



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

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Winter 2013

MEETING 9 NOV 2013

Our 4th meeting of 2013 was called to order by Chapter Regent Joy Bland at 11:00 am on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Union City Library. Joy gave the invocation followed by our ritual led by Chapter Vice Regent Aline Roberts. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as was the Treasurer's report. The National Defense Message was read by Cheryl Rowland and began with the question, Where would you go in case of a terrorist attack? Members were given four choices with the correct one being (according to survivalists) the great American outdoors. The message continued with remarks about likely targets of terror attacks and the fact that our rural area is more likely the place others will flee to rather than being a primary target. The main question is: are we ready to survive if our communications, power, and transportation services are disrupted? Something to think about.

HISTORY STUDENTS PRESENTATION



Following the National Defense Message, Honorary National Vice President Mary Wayne Miles introduced the history honor students from Union City High School. Pictured above with Chapter Regent Joy Bland are Emily Houston, Holly Seng, and their teacher, Mr. Brian Conner. Each of these guests received tickets to the new Discovery Park in Union City.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Next Honorary State Regent Mrs. Pat Boals gave a lovely memorial service honoring Mrs. Anna Lewis Debow Garrigan of Hickman, KY, national #16948, who passed away 7 FEB 2013. Mrs. Garrigan's granddaughter, Miss Anna Nell Garrigan also spoke in memory of her grandmother saying, "I can still see her dining room table full of records and papers on the family tree. She would try to tell me who this person was and where he or she was related to me. It was always a wonderful family history lesson to learn about as I grew up."



PROGRAM

Following a delicious plated luncheon, veteran William Thompson presented a most enlightening program. He had just returned from Washington, D.C. where he had gone to see the World War II Memorial Site. The trip was organized in Tullahoma, TN by the "Honors Flight" group. Twenty-nine went on the trip. Mr. Thompson's granddaughter went to look after him. Most of the people were from middle Tennessee and all were in wheel chairs; the oldest in the group was 92 and Mr. Thompson is 88. They were all given an orange shirt, hat and back pack to wear.

They left Tullahoma at 2 a.m. with an escort of six police cars going to the Nashville airport. There they were greeted by people waving American flags. They left Nashville at 6 a.m. When they arrived in Washington, there were no cars on the road. This was during the government shut-down and all the memorials and national parks had been closed a few days before. the group went by bus to the WWII site and found gates across the access road to the site and police officers on guard.

They shoved open the gates with the help of Tennessee Representative Marsha Blackburn who said "the government does not own these sites, the people do." Mr. Thompson said it was very moving to see all the state names on tall pillars with brass wreaths and throughout the circle wonderful words of wisdom written on large slates by famous people. "We also went by the Pentagon and went to the Grave of the Unknown Soldiers. It was all a special time in my life."

Mr. Thompson enlisted in 1944 and served on the ship "California" which had been repaired after it was sunk by Japan on Dec. 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. He was discharged in 1946 when the war ended. he gave a slide presentation of his trip and also had many photos on a table for all to see. This was a wonderful Veterans program for the member present to experience. The chapter presented Mr. Thompson a gift and thanked him for his service.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Following Mr. Thompson's program, the chapter reconvened for further business. Veterans' projects were discussed and approved. And all were invited to a Christmas Tea on December 14 from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Tayloe on Dunlap Street in Paris. (See invitation below) This is always a highlight of the year as Stephanie has such beautiful decorations all over the house with trees in almost every room. Members are asked to bring finger foods (Stephanie will provide desserts) and to be available for as much of the time as possible to assist in greeting guests and helping Stephanie in any way we can.



REMINDERS

The 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. Reports from committee chairmen should already have been turned in to our Chapter Regent. Also remember that they need to be turned in to the state committee chairman as well. If you've not turned your committee report in (either to chapter or state), you need to do so right away. Forms for committees should now be available on the national website.

Also don't forget that our State Regent Joan Harmon announced as one of her State Regent Projects collecting ancestor stories for compilation into a state book which would be available for members to have for a small donation. We are still needing stories for this project. Please send stories to Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton. Mary Ann says that she has all of the stories that were contributed by our chapter over the last three years to the National Historian's Project, but Joan has opened her project to ANY ancestor – not just a colonial ancestor. So there are still stories out there for you to write! And if you know of anyone OUTSIDE our chapter who contributed stories to the national project, please contact them and be sure that they know that they need to send a copy of their story(or stories) to Mary Ann Claxton(State Corresponding Secretary who is coordinating this Regent's project). We have sold 15 copies of the first volume and have a few more copies left. If you would like to have a copy, contact Mary Ann.



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To be held at the home of Stephanie Routon Tayloe

at 902 Dunlap St., Paris, TN

from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock in the afternoon

on December 14, 2013

Please join us for food, fellowship, and a chance to see
the many beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the house