

# Andrew Jackson Chapter

## Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
in celebration of Veterans' Day

3 December 2015

The dinner meeting was held at The Woman's Club of Nashville and 24 people attended. The following members and guests were there:

Darryl & Mary Addington	Fred Weyler	John & Dorothy Steen
Coplin & Sandra Curtis	Amanda Dunagan	Sanford & Beverly Payton
Ralph & Virginia DeMarco	Roy Miles	Andre Sanders
Bill McKee	Bill Armstead	Lisa Sanders
Cliff McKee	Lewis & Carole Moorner	Dan Eskew
Frank Jones	Bob and Frances Nash	

President Sanford Payton called the meeting to order at 6:00, and Chaplain Emeritus Rev. Dr. John Steen gave the invocation. Bob Nash led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Cliff McKee led the Pledge to the SAR. Treasurer Ralph DeMarco welcomed our guest; Dr. Darryl and Mary Addington, Bill Armstead, Andre Sanders, and Lisa Sanders. Welcome all!

President Sanford Payton's announcements included information pertaining to Founder's Day, specifically this chapter was formed in December 3, 1923 and is the third oldest in the state. In fact, this is our 552<sup>nd</sup> chapter meeting! Also, our chapter coffee cups have arrived and are for sale for \$10. SAR calendars are ordered and should arrive soon.

At noon on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> the Andrew Jackson chapter will hold a Wreaths Across America event at Nashville City Cemetery. We will place wreaths on the graves of all Revolutionary War Veterans buried in that cemetery. Our color guard will post the colors, and Dr. Bill McKee will explain Nashville's strong connection to Colonial America. Names of the Revolutionary soldiers will be read, and "Taps" will be played to end the ceremony. Other SAR groups will help lay wreaths on veteran's graves at Nashville National Cemetery in Madison and Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery off McCrory Lane. We encourage everyone to join us in the meaningful event.

Next, Sanford announced the passing of Louise Kellogg, mother of former Andrew Jackson Chapter President Maurice Kellogg. Mrs. Kellogg led a very active life and was active in the DAR, becoming Vice President General of the National Society. A tribute to her life, written by Maurice, was placed at the seat of everyone present. We extend our condolences to the Kellogg family.

Webmaster Fred Weyler spoke briefly about the Battle of Kings Mountain project he is spearheading. He continues to look for volunteers to proofread research and to conduct preliminary or in-depth research. In addition, Fred informed those present of the chapter website, AJSAR.ORG, and all the valuable information available to everyone.

Finally, Fred reminded us of the upcoming special meeting in which a FREE presentation will take place in The Hermitage theatre on January 14, 2016. The event will start at 7 p.m. and will feature

award winning author and storyteller Randell Jones. Dr. Jones will present the story of the campaign of the Overmountain Men in pursuit of the threatening Major Patrick Ferguson and his army of Americans who fought for England. Randell is the author of *Before They Were Heroes at King's Mountain* and also *A Guide to the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail*.

Following an outstanding dinner, Sanford presented the Law Enforcement Medal to Andre Sanders, a Goodlettsville, TN Police Officer. While off duty, Mr. Sanders chased two armed robbers in downtown Nashville. Despite being shot at, Mr. Sanders apprehended the suspects holding them until Nashville Police arrived. We congratulate Mr. Sanders for his service and truly heroic actions. We were very pleased to have his mother, Lisa Sanders, in attendance.

In Maurice Kellogg's absence, Sanford began our program to officially transfer the chapter chaplain duties from Rev. Dr. John Warren Steen, Jr. to Coplin Curtis. Dr. Steen is a long-time chapter member and is presently the Tennessee State Society Chaplain Emeritus as well as Chaplain Emeritus of the Andrew Jackson chapter.

Using a bible purchased by the chapter and rebound in Revolutionary War period fashion, Dr. Steen officially transferred chaplain duties to Colin Curtis. Following the transfer of duties, remarks were made to honor Dr. Steen's service and friendship. Treasurer Bob Nash began by speaking to the interesting conversations he enjoyed with Dr. Steen through the years and how much he enjoyed Dr. Steen's company. Next, past State and Chapter president Roy Miles provided humorous stories highlighting Dr. Steen's wit and fun personality. Sanford then read heartfelt messages from Larry McClanahan and Paul White. Lastly, TNSSAR President Dr. Darryl Addington presented Dr. Steen with the Silver Good Citizenship award, the first time Dr. Addington has given such an award. We were honored by Dr. Steen's presence, appreciate his service and friendship, and wish him well in the future

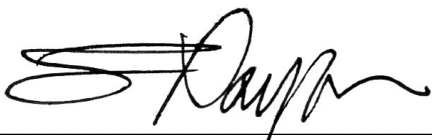
Afterwards, President Payton asked if Fred Weyler would lead us in the Recessional. Next, Chaplin Copland Curtis gave the benediction. President Payton then asked for a motion and second for adjournment. Receiving both, he declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes have been approved by the Executive Committee.



(Signed)

Dan Eskew, Secretary, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR



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Sanford Payton, President, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR