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A Review of 2016 State and General Assembly

It was a busy March and April for DAC. The weather was beautiful for our State Assembly March 3 in Murfreesboro. A month later in April, the weather was crisp in D.C. during General Assembly.

Tennessee State Assembly highlights

It was a full day of reports from our state officers, chairmen and chapter Regents. At the end of the day, it was clear the Tennessee State Society has been busy supporting our veterans, promoting patriotic activities and actively participating in a variety of community projects.

More than 50 award certificates were given to chapters and members for their efforts over the past year. The awards recognized activities ranging from "most activities involving National Defense" to "most certificates presented to JROTC cadets" and "Best education of children on patriotic education." A list of awards and recipients appears later in this newsletter.

Our luncheon speaker was our own Linda D. Dean, National Vice President Blue Ridge Section, who stepped away to change clothes and adopt the persona of Charlotte Reeves Robinson. We learned a lot about Charlotte and her life during a critical time in our State.

The highlight of the Candlelight dinner was our speaker, Sal Gonzales, spokesperson for the Wounded Warrior Project. Sal, a Nashville songwriter, shared his personal experiences after being hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) while on duty in Ramadi, Iraq, in 2004.

During the State Assembly, members and chapters really stepped up to contribute to the Wounded Warriors Project. It was a very proud moment to present Sal with a check for \$1,000 to Wounded Warriors on behalf of the Tennessee State Society and DAC members.

General Assembly

Tennessee chapters were mentioned frequently during national chairmen and officer reports. Tennessee was recognized with 1st place for best state website and 2nd place for best state history book. Col. Gideon Macon Chapter received 1st place awards for chapter web site and chapter history book. At the General Assembly Candlelight Dinner, we heard more about our National President's project with Mt. Vernon and how this technology is engaging young adults and their parents in an important time in history.

It is truly an exciting time for DAC! Our membership numbers are growing both in our state and at the national level.

In DAC Friendship,

Linda L. Mansur
State Regent

Scenes from the 2016 TSSDAC State Assembly



Above left, members socialize after the Candlelight Dinner. Above, right. Linda D. Dean (as Charlotte Robertson Reeves), right and Janie Haynes, Jamestown Chapter Regent. The Jamestown Chapter hosted the State Assembly luncheon while the Prudence Hall Chapter hosted the Candlelight Supper. Below, left, Wounded Warrior Project speaker Sal Gonzales is presented with a check for \$1,000 from DAC chapters and members. Below right, State Registrar Laura Bales, left; and Phyllis Carter, State Treasurer pro tem.



Above: The 2016 State Assembly featured both informative and festive displays. At right, TSSDAC State Officers pose with National Vice President, Blue Ridge Section, Linda Dean, seated second from right.



TSSDAC State Regent Linda L. Mansur, left, and Linda D. Dean, Tennessee Honorary State Regent and current National Vice President Blue Ridge Section, pose with the state flag used during the opening procession of the NSDAC General Assembly.

Campbell Soup Label Program Coming to an End

Participation in the Campbell Soup Co. Labels for Education® has declined. As a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program at the end of July 2016.

TSSDAC Chapters have been collecting soup labels in support of the College of the Ozarks. Members should make sure and bring their collected labels to their chapter College of the Ozarks Chairman so they can be sent in before the July 31 deadline.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Please welcome our new Tennessee Daughters approved since the beginning of 2016:

Jamestown Chapter

- Margaret McClure Buck

Prudence Hall Chapter

- Margaret Jane Staggs Strelecki (Golden Acorn)
- Jennie Jo Hardison
- Sharon Elaine Fann Campbell

Chapter/Member Donations to Wooded Warriors Project

Chapter members gave generously to present a check for \$1,000 to our State Assembly Candlelight Dinner Speaker Sal Gonzales.

Donations came from:

- Tennessee State Society - \$150
- Captain Thomas Jameson - \$100
- Clay Lick - \$25
- Colonel Gideon Macon - \$25
- Jamestown - \$80
- Knoxville - \$25
- Middle Plantation - \$175
- Prudence Hall - \$420

Updating our List of Tennessee Historic Landmarks

The national Historic Landmarks and Memorials Committee is embarking on a large project to capture the location of markers placed by DAC chapters over the years. At the same time, the committee is planning to fund the placement of a new marker in each of the five DAC sections.

Fortunately, Tennessee already had a list, originally compiled in 2002 and updated in 2006 by Honorary State Regent June Dorman. The first marker placed by the Tennessee State Society was on March 8, 1938, at the main entrance to the Washington County Course House in Jonesboro in honor of the memory of Jacob Brown, the first storekeeper in the early State of Franklin and later Tennessee. Since then, more than 30 markers have been placed in 15 Tennessee Counties. A few have been lost or moved as property changed hands or land was developed.

Several chapters have sponsored markers over the years. Over the next two years, the state committee will be asking chapters to visit their markers, check on the condition, update information on the property owner and take a new picture. Our hope is that with this information we can become aware of when a marker is in danger of being lost or in need of repair.

Is there a site that needs a marker? Please contact Bettie Gustafson, State Chairman, with your ideas.

2016 State Assembly Awards

Awards Given by State Officers

First Vice Regent

- Host Chapter Support of TSSDAC State Assembly – Prudence Hall Chapter and Jamestown Chapter

State Historian

- 1st Place Chapter History Book – Col. Gideon Macon
- 2nd Place Chapter History Book - Jamestown

State Librarian

- Most money donated to National Library Fund – Middle Plantation Chapter

State Registrar

- 1st Place most new members – Prudence Hall Chapter
- 2nd Place most new members – Clay Lick Chapter

Awards Given by State Committee Chairmen

American Indian Scholarship Fund

- Most contributions to American Indian Scholarship Fund – Knoxville Chapter

Colonial and Genealogical Records

- 1st Place Most donations to National – Knoxville Chapter
- 2nd Place Most donations to National – Middle Plantation Chapter

College of the Ozarks

- 1st Place most money donated to College of the Ozarks – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 2nd Place most money donated College of the Ozarks – Knoxville Chapter

Colonial Courier

- 1st Place most subscriptions – Jamestown (100%)
- 2nd Place most subscriptions – Prudence Hall
- 3rd Place most subscriptions – Knoxville Chapter
- 1st Place most number of articles in Courier – Prudence Hall
- 2nd Place most number of articles in Courier – Middle Plantation
- 1st Place most donations to Courier – Prudence Hall Chapter

Flag of the USA

- Flag moment during meeting – Middle Plantation Chapter
- Service in the US Navy during WW II – Josephine Soden/Prudence Hall
- Best flag report – Prudence Hall Chapter
- Most flag placed on Veteran's graves – Clay Lick Chapter
- Distributing flags to children at Morton Museum – Olivia Chandler/Jamestown Chapter
- Flag folding ceremony at international paper – Jamestown Chapter

Golden Acorns

- Most number of Golden Acorns – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter

Historic Landmarks and Memorials

- 1st Place most donations to Historic Landmarks and Memorials Committee – Clay Lick
- 2nd Place tie most donations to Historic Landmarks and Memorials Committee – Knoxville Chapter and Prudence Hall Chapter
- 1st Place most donations to Marker Preservation Fund – Clay Lick Chapter

National Awards

- Highest level of monetary awards given to cadets – Knoxville Chapter
- Most certificates presented to JROTC cadets – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter
- Most money donated to National Awards Committee – Middle Plantation Chapter

National Defense

- Most activities involving National Defense – Knoxville Chapter
- Most programs presented to non-DAC groups – Knoxville Chapter
- Most money donated to National Defense – Middle Plantation Chapter

National Headquarters

- Most money to Headquarters Furnishings – Knoxville Chapter
- Most money to Headquarters – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- Most money to Headquarters Maintenance – Prudence Hall Chapter

2016 State Awards (continued)**Patriotic Education**

- 1st Place best chapter program – Knoxville Chapter
- 2nd Place best chapter program – Prudence Hall Chapter
- 1st Place best education of children – Jamestown Chapter
- 2nd Place best education of children – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 3rd Place best education of children – Middle Plantation Chapter
- Most money contributed to Patriotic Education – Middle Plantation Chapter
- 1st Place best use of Colonial Kit – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 2nd Place best use of Colonial Kit – Middle Plantation Chapter

Public Relations

- 1st Place most publicity – Prudence Hall Chapter
- 2nd Place most publicity – Middle Plantation Chapter

Technology/Webmaster

- Best chapter page on state website – Middle Plantation Chapter

Veterans Services

- 1st Place value of items given to veterans – Middle Plantation Chapter
- 2nd Place value of items given to veterans – Clay Lick Chapter
- 3rd Place value of items given to veterans – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 1st Place stitching and craft items – Prudence Hall Chapter
- 1st Place value of items given to adopted veterans – Jamestown Chapter
- 2nd Place value of items given to adopted veterans – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter
- 3rd Place value of items given to adopted veterans – Knoxville Chapter
- 1st Place adopted veterans/soldiers – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter
- 2nd Place adopted veterans/soldiers – Jamestown Chapter
- 3rd Place adopted veterans/soldiers – Knoxville Chapter
- 1st Place contributions to Veterans' Services National Committee – Middle Plantation Chapter
- 2nd Place contributions to Veterans' Services National Committee – Clay Lick Chapter

New Member for Member Pin

At General Assembly a new DAC pin was approved to acknowledge the recruiting efforts of our members.

A member who recruits, provides research assistance and assists with the completion of an application of one prospective member, is eligible to purchase this pin. The NSDAC application form has been updated to include a Member for Member signature line. All chapter registrars should download the new application from the NSDAC web site. You must use the new form to get the member for member credit.

In addition to the pin, a bar can be purchased with five additional members and applications have been approved by the National Registrar.

Watch for a picture of the new pin in the Summer 2016 *Colonial Courier*.

NSDAC Fall Board Meeting to be held at Mt. Vernon

Plans are under way for the October Tour and Fall Board Meeting October 20-22, 2016.

This year the Tour is of the Mount Vernon Estate and includes use of the Agent 711 Revolutionary Spy app for smartphones (which is our National President's Project), a tour of the Gristmill, and a special presentation by a resident Archeology Expert at the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center.

The Fall Board meeting is open to members. If you are interested in attending, please visit the Forms section on the NSDAC Member's website to register and for more information. Or, contact Linda L. Mansur, State Regent.

