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The President's Dispatch



George H. Wheelless

“PROCLAIM LIBERTY”

“PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF. LEV. XXV X.”

These words are inscribed across the top of the Liberty Bell. Originally cast in 1752, the Liberty Bell has provided inspiration to generations of Americans. LIBERTY!

In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson stated that **liberty** is one of mankind's inalienable rights granted by our Creator. **Liberty** was the rallying cry of the American Revolution. In the midst of the terrible internal conflict that tore at our country, Abraham Lincoln noted that our nation was “**conceived in Liberty.**” During

World War II, when our country faced threats from abroad, Liberty was again at the forefront of American's thoughts. We had Liberty Bonds, Liberty Ships, and so on. During the years of the Cold War and new threats to our nation, we were reminded of our indebtedness to our Revolutionary War ancestors, and the world was alerted to our stand for the principles on which our government was established. In his Inaugural Address, John F. Kennedy said, “And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forefathers fought are still at issue around the globe—the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God. We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution. Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans...proud of our ancient heritage...Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

In the recitation of the S.A.R. Pledge, we “reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty” and “solemnly pledge to defend them against every foe.” Compatriots, the fundamental principles of this nation are under attack from foreign enemies and from forces within our own nation. The failure of this country (educational systems and parents) to teach the basics of American History and Government endangers our basic system of government. This is an insidious enemy.

To paraphrase President Kennedy's words let us declare that we will not forget that we are the heirs of our patriot ancestors and of the American Revolution. Let all know that we are a generation of the Sons of the American Revolution that will do all in our power, regardless of the conditions we face, to “assure

the survival and success of liberty.” Let us heed the command in the words inscribed atop the Liberty Bell: “PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF.”

“KINDLE THE FLAME”

PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAWS

A vote will be taken at the Board of Managers meeting July 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn at Forsyth, GA, Exit 186 of I-75, to amend the Georgia Society By-Laws to include state committee chairmen as members of the Board of Managers.

Kline O. Pugh
Georgia Society Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN WILLIAM GILLETTE
Private to Brigadier General

On May 18, 2006, the Sons of the American Revolution lost one of its most outstanding members in the death of John William Gillette.

A member of the Atlanta Chapter, he served faithfully and with distinction in local, state and national activities of the SAR. His last assignment in the Atlanta Chapter was as Chaplain, a position which he fulfilled with dignity and compassion. He was one of the Atlanta Chapter's stalwart supporters, lending his considerable talents and expertise to every facet of the Chapter's agenda.

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The center of the fight for Independence in Georgia, Wilkes County, became known as “the hornet's nest” because of the stinging attacks made from there by the Georgia Patriots against the British and Tories.

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NEWS

of the
State Society

HELP PROCLAIM LIBERTY

In the "President's Dispatch," I described a serious threat to the very health of our nation. That threat is the failure of this country to adequately educate our youth on the basics of American History and Government. Blame can be placed at the feet of government agencies, school systems, and parents. We should concern ourselves, not with trying to blame someone, but with fixing the problem.

The historical, patriotic, and educational programs and activities of the Sons of the American Revolution are designed to teach our citizens, of any age, the fundamental knowledge about the history of the United States and its government. We have programs and resources, but we need more. The Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) will be a great addition to our arsenal of resources for the education of our youth. There is one problem. Thus far, donations and pledges have fallen short of the goal required to begin construction and to secure funds from funding organizations. President General **Roland Downing** states that we are within "striking distance" of our goal. "To reach that goal we need another one million in cash and another three million in pledges."

In the material I received from PG Downing are some disturbing numbers. Since the beginning of the solicitation for donations began a few years ago, only 766 members out of 25,982 have made a contribution to the CAAH fund. Only 2.9% of the members of the SAR have made a contribution of any amount (this includes all pledges). In order to attract "funding organizations", we must show an increase in the support from our members to fund educational outreach projects. PG Downing states that "Funding organizations insist on broad internal support and on seeing functioning programs before they offer support."

He notes that the "goal can be reached if,

on average, 20,000 members donate \$50 in cash now, followed by a pledge of a similar amount in each of the next three years. For example, that is a two hundred dollar commitment from those who have not contributed so far. Of course donations of any size are very helpful and greatly appreciated."

How well has the Georgia Society done in contributing to this vital project? Only 31 of our Society's 1,411 members have made a contribution. That total is \$55,024. The Georgia Society and our chapters have contributed another \$7,266 for a grand total of \$62,290. Our rate of contribution is 2.2% of our membership (less than the national average). Four state societies, all with memberships less than ours, have given considerably more than Georgia.

The Georgia Society has always been prideful of its role as one of the best societies in the NSSAR. Our performance over the years has earned us the accolade of "the award winning Georgia Society". Let us continue to display our exemplary level of leadership and support to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. If we lead the way others will follow.

I hereby challenge *every member* of the Georgia Society to make the donation and pledge suggested by PG Downing. Even if you do not contribute/pledge at that level, please make a contribution of some amount. I hereby challenge *every chapter* of the Georgia Society to make a contribution of \$50 or more each year for the next 4 years. If, on average, every one of our 1,411 members contributed \$200 over the next 4 years and each of our 29 chapters contributed \$50/year for the next 4 years, the Georgia Society will have contributed a total of \$488,000 to the CAAH. What a great gift this would be toward the proper education of America's youth. We need your support. Your children, grandchildren, and the generations that follow will be the beneficiaries of your efforts.

**SUPPORT THE CENTER FOR
ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE
AND "PROCLAIM LIBERTY
THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO
ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF."**

**** Note: Go to our website for a Pledge
Form for the CAAH. ****

George Wheelless

Publicity Committee

Congratulations are due to the individuals and chapters that are increasing the publicity of SAR activities in regional media. Media publicity is both a significant recruitment tool and enhances our community image. Committee records show that 38 articles have been printed in newspapers and magazines and on web sites this year to date by the Button Gwinnett, Cherokee, Joel Early, Joseph

Habersham, Marshes of Glynn, and Samuel Elbert Chapters and the Georgia Society.

The Spring issue of the *SAR Magazine* reported on activities of 12 chapters. Articles for the Fall issue are due to the Publicity Committee by September 1st. Chapters particularly encouraged to submit articles for the Fall are Mill Creek, Ocmulgee, Samuel Butts, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta, William Few, and William Miller. Submissions can report on any chapter activity that took place during the

In Memoriam



John Thomas Godwin

February 1, 2006
Atlanta Chapter

Thomas Richard Nisbet, Jr.

March 22, 2006
Valdosta Chapter

William Leon Martin, J.D.

April 3, 2006
Lyman Hall Chapter

John William Gillette

May 18, 2006
Atlanta Chapter

Charles Edward Eavenson

June 7, 2006
Samuel Elbert Chapter

Stanley Smith

June 9, 2006
Coweta Falls Chapter

Richard Edwards Dolsen

June 18, 2006
Captain John Collins Chapter

John Franklin O'Kelley

June 28, 2006
Samuel Butts Chapter

Jack William Newton

July 1, 2006
Atlanta Chapter

The Georgia Society SAR joins families and friends in remembering our beloved Compatriots who recently passed away.

last year. Text for the magazine can be emailed to the committee but photos should be printed and mailed to the committee since the magazine does not accept digital photographs via Internet.

Please send magazine submissions, as well as copies of published articles for the committee archives, to Terry Manning, 1201 Timber Glen Court, Lilburn, GA 30047 – temanning@aol.com.

Terry Manning

Report From The

Georgia Society Color Guard

Paul Prescott
Commander

The Georgia Society Color Guard is growing! I am getting reports from all over the state that our SAR Compatriots are ordering uniforms and muskets. This is a good sign that the Color Guard is effective in promoting awareness of the SAR and in getting new membership in the SAR. I also think that our Georgia Compatriots are seeing what a good time we have at state and national events and want to be a part of it. The Georgia Color Guard recently made golf shirts available to Color Guard members and their camp followers.

The first weekend in June recorded a new first for the Color Guard. Four members, **Kendall Abbott, Terry Manning, Paul Prescott** and **Allen Henson**, along with one dual member, **Charles Bragg**, marked four patriot graves. The unique part was that the graves were in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. The two in Maine were Paul Prescott's patriot ancestors and the other two were Kendall Abbott's patriot ancestors. The Georgia Society Color Guard was joined at these grave markings by the NHSSAR, VTSSAR and the MESSAR members and Color Guards.

The winter and spring/early summer seasons have been very active. In several cases it has been necessary to split the Color Guard into two groups because of the increased demand – not all bad in that we are getting more visibility. The new Color Guard membership will help us cover more events.

Two new flags have been ordered. These are the Sons of Liberty and the Hopkinson flags. This will bring our flag count to 19. I have also ordered 24 new pairs of gloves for our new members and for members who have worn theirs out. These gloves have rubberized palms which help when carrying the flags.

I look forward to meeting all of the new color guardsmen at a state or national event.



