

Newsletter of THE GEORGIA SOCIETY
Sons of the American Revolution



The

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Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch

Well, my term is half over and I don't know whether to be glad or sad. Certainly the position has required a great deal of time and effort, but, will I be glad to get my life back or sad to have to give up the wonderful opportunities that the position has offered? Read on to understand my conundrum.



Ed Rigel, Sr.

We all remember Star Trek and Scotty's transporter – "Beam me up, Scotty!". Each Georgia Society President should be issued a transporter upon taking office. Just this quarter:

Starting in April on a Tuesday, beam me to Clarkesville for the Joseph Habersham Chapter meeting to present their program. Okay, my new program on Nathanael Greene wasn't so hot and I was wishing for a beam me out of there half way through, but I thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship. Wednesday, beam me to Marietta for the Society's Executive Committee meeting. Can't say it was much fun but we got a lot accomplished. Thursday, beam me to Columbus for the Coweta Falls Chapter meeting. What a special treat to be invited to present a 50-year Service Pin to one of their

members. Friday, beam me to St. Simons for a very fun weekend. Put this on your calendar for next year! The Marshes of Glynn Chapter is a great host. A reception and supper on Friday, the Parade and Patriots Day Ceremony Saturday morning, a reception at a member's house overlooking the marsh that evening, and Colonial Worship Service on Sunday in a perfect setting, historic St. Ignatius Church. Caught my breath with two weeks of Chapter related activities before wrapping up the month at the Board of Managers meeting.

May was a little less hectic. Beam me to Augusta for the Georgia State Society DAR Annual Conference where I was joined by five other Color Guardsmen for the Presentation and Retirement of the Colors at the Friday evening Business Session. I brought Greetings on behalf of the GA Society and presented a check from the Society for the State Regent's project. Through my activities with the Color Guard, I am meeting more and more members of the DAR. It was a pleasure getting to see so many of them again. And, in my estimate, fully one-fifth of the Daughters in attendance came up and thanked the Color Guard for its attendance and participation. Awesome feeling to be so appreciated. Beam me to the Atlanta Chapter meeting for the presentation of another 50-yr Service Pin. Beam me back to St. Simons for the installation of the Marshes of Glynn officers. Another delightful evening of fellowship including supper with several officers. And hearty congratulations to Immediate Past President Brent Taylor who was finally able to find someone to take his place after serving as Chapter President for over 5 years! Beam me to the Piedmont Chapter meeting to present my well worn "Georgia's Reluctant Rebels" program. Beam me to Jessup for the Altamaha Chapter's Annual Scholarship Presentation Luncheon. This is a great story of which I was not aware until being asked to attend the luncheon. To be brief, a very generous lady donated a historic house to the local SAR and DAR Chapters. The house was sold for a significant sum and the proceeds invested. Each year for the past four years the Chapters take the investment proceeds and present scholarships to

local students. This year the Altamaha Chapter presented a \$3,000 scholarship to each of three high school Seniors who had been accepted into a college. You should have seen the smiles on the parent's faces. And it is always good to see Compatriot David Dukes. Two days later, beam me to Columbus for the Coweta Falls Chapter Memorial Day Ceremony. The ceremony is a very moving tribute to a local fallen soldier and his family. I was honored to bring greetings from the Society and present a wreath on its behalf.

It was a relatively quiet June. Beam me to Brunswick to inspect the local Boy Scout Camp. Okay, not really a SAR activity, but I did take brochures and promoted the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship program!! Beam me to the Atlanta Chapter meeting for the presentation of another 50-yr Service Pin. On average, National Merchandise sells sixteen 50-year Service Pins each year. With over 27,000 members in the SAR, presentation of a 50-year Pin is a pretty rare occurrence yet there have been three (of which I am aware) in Georgia already this year. Beam me to Lincolnton, NC for the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration and another weekend of good fellowship.

Mind and others musings on the NSSAR 122nd Annual Congress will be presented elsewhere in this issue. Suffice it to say, I really missed the transporter that week.

The human body is blessed in that it cannot recall pain; it can remember being in pain, but it cannot make itself experience that pain again. I remember all those long trips, but they are no longer painful. I can remember and recall the wonderful moments associated with those trips; the friends made, the fellowship shared, and the pride of representing the Award Winning Georgia Society. I am glad I have six more months with which to look forward. Will I be sad to see my term end? We'll see.

Humbly yours,

Ed Rigel, Sr.

The center of the fight for Independence in Wilkes County, Georgia, 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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George H. Wheelless

Message from the Georgia Society Secretary

January—March 2012

Current Membership

As of July 17, 2012, the total membership for the Georgia Society is as follows:

REGULAR:	1,476
JUNIOR:	8
Junior Life	3
EMERITUS:	6
LIFE:	36
DUAL (Between States):	16
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TOTAL:	1,545

2013 Membership Dues

The deadline for 2013 dues, though it seems a ways off, is rapidly gaining on us. Chapters MUST receive 2013 dues before 31 Dec 2012. **ALL DUES MUST BE IN THE STATE SECRETARY'S HANDS ON 10 JAN 2013 (NOT AFTER THE 10TH)**. If you have not begun to organize your efforts now is the time. The following information will help in that process.

Chapter Directories and Dues Report

After 01 Aug 2012 all chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurers with an e-mail address will receive an *updated Chapter Directory* from me. Each **Chapter Directory** has a list of current year paid members with National and State Numbers, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses as of **01 Aug 2012**. Dual members that do not pay their Georgia Society dues through your chapter WILL NOT be on that Directory. They WILL be on the Directory of their primary chapter. Any dropped members that have requested reinstatement and have yet to be approved and registered by the National Society WILL NOT be on the Directory. You are to treat these dual members and pending reinstatements as current members for your purpose of collecting their 2013 dues.

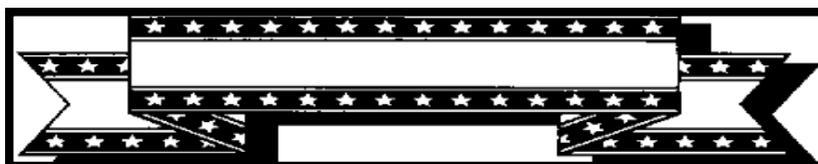
Each Directory will be accompanied by a **Dues Report** to be used by the Chapter Treasurer when submitting chapter dues. Anytime this fall, **before 31 Dec 2012**, when 2013 dues are submitted the chapter treasurer can "check off" each member as paid and then calculate the total dues submitted at that time. The Dues Report for all currently REGISTERED members will show the exact amount owed. A Dual Member will show \$13 dues owed. A Life Member will also show \$13 owed.

Once I receive a check and a Dues Report from a treasurer, I will e-mail a new Dues Report to all chapter officers to confirm that 2013 membership dues were paid. This allows time to correct any potential errors before the end of year deadline.

Do not include dues for unregistered reinstatements or unregistered applicants with this report. Any applicants for membership OR requests for reinstatement will show up on future Dues Reports once registered by the National Society. Any applicant or reinstatement registered *after November 1st* will have their dues automatically credited and indicated on any Dues Report sent to the chapter following their registration. Any applicants or reinstatements that are registered *before November 1st*, their 2013 dues requirements will appear on any Dues Reports sent to the chapter officers.

If you have questions or any problems as we move through this process, please call or send an e-mail. I am here to assist you.

IF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CHAPTER OFFICERS DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS (THERE ARE SOME OUT THERE), PLEASE PROVIDE THEM WITH A COPY OF YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORY AND DUES REPORT



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Message From the Georgia Society Chaplain

Roger Lamb

I rediscovered some philosophical thoughts recently I had saved for occasional refreshment of purpose in life. I hope they may be of some benefit for your consideration.

History

Somewhere along the way, there occurred a magical moment, a sort of critical spark when the realization of a connectedness of things, events and ideas from the beginning of man to the present. A reality. A history.

Patriotism

Let us pledge ourselves to strive for lofty ideals; to dare great deeds; to hold ourselves above avarice, ignorance, hate and demagoguery; to become the people and the country worthy of the sacrifice made by those who have gone before us.

Crafting Character

I realized at some point that everything my parents did for me, even though I may not have appreciated it at the time, was because they loved me, not that they had to. I should have done the same for them. Character is a matter of choice. Every day we should choose to be a little better than we were yesterday. It's as simple as that.

Direction

Wouldn't it be nice if our youth emulated those who are celebrated for their good deeds – real heroes? How much better would it be to show examples of behavior to which young people may aspire, deeds both great and small, that demonstrate the divine spark of humanity.

Future in Hindsight

Learn from the mistakes of others. You don't have time to make them all yourself.

Courage

In uncertain times to come, let us take pride in being Americans. Let us draw strength

and character from the knowledge of whence we came, and to have the courage to be more than we suspected we could be. Values and ethics and morality are under attack. Life is full of tests – let's pass this one.

