



# THE COLONIST

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Tennessee State Society | National Society Daughters of the American Colonists

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## *At Thanksgiving and Throughout the Year*

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As we move fully into the holiday season, it is certainly a time to be thankful. I want to thank our Tennessee State and Chapter officers as well as our State and Chapter Committee Chairmen for their support of our State Society and continued focus on membership growth and community involvement.

We had strong attendance at our August 8, 2016, Summer Board Meeting, which included presentations by Betty Walton, Patriotic Education Chairman, and Bettie Gustafson, Historical Landmarks and Memorials Chairman.

The National Fall Board Meeting was held October 20-22, 2016, and included a full day at Mount Vernon, spending part of the time playing the Agent 711 Spy App funded through our National President's Project. I attended the board meeting held at National Headquarters, along with Honorary State Regent and National Vice President Blue Ridge Section Linda Dean.

We look forward to our National President Phyllis Jones joining us at the 2017 State Assembly, March 2, 2017, at the Doubletree in Murfreesboro. Look for an official call letter in December and chapters should make plans to elect delegates at their next chapter meeting. We hope to plan an excursion for Phyllis and her husband, Ken, in Middle Tennessee as part of their visit.

We will also celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Tennessee State Society, which was installed March 7, 1932, in Chattanooga. During the National Fall Board Meeting, I had a chance to page through the early Yearbooks of our National Historians and found several items that document our installation ceremonies and some of the early activities of the State Society and the first chapters to be installed.

I am hoping all members will join us for the Candle Light Supper March 2 to help celebrate this anniversary and the women who supported the early years of our State Society.

### **2017 General Assembly**

The 2017 General Assembly will be held April 9-12 at the Hilton Inn and Suites in Old Alexandria, Virginia. Having battled rising costs at The Mayflower, NSDAC looked for a more affordable location. I am excited to try this new venue and see a different part of the Washington, D.C., area. If you have not attended a General Assembly, this is a great time to plan a D.C. vacation.

I wish you all the joys of friends, family, faith and freedom as we finish 2016.

In DAC Friendship,

*Linda L. Mansur*  
State Regent

# DAC Marker at Reelfoot Lake to be Rededicated

In March 1985, a Tennessee State Society DAC marker was placed and dedicated at Reelfoot Lake. This was the last of three markers by (then) State Regent Mary Whyne Miles during her term (1982-1985).

Over the years, the area where the marker was placed, Air Park Complex, had become more isolated; in recent years, vandals tried to steal the marker.

Luckily, the last vandals weren't successful and the sign was saved by the Reelfoot Lake State Park Maintenance Department and put in the maintenance shed.

The vandalism also got the attention of Ed Mayberry, a member of the Reelfoot Lake Friends Group, who is now spearheading efforts to have the sign cleaned, repaired and reinstalled at Spicer Park in Samburg, Tennessee, on the banks of Reelfoot Lake and next to the Boat House Restaurant.

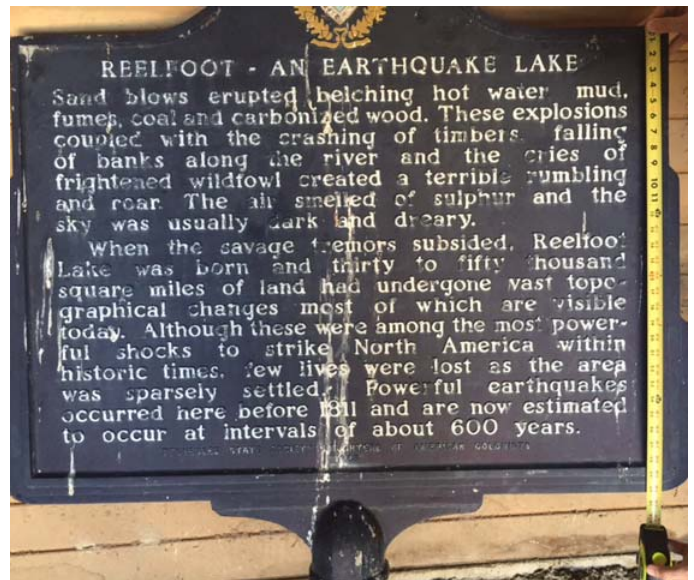
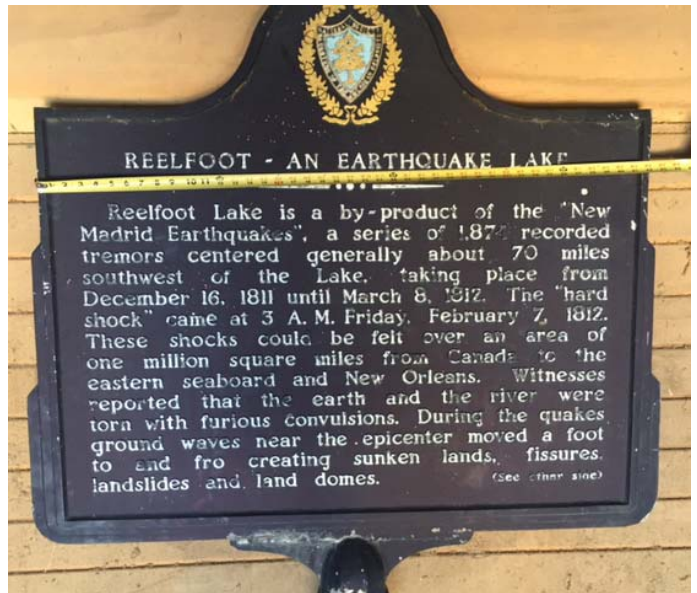
**Save the Date: May 27, 2017**

Plans are under way to rededicate the marker at Reelfoot Lake on Saturday, May 27, 2017, which is during the Memorial Day weekend and will have quite a bit of visitor activity.

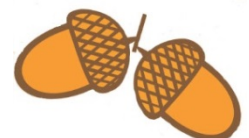
The cost to repair the marker and create a new base is \$1,225. We are very fortunate to already have most of the donations needed to cover those costs.

Donations of \$1,200 have come from Col. Gideon Macon Chapter, Ed and Betty Mayberry, David Laut, Sharon Cunningham, Samburg Tourism and the Spicer Family (on whose property the marker will be located). The Tennessee State Society will cover any additional costs, including a marker noting the efforts and donations from these benefactors, as well as invitations and programs for the rededication. The marker has already been shipped to begin the restoration process.

Chapter Regent Geraldine Sykes and the Col. Gideon Macon Chapter, with the support of the Tennessee State Society, will be helping with the dedication activities. Please plan on joining us next May!



*Pictures of the front and back of the sign, showing some of the damage and repair needed. It will take more than 12 weeks for repairs and repainting.*



## 2016 TSSDAC Summer Board Meeting



*Tennessee State Officers and Honorary State Regents attending the Summer Board meeting, all from left. Front row: Honorary State Regent Aline Roberts, National Vice President Blue Ridge Section and Honorary State Regent Linda D. Dean and State Regent Linda L. Mansur. Back row: Parliamentarian and ex State Regent Charlotte Miller, Librarian Olivia Chandler, Recording Secretary Marilyn Burchett, Chaplain Shirley Hall, Historian Faye Henson, Second Vice Regent Kathryn Ward, First Vice Regent Cindy Waters, Treasurer pro tem Phyllis Carter and Registrar Laura Bales.*

### Another Pin for your DAC Ribbon

The NSDAC Board at its October meeting approved a pin to support the National Headquarters Maintenance Fund. The new pin, to be worn on the NSDAC ribbon, can be purchased with a one-time gift of at least \$500 to the National Headquarters Fund. You can add a bar to the pin with an additional donation of at least \$500.



The cost of the pin (gold filled with blue enamel) from Hamilton will be \$110. The cost for the bar is \$26 and includes engraving.

This is the second pin approved in the past year. A new Member For Member pin was approved in April. Look for more information on the pin after the 2017 General Assembly.

#### Welcome to our Newest Members!

Please welcome our new Tennessee Daughters approved since June 2016:

##### Knoxville Chapter

- Amanda Gayle Roberts

##### Prudence Hall Chapter

- Nancy Ann Dowell Gilley

### Tennessee CAC Chapter Update

The Tennessee Chapter of the National Society Children of the American Colonists (NSCAC) is looking for new members.

There are currently 17 chapter members in the state; however, there has not been much recent activity. The chapter is hoping to be more active in the coming year and is looking for new members of any age.

Once a child joins CAC, they are members until they reach the age of 22. Members of the NSCAC receive training in parliamentary law, conduct business meetings, promote patriotism in the community and participate in patriotic activities.

Programs are presented at meetings, and activities include tours, social events, sports and joint projects with DAC. The 77<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the NSCAC is scheduled for June 15-18 in the St. Louis, Missouri, area.

If you are interested in having your child or grandchild involved in CAC, please reach out to Linda L. Mansur, TSSDAC State Regent, at [llmansur@yahoo.com](mailto:llmansur@yahoo.com).



# Chapter Updates



## Jamestown Chapter

Bettie Gustafson, representing the Jamestown Chapter, presented the JROTC medal to Cadet Jennifer McCullough of the Millington (TN) High School JROTC. Cadet McCullough is deaf.



## Colonia Gideon Macon Chapter

Mary Ann Claxton in October presented the Colonial Education Kit at Lakewood School in Henry County. Some 60 students participated in the sessions, which included learning to write with a quill pen, being able to feel the weight of a musket ball, and learning what a cooper does.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and the activities and stayed actively involved, asking questions and making comments.

The participating teachers have already said they want Mary Ann to come back next year (this is the third year for one of the teachers). The Kit is available by contacting Betty Walton, Patriotic Education State Chairman.



## Middle Plantation Chapter

September 9, 2016, found Middle Plantation Chapter member Carolyn Christian Martin at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, for the unveiling of a monument to honor the fallen soldiers in Viet Nam from the 327 ABN Regiment of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.

792 names are inscribed of the fallen troopers who died between 1965 and 1972. Carolyn's husband, Chet Martin, was a member of the famous ABU Company, 327<sup>th</sup> Regiment from 1961-1963 and went to Viet Nam with these troopers in 1965 as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Unit.

There were more than 200 former and present day troopers at the buffet dinner held on Saturday night at Ft. Campbell's Cole Commons.