George Thurmond Receives MOWW Gold Patrick Henry Award

For his continuing efforts for patriotism in education, Georgia Society immediate past president, **COL George Thurmond**, received the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Patrick Henry Gold Medal Plaque during the Colonial Dinner in Augusta, GA. on June 2nd, 2006. The medal and plaque were presented by MOWW National Vice Commander-in-Chief, **LTC David Titus**, and Adjutant **Larry Russell**, of the MOWW Augusta chapter. The Gold Patrick Henry is the highest award conferred by the Military Order of the World Wars.

COL Thurmond was recognized for his many visits to elementary schools in Georgia where he, dressed in the Continental Army uniform of the Revolution, informs Georgia youth of George Washington's leadership as Commanding General of the Continental Army and later as our first President. As a result of Colonel Thurmond's visits, thousands of Georgia children have a better idea of the sacrifices made by our forefathers making the USA the land of the free and the home of the brave.



George Thurmond (center) receiving the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Patrick Henry Gold Medal from **David Titus** (left) and **Larry Russell** (right)

JROTC Essay Contest Winner

At the State Awards luncheon Chairman of the JROTC Essay Contest, **LCDR David Jessel**, introduced **Aaron Varnadoe** as the Georgia Society JROTC Essay Contest winner. He was sponsored by the Lyman Hall Chapter.

His essay, "The Impact of NJROTC on My Life" follows below.

The Impact of NJROTC on My Life

by Cadet Lieutenant Aaron Varnadoe

Watching the NJROTC drill team perform at my middle school on a Spring day in eighth grade, I decided that NJROTC was for me. I had been heading down the wrong road. Many of my friends were beginning to do drugs, shoplift, etc., and I was following them down that same path. It wasn't something I wanted to do -- I was just surrounded by it.

As I walked into the NJROTC classroom on my first day of ninth grade, I met my instructor for the first time. He was an extremely tall Marine and, I had heard, he

wasn't much fun. My initial expectations of the NJROTC program weren't very high. I was in it because I was told it impressed colleges. Before I became totally "involved" in NJROTC, I was the kind of person who would lie to impress people, and I told some whoppers. I would do just about anything to be accepted, but nothing seemed to work.

The first part of my freshman year I was quiet in class, and showed little initiative. It kept me out of trouble, but it also didn't help me any. At the end of the first semester, I made the mistake of getting into two fights and was rewarded with ten days of Out of School Suspension. According to school policy, an OSS day could not be excused, and if you had more than eight unexcused absences you failed regardless of your grades.

The first thing I learned in NJROTC was a work ethic. If I worked hard, I got rewarded more. Even if I didn't earn a shiny medal or a colorful ribbon, when I worked hard I felt like a better person for it. I learned to take personal satisfaction in a job well done. I decided to apply myself and, despite the enormous number of missed assignments, I passed all my classes. I was allowed to plead my case to the

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Message From the

**Georgia
Society
SAR
Chaplain**

Pastor Dan Gates

In an effort to enhance the Chaplaincy programs of, not just Georgia, but the SAR nationwide, the Georgia Society Chaplaincy Corps has formed the "Chaplaincy Coalition". An "unofficial" arm of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Chaplaincy Coalition has as its goal the enhancement of the Chaplaincy programs of states and local chapters, through the sharing of ideas, encouragement and communication.

Hosted by the Georgia Society Chaplaincy Corps, our coalition is made up of State Chaplains and local Chapter Chaplains, who have a sincere desire to make the Chaplain's task one of more than just saying the Invocation and Benediction at Chapter and State meetings. To date, more than 10 State Chaplains from as far away as California, Ohio, Texas and Tennessee have joined the group, which is organized and managed via the internet. There are no dues, no obligations, other than to correspond with us periodically with the wonderful ideas the member Chaplains have for making the Sons of the American Revolution Chaplain's program a more responsive, supportive arm of the National and State SAR agenda.

Once again, we believe the Georgia Society Chaplaincy Corps is leading the way in new and innovative ways to support of our State Society and the SAR nationwide.

As the Georgia Society Chaplain, I have been compiling archive information concerning the Georgia Chaplaincy for years past. Recently, we held the 2006 Memorial Service, which, of course, includes a booklet. I have no idea how many years those booklets have been produced, but therein is my appeal to you. May I ask those of you, who have been SAR members for awhile, to look through your old material to see if, perhaps, you have any of the Memorial Service Booklets from past years which you might part with for my records. I would be most appreciative, and our Chaplaincy records would be made more complete by your donation.

Blessings and God's best to you,

Knight Essay Contest Winner

At the State Awards luncheon Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest, **Dr. Hugh Rodgers**, introduced **Sarah Dickson** as the Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest winner. She is a student at Pacelli High School in Columbus, Georgia. To qualify for the Georgia Society contest she won the Coweta Falls Chapter contest.

Her essay, "Alexander Hamilton: Legitimately American" follows below.

Alexander Hamilton: Legitimately American

By Sarah Dickson

"Learn to think continentally." Alexander Hamilton was more "American" than his state's rights contemporaries. While others thought of themselves as Georgian or from New York, Hamilton was a member of a nation, not a state. This principle, which formed his Federalist views, originated in his foreign birth and gave him an objective view when it came to the sectionalism and state's rights issues of the eighteenth century.

Alexander Hamilton was born in Nevis in the Bahamas around 1755, though the year is disputed. His mother, Rachael Lavien, had left her husband, John Lavien, and had not had the marriage annulled. Consequently, she was unable to marry Alexander's father, James Hamilton. Before Alexander turned twelve, he was left practically alone by the desertion of his father and the death of his mother. Industrious and talented, Hamilton went to work as a clerk on St. Croix at a young age and caught the eyes of Nicholas Cruger and Hugh Knox. They sent him, first, to a school in New Jersey then to King's College in New York.

"War" through journalism would be a reoccurring theme throughout Hamilton's life, and it began at King's. In two pamphlets signed "A Friend of America", he defended the First Continental Congress's embargo against England. Seabury, the "A. W. Farmer", argued that the colonies were too weak. Hamilton refuted him with fact and logic. Despite Hamilton's support of the embargo, he was adamantly against the riots, wanted to find a better way to help the revolutionary cause, and did.

At twelve years old, Hamilton wrote a letter to a friend saying, "I wish there was a War". He realized that war would be the making of him. Hamilton began his military career as a Corsican. Hamilton's next post was as the captain of a New York artillery company. New York was lost, but Hamilton became one of those to cross the Delaware with Washington. Two months later, Hamilton got a promotion to a lieutenant colonel on Washington's staff of aides. Washington was

demanding and his aides often did not last long. Hamilton served for four years.

In December of 1780, Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler, a member of a powerful family in New York. Two months later, he left Washington's service and returned to the field and the battle at Yorktown. The Treaty of Paris would not be signed until April of 1783, but the war was drawing to a close. Two years after Yorktown, Hamilton's first son was born. Just when Hamilton seemed ready to settle into family life, however, he was elected to Congress where he realized the ineffectiveness of a government of separate states, especially in the area of taxes, and the nation's need of money to function.

In need of money himself, Hamilton entered the career of law in 1782. He charged exceptionally low fees and had a zeal for fighting the Trespass Act, an anti-Loyalist law, in his early career. These cases provided precedent for judicial review, a Federalist principle. He defended the former Loyalists both in court and as "Phonion" in the papers.

Hamilton was elected to the State Assembly after the war and was one of the few delegates to the Annapolis Convention. He was the only New York delegate to remain in Philadelphia for the Constitutional Convention, though he waived his right to vote. He thought the Constitution was still remarkably weak, but he labored to get it ratified. With the aide of John Jay and James Madison, Hamilton wrote a series of letters from "Publius" called The Federalist. The letters, published in the New York papers, defended the Constitution. One by one, states ratified. New York's ratification was celebrated with a parade led by the Hamilton, a twenty-seven-foot ship.

Upon Washington's unanimous election to the Presidency, Hamilton became Secretary of Treasury. His appointment began a mostly antagonistic relationship with Thomas Jefferson. Oddly enough, Washington's lack of knowledge in economics meant more trust in Hamilton. He set about solving the financial problems of the new country, looking often to Britain for answers.

In three reports, Hamilton revealed his plan for the United States economy. "The Report on Credit" advocated the assumption of state debt by the national government and suggested paying it off by taxing luxuries, such as alcohol. He used the location of the national capital as leverage to get assumption through Congress. Hamilton's second report called for a national bank, which would make available war loans. He defended the bank's constitutionality with the "elastic clause" from Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution. His third, a "Report on Manufacturers", was a plan for making the United States independent of other countries. The Paterson society, created to prove the self-sufficiency of a

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Message From the

Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

Proposed By-Law Amendment: On the first page of this issue is notice of a vote to be taken at our Board of Managers meeting, July 29th, 2006.

The Georgia Society By-Laws are now posted on our web site: www.sar.org/gassar

Reinstatements: Former members of the Georgia Society whose 2006 dues have not been paid may be reinstated by sending National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer; \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter dues. No form is necessary.

Application for Transfer of Membership (State-to-State): If a member's current dues have been paid to the state in which he holds membership, the upper portion of Form 0919 should be completed by the member wishing to be transferred from that state to the Georgia Society. Member must send form to Secretary of that State, along with a check made to NSSAR for \$5.00 for official copy of his original application for Georgia files. That state's secretary will complete the second portion of form and send form and check to the Georgia Secretary who completes the third part and sends it to National for approval. The State Secretaries are listed in the Summer Issue of SAR Magazine and on the National Society web page.

Application for Reinstatement of Membership Under By-Law 19, Sec. 5: Form 0918 is appropriate if membership in another state has been terminated for non-payment of dues. Member should complete the upper portion, and make check payable to his Chapter of choice for \$25.00 National dues, \$13.00 State dues, \$5.00 for official copy of his original application for Georgia files, plus prevailing Chapter dues. The Chapter will deduct Chapter dues, and will send a Chapter check to the State Secretary for \$43.00.

(Referenced forms above may be obtained from the Source Book CD, the Georgia or National Society web pages, or from the State Secretary).



Dates to Remember

Georgia Society President **George Wheelless** provides this list of dates important to all Georgia Compatriots.

2006

July 22	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
July 29	Board of Managers Meeting - Holiday Inn	Forsyth, GA
August 12	Battle of Camden	Camden, SC
September 23	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Kings Mountain, NC
October 9 & 10	Pulaski Jubilee	Savannah, GA
October 14	Board of Managers Meeting - Holiday Inn	Forsyth, GA
October 19	Yorktown Celebration	Yorktown, VA
November 11	Veterans Day	
December 14	Battle of Great Cane Break	Simpsonville, SC

Eagle Scout Scholarship Winner

At the State Awards luncheon Chairman of the Eagle Scout Contest, **Jason Wetzel**, introduced **Ted Spangler** as the Georgia Society Eagle Scout Scholarship winner.

His essay, "The Battle of Yorktown" follows below.

The Battle of Yorktown

By Edward Carringer (Ted) Spangler

October 1781 marks the time that several positive events finally culminated in long-awaited success for the American Revolutionaries. The British suffered episodes of miscommunication allowing General Cornwallis to be stranded in Virginia without reinforcements. The French navy outmaneuvered the Brits to reach Chesapeake Bay undetected. French Admiral de Rochambeau graciously shared part of his war chest with the Americans and General George Washington was present to lead his troops to a decisive victory. Although additional skirmishes lasted for another year, the Battle of Yorktown marked the last major battle of the American Revolution.

General Cornwallis, having defeated the Americans in North Carolina during the summer of 1781, withdrew first to the sea and then northward. By August, Cornwallis and his 7,500 troops were in Yorktown, Virginia awaiting supplies and men from British-held New York. American General George Washington had been planning to attack the British army in New York, but his plans changed when Cornwallis moved into Yorktown. To confuse the British, Washington continued to act like he was preparing for a NY campaign by repairing roads and bridges. Washington ordered one-half of the French fleet to sail toward Yorktown. French Admiral de Grasse decided to bring his entire fleet of twenty-eight ships instead. He was able to

elude the Royal Navy and enter Chesapeake Bay on August 30, 1781. This maneuver blocked Cornwallis' escape route by water.

Washington combined with de Rochambeau and marched toward Yorktown to trap Cornwallis. Cornwallis was surrounded by 17,000 French and American troops. These troops encircled the town and began building fortifications. They worked at night to move and position powerful guns into the battlefield area. Washington began continuous day and night bombings on October 11th. His guns pounded Cornwallis' lines, forcing the British to pull troops in from their outer defenses. The French-American alliance drew closer like a tightening noose. The Americans attacked one British redoubt as the French simultaneously attacked another. Cornwallis briefly attempted to ferry some troops across the river to Gloucester. He was able to evacuate one thousand men before a large storm made further transport impossible. Cornwallis had no choice but to surrender.

After two days of negotiations, Washington signed the British proposal for surrender. The defeated Royal Army marched out of Yorktown on October 19, 1781 to lay down their weapons and flags. Cornwallis sent his second-in-command to surrender the army. This rebuff by Cornwallis cheated Washington out of his greatest war triumph.

The British were defeated at Yorktown by a combination of events. The French fleet was able to take command of the sea from the Royal Navy. In addition, the ground forces were able to capitalize on the advantages that this blockade gave them. The end of the American Revolution is usually assigned to the date that Cornwallis' men surrendered before the combined armies of France and America. The loss at the Battle of Yorktown convinced the British that the cost of war was too high. They finally agreed to give the colonies their independence.

Report From The



Georgia Society Registrar

Kendall Abbott

Summertime and the Living is Easy

Now that Cindy and I are back from an exciting two week New England trip where we participated in three grave markings (NH, VT & ME) and visited 19 cemeteries, three libraries, one museum and the Archives of New Brunswick, Canada, I am catching up on the applications received while gone and should be totally caught up before leaving for the Congress in Dallas. A special thanks goes to Kline for filling in for me on questions, follow-ups and emails.

Summertime has historically been a time to relax and meet new people. Possibly you might also include the opportunity to recruit a new SAR member or help a prospective member with his research. Take the time to visit the archives or library with these prospects. Believe me, it is rewarding.

One member from the Captain John Collins Chapter, Compatriot **Dick Huber**, has taken the opportunity this summer to meet with members of his church on a regular basis to help them research their lineage. Hopefully some new members will grow out of this effort. There are many prospective SAR members all around us everyday – it just takes that little extra during a brief conversation and a few hours to help them. And if you run into road blocks or don't know where to start with the research or need help yourself, please contact your chapter's Registrar or even the State Genealogist and the help will be there.

The key is to take that first step – open with a discussion of some of your activities or opportunities SAR members have. And don't forget the great feeling every member has of knowing some of the history of one's own ancestors. So enjoy the summer with some of those potential Compatriots that are just sitting there, waiting for your call.



New England Grave Marking Photos

(above) Kendall Abbott at the grave of his patriot ancestor James Abbott

(left) Kendall Abbott reading a bio in the rain.

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At the State level his career culminated with his election as President of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Again, his talents and expertise contributed to an outstanding year for the Society under his leadership. He visited most of the local chapters, always bringing a message of dedication to the goals of the Society and a challenge to all to continuously promote the education of our youth in the history of the valiant achievements of our Revolutionary War ancestors.

Nationally, John served for several years in positions of leadership and actively participated in programs sponsored by the National Society. He represented Georgia and the southeast in deliberations at national meetings. He was highly regarded by his fellow members.

John was born on October 16th, 1923, in Versailles, Ohio, the son of Dr. John Edward Gillette and his wife, the former Margaret Susanna Gutermuth. He attended schools in Versailles, graduating from Versailles High School, where he served on the Student Council and as a cheerleader. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts. He attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio,

where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science. Subsequently, he engaged in extensive graduate study at Princeton University.

John had a distinguished military career, spanning a period of some 51 years. He enlisted in the Army in 1942 and saw service in the European Theater as a Combat Infantryman with the 104th "Timberwolf" Infantry Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Upon his return to the United States and while studying at Princeton, John joined the New Jersey National Guard's 114th Infantry Regimental Combat Team. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, thus beginning his career as an officer in the Army. John continued his association with the National Guard in units in Texas, Alabama and Georgia, retiring with the rank of Brigadier General in October, 1983. In 1984 John was named by Georgia's Adjutant General as Commanding General and Founder of the Georgia State Guard, later designated as the Georgia State Defense Force. During his Command of this organization, the Force grew from a cadre of some 25 members to a force of over 1300, serving in locations all over Georgia.

In civilian life John was involved in the plastics industry where he served with distinction in various capacities with several leading manufacturers.

John held memberships in many organizations, too numerous to include here. His capacity for effective leadership was evidenced by his having been selected to head many of the groups with which he was associated.

To summarize, from an earlier tribute to John – "When you read of the accomplishments many great Americans [achieved] throughout history, they all had common characteristics and a will to sacrifice everything for their beliefs. John is no exception, and he can be counted among the group. . . . But men are not judged by the number of battles won, or the medals awarded, but for their moral fiber and matters of the heart. Those who have known John Gillette are keenly aware that he incorporated all of the virtues and values that molded his life into a man of honor. . . . We are all surely blessed [that he was] counted a friend, and for that we are thankful."

Guyton McCall
Chaplain, Atlanta Chapter

Message From the



Georgia Society Genealogist

Bob Sapp

In the last issue of the Hornet's Nest, we discussed the genealogical information to be obtained from census records in the construction of family units. In this issue we will examine ways to flush out our ancestor's character and environment. A little used municipal record can add character or infamy to our ancestor. This record is the court's "minute book" where all the actions of the court are recorded in summary. The information can lead to more court records.

The court clerk keeps the minute book as well as the actions taken by the court. The first step in searching a minute book is to determine the time frame in which you wish to search and then the county in which your ancestor lived. If you are close enough to the locale, then you could go to the clerk of the court and ask to see the minute book. However, if the locale is remote, then another method of search must be taken. The Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (LDS) has microfilmed many early and some later court records. The microfilms are available on rental at LDS Family History Centers located in local LDS churches. There are several LDS Family

History Centers in Georgia. To determine which microfilm you wish to order on loan, a search of the Family History Library (FHL) must be made.

An at home search may be made via internet access of the LDS web site. Log on by entering the web address: <FamilySearch.org/>. On the home page find "Library", and then select [FHL Catalog](#) on the Library page. Do a Place Search designating the county as the location. Several options will appear with the selected county name. Scroll down until you find the county and state you desire to research. Select this option and a list of records available in that location will appear. They will vary from church records, vital records and court records. Select court records and determine the microfilm that contains the years you are searching for as court records, minute book, etc. Order the microfilm from your local LDS Family History Center. In some cases local historians have transcribed and published the minute books. You may want to search and determine if a published copy is available at your local library or in print.

What will I find in these minute book court records? Your early ancestor was orphaned and you need to know his parents, his age and what happened to him. The court may have appointed a guardian, or it may have apprenticed him out to a merchant in the community. The court record would indicate the length of time for the apprenticeship, age when the apprenticeship would terminate and the conditions of release. In another case a young man wants to venture out into business on his own. He is not 21 years of age so he petitions the court to declare him as an adult so he can be in debt and released from his father's household. (The court) would hear the suit for bastardy by the woman who would name the father. The case would result in the father paying support for at least three years.

Your ancestor was in financial straits and

could not pay his bills. His wife bore a child that was delivered by the local doctor. The doctor was paid by funds from the Overseer of the Poor (today's Family and Children Services). The Overseer of the Poor also had judiciary powers to render judgments in family cases. Cannot find the parents of your illegitimate ancestor?---check The Overseer of the Poor.

One of your ancestors may have had a quarrelsome nature. The disputes and cases of suit between him and his neighbors add character and insight into his nature. Cannot find a will for your ancestor? Maybe he died intestate. The court would record the petition for papers of administration for his estate. Consider that the ancestor is a brother of your direct line. He may have married, yet there is no family record of the marriage. He dies with property but intestate. His widow (relict) petitions the court for papers of administration but designates her brother as administrator. With this new discovery of the marriage, the name of the bride and the maiden name are confirmed by the brother's name as administrator.

The date that a will is recorded and the date for petition for papers of estate administration provide a clue as to when your ancestor died. However, a will is not the only way to dispose of an estate after death. To avoid probate, a husband may transfer his estate to his youngest son with a life estate provision for himself and his wife. The date the deed was recorded would be in the minute book. This would lead to the deed book for added information.

Where indices fail in a search for wills, deeds, and other particular events in our ancestor's life, the minute book is a good search tool for what happened in the county where he lived and how he behaved in the community. Search the court minute book to add color to the times that your ancestor lived.

Speakers Bureau

It is desirable to promote the tenants of Historic, Educational, and Patriotic activities of our noble organization. This can be further enhanced by our active participation in speaking to other organizations who may not know about the Sons of the American Revolution or what we do. The Speakers Bureau is designed to seek out opportunities for us to "spread the word" about the SAR. Once an organization provides an opportunity for us to be on their program, the Speakers Bureau will coordinate with a local chapter to provide the program.

It is not necessary to have a "canned" speech, only make an outline and discuss who we are, what we do and how we appreciate the opportunity to let others know about our organization. However, specific speeches are available if necessary. Contact **Bob Sapp** (Piedmont Chapter) for this information. This

activity will be conducted under the American Committee.

Where possible, the speaker should be in uniform but this is not an absolute requirement. The uniform always gets attention and adds to the nature of our organization.

When asked what we do, you can use the following:

The Sons of the American Revolution are engaged in a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution. Programs include Essay Contests for both High School students and Eagle Scouts, presentation of medals to College and High School ROTC students, Poster Contests for Elementary School students, American Revolution presentations to Elementary and Middle School students, presentation of medals to Public Safety officials, Revolutionary War

Grave Dedications, Volunteer work with Veterans, presentation of Flag Certificates to deserving organizations and schools, participation in historic battle sites observances and others.

Timely topics that could be presented during the calendar year include: Battle observance of Cowpens, Battle of Kettle Creek, George Washington's Birthday, Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Georgia Patriots Day, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Flag Day, September 11, Constitution Week, Battle of Kings Mountain, Surrender at Yorktown, Veterans Day

You can help by providing the Chairman of the Speakers Bureau with a contact with any interested organization. Local Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, etc. are always looking for speakers. This is our opportunity to make an impact on the knowledge of the SAR in our local community.

George Thurmond, Speakers Bureau



New Members Since the Last Issue of The Hornet's Nest

Chapter	New Member	Patriot Ancestor	First Line Sponsor
Athens	James Chadwick Hammond	David Smith	Robert F. Towns
Atlanta	Lewis Bates Davis, Jr.	William Davis	Transfer from FL
	Stephen Todd Rothschild	George Mosse	Transfer from SC
Button Gwinnett	Robert Walker Chewning	Samuel Chewning	N. Walker Chewning
Casimir Pulaski	James Lovvorn Rowell, Jr.	Jesse Rowell	Joe Beck Moore
Cherokee	Earnie Rowe Breeding	John Lumsden	Mark H. Webb
	Dawson Angelo Faith	Oliver Willard	Mark H. Webb
	Robert Dawson Faith	Oliver Willard	Mark H. Webb
	Christopher Scott Smith	Abraham Slack	Mark H. Webb
Coweta Falls	Lemuel Abner Cannon, Jr.	Nathaniel Cannon	Hugh I. Rodgers
	William Price Cliatt	James Spratling	Joseph R. Walters, Jr.
	Robert Aydelotte Fleck, Jr.	Daniel Devol	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	Gerald Dunn Griffin, III	Nathaniel Cannon	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	Boyce W. Mayo	Shadrack Rowe	Robert F. Galer
	Robert Scott McGurk	William Sylvester, Jr.	Joseph R. Walters, Jr.
	Frank Edward Mims	Charles Scott	William M. Hay
	Richard Thomas Mitchell, Jr.	Benjamin J. Haygood	Neil Hine Gillis
	Andrew Robert Perez	Daniel Devol	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	Sheron Rowe Sheppard, Jr.	Shadrack Rowe	Robert F. Galer
Dalton	Fred Wood Snell, III	William Bostwick	Fred W. Snell, Jr.
	Fred Wood Snell, IV	William Bostwick	Fred W. Snell, Jr.
	James Benjamin Snell	William Bostwick	Fred W. Snell, Jr.
	Mark McCord Snell	William Bostwick	Fred W. Snell, Jr.
Edward Telfair	Christopher W. T. Daly	Josiah Carter	Larry T. Guzy
	George Bull Salley, Jr.	James Council	Julian D. Kelly, Jr.
John Collins	Ray Duane Ruggles	Henry Haigwood, Sr.	Larry T. Guzy
John Milledge	Harold Eugene Roupe	Joseph Martin	Dual from TN
Joseph Habersham	Graham Carl Bethel	John Richardson	William H. Raper
	Julian Bethel, Sr.	John Richardson	William H. Raper
	Julian Bethel, Jr.	John Richardson	William H. Raper
	Howard Gaston Farmer, Jr.	Howard Cash	William H. Raper
	Wendell Lavelle Gunn	Thomas Gibson	William H. Raper
Lyman Hall	James Reid Roberts	Lemuel Drake	Hall Martin
	Jerome Frank Roberts	Lemuel Drake	Hall Martin
Marquis de Lafayette	Kevin Tawn Napier	Aaron Matthews	Transfer from OH
Marshes of Glynn	Lewis Fred Davis, Jr.	Thomas Atchley	Gregory A. Hollis
	Lewis Marion Davis	John Cutler Braddock	Gregory A. Hollis
Mill Creek	Ansel Franklin Beacham, Jr.	William Fisher	Frank C. Parker, III
	James Asa High	William H. Gore, Sr.	Frank C. Parker, III
	James Marshall Long, III	John Cogburn	Frank C. Parker, III
	Joseph Woodrow Peebles	Ephraim Peebles	Frank C. Parker, III
Ocmulgee	Edward Maxwell Bugg	Jesse Bugg	Gary D. Worrell
Piedmont	Joseph R. Zimmerman	John Kershner	Transfer from TX
Samuel Elbert	Thomas Boyce Lynch, Jr.	William Anson Halbert	Olin Joel Moore
William Few	Jonathan Robert Posey	Martin Hazzard	Russell K. Brown

Grave Marking Awards Program Announced

The locating and marking of Revolutionary War Patriot graves is at the core of our responsibilities as members of the Sons of the American Revolution. In Georgia, we are privileged to have the publication, *Georgia Revolutionary War Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers* to guide us. This two-volume publication was funded through the Patterson-Barkley Foundation Board member and former Chancellor, Ross Arnold. This publication is a widely accepted authority on

Revolutionary War Patriot graves located in Georgia. Thus, we have a unique opportunity that numerous other state societies do not have. If we don't mark them, who will?

In response to this challenge, the Graves Committee will recognize those chapters that actively participate in grave marking by awarding a flag streamer and certificate for marking three Revolutionary War Patriot graves. A star will be presented for each additional grave marked (past and future) when reported to the graves committee. The report must include information required to be added to our Graves Publication (cemetery

location, GPS reading, biography and date of the dedication and registration with NSSAR Graves Committee). Where more than one chapter is involved, each chapter will receive one-half credit for a grave marked. One half credit will also be given for each SAR member grave marked as we should seek to also honor those SAR members that are no longer with us.

