoring the Past for the Future” as you promoted preservation, patriotism and participation. I hope you found it rewarding as you honored our veterans, located or marked the graves of 1812 personnel and supported the Hermitage, Natchez Trace and our schools. The State Council will be Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Double Tree Hilton in Murfreesboro. The Call Letter gave you the details. We will be anxious to hear from our eaglets, Maddy and Indy as they return from their educational trip to West Tennessee. At the luncheon the State Officers, Chapter Presidents, and State Committee Chairmen will be honored. The Anchor Cluster recipients will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary and will be honored at the Banquet. We hope you will make plans to attend.

Those who couldn't make the 1812 trip in October down the Natchez Trace to Natchez, missed a fun, educational opportunity. Felicia Wilt, State Second Vice President, was our tour guide.

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Our first stop was the 1812 marker to place a wreath honoring those soldiers who may have died along the Trace and buried in unmarked graves. How thankful we are to have that marker because at one of our stops at the Old Trace (original) there were 13 unidentified graves of Confederate soldiers thought to have served at Shiloh, with headstones facing the Trace. As I took a few steps on the Old Trace it brought a tug at my heart and a realization and a question of, "Wonder how many of our 1812 personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice are buried along the Trace with no headstones.?"

We were joined the first day of tour by a native of Natchez, genteel, southern lady with matching accent. Her guide through the city on our way to our destination, shared history of the city and tidbits of the families about the antebellum homes. What an added pleasure to our trip each day.

The "Auburn" home completed in 1812 is noted for its architectural grandeur with original kitchen, barn, billiard room and dairy. Our members were allowed to tour at their own pace and I was even allowed to play their baby grand piano. This home was donated to the city of Natchez in memory of owners Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Duncan.

The owners conducted the tours at each of the following homes "Linden", "Hawthorne" and "Lansdowne". The remarkable visit at "Lansdowne" where we had an elegant meal the last evening of our tour, has been in the family since 1780's. "Lansdowne" has been the seat of grandeur at times and has been kept together with nothing more than the meager sales from butter and eggs after the Civil War. Providing a dinner has supplemented the finance of maintaining the home.

The Hermitage Gala was held on Friday, October 27th at the Omni Hotel.

Steve Inskip, the co-host of NPR's "Morning Edition" delivered the keynote address. Inskip wrote "Jacksonland," which is about the former President Andrew Jackson's American Indian removal policy. Each attendee received this book.

It is always an honor to give greetings from the Daughters and place a wreath on Rachel Jackson's grave at the annual celebration of the victory of the Battle of New Orleans at the Hermitage on January 8, 2018. The keynote address was given by Brian Kilmeade, Fox News Host and author of "Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans" which was available for purchase in the gift Shop.

I hope to see you at the State Council as we close this administration.

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

Linda Tripp
State President

State News

Remember when our State Historian, Karen Caldwell Dunivan and State President, Linda Tripp introduced us to their feathered friends, Maddy and Indy? Here's an update on their travels.



1812 Skit Presented to Sharon School

Aline Roberts, Honorary TN State President, United States Daughters of 1812 along with Rachel Roberts, both members of Tulip Grove Chapter U.S.D. 1812, presented a 1812 skit on events that happened in War of 1812 to Sharon School 8th Grade Class of Mrs. Missy Estes.

The skit had two eaglets (Maddy and Indy) that came from Washington, D.C. this fall to be the main speakers in the skit along with Rachel Roberts.

Indy told the class that Montpelier was the home of James Madison, our 4th President and his wife Dolly. He was the first president to live in the White House when the British came to fight American's. They were marching to the White House and burning buildings along the way. Mrs. Dolly was in a frenzy trying to save things and get out before they arrived. She had the portrait of George Washington taken down and his picture cut out of the frame and rolled up to save. She replied, "Go put it on my wagon out back while I pick up a few more things." It is the photo of George Washington Rachel Roberts is holding in the picture. Mrs. Dolly was quite a Lady, a very brave soul. In writings it is said as she was riding on the wagon out of Washington she turned around to look at the White House and it was on fire.

