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Dear Tennessee Daughters,

Happy Spring! Lots of updates at both the State and National level of DAC. This issue brings you highlights of our meetings in April as well as upcoming events both in Tennessee and nationally.

Tennessee State Assembly highlights

It was a privilege to have National President Phyllis Best Jones as our guest for the 85th State Assembly in March. Members joined Phyllis for barbecue on Wednesday night and there was a full day Thursday of reports and updates on state and chapter activities.

National Veterans Services Chairman Margie Shelton joined us to raise money for veterans projects in the state. There were displays on the Patriotic Education Colonial Kit, Historic Landmarks and Memorials and a celebration of our 85th anniversary with a look back on early state history books and articles from *The Colonial Courier*.

Our luncheon speaker raised awareness of the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation. National President Jones took time to answer our questions regarding NSDAC and her National President's Project following the business session on Thursday. At the end of the day, members gathered at the National President's Suite to just generally enjoy each other.

General Assembly

General Assembly had a new venue and one where it was easy to board the trolley and explore Old Alexandria, Virginia. Embassy Suites provided a wonderful breakfast as well as a social hour each evening that allowed members extra time to get to know each other. Next year's General Assembly will be in the same hotel.

Tennessee Chapters were recognized for their efforts in Veterans Services, Public Relations, Website and History Books. Two new insignia pins were approved and the Fall NSDAC Board Meeting will NOT be in the DC area.

Focus on Historical Markers in Tennessee

Make plans to attend the rededication of the TSSDAC Marker at Reelfoot Lake on Saturday, May 27 (details inside). And, discussions are under way to add a marker at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville to make sure future generations are aware that the red oak TSSDAC planted 70 years ago is now a beautiful and mighty tree and a landmark on campus.

Please visit our state website at www.tssdac.org for chapter updates and other news. I hope to see many of you at our Summer Board Meeting Thursday, August 10, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Murfreesboro.

In DAC Friendship,

Linda L. Mansur

State Regent

2017 TSSDAC State Assembly Highlights



Our luncheon speaker was Antoinette G. van Zelm, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Center for Historic Preservation, at Middle Tennessee State University. Historic Landmarks and Memorials State Chairman Bettie Gustafson presented van Zelm with a Certificate for the Center's work.



Our Tennessee State Society celebrated 85 years since our installation in Chattanooga in 1932.



State Regent Linda Mansur presents National President Phyllis Jones with a certificate from the State of Tennessee making her an Honorary Tennessean.



TSSDAC Daughters joined National President Phyllis Jones (second from left) for dinner at Jim 'N Nick's BBQ Restaurant the evening before State Assembly.



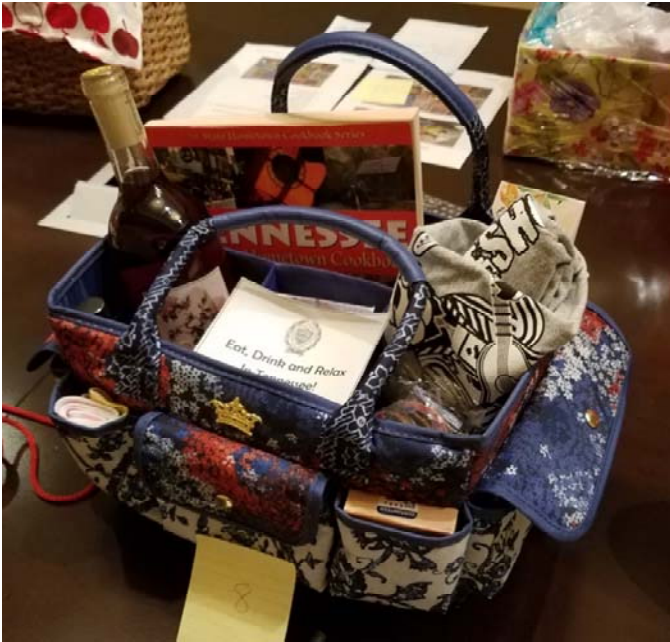
National Veterans Services Chairman Margie Shelton, far right, was busy working on items for sale. \$220 was raised with proceeds benefiting veterans groups in the state. From left, twin sister Barbara Mangrum, Middle Plantation Chapter, and Robin West, who assisted Margie on the project.



