

# 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

18 January 2016

The dinner meeting was held at The Woman's Club of Nashville and 23 people attended. The following members and guests were there:

Ralph & Virginia DeMarco  
Natalie & Mrs. DeRoche  
Amanda Dunagan  
Dan Eskew  
Robert Halliburton  
Daniel Harris

Frank Jones  
Maurice Kellogg  
Eric & Seth Mann  
Guerry McComas  
Elizabeth McComas  
Lewis & Carole Moorer

Bob and Frances Nash  
Sanford & Beverly Payton  
John Thurman  
Fred Weyler  
Paul White

President Sanford Payton called the meeting to order at 6:00 and welcomed everyone, especially our honored guests. Compatriot Lewis Moorer gave the invocation, Robert Halliburton led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sanford led the Pledge to the SAR. Treasurer Ralph DeMarco welcomed our guest; Natalie and Mrs. DeRoche; Seth & Eric Mann. Welcome all!

Following an outstanding dinner, Sanford introduced our essay award winners. Natalie DeRoche and Seth Mann. Natalie is the winner of the Andrew Jackson Chapter Knight Essay Contest and is an honor student at St. Cecilia Academy where she has won many honors for her scholarship, leadership, and extracurricular activities. She has received the Dominican-Cross Service Award for the past 2 years and is in position to win it again this year. All this while taking 7 honors and 7 AP classes (including AP European History and AP US History). She has been on the Principal's List all 4 years and is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Language Honor Society (Spanish), and Mu Alpha Theta (the National Mathematics Honor Society). Her ultimate goal is to become a pediatric neurologist.

Natalie read her award winning essay entitled "George Washington's Bold Decision" where she expertly explained the General's farsighted yet controversial decision to inoculate the Continental army against the smallpox virus. Following her presentation, Sanford presented Natalie with the Andrew Jackson SAR Knight Essay winner certificate and medal, and our chapter's coffee cup and calendar.

Our next honoree was Seth Mann. Winner of the Andrew Jackson Chapter Eagle Scout Essay contest, Seth has been in Scouting for 10 years and earned his Eagle Scout rank on October 1 of 2015. A remarkable achievement considering only one of every 100 who enter scouting achieve this rank. Our winner has earned 12 merit badges, in addition to leadership roles in a wide range of sports, volunteer, and academic work. He is also in the National Math Honor Society.

Seth read his winning essay entitled "The Importance of Thomas Jefferson" telling the attendees of the profound influence has had our country and how he still influences leaders of today. Sanford presented Seth with Andrew Jackson SAR Eagle Scout Essay winner certificate and medal, along with our

chapter's coffee cup and calendar. Both Natalie and Seth were given Webmaster Fred Weyler's book, "All the King's Horses at King's Mountain" and Fred graciously signed both copies. We congratulate both Natalie and Seth and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Next, Sanford introduced former chapter President, Maurice Kellogg. Compatriot Kellogg gave a fascinating account of the history of Revolutionary Era flags by describing the meaning and design of four flags: Sons of Liberty Flag, Grand Union Flag, Thirteen Star Flag, and Washington's Personal Flag. We not only thank Maurice for his outstanding presentation and work through the years, we wish to recognize his considerable contributions to the local area. Maurice cofounded the Middle Tennessee History Coalition and continues his work at Mansker's Station. He appears in Revolutionary era uniforms or civilian clothing before hundreds of school children (more than 3,000 last year) and shows and tells them about early America. He also shares his work with our chapter where he records his appearances as a member of our chapter and allows us to earn hundreds of points toward our Americanism work. Thank you Compatriot Kellogg for your love of our country's ideals and history, and your willingness to ensure others, especially young people, are made aware of what we all hold dear.

Afterwards, President Payton asked if Dan Eskew would lead us in the Recessional. Next, Lewis Moorer 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.



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Dan Eskew, Secretary, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR



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Sanford Payton, President, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR