

# Congress July 7 - 13, 2017 SPECIAL EVENTS

## Overmountain Men Tour *Friday*

A full day immersed in frontier life. Find Overmountain Men in Fort Watauga at Sycamore Shoals. Enjoy lunch at Amis's Mill in view of Tennessee's oldest stone dam in 1780 by PG David Appleby's 4th great-grandfather, Thomas Amis, and get a feel for frontier pioneer life traveling through the scenic "hills of Tennessee." And on the way back, we'll drop by Crockett Tavern, where David Crockett was raised. Enjoy a day filled with imagination and adventure!

## EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY CENTER Reception and Museum Tour *Friday*



A Friday Evening Reception includes a Tour of amazing pioneer and early Tennessee artifacts reflecting frontier life. The East Tennessee Historical Society and Museum, along with the Knox County Archives, and the Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound are headquartered in the beautiful East Tennessee History Center in downtown Knoxville.

For genealogists, the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection is one of the best research facilities for migration via Southwest Virginia, Upper East Tennessee and through the Cumberland Gap to the west.

## Three Ridges Golf Scramble *Friday*

Texas SAR President John Beard and Tennessee Past President Paul Jordan are organizing a golf scramble for Friday morning at Three Ridges Golf Club in Knoxville. Play will be limited to the first 36 who register for the Scramble. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Send an email to John Beard at JohnBeard@suddenlink.net or call 713.208.6990.



## SAR 2017 Congress Host Society Planning Committee

### Wilderness Trail Tour *Saturday*

Visit the spot where many of our grandfathers passed through the Cumberland Gap, into the West. Legendary pioneer Daniel Boone blazed the Wilderness Trail which was an extension of the Great Wagon Road that passed from



Carlisle, Pennsylvania to Abingdon, Virginia, and known as the Island Road to Fort Patrick Henry on the Holston River (*Kingsport, Tennessee*), then as the Wilderness Trail to Harrodsburg, Kentucky. In addition to Cumberland Gap, this tour will include a visit to the Museum of Appalachia, where you can "Let the Past Touch Your Soul." An incredible collection of artifacts used by our grandfathers on the Frontier, the trip will at once enlighten, intrigue and inspire.



### TENNESSEE SAR BBQ at JAMES WHITE FORT *Saturday evening*

TENNESSEE SAR is proud to invite everyone to an old fashioned Southern BBQ, with all the fixin's, music, and more at James White Fort, an 18th-century settlement that became Knoxville. The name also refers to the fort, itself. The settlement of White's Fort began in 1786 by James White, a militia officer during the American Revolutionary War. When William Blount, the territorial governor of the Southwest Territory, moved the territorial capital to White's Fort in 1791, he renamed it Knoxville in honor of Henry Knox, the American Revolutionary War general and Washington's Secretary of War.

Anticipate some interesting and memorable surprises as Southern Hospitality is extended to all. It's an outdoor BBQ, so plan to dress casually, and don't forget, *shoes are optional*.



### "Rocky Top" *Sunday morning at sunrise*

Rejoice at sunrise in Cades Cove, a broad, valley surrounded by mountains; a very popular destination with magnificent vistas.

## Memorial Service *Sunday*

The Chaplain Committee will preside at the traditional Memorial Service remembering Compatriots of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution who have passed to eternal life. The ceremony will be held at First Baptist Knoxville, just a few blocks from the host hotel. Music will be directed by Richard Brockway of West Virginia and the Color Guard will furnish an elaborate display of colors, under direction of Commander David Hoover of Maryland. A Color Guard photo will be taken after the Memorial Service on the steps of the church.

Ladies are invited to attend a Tea that will follow the Memorial Service.

## 1812 Reception at Blount Mansion *Sunday*

Gentlemen are invited to attend a Reception at Blount Mansion honoring the Governors' Blount. William Blount was a signer of the US Constitution in 1787 and later Territorial Governor prior to Tennessee statehood. His half-brother Willie was Governor of Tennessee during the War of 1812; during which he lived at the Mansion - Knoxville was the State Capitol.

## Guest Speaker Jon Meacham *Tuesday evening*



Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham will be our guest speaker on Tuesday evening. His topic will be: "Washington and Madison to Jackson and Lincoln, the Long Shadow of the Revolution."

Meacham will be on hand to autograph books during the cocktail hour prior to the 2017 President General's Banquet. Arrangements may be made beforehand to purchase from his wide variety of books. Look for details that will be shared prior to the 2017 Congress.

## "Site X" Tour *Wednesday*

By the time President Roosevelt authorized the Manhattan Project on December 28, 1942, work on the east Tennessee site where the first production facilities were to be built was already underway. At first, this location was known as "Site X". Enjoy a tour of "The Secret City" and their outstanding American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge.



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