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Founder of Louisville

# The Long Rifleman

## Louisville-Thruston Chapter



Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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### President's Message

We hope everyone is safe during these very trying times. The Coronavirus has caused us all to stay at home to not catch or spread the virus. Hopefully the lockdown will be over soon. Until then we must all do our part to stop the spread.

Because of the virus we have canceled our Flag Day luncheon, that was scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at The Louisville Boat Club. We hate to do this, but safety of our members requires us to do so.

Presently our next scheduled event will be the Constitution Day Luncheon, scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at Big Springs Country Club. This is a joint luncheon with the Daughters of the American Revolution. Our guest speaker will be author, historian and Baptist preacher Geoff Baggett. Compatriot Baggett is a resident of Trigg County, KY and a native of Brownsville, TN. He holds diplomas and degrees from the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences in Ft. Sam Houston, TX, Union University in Jackson, TN, Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, GA and the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY. Geoff has served as Senior Pastor of the Crossroads Fellowship (Southern Baptist Convention) in Cadiz, KY since 2002.

Though his formal education has been in chemistry, biology and Christian theology, his hobbies and obsessions are genealogy and Revolutionary War history. He is an active member of SAR, having served as President of the Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz (2013-2016). He is a Past President of the Kentucky Society and currently serving as Chaplain of our Kentucky Society.

Through his personal research, Geoff has discovered and proven twenty Patriot Ancestors in his family tree from the states of Virginia,



Mike Phelps

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North and South Carolina and Georgia. He has written and published four historical novels. His first novel, *Brothers and Warriors*, received the 2016 Gold Award for Best Historical Fiction from the National Literary Habitat.

Geoff is an avid living historian, appearing regularly in period uniform in classrooms, reenactments and other Revolutionary War commemorative events throughout the southeastern U.S. Many of you will recall his delightful talk entitled "A Tale of Two Revolutionary War Christmas 1777" given at our 2018 Christmas Dinner. More information to follow concerning his upcoming talk. Please don't miss this event. As this is a joint luncheon with the DAR, we hope to have a large SAR turnout. Geoff is a very interesting and entertaining speaker.

Remember if you have sons and other male relatives that want to join the SAR it is relatively simple for them. By using your application other members of your family can join using as little as their birth certificate. Membership for family members also make great gifts. I want to continue to emphasize to you, encourage our new members to become involved with the Chapter. Come and support our chapter in attractive surroundings, with great food and good company. A great way to get out of the house.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Mike Phelps-President

## Looking for Leadership

### **We are in need of service from our membership.**

In lieu of Bill Cook's death we have to fill the office of Second Vice President. This office has a the important responsibility for our Chapter.

According to our By-Laws :

Section 3. The Second Vice-President shall act in the absence of the First Vice-President. He shall serve as Chairman of the Chapter Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Chairman of the Membership Committee and Chairman of the Chapter Eagle Scout Essay Contest.

Please contact Mike Phelps or Howard Roberson if you are interested. We appreciate your interest in serving our chapter.

Howard Roberson Webmaster

## Upcoming Events

**National Society  
Sons of the American  
Revolution**

<http://www.sar.org>

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Visit our website at:  
<http://louthrustonsar.org>

**Bill Cook Memorial** Postponed until September at Owl Creek CC

**Annual Meeting Luncheon** April 11, 2020 at Owl Creek CC Canceled

**BOG Meeting** May 9, 2020 Canceled due to Covid19 Pandemic

**Flag Day Luncheon** June 13, 2020  
Canceled due to Covid19 pandemic

**BOG Meeting** August 8, 2020 St Andrews United Church of Christ,  
2608 Browns Lane, Louisville. 10:00 AM

**BOG Meeting** November 14, 2020 St Andrews United Church of  
Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, Louisville. 10:00 AM

**Holiday Dinner** Dec.11 2020 Louisville Boat Club TBD

## In Memory of



Consider joining our  
Color Guard and help  
us keep history alive!

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for the latest  
news and announce-  
ments. There you can  
find past newsletters,  
photos, and  
upcoming events of  
interest to members.



**James Robert Bentley**  
died April 8, 2020  
age 78

James Robert Bentley, 78, was laid to rest in the Rite of Episcopal burial in Cave Hill Cemetery on the afternoon of Saturday, April 18, 2020. Jim died peacefully at his home Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

The following link to his obit will share all his contributions to Louisville.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/louisville/obituary.aspx?n=james-robert-bentley&pid=196064087&fhid=4753>