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It is time to pay the piper, dues are now due for this year. Please be sure pay your dues, our Society can not continue to operate without more funds. We would like to convene more games, and invest in some other Scottish endeavors but we operate on a very limited budget. We do not meet the criteria to become a 501c3 tax exempt organization, but we would welcome any and all donations.

The Newsbeat is published three time a year, Spring/Summer and Fall and Winter If you have any news, pictures, stories, poems, Games reports, or genealogy queries, please send them to Ginger (at the address to the left, preferably e-mail) for inclusion in the next issue. We love to hear from you and the membership wants to know what is happening with other members.

### Dues Schedules Dues are due each June.

Family \$25.00 Individual \$15.00 Individual (over 65) \$7.00 Associate \$10.00 One time: Sponsorship \$500.00 Life Membership (over 65) \$200.00

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Annual dues will be due again on June 1, (unless you have joined within the past 6 months or so, in that case your dues will become due until the year following. Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who faithfully renew their membership each year, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain our web site and have a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. We encourage you to attend as many Scottish Games as possible, and if you would like to convene, the society will pay half of the games fee. We will also provide a banner, and some items for the table, just contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net

The Macfie Society of America is a Member of The Council of Scottish Clans Association Inc.

**Macfie Merchandise for Sale** 

Kilt Pin-\$15.00 Badges \$12.00 Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00 Black T-shirts-\$17.00 Minimal postage will be added to each order. Send order and payment to:

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## Some upcoming Games where you are likely to find a Macfie Clan Tent.

July 7-10 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Inc. – <u>www.gmhg.org</u> John Guffey will convene

September 8-11, Long Peak Scottish-Irish Festival, Estes Park, CO www.scotfest.com **Richard & Nancy Thibodeaux** will convene

October 14-16 Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival – <u>www.smhg.org</u> Jim McAfee will convene

If YOU would like to convene a tent at a Scottish Highland Games in your area, please contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net for information.

## Ceud Mile Failte

(One hundred thousand welcomes)

Mr. & Mrs Richard McPhee, Baileyville, ME

To our newest Society members, we hope that you will be able to attend some of the Highland Games where there is a Macfie Tent. You are especially invited to attend the Stone Mountain Games October 14-16. Our Annual Meeting will be held there on the field on Saturday, Oct 15, 2016

*The Scots Heritage*, the official magazine of the Standing Council of Scottish Clan Chiefs, is now available in Barnes & Noble stores across the USA!

A quarterly publication Scots Heritage is a must-read for anyone interested in Scotland's past, and how that swashbuckling history informs Scotland's future.

Scots Heritage Magazine runs regular features on clans, genealogy, great Scots and the events which forged a nation, plus a other wealth of articles on Scottish history and culture. Scots Heritage magazine is the best way to keep in touch with your past.

They also offer a discounted subscription of £15 p.a to our clan members - to claim this enter the code **CCSAL16** at the following link:

https://wyvex.escosubs.co.uk/store/products,the-scots-heritagemagazine\_12.htm

Their website: <u>www.scotsheritagemagazine.com</u> also on Facebook Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/scotsheritage</u> and twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/ScotsHeritage</u>

## Flowers of the Forest

**Charlotte Margaret (McAfee) McDowell,** 61, of St. Jacob, IL formerly of Hannibal, MO went to be with the Lord at 5:49 PM Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Funeral services were held 10:00



AM Friday, May 27, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Pastor Jeff Anderson will officiate. Burial followed in the Grand View Burial Park.

Charlotte was born on October 6, 1954, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Hannibal, MO the daughter of Jerry Ray McAfee and Mary Evelyn (Glascock) McAfee.

Survivors include one son, Ryan McDowell and wife Angela of St. Jacob, IL; one daughter, Tiffany Robertson and fiancé Adam Epperson of Frankford, MO; two brothers, Dennis McAfee and wife Debbie and Jerry A. "Jay" McAfee all of Hannibal, MO; one sister, Mary

Kim Cull of Hannibal, MO; three grandchildren, Sophi, Molli and Matthew McDowell; one niece, Lacy Cull and three nephews, Steven McAfee, Zach Cull and Denny McAfee.

