



Tennessee Society of the Children of the American Revolution

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The 2009 Fifty-Fifth T.S.C.A.R. Conference

The T.S.C.A.R. state Conference was held at the Doubletree Chattanooga Hotel on March 13-14 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Miss Ania Giffin, State President, and Mrs. Renee Robinson, State Senior President, presided over the Conference.

The 2008-2009 State Theme was, "Honoring Patriots in Need." The State Project was, "To provide canine assistance or supplies for the disabled veteran."

Friday, March 13th, was busy with registration, meetings and judging contest entries submitted by societies from all over the state.

Saturday morning business meeting was filled with interesting reports by state officers, chairmen and societies. The afternoon was spent relaxing or visiting the Tennessee Aquarium. The Society members renewed old friendships and made new friends during the conference.

The Saturday evening banquet speaker was Mrs. Patti Francis from the CCI Facility that trains special assistance dogs. Mrs. Francis brought Reebee, the CCI facility dog she trained. Society members,

seniors and guests were entertained by the string quartet, Tango, a group from Ania's school. Society awards, state awards and special presentations were given during the banquet. The installation of new officers was performed by Mrs. Karen Smith, Honorary National President N.S.C.A.R..





Dear members and seniors,

I am looking forward to another wonderful year of C.A.R.! As your newly elected State President, I was installed by Emily Falkenstein, newly elected National President, on the grounds of Mount Vernon during the National Conference in Wash-

ington, D.C. We visited Arlington National Cemetery where a wreath was laid by the N.S.C.A.R. at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also had a ceremony led by the next N.S.C.A.R. National President. During the National Conference, the national theme was presented and voted on. This year's national theme is "Reflections of Independence."

Shortly after the National Conference, Karen Hudson, State Senior President, and I attended the TSDAR State Conference in Franklin, TN. While there, we heard a very talented and enjoyable jazz singing group from Franklin High School, and I brought greetings from the T.S.C.A.R.

The Mid-Southern Regional meeting will be held July 13 - 14, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. I encourage everyone to come since this meeting is only held in Tennessee once every four years! It will be a good time to get to know people from surrounding states and to have a fantastic time!

The summer packet meeting is going to be held August 8, 2009 at Barfield Parks in Murfreesboro, TN. Not only will we have a chance to learn more about the national packet, we are also going to have egg tosses, sack races, and much more! This is something you do not want to miss!

Once again, I am very excited to see what new things each society and person has to contribute to C.A.R. I hope to see you all at the summer packet meeting!

Sarah Hudson
State President



Dear C.A.R. Friends:

It is with great humility that I begin my term as your senior president for Tennessee. Little did I know that when I first was invited to attend a meeting of Stones River Society with Melissa and Daniel, at that time ages 5 and 2, that I would one day be

serving as the state senior president! From those early years I met wonderful and dedicated leaders in the organization and have made endearing friendships along the way. I love this group and the people in it and I hope that the next two years will be full of adventure and memorable experiences for us all as we continue to learn and grow together to further the ideals of patriotism and love of country.

A welcome respite from the Good Friday tornado that ravaged my neighborhood and Murfreesboro was our trip to the national convention. I learned so much attending my first Senior Board of Management meeting as an observer. Let me tell you, your national society is in good hands and the people I met from across the country are among the best. They are so very warm and helpful!

The installation ceremony held at Mt. Vernon followed by the memorial service at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House was very inspirational and humbling to me. Sitting in that service and reflecting on those who have devoted so much to this group and remembering the real reason this group even exists made a deep impression on me. Think of this... each of us has an ancestor who cared deeply about the principles upon which America was founded and who joined in the cause of the Revolution because of these beliefs. This is what I thought as I remembered those who have gone on before us. This is what I thought as I sat back in my seat on the flight home.

Now, this is what I want you to do... come to the Mid-Southern Regional in Murfreesboro July 13-14. Regional meetings are great fun... skits, parties, meeting friends, and no boring meetings, I promise! Let's have a good turnout since this is in Tennessee!

AND... come to the Summer Picnic and "Funshop".. (not workshop!) at Barfield Crescent Park in Murfreesboro on August 8. Details for both Mid-Southern and the Summer Picnic are in this newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senior president. I consider this a great honor.

Sincerely, Karen W. Hudson
State Senior President

Membership Update:

Welcome New T.S.C.A.R. Members

Stones River

Daniel Ross Ammerman
Michelle Lynn Moore
Beatrice Eve Suggs
Emilia Jane Suggs
Jacob Avery Trader

Elizabeth Paxton Houston

Emily Marie Allen
Lillian Harriett Jones
Sophia Eleanor Jones
Whitney Lea Porter
Ashleigh Marie Tuck

President Polk-President Jackson

Alayna Pearle Keeling
Daniel Lawson Keeling
Richard Taylor Molina Keeling
Sofia Carol Molina Keeling
Rachel Katelyn Peck
Effie Grace White
Lucille Adeline White

William Diamond

Cacey Paige Shelton
Caitlyn McKenzie Shelton

MEMBERSHIP

When people think of membership, what is the first thing that comes to their minds? They would probably ask themselves “Is this organization best for me? How will I benefit from becoming a member?” Well, as we C.A.R.’s know, C.A.R. has a little bit of something for everyone. Unfortunately many people do not even know what C.A.R. is. That is why it is our responsibility as members to tell others about C.A.R. Another good way of promoting membership is having membership parties. At these parties, your society can do many things such as putting on skits to explain C.A.R. in a creative way. This is a terrific way to bring C.A.R. alive in your community. Another way is by publicizing C.A.R. You can do this by contacting radio stations for public service announcements and sending items to your newspaper. You can also put notices in schools, libraries, and community centers. Others cannot possibly know what C.A.R. has to offer them if we do not talk about it. So come on members, and TALK C.A.R.!! Watch your society grow to new heights!!

Speak Up! You have Freedom of Speech!

Everyone has a voice. Luckily for us, we are Americans, and have the right to speak our minds. This is called freedom of speech, which is located in the First Amendment. This amendment states that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, which gives you permission to say or to write what you feel about something without fear of repercussions.

From the time of the war of independence, people such as Patrick Henry spoke their minds freely; whether allowed or not. But times have changed since then when it comes to speaking freely. Now peaceful protest and newspapers can operate without fear of being arrested or shut down because the government doesn’t allow such actions.

Now take a second to consider how our lives would be without these important rights. We would have to bite our lips at the thought of speaking about what we believed in. The freedom of speech is important; it affects our lives everyday – and you might not even realize it.

Kimberley McGrath
Stones River

William Diamond Society

William Diamond Society member Samuel Brewer visited Miss Ruby Haynes, Buffalo River Chapter DAR, 100 year young member. Sam, Teresa Campbell, and Lou Durham met DAR State Regent Judy Chaffin and Cumberland District Director Linda Tripp at the Wayne County Assisted Living Center to bring Miss Ruby flowers, greetings and a chocolate chess pie. Miss Ruby still rides a bicycle and attends church each Sunday. She invited Sam to stay and play outside with her.

Installation of New State Presidents



The National Conference for the N.S.C.A.R. was held this past April, and it was a great experience. We listened to many folks give their election speeches and participated in a “Meet the Candidate” walk through after the meeting. The next day, the Tennessee state report was given. Also at that meeting was announced 31 societies that received Gold Merits, 3 of which were from Tennessee: Stones River, William Diamond, and President Polk / President Jackson Societies. Later that day, we traveled to Arlington National Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier given by the N.S.C.A.R. Shortly after, all newly elected state presidents and senior state presidents were installed on the grounds of Mount Vernon. Another wreath laying ceremony was at the grave of Martha and George Washington. We ended the day with a short ceremony at a small church and a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Hero. It was great to meet new people from around the country and to see what they’re doing for C.A.R.

The new national president, Emily Falkenstein, selected her national theme to be “Reflections of Independence” to restore a historical lighthouse in South Carolina. The members and seniors representing Tennessee at the National Conference were Sarah Hudson, Alisha Adams, Karen Hudson, Renee Robinson, Karen Smith, and John Smith.

Sarah Hudson T.S.C.A.R. State President



Taylor Kile

Taylor Kile, Flautist, played for the Memorial Service at the DAR Conference in April at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs. Taylor is 1st VP of T.S.C.A.R., a member of Good Ship Adventure C.A.R Society and a student at Goodpasture Christian School.

Attention “Summer Picnic and Funshop” Attention

On August 8, 2009, T.S.C.A.R. will have its annual get-together to learn about the programs for the year, and the fun starts at 10:00 am. It is always wonderful to see the creative way the members can bring to life the importance of being a member of this great society.

The meeting will be held at Barfield Crescent Park, 697 Barfield Crescent Road, Murfreesboro, TN. The park is on the south side of Murfreesboro on the way to Shelbyville off of Highway 231 South. If you need more directions, use your GPS, if you have one or Mapquest.com, where you could find the best way to get there.

Lunch will be a barbecue picnic with all of the “fixins.” There will be a basket for you to make a donation to help pay for the lunch that will be provided.

The Senior President of each society should let the State Senior President know how many from your society will be attending so there will be the correct amount of food prepared.

Thanks, Sarah Hudson, T.S.C.A.R. State President

Also, mark your calendar for the Mid-Southern that will be in Murfreesboro, TN on July 13-14, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. The registration forms, schedule, banquet, hotel and tour information has been mailed to all senior presidents for them to distribute to their members.

Reflections of Support...

“Opportunities for Support”

Daniel C. Rudy Memorial Endowment Fund

A pin will be presented for a donation of a \$100. A pin and plaque will be presented for a \$1000 donation. This fund benefits Tamassee DAR School.

Voyager Pin

A donation of \$50 will assist with the travel expenses for National Officers, State Presidents and National Chairmen.

Red Apple Pin

A donation of \$1000 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum will receive this pin, and this pin is presented to an individual and cannot be passed from one person to another.

Apple Slice Pin

A donation of \$50 or more will support the educational programs in the Children’s Room and the N.S.C.A.R. Museum.

Endowment Fund Pin

A donation of \$100 or more tax-deductible gift to the Endowment Fund which the income will be used for the general needs or promotion of N.S.C.A.R.

Benjamin Franklin Magazine Donor Medallion

A donation of \$1000 or more to the Magazine Fund, this is a special magazine donor program to help defray the costs of publication.

Library Fund Pin

A donation of \$100 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Library Fund will help in maintaining the extensive library collection.

Magazine Fund Pin

A donation of a \$100 or more which goes directly into the Magazine Sustaining Fund.

Centennial Pin

A donation of \$100 or more, the pin commemorates the first 100 years of the C.A.R.

Harriett Lothrop Medallion

A donation of \$300 to the Operating Fund, and the donors are recognized as Major Operating Fund Patrons.

Archival Preservation Spoon

A donation of \$200 will give you a limited edition reproduction of an original 1913 sterling silver C.A.R. Spoon, which was presented to the Archives in 1995.

Miniature Bronze Eagle

A miniature bronze eagle can be obtained from National Headquarters by making a donation of \$400.

National Convention Awards

State President Guidelines

Red (2nd Place) Ania Giffin

Elizabeth Paxton Houston

Honorable Mention - Merit Award
National Library Contest
Certificate of Participation-Dylan Moya
“Ensuing American Patriotism”
Certificate of Participation

Judge John McNairy

Honorable Mention-Merit Award

President Polk-President Jackson

Gold Merit Award
National Curator-The Most Apple Pins
\$50

Stones River

Gold Merit Award
“Ensuing American Patriotism”
Certificate of Participation

William Diamond

Gold Merit Award
1st Place American Indian \$50
1st Place National Library \$40
2nd Place National Curator \$15
“Ensuing American Patriotism”
Certificate of Participation

Dates to Remember

June 14th Flag Day
July 4th Independence Day
July 13th-14th Mid-Southern
Aug. 8th Summer Packet Meeting
Sept. 15th (Liberty Bell Deadline)



Dear Members and Seniors,

Hello! I’m Taylor Kile, 1st Vice President of T.S.C.A.R., and the Editor of the “Liberty Bell.” I am a member of Good Ship Adventure, and I’m looking forward to working with you this year. Please send me anything of interest that you or your Society has done or will do for the ensuing year. Let us promote C.A.R. and share it with others. I look forward to working on the “Liberty Bell” with your help.

Thanks,

Taylor Kile

Good Ship Adventure Members



State Organizing Secretary Laura Bush and Sr. State Vice President Anne Bush toured Washington, DC in April. They are pictured along with their guide standing in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier in the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA. Flowers laid by NSCAR officers still decorated the grave from the National Conference the week before.

C.A.R. and DAR Members at the Convention

Many members and seniors of the T.S.C.A.R. were in attendance at the TSDAR State Convention held at the Marriott in Cool Springs on April 23-25. A few of them stopped for a picture with the state DAR regent. From left to right: Teresa Brewer Campbell, William Diamond; Lindsey Brewer, William Diamond; Betty Walton, Judge John McNairy; Tabitha Myers, Judge John McNairy; Renee Robinson, T.S.C.A.R. Honorary State Senior President; Taylor Kile, Good Ship Adventure; Judy Chaffin, TSDAR State Regent; Patsy Swindle, Good Ship Adventure; Effie Schumacher, Judge John McNairy; Sarah Campbell, William Diamond; Martha Sloan, President Polk-President Jackson.



Stones River C.A.R. Society is #1 in State



2nd Row L-R: Sarah, Melissa and Daniel Hudson
 First Row L-R: Kimberley and Katie McGrath



Pages at the DAR Conference

Dual member of William Diamond Society and Buffalo River Chapter Sarah Campbell and WDS Senior Officer Lindsey Brewer served as pages at the TSDAR state convention in Franklin, TN in April. This was the first time they have been pages for the DAR.

**2008-2009 T.S.C.A.R. Awards
Sweepstakes Winners**

1. Stones River
2. Good Ship Adventure
3. William Diamond

TN Enthusiast:

Christine Smothers-
Judge John McNairy

Local Society Leadership

Savanna Vance, Joseph Greer; Tori Bryant,
William Diamond; Katie McGrath, Stones River;
Ashleigh Cook, Col. Return Jonathan Meigs;
Maggie Vest, President Polk, Derek Peck,
President Jackson (Co-Presidents);
Cheyenne Miller, Elizabeth Paxton Houston

