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Dear Tennessee Daughters,

As this reaches you, I hope your holiday shopping is finished and you are starting to relax with family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for; with all the hustle and bustle this time of year, I hope you take a few minutes to reflect on our incredible American Heritage and those who paved the way for our many freedoms. Here's to a bright 2018!

This will be my last letter as State Regent. The last three years have flown by and it has been a privilege to serve you. I am so proud of all that our chapters have accomplished and your focus on giving back to the community and raising awareness of DAC.

A huge thanks to my State Officers for your dedication and counsel. To my State Committee Chairs, thank you so much for telling the story of our Tennessee Daughters to your National Chairmen. Our accomplishments are continually highlighted in their national reports.

We have been able to update the list of our historic landmarks and memorials in the state (thank you, Bettie!). We will publish an updated record of their locations that will be available for printing or sharing electronically. Our marker rededication at Reelfoot Lake in May was a great event, thanks to so many people who assisted in the preparations.

86th State Assembly

Our 2018 State Assembly will be held Thursday, March 1, again in Murfreesboro at the Doubletree by Hilton. Our luncheon speaker will be Debra York, Executive Director of the Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation. I am so pleased it fit in her schedule to travel to speak to us. We have been recognizing a Cadet at the Alvin C. York Institute for more than five years.

The nominating committee has presented an incredible slate of officers for 2018-2021. They will be installed by Linda Dean, National Vice President Blue Ridge Section, our Honorary State Regent and our Candlelight Supper speaker. Please plan on attending all or part of the day to hear our luncheon speaker, our state officer and committee reports and to hear from our Tennessee Chapters.

Please visit our state website at www.tssdac.org for chapter updates and other news. I look forward to seeing you in March.

In DAC Friendship,

Linda L. Mansur

State Regent

2017 National Fall Board Meeting in Salt Lake city

More than 45 DAC Daughters attended the 2017 NSDAC Board Meeting October 19-21 in Salt Lake City, Utah. A great way to combine a little research with getting to know other Daughters and our National Officers.

The Tennessee State Society has three members attend: State Regent Linda Mansur, Honorary State Regent June Dorman and State Public Relations Chair Carolyn Christian Martin.

Tennessee State Assembly March 1 in Murfreesboro

Please plan on attending the 2018 Tennessee State Assembly March 1 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Our luncheon speaker will be Deborah York, Executive Director of the Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation. Our speaker for our Candlelight Supper will be our own Linda Dean, Honorary State Regent and National Vice President Blue Ridge Section. Our evening event will include installation of officers for 2018-2021.

Please plan to attend all or part of the day; most of the day is open to both members and guests. Chapter Regents and the State Board have a copy of the Call, which was sent out the week of December 18.



Above, June Dorman, left, and Carolyn Christian Martin attending the luncheon at The Lion House at Temple Square in Salt Lake City. Below, State Regent Linda Mansur joined members and guests for a tour of the Utah State Capitol.



NSCAC 77th General Assembly in St. Charles, Missouri

Members of the Tennessee State Society attended the 77th General Assembly of the National Society Children of the American Colonists (NSCAC) held in June in St. Charles, Missouri. Tennessee CAC Member Molly Mangrum was elected National Librarian.

Middle Plantation Chapter member Barbara Mangrum (grandmother of Molly) will serve as Tennessee State Advisor for 2017-2019. Her twin sister, Margie Shelton, NSDAC National Veterans Services Chairman, will serve as NSCAC Adult Advisory Council Chairman also for 2017-2019.



From left, Molly Mangrum; grandmother Barbara Mangrum, Middle Plantation Chapter; Margie Shelton, NSCAC Adult Advisor Chairman; and Linda Mansur, Tennessee State Regent.

TSSDAC Marker Rededication at Reelfoot Lake

The Tennessee State Society rededicated a Historical Marker at Reelfoot Lake over the Memorial Day Weekend, 32 years after the original dedication. The rededication ceremonies were held May 27, 2017, at Spicer Park in Samburg, Tennessee, as part of the weekend holiday celebration.