**Mr. Clarence Greek,** husband of member, Bobbye Greek, passed away on March 3, 2016. funeral was held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 2:00 pm at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in. Murfreesboro, TN. Jennings and Ayers Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of **James Mehaffey**, Teresa Mehaffey's father.

**Sheila Duffy** passed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. She and her husband James, an Armiger, were the founders of the Macfie Society in Scotland.



Cliff McDuffie shared his picture of the name McDuffie written in Chinese

We are very glad to hear that member, and "Clan Macfie News" editor, Linda Gilcrest, is improving since having some very extensive surgery late last year.

**Stephanie Billion-Wolfe shared this happy news: I** am happy to share the news that our daughter, Alexandra Cathey Billon Wolfe has graduated from the University of Delaware with degrees in both Accounting and Finance. She accepted a job last October with PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) in New York City, and will be moving to New Jersey in July to work as an auditor. We are very proud of her, and just wish her grandparents, Jean Cathey Billon & Steve Billon, who supported her in all of her endeavors, could have joined us in the celebration. Great job, Alex!



# **Games** and ThingS

The weather was beautiful for the Blairsville, GA Scottish Games June 11-12. However it was extremely hot. But clan Macfie had the prime real estate with our double clan tent down by the creek in the shade of several trees. The turn out for the games may have been a record and we had lots of Macfies visit the tent to discover some history of the clan and their Macfie ancestors.





In the Kilted Mile, Caleb McAfee won first in his class and Second over all in the race. John McAfee and Lisa McAfee

both won their respective races, and Ian McAfee won his division with Jacob McAfee coming in second to his brother. Congratulations to the Macfie clan for their participation and hard won victories.

Out in the creek, someone (Jim McAfee of Blairsville) conquered the small island and captured it for the Macfies and named it after Colonsay. Several Macfies visited the smaller island of Colonsay during the festival.





More pictures and info can be found on the Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games Facebook page.

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The details for the International Clan Gathering are still in the works. Iain and Fiona have taken on this task and are making headway but have also had some set backs. The dates are also still being worked out but will be either the last week of August, or the first week in September 2017. The Parliament will be in Stirling with a side trip to Colonsay.

### The host hotel is:

### Stirling Court Hotel

- · Bed & Breakfast @ £69.00 per person per night, staying in a double en-suite room for single occupancy
- · Bed & Breakfast @ £89.00 per room per night, staying in a double en-suite room for double occupancy
- Full Board package (accommodation, breakfast, lunch & dinner) @ £99.00 per person per night, staying in a double en-suite room for single occupancy
- Full Board package (accommodation, breakfast, lunch & dinner) @ £139.00 per room per night, staying in a double en-suite room for double occupancy
- Hire of the main meeting room complete with full audio visual equipment, delegate stationery, mineral water and mints Room Hire @ £200.00 per day
- Room hire for evening events @ Complimentary
- · Private dining room hire for formal dinner event @ Complimentary
- · 3 course seasonal dinner menu, including tea & coffee @ £28.00 per person (formal dinner event)
- · Welcome Afternoon Reception (Wednesday) room hire @ Complimentary
- If it is held in August attendees can stay on the campus but this option won't be available is held in September

### **Guest Accommodation on Campus**

- · Bed & Breakfast @ £49.00 per person per night, staying in a small double en-suite room for single occupancy
- Bed & Breakfast @ £59.00 per room per night, staying in a small double en-suite room for double occupancy
- Full Board package (accommodation, breakfast, lunch & dinner) @ £79.00 per person per night, staying in a double en-suite room for single occupancy

• Full Board package (accommodation, breakfast, lunch & dinner) @ £109.00 per room per night, staying in a double en-suite room for double occupancy

There should be more information shortly.

### **1910 – Submarine Armor by Chester E. Macduffee.** The full article can be found at

http://cyberneticzoo.com/underwater-robotics/1910-submarine-armor-chester-e-macduffee-american/

In the diving suits heretofore employed consisting of a one piece suit of rubber and canvas with a metallic breastplate or collar, and a metal helmet secured thereto, work and exploration under water is limited to a certain depth, on account of the enormous water pressure on the diver. With diving suits of such character only persons of perfect health and physique can pursue the calling; and a powerful pump must be constantly at work above water for supplying air while the diver is down, because a stoppage of the pump at such time would result in the almost instant death of the diver from the pressure of the water.