On Thursday afternoon, following the close of the business session, National President Phyllis Jones took questions on NSDAC and her National President's Project.



Left, members and guests chatted in the National President's Suite following the Candlelight Supper.



The Tennessee State Society gathered a basket of state goodies as a fundraiser for the Golden Acorns luncheon during General Assembly. The "Eat, drink and relax in Tennessee" basket sold for \$60, with proceeds to benefit The Fisher House. The auction raised more than \$1,000 for the Golden Acorns project.

KY DAC is Supporting the 37th National Veterans Wheelchair Games July 17-22

Veterans from across the US and a team from Great Britain will gather in Cincinnati to participate in the 37th National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG). These games educate newly disabled Veterans on what is possible and that limitations are only a state of mind. The Games are co-presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Kentucky DAC is looking for volunteers for the Archery competition July 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Three Rivers School in Cleves, which is west of Cincinnati. Some 130 volunteers are needed to handle the registration table, offer ice/drinks, pick up arrows or just cheer for the athletes.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let Margie Shelton, National Veterans Services Chairman, know of your interest. You can sign up to volunteer at <http://wheelchairgames.org>. Click on the "Get Involved" tab and then click on volunteer. Make sure you identify yourself with the Kentucky Society DAC so the proper credit is given.

Tennessee Awards From the 2017 General Assembly

- Veterans Services – Outstanding Contribution Award
- Public Relations – Outstanding State Report
- State article in all three 2016 issues of *The Colonial Courier*
- Outstanding Historic Landmarks Web Page on State Website
- Certificate of Appreciation – Prudence Hall Chapter 10+ Yearbook Sales
- 3rd Place – Best State Society Website
- 2nd Place Best Chapter Website – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- Best State Technology Committee Report
- 2nd Place – Best State Historian's Book
- 3rd Place – Best Chapter Historian Book – Jamestown Chapter

TSSDAC Marker to be Rededicated at Reelfoot Lake

We are excited to be rededicating this marker at Reelfoot Lake on Saturday, May 27, at 11 am at Spicer Park in Samburg. Honorary National Vice President and Honorary State Regent Mary Wayne Miles will join local elected officials and representatives of the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency and Bureau of Parks and Conservation in rededicating the marker.

The marker was originally dedicated as part of Mrs. Miles' State Regent's Project in 1985. Since then, the area around the original marker had been largely abandoned and vandals had tried several times to steal the marker for its metal.

The new home for the marker will be at Spicer Park, owned by the Spicer Family and is an active area of Reelfoot Lake.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Please welcome our new Tennessee Daughters approved in April 2017:

Knoxville Chapter

- Bonnie Lenis Frerichs Scheeley

Prudence Hall Chapter

- Sharon Ann Swenson Standifer
- Nancy Johnson Coghlan

2017 State Assembly Awards

Awards Given by State Officers

First Vice Regent

- Host Chapter Support of TSSDAC State Assembly – Knoxville Chapter and Middle Plantation Chapter

State Historian

- 1st Place Chapter History Book – Jamestown Chapter
- 2nd Place Chapter History Book – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 3rd Place Chapter History Book – Prudence Hall Chapter

State Librarian

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

Awards Given by State Committee Chairmen

Colonial and Genealogical Records

- 1st Place most donations to National – Middle Plantation Chapter
- 2nd Place most donations to National – Chattanooga Chapter
- 3rd Place tie most donations to National – Jamestown Chapter, Clay Lick Chapter and Prudence Hall 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 *The Colonial Courier* – Prudence Hall
- 2nd Place most number of articles in *The Colonial Courier* – Middle Plantation
- 1st Place most donations to *The Colonial Courier* – Prudence Hall Chapter

Flag of the USA

- Service in the US Navy during WW II – Josephine Soden/Prudence Hall
- Most flag placed on Veteran's graves – Clay Lick Chapter

