



Sevier's Sentiments . . .

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

To members of John Sevier Chapter:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership of John Sevier Chapter for attending the Tennessee Society Annual Meeting in Memphis April 3-4, 2009 for my installation as state president for the year 2009-2010. We all realize that Chattanooga to Memphis by car is a long drive for us senior citizens but wish to personally thank Charles Dammann, John Echerd, Jim and Pauline Moore, Bill and Donna Fuller, Chad and Nancy Henderson and my wife Fay for making the trip with me. The Good News is that next year the state meeting will be in Chattanooga April 9-10, 2010, so travel should be a little easier.

Thank you again.

Yours in Patriotic Service,

Bill Eubank
President

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John Sevier Chapter SAR dinner meeting

Next meeting:

**Friday, August 7, 2009
6:30 PM**

Country Place Restaurant

Speaker:

Tyler Forrest

"Presidential Libraries"

Members, Wives, Prospective
Members, other Interested
Parties Invited to Attend

**John Sevier Chapter
Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
8:00 AM
Country Place Restaurant**

Wanted! Men of Action!

We all have our reasons for belonging to SAR. For most, it is the opportunity to help pre-serve (or restore) the liberty and freedom for which our forefathers fought and died.

Since the Revolution, the freedoms secured by our ancestors' sacrifices have been defended at home and around the globe by men and women who continue to sacrifice so that we, at home, won't have to.

We, as compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution, *should rededicate* our lives and our fortunes as a testament to those people whose people who dedicated, and continue to dedicate, their lives and their fortunes.

Support your chapter and society with your participation. A few hours and a few dollars a month can help perpetuate the liberty and freedoms for which our forefathers gave their lives.



At our May 15 meeting at Valleybrook Country Club, five new John Sevier Chapter compatriots were welcomed into our group.

Flanked by Vice President Bill Fuller and President Bill Eubank are the newly sworn in members.

L to R are:

Bill Fuller, Karl Schaffer, Dixon Fisher, Richard Shell, Kenneth Carter, and Bill Eubank

The Raid on Martin's Station

May 9, 2009 was the 9th Anniversary Celebration of "The Raid on Martin's Station" in Ewing, Virginia. TNSSAR President William Eubank accompanied by John Echerd and Charles Dammann attended this year's celebration. During the program President William Eubank brought greetings from the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution. After the program the group followed the Color Guard, led by two Bagpipers to the SAR monument on the grounds of the Wilderness Road State Park. At the SAR monument President Eubank laid a wreath for the TNSSAR, Compatriot John Echerd laid a wreath for the John Sevier Chapter TNSSAR, Compatriot James Briddell laid a wreath for the Kings Mountain Chapter TNSSAR and Ronnie Lail laid a wreath for the Watauga Chapter TNSSAR. A total of nine attended from Tennessee and are identified in the photographs.

Mrs. Schwarz and Mrs. Sims are sisters of Compatriot Joe Chambers president of the Kings Mountain Chapter TNSSAR. Compatriot Chambers could not attend.

All of the ladies are DAR members.

Charles N. Dammann
TNSSAR Vice President East



L to R: Charles Dammann, William Eubank, John Echerd, Ronnie Lail and James Briddell



L to R: James Briddell, Mrs. Rebecca Briddell, Mrs. Rebecca Schwartz, Mrs. Ellen Sims, Ronnie Lail, John Echerd, William Eubank and Charles Dammann



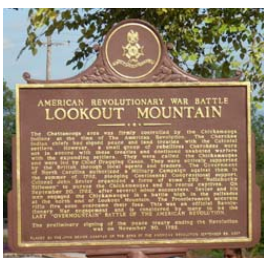
S.A.R. CHAPTERS SEEKING ANOTHER WAY TO MARK THE GRAVE OF A REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT OR CHAPTER MEMBER SHOULD CONSIDER A GRANITE MARKER.