The awards will be under the supervision of the Graves Chairman and will be made at the Annual Awards Luncheon. Streamers will be obtained through NSSAR Merchandise.

George Thurmond, Committee Member

Report From The



Georgia Society N.S.C.A.R.

Mike Tomme

At the annual banquet and meeting held March 31st and April 1st, 2006, **Arthur Hall**, 1st Vice President of Georgia C.A.R. Society presented a check to the Eagle Scout Program. At the luncheon, he was awarded an Eagle Scout Medal for his donation by National Eagle Scout Committee Chair, **Charlie Newcomer**. Outgoing Georgia C.A.R. State President, **Sydney McRee** brought greetings from the C.A.R. and thanked the SAR for helping make her State Project a great success. Sydney received the Bronze C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation. **Fran Hall**, outgoing Senior State C.A.R. President also brought greeting and thanked the SAR for their support. C.A.R. members that were present were: Arthur Hall, Sydney McRee, State President, **Chuck Hall, Jr.**, **Galen** and **Elizabeth Anthony**.

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On April 20, 2006, **Mike and Cilla Tomme** traveled to Washington, DC to attend their first National C.A.R. Annual meeting and Banquet. That evening Mike and Cilla served as greeters at the C.A.R. Museum for Native American Programs. **Kevin Baker**, National C.A.R. Curator, was in charge of the most impressive display on the Native Americans. After dignitaries spoke and Native Americans showed the ancient dance, the ribbon was cut by National C.A.R. President, **Rebecca Grawl**, Senior National C.A.R. President, **Karen Smith** and Kevin Baker to officially open the display. The theme was "One Nation-Many Cultures." Kevin and the MAC Committee have been working on this exhibit all year. There are 58 cases of artifacts displaying the different items from the Native Americans. As the crowd viewed the cases, everyone was amazed at all of the history

inside the cases. The honored guests were members of the Navaho, Seneca, Ojibway and Oneida Tribes. Also, members from the Indian Health Organization and College Fund were present. The entertainment was provided by tribal members; they performed the Grass Dance, Traditional Dance, Jingle Dance, Fancy Shawl Dance and Friendship Dance. The dancers range in ages from 4-13 years old.

After the dedication, a buffet was served in the DAR President General's **Presley Wagoner's** reception room. After dinner, everyone was taken on a tour of Washington, DC. Our tour went by several museums, the WWII Memorial, our Nation's Capitol and the new American Indian Museum.

After numerous meetings the following day, **Robert (Bobby) Fritsch** of PA was elected National C.A.R. Society President, and our own Kevin Baker was elected National Corresponding Secretary. The next day, we made bus trips to Arlington National Cemetery, where a wreath placed in honor of C.A.R., and then to Mount Vernon for the swearing in of National Officers, Senior National Officers and State Presidents.

Kevin Baker was sworn in by Senior National C.A.R. President, **Karen Smith**. Next, Karen swore in the new Senior National C.A.R. President, **Suzanne Reynolds** from Washington, DC. Then, Karen and Suzanne swore in the new Senior National Officers, Senior State Officers and State Presidents. Arthur Hall was sworn in as State C.A.R. President and **Iris McRee** was sworn in as Senior State C.A.R. President.

After the ceremony, we traveled to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House for a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution. We met inside and had a short service with song. As we went out into court yard where the grave is, a calming peace came over the crowd. This was a wonderful experience for all.

On May 19, 2006, members of the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society and the Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter joined the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter at the Palmetto Founders Day Parade.



National C.A.R. Corresponding Secretary **Kevin Baker** (left) and State C.A.R. President **Arthur Hall**

On June 13, 2006, **Sarah Dorney**, C.A.R. State 1st Vice President and Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society President brought greetings from Arthur Hall, State C.A.R. President and from the Button Gwinnett Society. She talked about the upcoming State Project and thanked our chapter for the support we have given to the Button Gwinnett Society and State Society over the years. She talked about the National C.A.R. Convention held in Washington, DC.

On June 14, 2006, Marquis de Lafayette members, **Mike Tomme**, **Bo Hill**, **Doug Stansberry** and **Paul Grimes**, attended the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. meeting. The meeting was about Native Americans, and since it was Flag Day, the group received visits from "Betsy Ross, George Washington, George Ross and Robert Morris."



SAR, DAR and C.A.R., members at the Palmetto Founders Day Parade



Membership Trophy



Large Chapter Awards



Winning Poster



Previous Presidents



Head Table



Eagle Scout Winner

Camp Follower Awards



New President



ROTC Winner



2006 Officers

2006 Georgia Society Annual Meeting



Patriot Medal Awards



Color Guard

Georgia Compatriots Meet New England Compatriots

The Captain John Collins Chapter along with the New Hampshire, Vermont and other Georgia Societies coordinated two very unique grave marking ceremonies by uniting people from multiple areas of the country. Led by **Kendall Abbott** of the Captain John Collins Chapter and dual member of the NH Society, **Ben Hampton** – Past President of the NH Society, and **Arnie Fallon** – President of the Vermont Society, over a year's planning came together on June 3rd to honor a father and son, ancestors of Kendall Abbott, who served with the NH Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Early last year, Kendall discovered William Abbott's grave in Horse Meadow Cemetery, Haverhill, NH. After a little research, we found that the grave had not been marked by the SAR, so the plans began. While trying to schedule the logistics, costs, timing and preparation needed to put the plan into action, it was discovered that William's father, James Abbott, was buried only six miles away in the Oxbow Cemetery in Newbury, VT. We were now given the opportunity to recognize the father and his service at the same time.

After hundreds of emails and phone calls, the ceremonies started to come together and on June 3rd, in the rain with a very cool breeze blowing, the dream was realized. SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and descendants of the Abbott family from seven states gathered for the service. We were honored with past and present national officers, two state presidents, color guard members from five states and several local members from the SAR. Five members from the Georgia Society were present at these ceremonies with four participating in the color guard. Representing the DAR, two state regents along with several members from the New England states, Georgia and Illinois Societies joined in this memorable occasion.

The New Hampshire ceremony was led by past State President, Ben Hampton, of New



Hampshire for William Abbott, and the Vermont ceremony was led by Vermont State President, Arnie Fallon, for James Abbott. **David Hockensmith**, Chaplain General, provided the invocation and benediction at both ceremonies with Compatriot **Hans Jackson**, commander of the New Hampshire color guard, leading the multi-state color guard through their presentation of colors and firing of the muskets honoring these patriots.

Many beautiful wreaths were presented in the traditional display of respect to these two

Patriots and the services they provided. Proclamations of honor and remembrance were offered for each Patriot by **John Cobb**, Selectman of Haverhill, NH, and **Alma Roystan**, Select Chair of Newbury, VT. Kendall Abbott, representing the Abbott Descendants, gave a brief overview of the Abbott family and biographical sketch of each Patriot and the services they provided in the Revolutionary War and later in their local communities.

As a Society that draws its membership from those who served to gain our freedom, we have a continuing debt to all who have preserved that freedom over the years. This heart-warming experience provided the opportunity for everyone involved to educate and share with each other and the local communities as this step back into history was taken. In addition, hopefully through these efforts, members of the communities will contact the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. for membership and opportunities to help further educate children, as well as adults, about the sacrifices our Patriots made and the strengths of our Nation's freedoms.

After both ceremonies concluded, most attendees gathered at a local restaurant to relax, meet each other, make new friends, share experiences and reflect on the activities of the day. This time of camaraderie with Compatriots and DAR members from across the country was a warming experience for all attending.

I encourage each Compatriot to seek out their Patriots' graves and other Revolutionary War graves to properly identify, register and honor each of those who have been buried there. Not only does this provide the feeling of accomplishment; but it permits us, as SAR members, to share our beliefs and extend our patriotism to others throughout the country.

Additional pictures can be found on the Captain John Collins website at www.CaptainJohnCollins.org.

Kendall Abbott



Georgia Society Observes 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Augusta

The William Few Chapter welcomed SAR members from two states for a special occasion in Augusta, GA., on June 2nd and 3rd, 2006.

Over the weekend, a consortium of local organizations, led by the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society, celebrated the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Augusta. **LTC C. Tom Sutherland** of Augusta was chairman of the committee that conceived, planned and carried out the festivities. This celebration was based on the historic event which was described in an article printed in the April-June, 2006, issue of *The Hornet's Nest*.

The weekend began on June 2nd with a symposium, "Fighting for Augusta", at the Augusta Museum of History. The parish hall of historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church was host that evening to a sumptuous Colonial Dinner that included period food, costumes,



Georgia Society President **George Wheelless** displays the proclamation from Mayor Copenhaver.

City Administrator, **Robert Leverett**, presented Georgia Society President, **George H. Wheelless**, with a proclamation from Mayor Copenhaver recognizing the 100th anniversary of the national charter of the SAR and declaring June 9, 2006, to be "SAR Day" in Augusta.

After the proclamation ceremony, 21 wreaths were presented at the Celtic Cross by S A R , D A R a n d C . A . R . representatives. Participants included President Wheelless, South Carolina SAR President, **Charles Porter**, and Georgia DAR Regent, **Shelby Whitson**.

The ceremony closed with a musket salute from the Elijah Clarke Militia, the retirement of the colors, and a benediction. The entire event was marked by its dignity and simplicity.

Saturday's finale was a re-enactment of the Battle of Augusta, complete with a replica

Maham Tower designed and constructed by conservationist and re-enactor, **Eugene Hough**. More than 800 enthusiastic spectators witnessed the hour-long combat between the besieging patriots and the defending loyalists. The crowd cheered when the latter ultimately surrendered.

A highlight of the observance was the appearance of a detachment of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns. They gave five performances during the weekend, including one at the Colonial Dinner and one on the field before the battle re-enactment.

Local historian Dr. **Edward J. Cashin** best summed up the response of the estimated cumulative audience of 5,000 when he said, "This is the event of a lifetime."

Russell K. Brown



Building a replica Maham Tower

historic interpreters, and appropriate music and dancing. Many Georgia Society members attended, as did U.S. Congressman, **Charlie Norwood**, and Augusta Mayor, **Deke Copenhaver**, with their wives.

The main SAR event was held Saturday, June 3rd, at the Celtic Cross behind St. Paul's. The cross stands on the site of the original Fort Augusta and the location of the 1780 structure, Fort Cornwallis.

First, the colors were posted by the Color Guard, led by Deputy Commander, **Charlie Newcomer**, followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Augusta Deputy



Musket Salute fired over the Celtic Cross

PATRIOTS DAYS IN GEORGIA FREDERICA NAVAL ACTION

Another tourist destination has been added to Georgia Revolutionary history.

On April 19th a Georgia Patriots Day program was repeated on the shores of the Frederica River in Glynn County, Georgia, to commemorate the victory of colonial Army and Navy forces over three British warships off St. Simons Island in 1778.

The Frederica Naval Action joins the location of the battle of Kettle Creek in Revolutionary battles in the state that have been brought out of the shadows of history by the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. In tandem with other organizations, they have also recently brought to public light battles at Augusta and Savannah in the War for American Independence.

Kettle Creek is celebrated annually in February at the battlefield in Wilkes County; the Battle of Augusta, Richmond County in June and the Siege of Savannah, Chatham County in October.

Last year, Governor **Sonny Perdue** noted that April 19, 1778, was exactly three years after "the shot heard round the world" was fired by Minutemen at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts to begin the fight for independence from English rule. He proclaimed that date as PATRIOTS DAY in Georgia and urged "all citizens to become more knowledgeable of the role the Revolution played in our great nation."

April 19, 1778, Colonel Samuel Elbert commanding three Georgia Navy galleys *Lee*, *Washington* and *Bulloch* encountered and attacked three British warships in the Frederica River near St. Simons Island. For several years, patriots along the coast of the sparsely settled Georgia colony had been harassed and attacked by vessels and organized raiders from British East Florida. After five hours of ground and naval action, the British ships were captured by Colonel Elbert and the Georgia Navy. It was a victory which boosted the morale of Georgia patriots, and caused the British to delay the invasion of Georgia by more than eight months. Savannah was attacked and captured in December 1778.

One of the 2006 program speakers was **Lewis M. Davis**, descendant of Captain John Cutler Braddock who commanded one of the three galleys which conquered the British. A wreath was presented by **David Dukes, Sr.** of Jesup, Georgia honoring his ancestor, Bridget Jones, who was a sailor aboard the galley *Washington*. **Gordon B. Smith** of Savannah presented information about John and Joseph Habersham, brothers who helped win the day for the cause of the young Georgia colony. **Jim Allen** of Brunswick, Georgia told an audience of almost 225 that Colonel Samuel

Elbert was not only the American commander but also a leader in establishing Masonic lodges in early Georgia and was Grand Provincial Master of the Masons.

To encourage American citizens to appreciate Georgia Revolutionary history, 10,000 copies of a brochure "Frederica Naval Action April 19 1778" have been printed and distributed to 13 Georgia Welcome Centers by the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The SAR Society sponsored an historical marker with the Georgia Historical Society, Coastal Georgia Historical Society and Fort Frederica National Monument. It was titled "The Georgia Navy" and erected at roadside between Christ Church

patriot morale and delayed by more than eight months the British invasion of Georgia."

Thirty-four members of a combined Color Guard at this month's celebration were led by Paul Prescott of Alpharetta and Commander of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution award-winning Color Guard. They carried over a dozen flags of the Revolutionary War period. Also in uniform, but militia instead of Continental Line, were the Colonel Elijah Clarke militia, the Florida Sons of Liberty SAR Brigade, a U.S. Navy Submarine Base Honor Guard from Kings Bay, Georgia, a bagpiper, and re-enactors from Fort Frederica National monument, Fort King George in McIntosh County and Fort Morris in Liberty



and Fort Frederica on St. Simons Island.

The historical marker reads "During the American Revolution four heavily-armed row galleys were constructed in Savannah for the Georgia Navy, all underwritten by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. In nearby Frederica River beginning at dawn April 19, 1778 Georgia galleys *Lee*, *Washington* and *Bulloch* commanded by Colonel Samuel Elbert, attacked HM brigantine *Hinchenbrook*, the armed sloop *Rebecca*, and an armed watering brig. The British attempted to retaliate, but were out-gunned and out-maneuvered. As they tried to gain an advantage by moving down river their ships grounded, were abandoned, and captured. This remarkable victory boosted

County.

Musical selections were provided by the U.S. Navy Band Southeast Brass Quintet from Jacksonville, Florida Naval Station and the National Anthem was sung by **Rhonda Hambright** of St. Simons Island.

"Massachusetts and Maine are the only states to have an official state Patriots Day holiday to commemorate the Revolutionary War battles at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts on April 19th, 1775", said Bill Ramsaur, of St. Simons Island Chairman of the first and second annual events, "since this victory of the Georgia Navy occurred on April 19th three years later, we feel that Georgia has a good reason to join Massachusetts and Maine in observing Patriots Day."

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Alexander Hamilton: Legitimately American

manufacturing economy, failed due to the depression. All of Hamilton's plans were linked together. Each depended on the success of another. In 1792, Jefferson and Hamilton began a journalistic war, mostly over Hamilton's taxes, which not even Washington could stop.

The French Revolution was almost universally supported in America, but Hamilton disliked mobs as much then as during the American Revolution. At the same time, he dealt expertly with the consequences of his excise tax on whiskey, the Whiskey Rebellion. With a considerable show of force, Hamilton managed to avoid violence.

In 1795, Hamilton retired from Washington's Cabinet. America's economy was in good condition, he felt he had "accomplished enough". He also needed to support his family and returned to the practice of law, though he continued to give advice.

Britain had become increasingly hostile, and the Jay Treaty proved unsatisfactory even if temporarily effective. Hamilton fully supported Washington's Neutrality Proclamation, and in "The Defense", Hamilton dissected and defended the Jay Treaty. Hamilton's last official act in Washington's service was drafting Washington's Farewell Address. John Adams was elected in 1796 and retained Washington's cabinet, in which Hamilton had immense influence.

Conflict with France now became imminent. The XYZ affair enraged the public and put pressure on Adams. The army was expanded, and Washington came out of retirement. Hamilton was appointed major general under Washington. Adams resented this, and the dissent between the two Federalists created a rift in the party. Peace with France did not bring peace between the two men. Nonetheless, Hamilton did endorse Adams in the next election.

In the Electoral College, Burr and Jefferson tied; Adams was out of the running.

Hamilton supported Jefferson, the lesser of two evils, and provoked Burr. He convinced others to support Jefferson by persuading Jefferson to compromise. Jefferson's cooperation proved to be the downfall of the Federalist Party. It made it obsolete. Content, but wary, Hamilton prepared to do journalistic battle, if necessary, by founding the New York Evening Post.

In 1804, Hamilton once again stood in the way of Burr's bid for office. This time Burr was running for New York governor. In response to statements made by Hamilton, Burr challenged him to a duel. With a son and daughter dead, Hamilton seemed ready to join them and did on July 12, 1804.

Fundamentally, Hamilton's war was for a country. His particular forte was his country's economics, and he did his best to make it as perfect as he knew how. Though he was an illegitimate son and foreign born, Alexander Hamilton was the most legitimate American of his time.

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The Impact of NJROTC on My Life

school board. They saw the vast improvement in my work ethic, and I was granted credit for all my classes. I had passed the ninth grade!

That summer, I attended an NJROTC Basic Leadership Training camp in Tennessee. I learned several important lessons there. At 0530 every day, rain or shine, we woke up to calisthenics and a forty-five minute run. Jammed between meal formations we had a full schedule every day until 2200 -- swimming tests, physical fitness tests, archery, riflery, canoeing, rafting, rappelling, the COPE course, team sports, inspections, studying, military drill, and camp-ground maintenance. Then we stood fire watches during the night. The instructors pretty much "kicked our butts" every day for a week. But every day it got just a little bit easier. I learned the satisfaction of sticking with something, no matter how difficult, and I learned the importance of teamwork. We praised each other, encouraged each other and, sometimes, dragged each other through the tougher events. I felt like I could have put my life in the hands of any of my

teammates.

