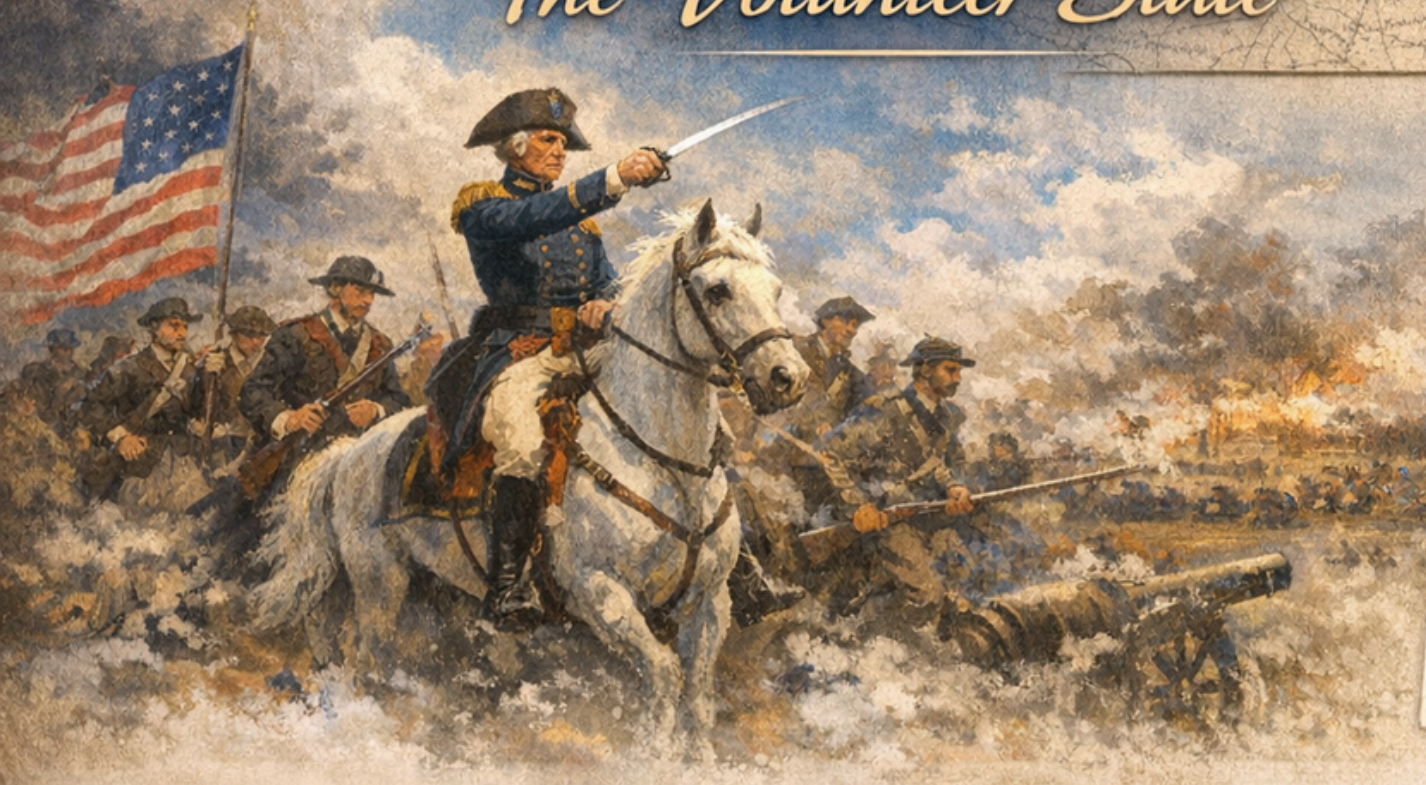


# Tennessee: *The Volunteer State*



*Tennessee* is known as the “**Volunteer State**” because of the strong tradition of its citizens willingly stepping forward to serve their country. The nickname was first earned during the War of 1812, when thousands of *Tennesseans* fought under General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. The state’s reputation for service was reinforced during the Mexican-American War by an outpouring of volunteers. Today, the nickname represents the spirit of pride, community, and a willingness to help others that define Tennessee and its people.