The marker was originally placed and dedicated in 1985 at another location in the Reelfoot Lake area, which borders Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. State Regent Mrs. Charles W. Miles III dedicated the marker as part of her State Regent Project. Area changes and development caused the original marker area to see less traffic and activity and vandals began attacking and trying to steal the marker. Two area community members, David Laut and Ed Mayberry, decided the marker should be saved and relocated to an active area. They began a campaign to raise funds to restore the marker and place it at Spicer Park.

The marker was secured and sent to its original manufacturer for restoration in late 2016. The marker tells the story of Reelfoot Lake, a by-product of the New Madrid Earthquakes. A series of 1,874 tremors were recorded from December 16, 1811, until March 8, 1812. When the tremors subsided, Reelfoot Lake was born and thirty to fifty thousand square miles of land underwent vast topographical changes.



The story on the marker has more than 230 words, filling both sides.

Col. Gideon Macon Chapter members were integral to the support and planning of the marker rededication and contributed money to the restoration. Other contributors included Ed and Betty Mayberry, David M. Laut, The Spicer Family, Samburg Tourism and Sharon Shaw Cunningham.

More than 75 people attended the rededication, including representatives from the Tennessee Bureau of Parks and Conservation, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and state and county elected officials. The marker dedication was led by Bettie Gustafson, State Historic Landmarks and Memorials Chairman. Mrs. Miles, Honorary State Regent and NSDAC Honorary National Vice President, assisted in the unveiling of the marker she dedicated back in 1985.

Col. Gideon Macon Chapter Regent Geraldine Sykes presented Mr. Laut and Mr. Mayberry with a NSDAC Medal of Award and Certificate for their efforts and hard work. DAC received much publicity and recognition on area flyers and posters. The marker is striking with its black background, white lettering and blue and gold NSDAC logo at the top.



Left, NSDAC Honorary Vice President and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Charles W. Miles III, was able to help re-dedicate the marker she originally established during her term as Tennessee State Regent. Above, Col. Gideon Macon Chapter Regent Geraldine Sykes, presents a Medal of Award and Certificate to David M. Laut, left, and Ed Mayberry, for their efforts to save the marker and move it to a prominent spot on Reelfoot Lake.

Prudence Hall Chapter Partners with Habitat for Humanity

Prudence Hall Chapter undertook a three-year project to furnish large American Flags to fly on the 10 houses that Habitat for Humanity built each year for deserving families who could not otherwise afford a home.

This project encompassed Maury and Williamson Counties in Middle Tennessee. Funds were raised by a silent auction to raise the \$200 each year it took to purchase the flags. The chapter raised awareness of NSDAC and the volunteer work they do in our communities. Prudence Hall Chapter is listed as a contributor for each of the homes and also received media coverage in three local newspapers.



The Reed, Claiborne and Baugh Families are recipients of new homes and a flag from Prudence Hall Chapter.

Col. Gideon Macon Brings DAC Colonial Kits to Henry County

Col. Gideon Macon Chapter Registrar Mary Ann Claxton presented the DAC Colonial Education Kit to all Fourth Grade students in the three Henry County elementary schools during the week of Oct. 23.

Students watched a PowerPoint presentation giving information from the kit notebook and then broke into groups to try their hand at writing with a quill, playing marbles, and swinging a ball into a cup on a stick as well as getting to hold a musket, feel animal furs and match careers with a picture of their product.



Students in Mrs. Hill's class at Harrleson School try their hand at writing with a quill with assistance from Chapter Registrar Mary Ann Claxton.

Middle Plantation Hosts Honor Flight Chairman

The Middle Plantation Chapter hosted speaker Mike Flood at its September 2017 meeting. Mr. Flood is Chairman of the Screaming Eagles Honor Flight, located in Clarksville, and flies from the Nashville Airport. He spoke about the history of the Honor Flight program nationally and how the Screaming Eagles group began. The Middle Plantation Chapter is sponsoring a woman veteran for the Screaming Eagles Honor Flight in the Spring of 2018.



Mike Flood, left, Chairman of the Screaming Eagles Honor Flight, and Middle Plantation Chapter Regent Sue Groves.