- Flag folding ceremony at International Paper – Jamestown Chapter
- Most Chapter Members displaying Flag of the United States – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- Most Programs About the Flag and National Anthem – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter
- Placement of Flags in new Habitat for Humanity Homes – Prudence Hall Chapter

Golden Acorns

- Most number of Golden Acorns – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter
- Most donations to Golden Acorns Fund – Middle Plantation Chapter

Historic Landmarks and Memorials

- Most money donated to Historic Landmarks and Memorial Fund – Jamestown Chapter
- Most money donated to NSDAC Marker Preservation Fund – Middle Plantation Chapter
- Special Award for Tennessee Marker Sleuth – Mary Ann Claxton, Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 1st Place Verifying Tennessee State Historical Markers – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter

National Awards

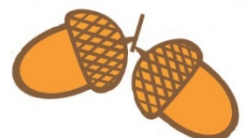
- Most number of ROTC and JROTC Medals Given – Knoxville Chapter
- Most Publicity for ROTC Awards – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter

National Defense

- Active member in the Armed Services – Knoxville Chapter
- Long Program on National Defense – Prudence Hall Chapter
- Most cards sent to soldiers overseas – Knoxville Chapter
- Most money given to NSDAC National Defense Committee – Middle Plantation
- Most JROTC Certificates and Awards given – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter

National Headquarters

- Most money to National Headquarters – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter



2017 State Awards (continued)**Patriotic Education**

- 1st Place: Most Money Donated – Middle Plantation
- 1st Place tie: Programs for Children in the Community – Jamestown Chapter and Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 1st Place: Most Bookmarks Purchased – Prudence Hall Chapter
- Commitment to Preserving the Past for the Future – MTSU Center for Historic Preservation

Public Relations

- 1st Place most publicity – Prudence Hall Chapter
- Best Report – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter

Technology/Webmaster

- Use of Electronic Newsletter to Chapter Members – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter

Veterans Services

- 1st Place value of items given to veterans – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 2nd Place value of items given to veterans – Prudence Hall Chapter
- 3rd Place (tie) value of items given to veterans – Middle Plantation Chapter

- 3rd Place (tie) value of items given to veterans – Clay Lick Chapter
- 1st Place adopted veterans/soldiers – Jamestown Chapter
- 2nd Place adopted veterans/soldiers – Knoxville Chapter
- 3rd Place adopted veterans/soldiers – Captain Thomas Jameson Chapter
- 1st Place contributions to Veterans Services National Committee – Middle Plantation Chapter
- 2nd Place contributions to Veterans Services National Committee – Clay Lick Chapter
- 3rd Place contributions to Veterans Services National Committee – Jamestown Chapter
- 1st Place Veterans Services Thank You Cards – Knoxville Chapter
- 2nd Place Veterans Services Thank You Cards – Captain Thomas Jameson
- 1st Place Wounded Warriors Donations – Col. Gideon Macon Chapter
- 2nd Place Wounded Warriors Donations – Prudence Hall Chapter
- Active Duty TSSDAC Member – LTC C. Mary Ann Bowery (currently deployed to Kuwait)

New Insignia Approved

Two new insignia pins have been approved by the NSDAC Board to wear on the official NSDAC insignia ribbon.

Members can purchase a National Headquarters Maintenance pin for a \$500 one-time donation to the National Headquarters fund; an additional bar can be purchased with an additional \$500 donation.

Members can purchase a National President's Project pin for a donation of \$100 to the National President's Project; for an additional \$100 donation members can add a bar with the National President's name on it.

The Headquarters Maintenance pin is currently available from Hamilton Jewelers. The National President's Project pin is being finalized.

NSDAC Fall Board Meeting to be held at Salt Lake City

This year's October Tour and Fall Board Meeting will be October 19-22, 2017, in Salt Lake City, Utah. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown at City Creek.

Plans include a guide tour of Temple Square and the Family History Library, rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Guided Tour of the Utah State Capitol and, of course, time to do some research.

The Executive Committee will meet October 20 with the Fall Board meeting October 21. The 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.