The first semester of my sophomore year, I was assigned as the company Administrative Chief. It was hell. The Administrative Officer was anything but merciful to me when I messed up, and I paid for it. So I learned another valuable lesson -- that my actions had consequences. The next semester I was promoted and assigned as the Administrative Officer. I thought things would get easier, but I was wrong. That semester I was in the same class with the Commanding Officer. She decided to whip me into shape. I learned how to deal with confrontation, a little public embarrassment, and slowly began to develop my own leadership style. That semester, I was becoming not only a more effective officer, but I was becoming a man as well.

I returned to Basic Leadership Training Camp the following summer. This time I was able to provide guidance and support for junior cadets, and continued to work on my interpersonal skills. I was also sent to the NJROTC Youth Leadership Conference in Charleston, South Carolina. While there I was able to interact with cadets from other schools and exchange leadership ideas.

This year I was assigned as the company Operations Officer. This was not the promotion I wanted, but at least I was still on staff and had an opportunity to learn about a different department. I decided to apply everything I had learned in NJROTC -- leadership techniques, people skills, a strong work ethic, and many other things that words cannot express. An all out performance as Operations Officer led to my current assignment as Executive Officer.

NJROTC offers cadets a very positive growth experience that can easily be fun as well. In addition to making me a successful officer, the NJROTC program helped me mature more quickly than I would have without it. I have met very few cadets who have had a negative experience in the unit, and even they have reaped some benefits. In my case, the NJROTC program quite literally saved my life, and set me on the road to success. I plan to go to West Point after graduation, and continue to serve my country by applying the values I have learned in NJROTC.

Education Committee Notice

At the July 29th Board of Managers meeting the Education Committee will be handing out packets of new material to each chapter so they can be distributed to Educators as they start pre planning for the 2006-2007 School Year.

Please make sure that your chapter has someone to serve as the Education Chairman from your chapter.

The Education Committee is one of the most important in all of the SAR. It helps us to

provide the TRUE HISTORY of the American Revolution to thousands of Georgia School Children every year. Let's make this coming school year the year we get the message out to millions.

Lewie Dunn, Chairman
Georgia Society Education Committee

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Casimir Pulaski

How To Distribute

*The History of Georgia Counties During
the American Revolution*

This is a great book for the education of both the public and students on Georgia History. I have found a few creative ways to distribute the book in the past months.

The first way was to give the 40 students in my *U.S. Since 1865* class and the 20 students in my *Georgia History* class a copy with which they could earn up to 5 extra credit questions on their final exam. The questions required that they pretty much read the whole thing to get the answers. The best question asked them to list two Georgia Counties named for Massachusetts patriots (there are actually three). But I also asked the number of counties named for patriots, the county named for a woman patriot and the battles commemorated in Georgia. They also had to include the page number (s) they found the answer (s) on. Most did attempt to get the extra points. This summer the book will be a required read for my *U.S. to 1865* class.

The second way to distribute came during the various doctors' office visits in anticipation of our recently born son, Cameren Everett. During each office visit, I'd pull a copy out, read it some and then leave it on the stack of magazines there in the office. Nursery waiting rooms at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton also received copies, all of which had the local chapter's web page on the back. To date there is no way to tell the response; however, there is plenty of waiting time at these locations where people may choose to read something interesting.

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Captain John Collins

On March 24th, 2006, our Chapter issued its first ever heroism awards, recognizing the brave action of two Kennesaw Mountain High School students, **Carl Cramer** and **Justin Boswell**. The two young men saw a car crash into a pole and they pulled the driver out of the vehicle just before it burst into flames! **Kendall Abbot**, **Larry Guzy**, **Tony Toth**, and **Jim Castle** represented the Chapter at the event where other local dignitaries were also involved. The presentation was covered by Channel 11 TV of Atlanta and was shown on *11 Alive News* at both the evening and late newscasts!

Skip Keaton managed the creation of our Chapter's "care packages" to be sent to troops in an anonymous combat area. The Chapter donated both money and items. Some of the items sent were razors, puzzles, food, DVDs, CDs and notebooks. The Chapter intends to develop a relationship with the troops, so we can better meet the needs they have. We bring a little home to them while they are away from home for us.

The new John Collins web site is up and running. Tony Toth is the web-master and is doing an outstanding job. The web site contains a calendar of events, chapter news, information about the SAR and the John Collins Chapter, links of interest, and too many



(left to right) **Kendall Abbott**, **Carl Cramer**, **Jim Castle**, **Sue Gunderman** (Principal of Kennesaw Mountain High School), **Justin Boswell**, and **Larry Guzy**.

Also in March, the Captain John Collins and Cherokee Chapters combined to co-sponsor the Grave Dedication of Peter Groover, along with a strong presence of the Georgia Society Color Guard. Groover descendent and John Collins member, **Robert Blackwell**, was present to see his ancestor honored. Charter Member, **Dick Dolsen**, was honored by **Charlie Newcomer**, chairman of the NSSAR Eagle Scout committee, with an Eagle Medal for his work with Eagle Scouts. President **Jim Castle** of the John Collins Chapter presented Compatriot Dolsen with a World War II Service Medal. We thank the Cherokee Chapter for partnering with us in this endeavor.

The Chapter presented War Service Medals to **Richard Huber**, Korea, and **Mike Vaughan**, Vietnam. Kendall Abbott received the Service to Veterans Medal. The Chapter presented 15 Junior ROTC and 2 Senior ROTC medals in 2006.

other items to mention here. Our web address is captainjohncollins.org. Give us a hit!

Earlier in the year, then President **George Thurmond** presided over the installation of new officers for 2006 at our annual dinner. Those officers are **Jim Castle**, President; **David Thompson**, Vice-President; **Paul Grigg**, Treasurer and **Larry Guzy**, Secretary. **John Jones** remained Chaplain, **Rodney Pritchett** remained Sergeant-at-Arms and **Chuck Smith** remained Registrar.

Captain John Collins Chapter received new members **Richard (Dick) Huber**, **Anthony (Tony) Toth**, **Stuart (Skip) Keaton**, **Jason Godwin**, **Ray Ruggles**, and youth member **Raleigh Abbott**.

Jim Castle
Chapter President

Button Gwinnett Chapter

The chapter color guard recently gave lectures and presented flag certificates at Loganville and Monroe Elementary Schools; raised the Lone Star Flag at the Veterans Museum ceremony honoring Gwinnett County veterans from the battle of Goliad, Texas; gave a "Junior Color Guard" program at the Female Seminary's spring Heritage Camp; gave a lineage workshop in Athens; gave a Flag History Program for Cub Scouts at Oglethorpe University; and joined in many Georgia Society Color Guard activities.

Members prepared a float presentation for the Snellville Days parade and took the second place cash prize of \$400. They also marched in the Dacula Memorial Day parade and joined in Loganville's first Fourth of July parade. Several members regularly served as tour guides at the Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum.

Memorial Day weekend was especially busy. Our Button Gwinnett Chapter joined with Snellville American Legion Post 232 and Boy Scout Troop 50 in a joint breakfast, marked veterans' graves with American flags, placed wreaths at Snellville City Hall, and retired the flag at Eternal Hills Cemetery.

Terry Manning, Secretary



(left to right) **Terry Manning** introduces the poster contest winner for the Button Gwinnett Chapter, **Kimberly Gonzalez** and her mother.

Marquis de LaFayette

The second quarter of 2006 saw the chapter continue with our many programs.

Education: Chapter members, President **Mike Tomme**, Vice President **Bo Hill**, and Ladies Aux. **Cilla Tomme** did a school presentation to Kendron Elementary in Peachtree City and also presented 23 poster contest entry certificates at Peachtree City Elementary. Chapter members Mike Tomme along with his wife Cilla, **John Sloan**, **Scott Gilbert** and **Lewie Dunn** attended the East Fayette Elementary Hero's Day Parade and presentation. In conjunction with the Gen. Daniel Newnan chapter of the DAR, the chapter took part in the dedication of the *Marquis De LaFayette Collection* of children's books on the Revolutionary War Era at the Peachtree City Library. Before the dedication, chapter members Mike Tomme, Bo Hill, Lewie Dunn, **Doug Stansberry** and members of the Button Gwinnett and Gen. Daniel Newnan Societies of the C.A.R. gave a program in the city park next to the library to over 80 people. Lewie Dunn took part in the National History Day program as a state judge in Macon.

Color Guard: Chapter members Bo Hill and Lewie Dunn attended the Hilley dedication in Heard County. Bo Hill and Mike Tomme attended the Anderson dedication. **David Jessel** attended the Frederica dedications. Bo Hill, Mike Tomme, Doug Stansberry and

David Jessel attended the National Day of Prayer in Newnan. Mike Tomme, Bo Hill and Lewie Dunn attended the Augusta Battle Celebration.

