



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

Summer 2016

SEPTEMBER MEETING BACK AT TOM'S PIZZA & STEAK HOUSE

Our next meeting will be September 10 and will be back at our usual meeting place, Tom's Pizza and Steak House on Hwy. 79 north of Paris. Members are reminded that dues will be collected at that meeting. If you cannot attend, be sure to get your dues in to Treasurer Beverly Wood before the meeting if possible as she will have to get state dues sent off soon after that.

JUNE MEETING LOCATION CHANGED

The chapter met at 11:30 on June 11 at the Paris Country Club at the invitation of Chapter Librarian Stephanie Tayloe. Regent Geraldine Sykes called the meeting to order. Following the ritual, National Defense Chairman Mary Ann Claxton spoke on the coming election, noting that the person elected will be our military's Commander in Chief. She said that the recent primaries have seen an increase in Republican voters and a decrease in Democratic voters as people show by their votes that they are tired of government failing to respond to citizen concerns. Whatever the outcome, politicians will do well to recognize that voters want to see some positive changes in the next few years.

Mary Ann next gave her registrar's report noting that we only have one application that is close to ready to send in, but health issues of the applicant have that put on hold at this time.

After reading and approval of the February meeting minutes, Geraldine noted that we are being asked to help with hosting for Summer Board. She is going to get more information about what we need to do and will let us know what she finds out.

Other business included a report on the ROTC Award and presentations using the Colonial Education Kit (see articles below for these two items).

Following lunch the program was presented by Chapter Librarian Stephanie Tayloe (pictured at left) who presented informative and sometimes amusing information about various presidential elections in US history, concluding with some presidential trivia about each of the presidents. All in all an eye-opening presentation.

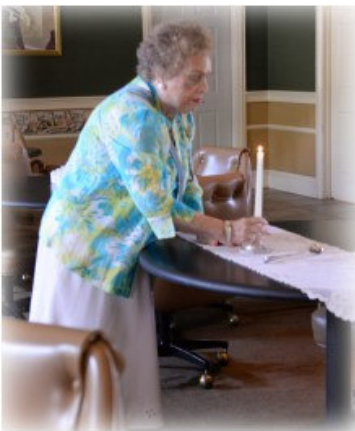


Following the program, Chapter Chaplain Beverly Wood conducted a memorial service for member Joan Harmon (see below), following which the meeting was adjourned.



JOAN DOYLE HARMON 19 APR 1934 - 23 MAY 2016

At left Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts lights a candle in memory of Chapter Member and Honorary State Regent Joan Harmon as Chaplain Beverly Wood conducts the memorial service. From her obituary in *The Jackson Sun* we read, "Joan loved spending time with her family, traveling, antiques, reading and history. Her love for reading and history developed into a passion for genealogy. Joan was a descendant of early Virginia Colonists." In addition to DAC, she was a member of First Families of Tennessee, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames XVII Century, and Daughters of 1812. She served in various positions in these organizations and was State Regent of DAC 2012-2015, producing as one of her Regent's Projects a series of three volumes of ancestor stories of Tennessee members. We will miss her smile, her sense of humor, and her interest in chapter and state projects to promote and preserve our colonial heritage.



CHAPTER PRESENTS ROTC AWARD

Hon. State Regent and Chapter Awards Chairman Pat Boals represented the chapter at the UT Martin Department of Military Science and Leadership Awards program. The program was held this year at the Magnolia Room of the Maple Center at Murray, Kentucky. Recipient Cadet Paige R. Sipe received the award as an outstanding female cadet who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and has a B or above in military science. Cadet Sipe is a nursing major from Florissant, Missouri.



CHAPTER REGISTRAR PRESENTS COLONIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

At left, on June 2, Chapter Registrar Mary Ann Claxton presented the Colonial Youth on America's Frontier program to the Ft. Campbell Girl Scout Troop Day Camp in Clarksville, TN. There were 115 girls from Kindergarten to 5th grade who participated as part of the culmination of their year-long study of pioneer life. Mary Ann presented four sessions ranging in size from 12 to 30 children. In addition to handling the fur samples, musket ball, antler buttons, and projectile points, all of the girls got to try their hand at writing with a quill pen, playing marbles and the cup-and-ball game, and matching career pictures with their names (thus learning what a "cooper" did), all from the DAC Colonial Education Kit. The girls were obviously excited about what they got to do, and the Scout leaders were extremely complimentary about the presentation and the activities afforded the girls.



CHAPTER HISTORY BOOK FIRST IN STATE

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The 85th State Assembly was held March 3, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel in Murfreesboro. State President Linda Mansur called the meeting to order. Following the invocation and ritual, three items of business were presented and approved. (1) Redo the budget to align it with the increase in assembly registration fees. The fees increases were: individual members changed from \$4.00 to \$8.00 and chapter fee raised from \$12.00 to \$20.00. (2) Increase the amount that had been donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Our speaker for the Candlelight Supper was Sal Gonzales, Wounded Warriors Spokesperson, and the State Society normally gives an honorarium to the speaker. As Sal lives in the local area and had no expenses to come to the supper, he asked that the money be given to the Wounded Warriors Project. The vote was unanimous to increase the amount to be given, but then members began also adding to the amount and by the time of the Candlelight Supper, just over \$1000 had been raised! (3) Move our publicity into the technology age by having a Facebook page. Also it was announced that the next State Assembly would be March 7, 2017, also at the Doubletree in Murfreesboro.

It was announced that we now have 188 members and one of Linda's goals as state president was to increase membership to 200.

At the end of the first business session Chaplain Shirley Hall announced that for the first time that she knew of there had been no deaths this past year, so no memorial service would be held. She also said that she has blank cards ready to send to bereaved families and members who are ill and asked that we please notify her when members are ill.

Following reports from state officers, state chairmen, and chapter presidents, two upcoming meetings were announced, both to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Murfreesboro: Summer Board will be Aug. 11, and the 86th State Assembly would be March 2, 2017, with our special guest for that assembly National President Phyllis Jones.

At the Candlelight Dinner, speaker Sal Gonzales told us about his experience of being wounded and his journey through the physical, mental, and emotional pain that it brought on. He told about the Wounded Warrior Project and how it had helped him through the darkest times of his life. The Project's Mission is "To honor and empower wounded warriors" and its purpose is "To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other; and to provide awareness and enlist, direct programs and services to meet their needs." With donations from the public, the Project "can foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history." At the end of his presentation, President Mansur presented him with a check for the collected amount of which he was very appreciative.

Following Mr. Gonzales' presentation, President Mansur presented awards to the chapters. Col. Gideon Macon Chapter received six (see list at bottom of page). The Assembly was closed with the singing of *Blest Be the Tie*.

CHAPTER RECEIVES AWARDS AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

State President Linda Mansur has informed us that our chapter received two first place awards at National Assembly: First Place - Best Chapter Website, and First Place - Best Chapter Historian's Book. The awards will be presented at the Summer Board Meeting in August. Our thanks to all those who made these awards possible for our chapter.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES LAUNCHES HISTORY HUB

The National Archives and Records Administration has recently launched a FREE History Hub. This is an online support site where you can ask questions and reply to questions regarding NARA research. It is like a blog for researching NARA. When you go to the site, you create an account and then you can post questions and reply to questions just like you would on a blog site. The new site is a pilot for the next 6 months; hopefully it will be fully funded after that time. This is really helpful if you are preparing to do research at a NARA facility or just to find out what records are available and how others have used them. There is a section specifically for genealogy researchers. Link to the website is:

<https://historyhub.archives.gov/welcome>