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The Long Rifleman

Louisville-Thruston Chapter



Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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President's Message

Fellow Compatriots, we live in very challenging times, not unlike our forefathers who faced similar societal and political challenges leading up to, during and after the American Revolution. Our membership in the NSSAR was purchased by those generations long ago who placed the principals set forth in our Declaration of Independence above personal gain to endure the hardships that would birth a new social and political contract between the individual and their government. It began a trial in self-government, without a sovereign prince, that has



Robert Silverthorn

groaned and adapted over the next 200 years. Each generation adding its voice to this grand experience in what we call a Constitutional Republic.

My question to you is why did you choose to join the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution? Your Board of Governors will share their reasons at our Flag Day Luncheon to be held on June 19, 2021 at 11:30 am, at the Louisville Boat Club. The BOG invites each of you to come and share your reasons as well. From them we can set a Course for the Louisville-Thruston Chapter to meet your expectations. We hope that that Course will Engage you in the patriotic, historical and education objects set forth in the Chapters Constitution. To rediscover what it was that brought us together. To share with others, particularly the youth of our Commonwealth, what are the purposes of a more perfect Union set out in the Preamble to the Constitution, what were the injunctions of President Washington in his Farewell Address, and what is a Constitutional Republic, Federalism and Capitalism.

That Course will also seek to unite and promote fellowship among us as descendants of those revolutionaries. To learn of our individual interest and talents so that each of us can find a place to contribute to the Chapter. The BOG has committed to listen to you and hear your ideas on how to fulfill our purpose and yours as well. We will communicate with you enthusiastically through Webinars, virtual and in person events, we will commit to educating and recognizing our young people, we will build strength by expanding participation and membership.

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We are a Nation, dare say a Culture, those Motto "E pluribus Unum", "Out of Many, One", inspires us to our Founding Fathers dream. If we, the descendants of those men and women do not carry to the next generation their hopes and dreams for America, who will? Now is the time to find time to join in this work. We look forward to finding the best seat for you on this Bus that so you can be fulfilled in your contribution to this most important work. Liberatas!!

Up Coming Events

Flag Day Luncheon Saturday, June 19, 2021 Louisville Boat Club

Saturday, Aug 14, 2021 BOG Meeting 10:00 TBD

Constitution Day Luncheon Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 TBD

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 BOG Meeting TBD

Christmas Dinner meeting Friday, Dec 10, 2021 TBD

Annual Meeting with ZOOM

2021 Annual meeting was held via Zoom April 10, 2021. The meeting was for the purpose of installing new officers and presenting the Arther M and Bernea King Essay Boy Scout Award winner. This years winner was Brian Jacob Schwartz . He gave his outstanding speech about the revolutionary war to all who attended the zoom meeting. The ROTC Award was presented by Robert Silverthorn at an ROTC ceremony prior to the Annual Meeting.

The officers installed for the 2021-2023 term were.

Robert Silverthorn President

C. David Rummler 1st Vice president

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Along with the officers who held the positions previously:

Secretary Chris Johnson
 Treasurer Lowell Collard
 Registrar John Bonderant
 Chancelor Jim Barr
 Historian Doug Collins
 Chaplin Sonny Smith
 Color Guard Commander Chris Johnson
 Webmaster Howard Roberson



Outstanding Cadet ROTC Award presentation by Robert Silverthorn to Cadet Link and Cadet Pinto.



King Essay Contest winner Brian Jacob Swartz presented by Robert Silverthorn.

Get to Know Your Fellow Members



Howard Lee Roberson

I was born in Toledo Ohio in 1948 and raised with 4 brothers and sisters in small town of Samaria, Michigan where most people were related to me. While growing up I learned to play all sports in the park next to our home where we would meet each day for softball, baseball, football, basketball and hockey.

Our family also shot in archery competitions where my mom was National NFAA Free Style Champion in 1959 and 1960.

I attended a small Methodist church in Samaria that had my ancestor's names on the stained-glass windows. There I learned to sing and met my girl-friend Nancy Ann Simmons. In school I enjoyed science, math, and nature. While attending high school at Temperance Bedford, a consolidated school of 3 small towns, I played football, cross country, basketball,

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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.

track and baseball and sang in the school chorus. I loved being active.

After high school I attended a small Methodist College called Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. Nancy and I were married at Adrian College Chapel in 1969.

One of the rituals in Samaria was the Johnston Reunion that had been held every Thanksgiving for 100 consecutive years. It was attending the reunions that Nancy developed her passion of genealogy as the family's historian. Later Nancy would prove my lineage to the Mayflower and verify my ancestry to join the Sons of the American Revolution, War of 1812 and the Society of Colonial Wars.

I finished my college education at Michigan State University obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, physics, and chemistry. At Bath Community Schools I taught science, math, and later computer science classes. While teaching I coached cross country, basketball, and track until I retired in 2000.

We moved to Louisville, Kentucky in 2007 to be closer to our grandchildren. After moving to Louisville, I continued my coaching career at Bellarmine University where I coached pole-vaulters.

Another interest I have is kayaking and here in Kentucky I have become an avid year-round kayaker. I also taught seniors computer application classes at our church here in Louisville and continue to help seniors with personal computer problems.

I also manage the webpages for the Kentucky Mayflower Society and the Louisville Thruston Chapter of the SAR. In January 2020 I volunteered to become the webmaster for Louisville Genealogical Society and have become an active member to help them grow with their technology.

Please send me a Bio so we can share a part of your life in The Long Rifleman and get to know you better.
Howard Roberson Newsletter Editor.

Fellow Compatriots,

The Louisville-Thruston Chapter's next meeting is the Flag Day Meeting on Saturday, 19 June 2021 at Louisville Boat Club. The featured speaker is James J. Holmberg, who is the Curator of Special Collections at the Filson Historical Society. Mr. Holmberg will speak about William Clark's letters to his "Dear Brother" Jonathan Clark. Please return the tear-off portion of this announcement with your check to Treasurer, Lowell Collard as indicated below.

Flag Day Meeting
Saturday, 19 June, 2021
Registration @ 11 a.m.
Meeting Starts @ 11:30 a.m.
Lunch @ 12 Noon
Small salad with dressing, dinner rolls and butter
choice of:
Chicken Piccata on top of angel hair pasta
Sliced roasted carrots and peas
or
Roasted Pork Tenderloin with red roasted potatoes
Green beans and corn
Dessert: raspberry sorbet with cookie and mint leaf
Louisville Boat Club
4200 River Rd., Louisville, KY
Featured Speaker: James J. Holmberg
"The Clark Brothers"
\$25.00 per person

Please make your reservations by 12 June, 2021

Make check payable to Louisville-Thruston Chapter, KYSSAR

Detach and Mail to: Lowell Collard, 2256 Bradford Drive, Louisville, KY 40218

Name _____ Phone _____

No. of reservations @ \$25 each: _____ Amount Enclosed _____