Mr. Madison was very intelligent, he was a thinker. Did you know George Washington, our first president, asked Mr. Madison to help him write his inaugural speech? Mr. Madison had to

rewrite Washington's inaugural speech because it was "too long". Mr. Madison spent long hours at night in his library at Montpelier writing letters. Lots of letters!! They weren't really letters they were just called letters. They were articles for the New York newspaper explaining to the people about the Constitution. Other gentlemen wrote the letters too. These letters became known as the "Federalist Papers" which are still prized as one of our country's masterpieces.

It was hard times when Mr. Madison became President. The British were boarding the American ships and taking the seamen as prisoners. So the President decided the Americans would have to declare war if they ever wanted to be free from England's hold on us. This war became known as the "War of 1812" the second War of Independence." Francis Scott Key went out to a British ship in the harbor in Baltimore to plead his case for the British to release his doctor friend. While there the British planned their attack on Fort McHenry and the British would not let Mr. Key go back to shore. So Francis Scott Key witnessed the battle and wrote a poem about the event which became a song and is our National Anthem.

Maddy told the story about Mary Pickersgill, the lady that made the HUGE flag for Major Armistead, Commander, at Ft. McHenry. Mary was a flag maker. It took 300 yards of material to make this Huge Flag. It was 40 x32 feet. Each star was 2 feet across and 15 stars and 15 stripes (each star and stripe represented a state). Mary had members of her family and friends to help her make this flag. Mr. Armistead wanted the British to be able to see the flag from 8 miles out in the bay. The British pounded Ft. McHenry Fort for 25 hours. The next morning in the haze Frances Scott Key saw the flag still flying from the British ship. When he saw the flag he yelled, "We won, we won, what a great victory for America."

Afterwards questions were asked the students about the stories & many could tell the answer.

Mrs. Roberts told the students she had been on a tour with the Daughters of 1812 to Mary Pickersgill house in Baltimore and the storage building where they made the big flag. The group also went to Ft. McHenry to see the big flag flying today that was the same size as the one that flew in the battle in 1812. It is something to see!!

Then the 1812 group went down in Virginia to see Montpelier, the home of James Madison and Dolly. Mrs. Roberts remarked in closing, "I hope you learn to love history & can travel one day to see our great country's history of years past."

Thanks to Aline Roberts for the write-up

Sharon School 8th Grade Class

Front Row L-R: Rachel Roberts, member of Tulip Grove Chapter 1812; Taniya Williams, Zoe Hogan; Ty Prince; Catie Whitson (holding the eaglets); Gloria Hogan; Caitlyn Hogan; Andrew Boyd; Aline Roberts, member of Tulip Grove Chapter 1812 and Honorary TN State President;

Back Row L-R: Garrett Morgan; Carter Finch, Steven Hobock; Chandler Finch; Alex Williams; Hunter Hagye; Dylan Jenkins; Levi Walker

Annual Wreath Laying at the Hermitage January 8, 2018



State Registrar “THANKS YOU”

I have really enjoyed being your state registrar for the past 2 years and have enjoyed serving on President Linda Tripp board of officers. Our state society has grown since March 2015. Our chapter registers are so awesome and have dedicated their time to their chapter. I want to thank each one so much for what they have done for their chapter. There will be a certificate for each registrar at the state meeting. Enjoyed the friendship with each one and I never forget them. Since March 2015 to January 1, 2017 we gained 52 new members making a total of 442 in the state membership plus 10 supplemental. There are 21 juniors and 13 Fadds for the state. As of January, we have 10 new applications and 3 supplemental that are still pending.

Your State Registrar, *Debra Maddow Wilson*

Our Chapters In Action

Colonel Thomas Hart Benton

Thomas Forehand was the guest speaker at the September 26, 2017 meeting of the Colonel Thomas Hart Benton Chapter in Nashville, TN. Mr. Forehand portrayed General Robert E. Lee in several short vignettes. The meeting was held at Avalon House on the campus of Lipscomb University. Members attending were: Patricia McPherson, Carolyn Christian Martin, Virginia Bean, Ellen Seeley, Eloise Belote, and Sandra Curtis. Prospective members present were Sharon Standifer and Margaret Reina. It was reported that the application of Ann Wolfe had been submitted to national.



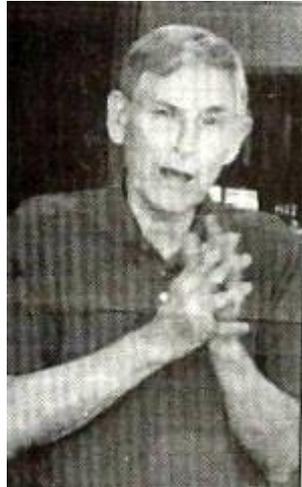
Colonel Thomas Hart Members
with Thomas Forehand, AKA
Robert E. Lee.

L to R:
Ellen Seeley
Virginia Bean
Tom Forehand
Eloise Belote
Carolyn Martin
Sandra Curtis



Crockett's Forge

The Chapter welcomed Rick Warwick, Historian at the Hermitage Foundation and the Williamson Co Historian, to share the history of early county settlers, the McEwen family.



Elijah Cross II



Sabine Hill, a once endangered piece of Tri-Cities history, was dedicated and opened to the public on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in Elizabethton. Reenactors dressed in 1812 period attire participated in the ceremony. Elijah Cross II Chapter members were participants. Kay Millsap sported her 1800's attire and Melodie Daniels served as the official chapter representative.

Sabine Hill in Elizabethton was the home of Brigadier General Nathaniel Taylor’s family. Taylor was a leading figure in the defense of Mobile, Alabama, during the War of 1812.. The early 19th century home was constructed c. 1818 by the family of Brigadier General Nathaniel Taylor. Architectural historians consider the home to be one of the finest examples of Federal style architecture in the State of Tennessee. After passing out of Taylor family ownership, the home remained a personal residence and gradually deteriorated.

Major restoration work on Sabine Hill began in 2012 when the Tennessee General Assembly awarded \$1.1 million to the Tennessee Historical Commission for research and restoration. The THC had purchased the home in 2008.

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park will oversee Sabine Hill operations. Tours and events will be available at the restored house.

Sabine Hill will once again radiate with the life and stories of its earliest inhabitants, Brigadier General Nathaniel Taylor, his wife, Mary Patton Taylor, their children, and descendants.



Kay Millsaps and Melodie Daniels



Re-enactors from the Sycamore Shoals Park

Hermitage



The Hermitage Chapter of the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 held a military marker dedication at the grave of Second Lieutenant Jimison Bandy on December 2, 2017 at Denson's Landing Cemetery outside Linden, in Perry County, Tennessee. Dr. Jimison Bandy was the third great grandfather of chapter member, Judy Cuff McFarland of Bellevue, Tennessee, who was present and presented the biographical information about her ancestor.

Jimison, the son of Revolutionary War Patriot, Richard C. Bandy, and his wife Jane Epperson, enlisted for the War of 1812 out of Sumner County, in the Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen or Cavalry and served as First Lieutenant under Captain George Smith, from September 1813 until June 1814.

In September 1814, Jimison re-enlisted, this time in Colonel Thomas Williamson's Second Regiment West Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen, serving as Second Lieutenant under Captain Robert Moore. During his two enlistments he took part in most of the Creek War battles including Talladega and Horseshoe Bend. They marched from Fayetteville, Tennessee, and helped Jackson take the Port of Pensacola and then participated in all the engagements at New Orleans. He returned to Tennessee via the Natchez Trace in March of 1815 and was discharged.

The 1840 census showed that he had moved to Perry County with one son and three daughters still at home. On July 2, 1842 he married Nancy Denson Wilson, 29 years his junior. The 1870 census listed Bandy as a "retired physician" even though he was educated to be a Presbyterian minister.

Dr. Jimison Bandy died on 16 October 1872 in Perry County, Tennessee, and was buried at Denson's Landing Cemetery, the site of this dedication by Daughters of 1812.

Other members of The Hermitage Chapter who had made the journey from Nashville and surrounding locations were chapter president, Ellen Davis and members Cheryl McLean and Barbara White.

Also in attendance was Patsy Weatherington of Enville, Tennessee, who serves the Tennessee Society of 1812 Daughters as chairman of the committee for Markers and Grave Locations of 1812 Service Personnel. She is a member of the Tulip Grove Chapter .

Jeanell Kutterer of Hohenwald, Tennessee, represented Old Hickory - Nickajack Chapter, Daughters of 1812.

Perry County residents who attended the dedication were Betty H. Barber, Johnnia H. Elkins and Jessie Ruth Tiller, Perry County historian.

Betty H. Barber and Bandy descendant, Judy Cuff McFarland have a common interest in quilting and have been friends for many years.



Tulip Grove

The October meeting speaker was Lynn Dinwiddie on the book, "The President's Lady – Rachel Jackson", written by Irving Stone in 1951.



ATTEND MEETING — The Tulip Grove Chapter United States Daughters of 1812 recently met at the Jackson Madison County Library in Jackson. Those attending were (from left) Aline Roberts, JoAnn Birmingham, Speaker Linda Dinwiddie, Debbie Robinson and chapter president Sherry Taylor and Patsy Weatherington. Not pictured were Kathy Williams and Mandy Williams.

Upper Cumberland

The annual Fall Harvest Luncheon included a time for Show N Tell, entitled, "Heirlooms and Oddities". Chapter member, Sandra McRae, is the hostess for this event each year.



Traveling With the Daughters

The Daughters' bus left Nashville on October 23rd and cruised down The Trace stopping at historic sites along the way.

Photo Journal: Felicia Wilt











**TENNESSEE STATE SOCIETY UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF 1812
OFFICIAL CALL STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Is hereby called by
Linda Helton Tripp, State President

**Friday, March 2, 2018
Double Tree by Hilton
1850 Old Fort Parkway – Murfreesboro, TN 37129
1-615-895-5555**

The room rate is **\$119.00** plus tax. Make your room reservations directly with the hotel **before the February 10, 2018** deadline and mention "TN State Society" to receive the special rate.

Hotel Directions: From West: I-24E exit 78B, hotel a short distance on left
From Knoxville: 1-40W exit 236 (840W) to exit 53A (I-24E) to exit 78B, hotel on left

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CST)

Registration 8:00 am – 12 noon
Executive Board 9:00 am – 10:15 am
(State Officers & Honoraries only)
General Meeting 10:30 am – 11:45 am
Luncheon 12:00 noon – 1:15 pm
Luncheon Entrée: Strawberry Fields Salad,
Honey Glazed Citrus Ham, Herb Seasoned
Green Beans, Cinnamon Sweet Potatoes,
Roll, Bourbon Pecan Pie. Tea, Coffee

Memorial Service 1:30pm – 1:45 pm
Business Session 2:00 pm
Receiving Line 6:15 pm – 6:30 pm
Banquet 6:30 pm
Banquet: House Salad, Roasted Pork
Tenderloin, Herb Red Potatoes
Mediterian Vegetables, Roll
Carrot Cake, Tea, Coffee

Make check payable to **"TN State Treasurer U.S.D. 1812"**. Meal reservations **must** be postmarked by **Feb. 11, 2018**. Mail check and form to **Jo Hill**, 518 Larry Dr., Ringgold, GA 30736-6415 · Phone: 706-891-0391 · jhill518@charter.net (checks will not clear before event date).



Name _____

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Registration Fee: \$10.00 _____ Luncheon: \$25.00 _____ Banquet: \$35.00 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____