My invention relates to a submarine armor for divers comprising a metallic suit conforming in general configuration to the shape of the human body and so constructed natural motion of the body and limbs as-to withstand the water pressure at great depth, and in which the diver is completely incased; the armor being provided with articulated sections occupied by the legs and arms of the occupant, so as to allow of natural motion of the body and limbs, enabling the diver to move from place to place, while prosthetic hands operated by a rod and connections moved by the natural hands inside enable the diver to grasp and retain the objects of his search, and perform other duties in the premises; and the further objects of my invention are (1) to provide means for lengthening and shortening the limb sections of the armor so that it may be adapted to divers of different stature; (2) to provide joints capable of being adjusted to regulate friction; (3) to provide means for allowing the feet of the diver to be moved in all directions, and (4) to provide the armor with a permanently attached holder for electric light lamps, so that the diver may be relieved from carrying a lamp in his hand, as has heretofore been necessary. I attain these objects by the mechanism roller bearing frames.

Note: Chester E. MacDuffee's Diving Armor is visually similar to Petries' design.

### This was copied from a web page called CyberneticZoo http://cyberneticzoo.com/underwater-robotics/1910submarine-armor-chester-e-macduffee-american/

### **The Tradition of the Clans of Siol Alpin** By Frederick S. Fee 10/15/2013



Siol Alpin Siol Alpin means the seed of Alpin and tradition holds that seven clans claim descent from Alpin who ruled in Galloway in 834 (note: there were several rulers named Alpin in these early times). This particular Alpin has little recorded about him, but his son Kenneth mac Alpin became the 1st King, from 840 - 858, of the united Picts of Alba (Scotland) and Gaidheals (Gaels) of Dal Riada, now known as Argyll. The seven clans were; Clan Grant, Clan Gregor, MacAuley, MacDuffie/MacFie, MacKinnon, MacNab, and MacQuarrie. These clans had long recognized that they shared a common an-

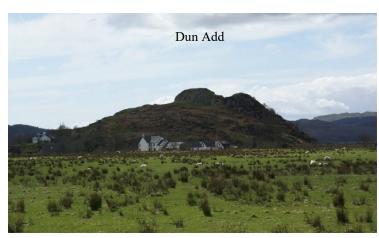
cestry and this was evidenced by agreements, bonds and mutual support between these clans recorded between the 1600's to 1800's. There were also claims that they descended from Alpin. Although several people named Alpin existed in early times, there never was a clan named MacAlpin which held any territories in Scotland. Surnames or last names were not used in ancient times. In Ireland and Scotland, surnames only became used around the year 1000 A.D.. Therefore, in the 800's Kenneth mac Alpin literally meant Kenneth the son of a man named Alpin. Centuries later the Clan surnames developed, such as; Mackinnon, Macfie etc., the surname containing the name of an earlier founding father.

The background to the early history of Dal Riada and Argyll begins with the legendary founder of Dal Riada (Territory of Riada), named Cairbre Riada (Rioghfhata), (Rioghfhata means the Long/Tall King). Cairbre was a son of the High King of Ireland, Conaire Mor. Due to famine, Cairbre migrated from Munster to the northeast coast of Antrim, Ireland, around the year 220, founding Irish Dal Riada and descendants later settled on the west coast of Alba and it also became called Dal Riada. Little has been recorded about the

earliest period of Dal Riada. The first recorded King of Dal Riada in Alba was Fergus Mor mac Erc (Fergus the Great, son of Erc). His father Erc, who died in 474, was ruler of Irish Dal Riada. Fergus and his brothers Loarn Mor and Oengus Mor moved from Dal Riada Ireland to Dal Riada Alba around the year 498 and settled in different areas of Dal Riada, which later became known as Argyll (Earra Ghaidheal) meaning the border of the Gaels. Their forts or duns were; DunAdd, Dunollie, Dunaverty, and Taipert Boitter (Tarbert). These were hill forts which could be easily defended against attacks. Most of these sites now have only the stone foundation ruins remaining. This was the era of the legendary King Arthur, less than 100 years after the Roman occupation of Britain ended in 410. Celtic tribes were struggling to regain control and there is little historical fact available about King Arthur. If Arthur had been a King, there would likely have been more recorded about his life, and therefore, he is thought to have been a war leader in the mold of William Wallace of Scotland. Most of the legends associate Arthur with the south of Britain however his battles and historical contemporaries, such as Peredur of York and Urien of Rheged, were in or near Scotland. There were several Arthurs in early history but one likely candidate for the legendary King Arthur is Artiur, son or grandson of the Dal Raidan King Aedan mac Gabhran. Aedan was the great grandson of Fergus Mor mac Erc. This Artiur fought in battles over 20 years and was finally killed in battle with the Picts at Hadrian's Wall. Alba, Picts & Scots The name Scots is from the Latin word Scotti, which is what the Romans 7 (continued next page)

called the Irish raiders who raided; Scotland (Alba), Wales & Britain. The Irish Scotti aided the Celts of Britain (Pretani) and Alba (Picti) in jointly fighting against the Romans until the Romans left the British Isles in 410. No doubt the early settlers of Dal Riada in Alba in the early 200's, played their part in these battles. The Irish Scotti colonized; Argyll, Dyfed & Gwynedd in Wales, the Isle of Man, Devon and Cornwall. The Romans reported a people called Attacotti as invaders of Roman Britain along with the Scotti, Picti, Pritani and Saxons between 364 - 368. Who the Attacotti were or where they were from was unknown. Another early writer compares them with the Scotti. My theory is that they may be the decedents of Cairbre Riada who settled Dal Riada before Fergus Mor. Their fort, DunAdd, was on the river Add or Att, and the description Attacotti could be a variation of Att (S)cotti. The Picts of Alba were called Picti by the Romans referring to the blue dye used as war paint on their bodies. The Picts were called Cruithni in the Irish Gaelic. Cruithni is comparable to the Welsh term Pretani. The Cruithni/Picts inhabited most of Alba and portions of Ireland.

Alba (White) was the earliest name for all the British (Pretanic) Isles, possibly from sightings of the white cliffs of Dover by ancient Greek and Basque sailors. Eventually it was restricted to Scotland. In Gaelic, the people of Alba are called Albanach. Cruithintuait was the name used by the Irish, meaning land of the Picti. Caledonia was used by the Romans, referring to the Caledonii, a major Pictish Tribe. Pictland was the name used by the Vikings. Scotland was used by the Anglo-Saxons, similar to their names for England and Ireland. Note: The Anglo-Saxons in Britain called the Celtic people of Wales, Walha, meaning foreigners and thus the names Welsh & Wales. Fergus Mor & Loarn Mor Fergus Mor held the areas of Kintyre and central Argyll with the stronghold at Dun Add, near Kilmartin, and he died in 501, shortly after coming to Alba in 498. The descendants of Fergus Mor were the primary Kings of Dal Raida from the 500's to 800's and then his descendent, Kenneth mac Alpin, joined the Kingdoms of the Gaels of Dal Riada with the Picts of Alba to become the 1st King of Picts and Scots from 841 to 860. This unification had been long in the making. The rulers of the Picts were selected from the royal female lines and over the centuries, the Princes and Kings of Dal Raida had married the Princesses of the Picts thus facilitating



the union. The descendants of Fergus Mor eventually migrated east to the territory of Fife where the honored Clan Duff/MacDuff evolved.

Fergus Mor's brother Loarn Mor, held the areas known as Loarn, around Loch Linne and Glencoe, in the north of Argyll, with the stronghold at Dunollie near Oban. Loarn Mor's descendants also ruled in Dal Riada, in between the descendants of Fergus Mor, from about 680 to 747, as they were of the same royal family, the sons of Erc. They eventually migrated to the territory of Moray and the last King of Loarn's line was King Mac Beth who died in 1057.

Senchus Fer Alban & Cormac mac Abertach Much of Scotland's ancient history was recorded by the Romans and in Ireland in the Annals of Ulster and other manuscripts such as the Senchus Fer nAlban (History of the Men of Alba). The Senchus Fer nAlban was first written in the 900's, and possibly derived from a manuscript from the 600's. It was later added to and includes; historical events, a list of Kings of Dal Riada, the divisions of Dal Riada and the ancestry of most of the Highland Clans, including the clans that were later associated with the tradition of Siol Alpin. Later manuscripts; MS1467 & Collectanea de Rebus Albanicis, repeat these genealogies. The Senchus Fer nAlban lists some of the clans as descending from Loarn Mor through his descendent Cormac mac Abertach. Little is known about Cormac's father, Abertaigh, other than references to his having 12 tribes located in the Isles of Mull, Tiree and Iona. In Kintyre, are the ruins of an ancient fort called Dunaverty (Fort of Abertach).

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Cormac was the 1st recorded Bishop of Dunkeld around the year 1114. There were earlier Abbots of Dunkeld. The religious community of Iona relocated to Dunkeld around 850 with the onset of Viking raids along the west coast. Dunkeld (Dun Chailleann) means fort of the Caledoni. Cormac had six sons and the Senchus Fer nAlban lists ten clans descended from them as follows; Sons of Cormac Clans Ferchard MacDuffie/MacFie, Mac Nab, Clan Andres(Ross) Annrias Clan Gregor Guaire Clan Quarrie Fingaine MacKinnon Gillchrist Mac-Millan Gillaagamnan MacLennan Clans Kenneth/MacKenzie and Clan Matheson, both from Ross, were also listed as descendants of Cormac but without the older connections listed for the above clans.

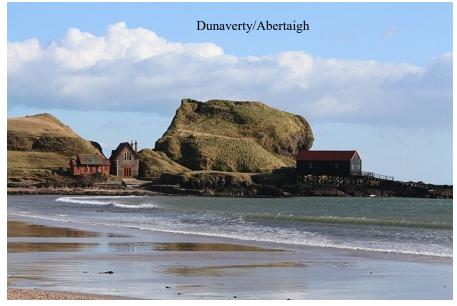
Summary Within the ten clans above, are five out of the seven clans which later became associated with Siol Alpin. The Clans Grant and MacAuley are missing, (some sources have these two clans as a branch of Clan Gregor). According to the Senchus Fer nAlban, these five clans are not of Siol Alpin, or descended from Fergus Mor, but rather they descended from his brother Loarn Mor and therefore, these five clans are among the Cenel Loarn Mor (descendants of Loarn Mor). Why was there a connection made to the seven clans with Siol Alpin and Fergus' branch rather than Loarn's? Possibly the genealogies were not well understood and/or the temptation to relate to the more famous King Kenneth mac Alpin (Siol Alpin) made it easier to jump from one branch of the family tree to the other. No family or clan alive today is older than any other. Some may have more written about them, but we all have ancestors stretching back thru prehistoric times. Having walked the hills up to Dun Add and Dunollie and walked among the 5,000 year old prehistoric standing stones and stone circles inDun AddDun Add Kilmartin Valley, I felt some sense of connection with peopDunaverty/Abertaighle from so long ago.



Dun Ollaigh/Cenel Loarn Mor



Dun Eibhinn on Colonsay



### Honor Flight West Central Florida by Cliff McDuffie



Last year I filled out necessary paperwork to possible be chosen to take an Honor Flight with this organizations after talking to a friend who had made this flight.

Honor Flight is an event honoring all veterans, regardless of what your position was in the military meaning that you did not have to see combat in order to be considered. If you are a veteran, you are welcome to apply.

We, Joyce and I, had been in Normandy, France in March of this year and I walked on the beaches of Omaha and Sword, also at Point du Hoc where soldiers scaled the cliffs. From

there we attended a brief ceremony at the American Cemetery in Normandy. When I arrived home, I received a letter from Honor Flight indicating that I was accepted and would take the flight on June 7<sup>th</sup>. That, to me, was ironic as I had just been where D Day happened and now I was going to be with some military who were possibly in that D Day invasion and on one day after the invasion took place some 72 years ago.

I was thrilled!

Attended an orientation on June 4<sup>th</sup>, receiving a golf type shirt, baseball style hat, carry bag, and information about times and what to expect. Flight leaves from Clearwater/StPete airport at 4:15 AM June 7<sup>th</sup>, returning about 8PM that same night.

Each Vet will have a "guardian" to be with him/her during the whole day who will be there to assist you in what ever you door want. I was fortunate to have a guardian living in Zephyrhills who would pick me up and bring me back home.

My ride arrived at 2:30 AM for the one hour plus trip to the airport as she had t be there at 4. I set and talked with several vets from both WWI and Korea and gave them an arm band showing the symbols of all our military forces. My Elk's lodge is distributing theses for \$5.00 a piece. Was fortunate to purchase some at price due to what I was going to do with them.



About 4:15 AM we met our guardians and headed for the plane. But first a quick breakfast provided by McDonalds and the Gasper family.

As we were being hit by tropical storm I expected a rocky flight but it was very smooth considering.

We arrived at BWI (Baltimore/Washington International) about 7:30AM to two fire engines using their water cannons to from an arch over the plane as we rolled under. As we deplaned, a line of sailors were meeting us with a salute. We walked into the terminal and passengers awaiting their flights begin applauding, I get chocked up now as I think about that.

We headed into Washington to our first stop, the Air Force memorial. There were wheel chairs available for every vet if he needed or wanted one. I chose not to use one at this time as I am mobile.

The memorial is a very interesting one with three slivers of stainless steel shooting into the sky and headed in three different directions, such as you may when see three jet planes perform a maneuver. Then there are four soldier statues in full Air Force formal dress with flags. We reentered our re-

spective busses (there are 3 chartered buses) and headed to the WWI memorial.

This is a beautiful memorial! Dedicated to those in both the Pacific and European theatres. There is a standing stone for every state, named in the order of statehood. The center is a pool with two fountains. This is set in the middle of the mall with the

Washington Monument on one end and the Lincoln memorial on the other. The view from one to the other was taken into consideration and this memorial is sunk down so not to obstruct the original view.

We were here for over an hour which included a box lunch. Sandwich, chips, cookie and water.

Back on bus and to the Korea memorial.

This is found to the left of the Lincoln Memorial and is built to show a squad of soldiers in rain gear with



weapons, spread out in a rice field. There are 19 of them. One is not an American, but a foreign soldier to represent the many nations which helped in this war. I am told it is a Turk as the Marines thought the Turks were the hardest fighters they knew of. There is a reflection wall along one side with many faces etched into it. Each face, I am told is of a different soldier who was there. When you look at the wall from the far side, you see another 19 soldiers making the total 38. That, 38, designates the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel which divides the two Korea's. Extremely well done and each soldier is different.

From here we go to the right side of the Lincoln Memorial to the Vietnam Wall.

I should add here that for these two memorials I chose to be transported so my guardian wheeled me around her. Will admit I was getting a little tired so was very appreciative of this.

We have all seen the "Wall" and I was here many years ago and took it in then. It still grabs you when you walk alongside this memorial. Some flowers are still standing where they were placed by a loved one. One young man of maybe 19 years was transcribing a name onto a piece of paper, maybe his grandfather's name.

There is also a separate statue here commemorating the service of the nurses in this battle. It stands alone and aside from the Wall but overlooks the Wall. Still there to help.

As we head toward the plane, for the flight home, we are provided with our dinner. Sandwiches.

Here we were met, not just by several color guards but literally hundreds of people of all ages, and backgrounds, all applauding and thanking us for our service as we slowly walked down the line. I tried to shake as many hands as I possibly could and thank them for coming out this late at night as it was then about 9:20PM. One of the greeters was a General in full dress uniform with rows of medals, who thanked each one of us and passed out a challenge coin of the war we represented.

We were also provided with many small gifts such as a slice of pie from Village Inn, cookies, craft bookends, coupons, photo book on Washington DC, the group photo taken at the WWII memorial, and genuine love from all.

There is NO cost to the Vet, all meals are donated, the guardians are not paid, everyone involved is a volunteer and I may add a hard working and much appreciated volunteer.

Finally home.

WHAT A FANTASTIC DAY!! If you get the chance go.



Robert the Bruce and the Spider Robert the Bruce became King of Scotland in 1306. Edward I of England took immediate action, forcing him into hiding. According to legend, at some point while he was on the run

and when he was at his lowest ebb, Bruce hid himself in a cave. There, he watched a spider spinning a web from one part of the cave to the other. Watching the spider try and try again to build her web before succeeding is said to have inspired Bruce to carry on fighting the English. He did so, and after the death of Edward I in 1307, Bruce defeated Edward II's armies at Bannockburn in 1314. There are a number of caves in South West Scotland that claim to be the one where Bruce watched the spider. No one is certain which is the authentic cave or even if the incident with the spider ever really happened. The Macfie Clan Society of America Dr. Jim McAfee, President 420 Ash Dr. Baxter,TN 38544



