



Sevier's Sentiments . . .

JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER TNSSAR, CHATTANOOGA, TN

James O. Moore, President

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**From the President
James O. Moore**

The John Sevier Chapter has been extremely active and busy this quarter, participating in the planning, arrangements and conduct (with Benjamin Cleveland and Hiwassee chapter) of the TNSSAR state meeting. The meeting was very successful and enjoyed.

I work with the Brainerd Mission Cemetery as a Board of Directors member. The Chapter is a joint owner with the five DAR chapters in Chattanooga. We have been very active with the DAR and the City to develop a plan for a new Brainerd area development which will center around the cemetery. Much work is planned for the SAR and DAR chapters as we move forward.

I participated in a grave marking at a cemetery in Murfreesboro on Sunday, April 25, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Col. Hardee Murfree DAR chapter. The grave marking was for the original regent of the chapter. Following the ceremony, all were invited to the home of Matt Murfree, a descendant of the founder of Murfreesboro and a recent guest at the state SAR meeting.

The chapter has presented nine JROTC medals and one senior ROTC medal since March. The senior medal was for the first ROTC class at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Major Ben Smith had contacted us to begin this association. One of the medals went to Japan.

The chapter officers attended an Armed Forces Day luncheon at the convention center to celebrate Armed Forces Day. Nine of our chapter members were present. It was decided that next year we will have a vehicle with members in the parade.

The chapter participated in a meeting of officers from the East Tennessee division of the SAR hosted by the Stephen Holston chapter of Knoxville and chaired by our own Charles Dammann, VP East Tennessee.

The chapter celebrated its' quarterly meeting at the Valley Brook Country Club on May 14th. Three new members were inducted, but the highlight was the presentation of four Fire Service Medals to local firemen involved in the attempted rescue of two small children in a February fire. While both children failed to survive, the heroic attempt was made and these brave men who risked their lives deserved the recognition and awards.

TNSSAR State Conference 2010

William Eubank

I wish to take this opportunity to give our membership a "Monday Morning Report" on our state meeting which was hosted by John Sevier, Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and Hiwassee Chapters at the Marriott Hotel Chattanooga April 9-10, 2010.

This year's meeting planning started back in January when we met at breakfast to discuss plans and programs for this year's meeting. We already had reserved the Marriott for the dates approximately two years ago. Committees were decided who would be assigned the various many tasks associated with coordination of a state meeting. It was decided that in addition to ladies tour on Saturday morning we would also offer a continental breakfast and a Genealogy workshop. All three of the events proved to be were very successful. ..

On Friday night our guest speaker VPG Tom Jacks gave a most interesting talk about Tennessee founding president Reverent David Campbell Kelly. This dinner was attended by 137 not only SAR members but the support five DAR Chapters was very prevalent.

On Saturday our youth luncheon was well attended by 110 Compatriots and parents.

To put on a state meeting it takes a large staff of individuals working together to accomplish. Thank goodness for our dedicated Compatriots. Thank you. Bill Eubank
A HUGE SUCCESS



**TNNSAR officers at 2010 Annual Meeting front row, L to R, Charles Dammann, VP East; John McCutchen, President-elect
Back row, Wayne Long Treasurer, Bill Martin VP Middle, Chaplain Emeritus, Reverend John Steen, Rick Hollis President, William L. Eubank III, Past President/Trustee; Ray Clapsadle, VPG Elect Southern District, Jim Hurst Color Guard Captain, Claude Hardison, Secretary.**



TNSSAR Color Guard at the 2010 TNSSAR State Conference



Wives of compatriots enjoying the TNSSAR State Conference L to R, Judy Lynch, Marilyn Dammann, Donna Fuller and Kathryn Echerd.



New members inducted on May 14, 2010 during our dinner meeting at the Valley Brook Country Club were Glen Campbell, Bo Hixson and Sam Hixson. Jim Carter and Terry Siler received certificates for their supplemental patriot ancestors. Pictured from left to right are Charles Dammann, Glen Campbell, Jim Carter, Terry Siler, Jim Moore, Bo Hixson, Sam Hixson and John Echerd.



Charles Dammann installing officer, new Compatriots Glen Campbell, Bo Hixson, and Sam Hixson



Chapter Members View Armed Forces Day Parade/Attend Luncheon

On Friday May 7th, eight John Sevier Chapter members gathered at Market and Eighth Streets to view Chattanooga's 61st Annual Armed Forces Day Parade. Following the parade, they attended the noontime Armed Forces Day Luncheon at table reserved for John Sevier Chapter TNSSAR.

To permit participation of local high schools JROTC units and high school bands, the parade has been held each year on designated Friday, although Armed Forces Day is the third Saturday in May, or May 15th this year. The parade will feature over 50 participating organizations. There are 11 JROTC units including Army, Air Force and Navy. Colonel Tom C. McConnell, a John Sevier Chapter member, is Director of Army Instruction for Hamilton County Schools and manages these programs. Colonel McConnell (a member of the John Sevier Chapter) was the "military guest" at the John Sevier Chapter luncheon table.

In addition to JROTC units marching in parade, there were military units, veteran groups from the area and a band composed of performers from 10 high schools. Other patriotic organizations, such as Daughters of American Revolution plus local businesses were represented.

Each year one of the service branches is honored and serves as grand marshal and reviewing officer. This year the Navy has Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Rick West served. He also delivered the address at the luncheon. Some of our members had pleasure of meeting MCPON West during previous Navy Week observance in Chattanooga.

Honored guests include the crew members of the USS TENNESSEE, Gold Star Mothers and Wives, government officials and senior officers from all uniformed services.

John Sevier Chapter attendees included President Jim Moore, Past State Presidents Bill Eubank and John Echerd plus State VP Charles Dammann, and members Jim Carter, Bill Fuller and John Lynch, State chair Veterans Committee/Chapter JROTC.

John Sevier representatives at the Armed Forces Day Luncheon held May 7 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. L to R are Charles Dammann, Terry Siler, Bill Fuller, Jim Carter, Bill Eubank, John Lynch, Hamilton County JROTC Coordinator Col. Tom McConnell, Pres. Jim Moore and John Echerd

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