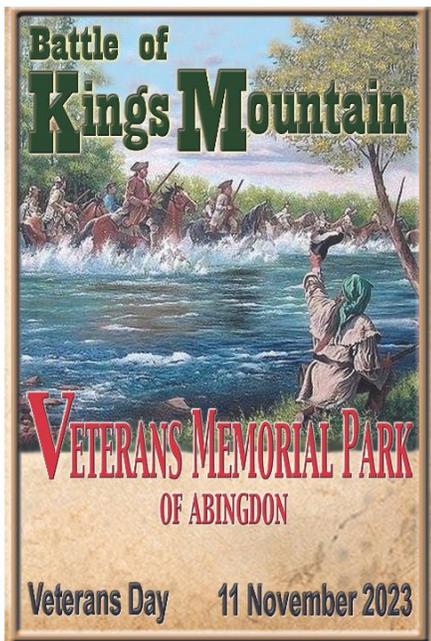


General William Campbell Chapter Newsletter

Frontier Region of the Virginia SAR

December 31, 2023



VETERANS DAY-11 NOVEMBER 2023

STEVE RICKER



Steve Ricker was born and raised in a small town in eastern Tennessee. Steve has always had a very deep interest in American history. He researched early Native American tribes all across the country. He's gifted with the ability to recreate museum quality, native American and frontier accouterments and beautiful works of art. Steve has pieces in museums and fine art galleries as well as collections around the world. Steve became involved with the Overmountain Victory Trail Association in 2006. He began participating in their march to Kings Mountain annually.

This year will be 19 years of marching and programming for the public and thousands of school children. Steve helps tell the story of the Overmountain Men and the march to Kings Mountain during the American Revolutionary War. Steve is a gifted storyteller as well. He has been published in Cambridge's Who's Who and received a lifetime achievement award from the East Tennessee Historical Society. He received a Patriot Award from the National Park Service and various other awards. Steve is a devoted husband, dad and grandfather.

"It's my dream to kindle a spark from the past into a flame for the future!"

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 11 November 2023
Abingdon, Virginia

Procession Appalachian Highlanders Pipes & Drums,
Sons of the American Revolution
Overmountain Victory Trail Assn.
Daughters of the American Revolution

Posting of Colors Washington County Sheriff's Department
Honor Guard

Invocation Jack McCrady
U.S. Coast Guard, Vet.

"National Anthem" Trish Chaney

Pledge of Allegiance Dwayne Anderson
Abingdon Town Council Member

**Welcome by Master of Ceremonies
& Introduction of Guest Speaker** Col. John L. Bradley, III
U.S. Air Force, Ret.

Guest Speaker Steve Ricker

Memorial Tree Dedications Col. John L. Bradley, III

"Amazing Grace" & Wreath Dedication Muster Grounds Music
Michael Henningsen
U.S. Navy, Vet.
Brian K. Rieck
U.S. Navy, Vet.

**Observance of Moment of Silence & Gun Salute
in Remembrance of Our Fallen War Heroes**
Sons of the American Revolution / Overmountain Victory Trail Association

"Taps" Michael Henningsen
Brian K. Rieck

Retirement of Colors Washington County Sheriff's Department
Honor Guard

"God Bless America" Trish Chaney

Concluding Remarks Col. John L. Bradley, III

OVTA (Over-Mountain Victory Trail Association), SAR, and DAR members joined this annual community-wide event in Abingdon in a procession, laying and saluting wreaths and providing a volley of fire in memory of fallen heroes. Unfortunately, featured speaker Steve Ricker could not be present, but David Doane, TN SAR and OVTA, filled in admirably. High praise for this year's program and for the many groups that contributed to its success. "This was the best ever!"



Keynote speaker Dave Doane; in the middle seated Col John Bradley, prospective SAR member; on the far right Lee Saunders, SAR compatriot; on the left Emmitt Yeary, also in beige coat, SAR compatriot



New part of the program was the laying and saluting the wreaths by DAR, SAR and OVTA.

Below is the traditional volley of fire in memory of those patriots/veterans who paid the ultimate price.