Many grave stones are not suitable or are so fragile that they will not sustain a bronze plaque. Many cemeteries permit only markers that are placed level with the ground. We have designed a stone marker which will meet the requirements and

present a permanent reminder of our remembrance of the patriot or member. For further information, please see our website: www.johnsevierchapter.org.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Logan William Ratliff was awarded his Eagle Scout badge recently at a Court of Honor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Compatriot Terry Siler represented the John Sevier Chapter, TSSAR at this event. He presented Logan with an SAR Certificate of Recognition for his achievement. Terry worked with both Logan's father and grandfather for many years. Logan recently graduated from Hixson High School, where he was active in the Air Force JROTC program. Logan plans a military career after college.



On September 22, 2007, the John Sevier Chapter hosted the 225th Commemoration of the Last Battle of the American Revolution at Ruby Falls, Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, TN. A historical marker was unveiled and dedicated to the battle and the memory of those who participated on

both sides. The commemoration was attended by many State and National Officers, members of the DAR and CAR, and visitors from at least nine states.

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SHIFT COLORS

The term “shift colors” with reference to U.S. Navy ships is the evolution of lowering the American Flag at one position aboard the ship, while simultaneously raising the flag at another location aboard ship. Why is this important?

Perhaps a definition of terms will make this easier to understand and show its importance. Although many flags are used aboard navy ships, for purposes of this discussion only two are important: the American Flag (also called the “Ensign”) and the Union Jack. The American Flag that is flown aboard navy ships is much the same as American Flags flown elsewhere, except regarding size and traditional meanings of when and where it is flown. The Union Jack (from the British term and use) as used on U.S. Navy ships has a blue background with 50 white stars, almost identical to the blue portion of the American Flag.

Where are these flags flown on board navy ships? What traditions (both legal and otherwise) determine when the flags’ position changes? Why is position important, and what does it mean? In almost all cases, the American Flag is flown from the topmost mast when the ship is UNDERWAY (underway legally defined is neither moored to a pier or a buoy, and not at anchor). The Union Jack is not flown when the ship is underway.

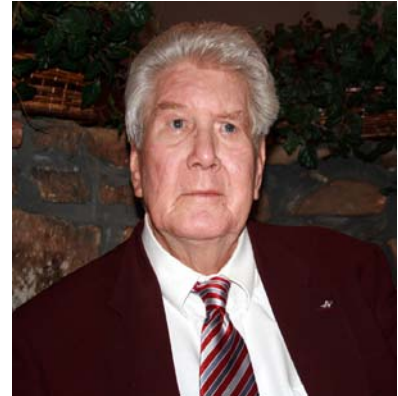
When the ship is NOT UNDERWAY (that is, it is moored or anchored), the

American Flag is flown on a flagstaff centered on the stern of the ship, and the Union Jack is flown on a flagstaff mounted on the bow. Military personnel boarding or departing the ship will come to attention, face the stern, and salute the flag.

SHIFT COLORS: What does this term mean, and why is it so important? International and Inland Rules of the Road are not just tradition, they have serious legal ramifications. So, whether a ship is “underway” or “not underway” is highly significant, and the instant the status changes, several things must happen simultaneously.

One evolution that occurs at the exact instant a U.S. Navy ship’s status changes from underway to moored, or from moored to underway, is the “shift colors” evolution. One team of sailors will be standing by on the ship’s stern, another team on the ship’s bow, and another team on the signal bridge near the mast where the flag is flown when underway. When the ship is changing status from underway to moored, and the term “shift colors” is executed, the flag will be lowered from the mast, while at the same time, another flag, often smaller, will be raised on the flagstaff at the stern of the ship, and the Union Jack will be raised on the bow. Anyone can then tell by looking at the position of the ship’s flags whether the ship is underway, moored or anchored. When changing status from moored to underway, the exact opposite evolution occurs, whereby the flag is lowered on the

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stern, the Union Jack is lowered on the bow, while simultaneously the flag or Ensign is raised on the top mast.

Morning and Evening

Colors: This evolution occurs on board all U.S. Navy ships when the ship is NOT underway; that is, when it is moored or anchored. This evolution also occurs at shore installations, but in a slightly different manner than aboard Navy ships. The evolution occurs twice daily, once at 0800 (eight o’clock in the morning) and again at sunset. When the command for morning or evening colors is passed over the ship’s general announcing system, all hands on deck come to attention and salute the Ensign as it is raised or lowered. Frequently, a band plays, or music is piped over the announcing system.

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