National President's Program

1. Stones River
2. Good Ship Adventure
3. William Diamond

Nat. 2nd Vice-President's Program

1. Over the Mountain Men
Elizabeth Paxton Houston
2. Good Ship Adventure
3. William Diamond

Nat. Chaplain Contest

1. Elizabeth Paxton Houston

**Nat. Chaplain's Best Prayer Contest
10 years and Younger**

1. Amber Miller-Eliz. Paxton Houston

**Nat. Org. Secretary's Contest
Number Members (Confirmed)**

1. President Polk-President Jackson

Nat. Corresponding Secretary's Contest

1. Good Ship Adventure
William Diamond
2. Over the Mountain Men
3. Stones River

Nat. Librarian's Contest

1. William Diamond
2. Stones River
3. Elizabeth Paxton Houston

Nat. Librarian's Contest Peewee Drawing

1. Elizabeth Paxton Houston

Nat. Librarian's Contest Best Book Review

1. Stones River
2. William Diamond
3. Good Ship Adventure

American Heritage

1. Good Ship Adventure
2. William Diamond

American History

1. Stones River
2. President Polk-President Jackson
3. William Diamond

**Nat. Chaplain's Prayer Contest
11 years and Older**

1. Austin Hall-Eliz. Paxton Houston

National Curator Contest

1. Elizabeth Paxton Houston
2. William Diamond
3. Judge John McNairy

C.A.R. /DAR /SAR /S.R. Relations

1. Good Ship Adventure
2. William Diamond
3. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs

C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletter

1. Good Ship Adventure
2. Stones River
3. Judge John McNairy

Conservation

1. Stones River
2. Good Ship Adventure
3. Judge John McNairy

Government Studies

1. Good Ship Adventure
2. William Diamond
3. Stones River

Kids Helping kids

1. Good Ship Adventure
2. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs
3. Stones River

American Indian

1. William Diamond
2. Stones River
3. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs

Honoring Veterans

1. Elizabeth Paxton Houston
Col. Return Jonathan Meigs
2. William Diamond
3. Stones River

State President's Contest

1. Elizabeth Paxton Houston
2. Stones River
3. Old Stage Road

State Treasurer (State Patrons)

1. Elizabeth Paxton Houston
2. Judge John McNairy

State Treasurer (Life Promoters)

1. William Diamond
President Polk-President Jackson

State Treasurer (Donation Nat. Project)

1. Stones River
2. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs
Judge John McNairy

Membership

1. Stones River-Eliz. Paxton Houston
President Polk-President Jackson

Mountain Schools

1. Stones River
Good Ship Adventure
2. Rocky Mount
3. President Polk-President Jackson

Patriotic Education Project

1. William Diamond
Good Ship Adventure

Public Relations

1. William Diamond
2. Good Ship Adventure
3. President Polk-President Jackson

State Treasurer's Contest (Donation to Daniel C. Rudy Endowment Fund)

1. President Polk-President Jackson

Veterans (Donation to the Veterans Tribute)

1. Judge John McNairy

State Scrapbook (Most Contributions)

1. Judge John McNairy
2. Stones River
3. Good Ship Adventure

The Liberty Bell (Best or Most Photos)

1. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs
2. Stones River
3. William Diamond

Flag of USA Contest (Best Story, Poem or Picture)

1. Amanda Miller 2. Austin Hall

State Treasurer (Donation to T.S.C.A.R. Scholarship)

1. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs
2. Stones River
3. Rocky Mount
Judge John McNairy

State Treasurer (Donation to Nat. Endowment Fund)

1. President Polk-President Jackson
2. Elizabeth Paxton Houston

State Treasurer (Donation to C.A.R. Magazine Fund)

1. Stones River

Nat. Treasurer's Contest (Donation to N.S.C.A.R.)

1. Stones River

Mountain School (Most Financial Aid)

1. Good Ship Adventure
2. Stones River
3. President Polk-President Jackson

Local Society Scrapbook

1. Stones River
2. Judge John McNairy

The Liberty Bell (Best Article)

1. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs
2. Stones River
3. Elizabeth Paxton Houston

The Liberty Bell (Best Overall Contribution)

1. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs
2. Stones River
3. Judge John McNairy

James Sevier Society



Left to right- Megan Stevens, President of James Sevier Society, Malory Stevens, Vice-President, in the rear Ronnie Lail, Senior President at the Battle Celebration of Guilford's Courthouse, North Carolina. Megan and Malory laid a wreath for the James Sevier Society.



Attending Nationals were Renee Robinson, Honorary State Senior President, Alisha Adams, Honorary State President and Sarah Hudson, T.S.C.A.R. State President

Memorial Day ceremonies at the Blount County Courthouse



Members of the Elizabeth Paxton Houston Society, C.A.R. joined with Mary Blount DAR members in placing a wreath on the Revolutionary War marker located on the grounds of the Blount County Courthouse during the Blount County Memorial Day ceremonies. Pictured are Gerrae Messer, Anna Walker, Dylan Moya, Florence Byrd, Madison Gallostra, Tyler Byrd-Gallostra, Carolyn Templeton, Charlotte Miller and Lynda Williams.

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