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# National Society Daughters of the American Colonists Colonel Gideon Macon Chapter TSSDAC

Winter 2012

The program for the November meeting was presented by SPC Chris Freeman with the 913th Engineering company and SSG Theresa Bumpus with the 78th Cavalry. Chris has served 8 years and Theresa has



served 20 years. Both have been deployed to the current war areas. They shared their experiences in living under the crude living conditions in those areas. Theresa's company had to build their living quarters when they arrived on one of her deployments. When asked about shopping conditions, Chris related that they had nearly everything they would want or need for daily living on the base. He praised his wife for keeping the family going while he was away. He thought her job harder than his. We want to thank them for sharing their service experiences with us. Chris and Theresa are pictured above with members Mary Whayne Miles (left) and Joy Bland (right).



Member Mary Whayne Miles presented each person a gift of a jar of jelly or preserves from the College of the Ozarks. This college is one of our chapter projects to which we donate annually. Students at the college work in various programs there to pay for their tuition. The jellies and preserves are one of the programs in which students may work.

Following the meeting, the chapter moved to the Obion County Library at 1:00 where DAC State Regent Joan Harmon (at right) presented the picture, "The Crossing," in honor of Honorary National Vice President and chapter member Mary Whayne Miles (pictured at left). The picture, which depicts James Robertson's party crossing the Cumberland River to open the area for new settlement, will hang in the Tennessee Room in the library. Mary Whayne graciously accepted the honor in the presence of several guests and friends.



The Chapter met for the fourth meeting of 2012 at Ryan's Restaurant in Union City on Nov. 10 at 11:00 a.m. After the meal, the meeting was called to order by Chapter Regent Joy Bland. Chaplain Janice Webb gave the devotional followed by our patriotic ritual.

Secretary Berdie Maie Foy read the minutes of the last meeting followed by the Treasurer's report by Treasurer Beverly Wood. Both reports were accepted by the membership as read.

Members voted for donations to National Projects to remain the same as last year with a total of \$174.00 being sent.



Plans were discussed for the December Tea at the home of Stephanie Tayloe. The Tea will be December 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Members are to bring Finger foods by 2:00 and those that can are asked to stay and help with hostess duties. This is always an enjoyable time for everyone as we get to visit with friends and enjoy the beautiful decorations that Stephanie has all over the house.

End of year report forms were given out and the process for getting them filled out and returned was discussed. All committee chairmen need to get their reports in to Regent Bland as soon as possible as she has to put them together and send in the report for the chapter and the deadlines are looming closer.



In Memoriam: Margaret Virginia Howard Adams  
1 FEB 1919 - 8 AUG 2012

Chaplain Janice Webb conducted the memorial service for member Margaret Adams. Member Cheryl Rowland gave a beautiful tribute for Mrs. Adams





**REMINDER:** One of the TN State Regent's projects is to produce a book of **TN ancestor stories**. These need to be turned in to Mary Ann Claxton by the **end of the year** if possible and no later than January as we hope to get a book ready for publication by Assembly time in March. These stories do NOT have to be on a colonial ancestor and do NOT have to be on the line by which you entered DAC. We have the stories that our chapter submitted for the previous National Historian's Project, but would like to have additional ones on other lines as well. These are important stories and we need to document them for future generations.

Also, don't forget that the **new National Historian's Project** is to tell "**How I wound up here.**" This should be a migration story starting with your ancestor on whom your DAC membership is based and telling about each generation - where they were and where they wound up (if they moved), ending with you and how you got where you are today. You were all so very good about turning in your ancestor stories, I know we will have a good representation on this project as well. Again, these are histories that we need to be documenting for future generations. Send yours to Mary Ann Claxton, Chapter historian. Deadline for turning in to national is Feb. 1, 2015, but we need to have them in well before that.

COLONIAL EDUCATION KIT PRESENTED TO 4TH GRADE CLASSES



Above: Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton explains to students how to use the goose quill pens during presentation of the Colonial Education Kit on Friday, Sept. 21. Mrs. Claxton presented information in a PowerPoint presentation and then students had a chance to handle objects that colonial children would have been familiar with including a deer skin, animal furs, the goose quill pens, a musket ball, clay marbles, Native American projectile points, deer antlers and buttons made from deer antler. They also played card matching games involving identifying colonial trades and three students in each class modeled colonial clothing provided in the kit.

Mrs. Claxton did presentations to 4th grade students in three different elementary schools in Henry County in September and October.

The kit was put together by the DAC National Chairman of the Patriotic Education Committee. One kit for each state was created and is housed with the current state Patriotic Education Chairman. These kits are an excellent educational aid and students were very interested in the objects on display as well as the clothing. Anyone may check the kit out and use it - a notebook with pictures and notes as well as a copy of the PowerPoint presentation (in the TN kit, at least) will guide you through the presentation.



"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."  
---Edmund Burke, *The Revolution in France*, 1790

"If we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find that we have lost the future."  
---Winston Churchill, speech, House of Commons, June 18, 1940

"There were human beings aboard the Mayflower, not merely ancestors."  
---William Rose Benet, *Western Star*, Book 1, page 128

"The pride of ancestry increases in the ratio of distance."  
---George William Curtis, *Prue and I*, Chapter 6

"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors."  
---Plutarch, *Of the Training of Children*