

# Patriots' Day ...from Page 1A



Commissioner Lamar Paris with several Sons of the American Revolution members on Thursday, April 18. Photo by Chad Stack

several hours. The Daughters of the American Revolution also joined in the celebration on April 18.

Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris made a special visit to sign a proclamation for Patriots' Day in Union County, which pays tribute to all the patriots of the American Revolution.

Celebrating Patriots' Day, officially observed on April 19 of each year, is essential to the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

"Three British ships were sunk in the Frederica river down in south Georgia on the morning of April 19, 1778," said Chapter President Jared Ogden.

The Son of the American Revolution is engaged in a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests from the American Revolution.

Some programs include essay contests for high schools, the presentation of medals to college and high school

ROTC students, and American Revolutionary presentations.

"The Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution, who are descendants of soldiers who fought in the American Revolution, encourage our community to proclaim April 19th of each year as Patriots' Day in commemoration of the War of the American Revolution and the ongoing struggle for independence and freedom," according to the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.



Sons of the American Revolution Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter with flags at the Historic Courthouse on April 18. Photo by Chad Stack



Another view of the local Sons of the American Revolution firing their muskets in honor of the occasion. Photo by Chad Stack



SAR members waving to passing motorists during their annual Patriots' Day event. Photo by Chad Stack

## Diabetes class at Union County Senior Center

Do you have pre-diabetes or diabetes? Join us for a fun, free, hands-on six week class at Union County Senior Center, beginning Thursday May 2 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. To register for these free classes call 706-439-6105.

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