C.A.R.: Mike and Cilla Tomme attended the National Convention in Washington, D.C., and the Columbus Riverfest.

JROTC: The second quarter saw chapter members Bo Hill, **Hal Dayhuff**, David Jessel, Mike Tomme and **Ed Stoner** present awards to North Clayton, Lovejoy, Riverdale, Sandy Creek and Newnan High Schools.

Parade: Working with the Gen. Daniel Newnan and Augustine Clayton chapters of the DAR and Button Gwinnett and Gen. Daniel Newnan Societies of the C.A.R., we took part in the Palmetto Spring Festival and the Senoia Memorial Day parades. We had a booth at the Holliday-Dorsey-Fife House as part of the Fayetteville Spring Arts Festival.

Partners in Patriotism: Memorial Day saw our chapter cover five events in two states. John Sloan and **Ted Hackney** covered the Marietta National Cemetery. The City of Senoia was covered by **Rev. Knox Herndon**, who gave the benediction at the program, and chapter members: Mike Tomme, Bo Hill, David Jessel, **Paul Grimes**, **Owen Cook**, **John Todd**, **Walt Reed** and Lewie Dunn. David Jessel covered the city of Newnan while Doug Stansberry covered Washington, D.C. The City of Fayetteville was covered by Bo Hill, Mike Tomme and Lewie Dunn. This service saw our largest media coverage with

not only the newspapers but also Internet forum coverage, and we had the honor of having our photo placed on Congressman Lynn Westmoreland's (R-8th GA) website.

Our chapter's push to get proclamations issued to honor the SAR on its 100th Anniversary of Chartering on June 9th resulted in the Counties of Coweta, Fayette, Clayton and Henry as well as the cities of Fayetteville and McDonough issuing well publicized proclamations before hundreds of Georgia citizens.

Lewie Dunn

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Piedmont Chapter

The Piedmont Chapter participated in two Memorial Day Programs: Duluth, GA and the Roswell, GA, Memorial Day celebration. The Roswell program is an annual celebration that the Piedmont Chapter has participated in for the past seven years. It is very special in that the two Rotary Clubs' co-chairs for the project are also members of the award winning Piedmont Chapter. Hats off to **Walt Woliver** and **Jim McIntyre!**

In preparation for the Roswell program, time was allotted for special instructions about the proper use of a hammer and stake. **Robert Sapp** and **Paul Prescott** received coaching from Col. **Bob Bauchspies** as he demonstrated the US Army method of staking and hammer holding. Sorry, but copies of the Army SOP's are not available for printing or distribution.

The chapter was privileged to present three awards at the Gwinnett County Commission meeting. The Fire Safety Commendation



(left to right) **Bob Sapp**, **Paul Prescott** and **Col. Bob Bauchspies**

Medal was presented to Captain **David Dusik**. The chapter received a National Flag Day Proclamation from the Gwinnett County Commission and in return presented a Flag Certificate to the county for the proper display of the American Flag at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center Building in Lawrenceville, GA. All of the Gwinnett County Fire and Safety stations were also honored.

The chapter received six Patriot Day Proclamations from municipalities in the area of service. In addition, the chapter received a National Flag Day Proclamation from the city of Norcross, GA. The Proclamation was read by the acting Mayor of the city of Norcross, GA. The Proclamation was accepted by chapter members **Skip Gray**, **Bob Shaw**, and Past President Robert Sapp.

Over the past several months the Piedmont Chapter Honor Guard, under the watchful direction of Commander Paul Prescott, had the honor of participating in many community activities. The attending members at the recent celebration honoring the Museum of Patriotism were **Glynn Acree**, **George Thurmond**, Commander Paul Prescott, and Robert Sapp. At the Museum of Patriotism, members of the Chapter Honor Guard were able to share ideas and a fine meal with several students in attendance.

Our Speakers Bureau closed the 2005-2006 school year by speaking to 25 schools, 101 classes, and 3794 students and teachers. Piedmont Chapter presented two sets of framed historical documents this year. The first one was given to The Federal Court which conducts swearing in ceremonies for new American citizens. The second set was presented to the Student Council at Parsons Elementary which, in turn, presented it to the school. They will be on display in the school for all students and parents to view.

Edward Telfair Chapter



Dr. Walter Brown (left), President of Mighty Eight Air Force Museum, received an Americanism Flag Certificate from **Norman Hoffman**, President (center), and **Bill Barnes** of the Savannah Edward Telfair Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

The Savannah Edward Telfair Chapter is sponsoring the local program to recognize those individuals, organizations, and businesses who proudly display the American Flag---thus representing a true sense of patriotism to the United States of America. The program is sponsored by the National and Georgia State Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Members of the Savannah Edward Telfair Chapter are on the lookout for American Flags being displayed throughout the area. Display the American Flag properly, and you may be recognized and proudly receive the Americanism Flag Certificate Award.

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John Milledge Chapter



(left to right) **Jimmy Paul**, **Michael Anthony Screws, Jr.**, **Shawn Michael Sinclair** and **Joe McMillan**

Jimmy Paul, Eagle Scout Chairman, John Milledge Chapter, presented Certificates of Recognition to Eagle Scouts **Michael Anthony Screws, Jr.**, and **Shawn Michael Sinclair**. **Joe McMillan**, Scoutmaster, Troop 315, First Baptist Church, also attended the presentation.



(left to right) **Jim Mills**, **Christopher Stokes** and **Bill Neely**

Jim Mills was welcomed to the John Milledge Chapter by Chapter President **Dr. Bill Neely**. The guest speaker for the Chapter meeting was **Dr. Christopher Stokes**, Historian, Washington Genealogical Library

New Chapter Waynesboro

The William Few Chapter under the guidance of president **Russell Brown**, and Registrar **Robert Turbyfill** met with Central Vice-President **Larry Wilson**, Past Membership Chairman **Larry Guzy**, Membership Chairman **Bob Sapp**, and Senior VP **Charlie Newcomer** in Waynesboro, GA recently to support the interest of several local citizens wanting to form a new SAR chapter.

After meeting several times, the prospective chapter members elected **Brad Edenfield** as acting president, **Bryon Newton**, vice president, **David Hargrove**, Secretary and **Chip Barefield**, Treasurer. **Bob Hammond** will act as the registrar for now, and all applications are to go through him. He will be submitting applications through the William Few Chapter---the sponsoring chapter. As **Henry Tinley** reports, "our next meeting will be in September, and we are to be thinking about a chapter name. We have some

suggestions already but will discuss them at the next meeting."

In one of the earlier meetings at the Burke County Library, Larry Guzy (below) is shown in "period costume" of the American Revolution with prospective Sons of the American Revolution members of the new Waynesboro Chapter being formed. Shown in the picture are Larry Guzy, Robert Turbyfill, Robert Sapp, Charlie Newcomer and wife, Clare, Larry Wilson and wife, Darla.

Edmund Burke DAR Regent, **Sara Carter**, and DAR member, **Brenda Lackman**, have been coordinating with the Georgia Society and local prospective members **Byron Newton**, **Roy Barefield**, **Steven Burke**, **Tracy Carter**, **Edward Eaves**, **Brad and Robert Edenfield**, **Jesse and Paul Stone**, **Henry and Lewis Tinley**, **David Hargrove** (acting chairman) and his brothers **Bill, Fred, and William, Robert Hammond**, and about 20 other prospective members.

Larry Wilson

William Few Chapter

William Few Chapter members **Albert Beveridge**, **Russell Brown** and **Robert Turbyfill** attended the annual Memorial Day service at Augusta's Veterans of All Wars Monument on May 29th. More than forty veterans' and patriotic organizations were represented, and more than 400 people attended the ceremony.



Robert Turbyfill and Russell Brown at the Memorial Day service

At its regular quarterly meeting on June 20th, the William Few Chapter elected and installed new officers. Incoming president is **Dr. Richard L. "Chip" Schuster** and incoming vice-president is Mr. **H. Campbell Chafee**. Outgoing president, Russell K. Brown, was honored with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal. He was given the award for three years of "notable service".

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Coweta Falls Chapter

On Sunday, May 28th, Bob Galer and President Bill Hay traveled to Fort Mitchell National Cemetery located in Russell County, AL to take part in Memorial Day ceremonies there. They reported that it was a beautiful sight upon entering the front gate---the streets were lined with hundreds of American flags, grandly waving as drivers made their way to the sections where grave markers are placed in honor of Veterans and/or family members. On each grave was a small American flag. Just seeing row after row of these small flags really stirred the heart.

The Fort Mitchell National Cemetery Memorial Committee, of which Coweta Falls is a member, conducted a very nice event. The Russell County High School JROTC drill team performed a stirring salute which needs to be seen to be fully appreciated. The chapter has

already scheduled them for our Chapter Memorial Day program next year. Plan now to attend.

William M. Hay, President



Chapter President **Bill Hay** places wreath.

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The Georgia Society Color Guard and the Elijah Clarke Militia during their visit to Augusta, GA. for the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Augusta had their pictures taken at the Signers' Monument. The monument honors Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall and George Walton.

Kindle The Flame!