Dr Michael Weyler, VA SAR Vice President; Dave Doane TN SAR; Beth Henningsen, DAR chapter Regent; John Gullion, SAR Chapter President; Dr Carole Mask, Vice Regent.

Christmas Luncheon at Glenrochie Country Club

December 2, 2023



Saturday, December 2, 2023

DAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tickets are \$25 for members and guests

Please send payment to Doris Wells or bring it to the meeting on November 21. We need to have a final head count by November 22. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Doris Wells
18423 Cedar Creek Road
Meadowview, VA. 24381-2747

Where: **Glenrochie
Country Club**
200 Clubhouse Dr.
Abingdon, VA

When: **11:00 am**

All are welcome, we
enjoy gathering with
our good friends at
this time

Christmas Story
Telling

250th
Anniversary of
Boston Tea Party

BLACK'S FORT CHAPTER
NSDAR

Black's Fort Chapter DAR with the Gen Wm Campbell Chapter SAR Luncheon celebrating the 250 th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party

Members of the Gen Wm Campbell Chapter SAR were pleased to join in support of the Black's Fort Chapter of the DAR in their Christmas luncheon buffet at the Glenrochie Country Club in Abingdon, VA on Saturday December 2, 2023. Members and guests celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Dr. Carole Mask provided wonderful Christmas music on her harp before and during the luncheon. She had given each a multiple-choice quiz on the Boston Tea Party—the people, places, events, and other related historical information. The high scorers on the quiz were to take a poinsettia, center pieces on the tables.

Dr. Mask led the DAR and SAR members and guests in a delightful song, “The Boston Tea Party”; she sang with all others repeating the last line of each of the several verses.

Christmas at the Muster Grounds OVTA

09 December 2023



Saturday, December 9, 2023, was a time of education and celebration at the Muster Grounds in Abingdon, Virginia. Several learning stations were set up for the public to attend. These stations ranged from storytelling and old-time Christmas ornament, a pomander (from Eastern Virginia, not found on the Frontier in 1780), to talks on Revolutionary War weapons. The SAR Patriot Chest materials were on display as well as the Hopkinson flag and the 250th anniversary flag. Outside children participated in tomahawk throwing, candle making, corn husk doll making, and colonial ring toss games. Michael Henningson made a special appearance as the original St. Nick.





At the conclusion of the educational festivities, a Christmas dinner followed. This included turkey and all the trimmings! We all ate and drank soft drinks and water until we could eat no more! We all decided to bless a few families in need during this holiday season with an entire turkey dinner that was still unopened!

Regular Chapter meeting Dec 19



Present were Tom Vaughan, President Ernie Coggins, John Gullion, Dr Kevin Combs, Rob Richmond, and Gart Jackson.



On the left Chris Menerick receives his rosette after being inducted as a member of the SAR by VASAR President Ernie Coggins. To the right the officers are installed by VASAR President Coggins. From left to right, Dr Kevin Combs, Vice President; Michael Shaver, Historian, Registrar; John Gullion, President. Dave Carr Chaplain and John Britton Secretary/Treasurer were absent.

Tazewell Veteran Appreciation Certificate Ceremony December 2023



December 30th kicked off the first of many veteran's appreciation certificate ceremonies in honor of America's 250th anniversary of independence! While the weather did not cooperate to allow everyone who was invited to attend the event, we still had a great turnout. A total of 10 veterans attended with their families and friends for a total of 22 people, not including the SAR members. The oldest in attendance was a Korean War veteran who was 90 years old.

While other Sons of the American Revolution chapters were invited, only the General William Campbell chapter in Abingdon was in attendance and formed the color guard unit for this event. Among them were John Gullion, John Britton, and Dr Kevin Combs. Kevin was the master of ceremonies for this event and read off not only the names of the persons present to receive this certificate of appreciation, but also recognized the veterans not in attendance due to weather conditions. John Gullion called for a moment of silence to honor the three veterans who were interested in receiving this certificate but passed away prior to this ceremony. John Gullion gave the SAR pledge and recessional, and also gave a brief history of the SAR for all in attendance. John Britton rendered the invocation and then later the benediction. A luncheon was provided for all in attendance, concluding this ceremony.