Freedom

Let us be good caretakers of the heritage of responsible liberty. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Remember that it is far easier to retain freedom than it is to regain it once lost.

We are on this earth for such a short time. What can we do to make it a better place than when we arrived? Someone once wrote that epitaphs on gravestones mistakenly highlight the dates of birth and death, rather than the dash between. The dash is the important thing; the life lived between the bookends of the beginning and the end. We do our best to go on dashing, as it were, all of us in good fellowship in this slightly battered but still beloved community.

So, compatriots and friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love your neighbor. Love the world. Tell someone. Besides, it makes you feel good. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Ask the questions that have no answers. Laugh - it is immeasurable. Be joyful, even though you have considered all the facts. Practice resurrection. Giving is a way to externalize the sense of love or esteem we have for others, to transform the contents of the heart into finite symbols that we can pass one to the other. And to not expect anything in return.

Holy Father, Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness. In the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Over the past five months your State



Robert A. Sapp

Message From the Georgia Society Registrar

Registrar has processed over 100 membership

and supplemental applications, of which 16 have been held for additional information and 9 have been pended by National. The quality and style of the applications have varied indicating that overall training and attempts to standardize presentation format may be necessary to provide application documentation that results in expedited approval.

Reflecting on some of the issues encountered, the following observations are made on a few of the issues. First, each document presented for source evidence shall be judged on the content of the document. Interpretive annotations should not be added to the body of the document. Therefore, the only added annotation to the document is designating the generations to which it applies. At the head [top] of the document the following should be added [annotated] "Gen. X – Y" in red. In the body of the document the following is annotated: in red in the margin [when possible] "Gen. X" and tying to the person involved underlined in red. Extraneous annotations for clarification such as: "DOB, DOD, POB, POD, etc." are not required. A proper source document will speak to these issues. On the back of the source document provide the following: "Applicant's last name/Patriot's Last name/ State Society/ Chapter" as a minimum.

Second, each source document should be a facsimile copy of the original, i.e., birth, death, and marriage certificates; census records; etc. In the case of deeds, wills, and court records, copies of the court's documents are preferred. However, transcriptions that cite the location of the original records are acceptable. Each genealogical source document contains a minimum of five items: an event [birth, death, marriage, will, deed, etc.], a date, a location, the people involved, and a relationship of the people. Anything less than the five becomes a reference document that clarifies of details a specific item. In preparing the application documentation, the lineage relationship is defined by underscoring the person in red and noting in the margin the generation in red.

In the matter of census records, a full copy of the census page/sheet shall be provided. In many cases the detail information of the family will be illegible or too small to read. This will require trapping or capturing the family data and enlarging it to a scale that is legible. Computer techniques are available to capture, enlarge and enhance the contrast of faded areas. approval.

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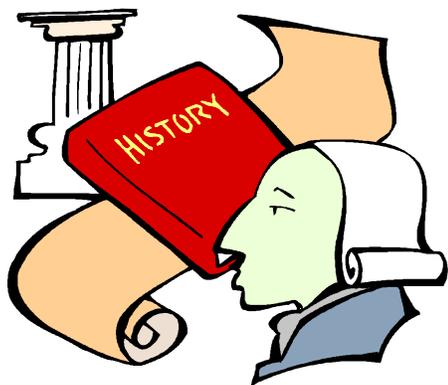
If you cannot read the source material being presented for documentation, those persons reviewing the application will not be able to read it either and provide approval.

Your Registrar seeks to assist the first line signers and chapter Registrars in preparing applications that will be reviewed in a timely manner and approval without added material. Therefore inquires and requests for clarification or techniques are encouraged to bring about a degree of standardization of the application process. Look for more suggestions and guidance in future notes.



Message From the Georgia Society Education Committee

Terry Manning



A free Genealogy Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lawrenceville. The event is sponsored by the William Day Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Atlanta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 3355 Sugarloaf Parkway where classes will be held. Four 45-minute lecture sessions will be

conducted during the day. Following an orientation from 9:00 – 9:15 a.m., attendees may choose one of three lectures to attend each session.

Ses-sion	Room #1	Room #2	Room #3
9:15 – 10:00	Using a Family History Center for Research	Unique Sources for Re-search	Docu-menting Your Family History
10:10 – 10:55	Using Census Records To Trace Family	Georgia Re-search Librar-ies	The Top 10 Re-search Books
11:05 – 11:50	Navi-gating the Web: Fami-lySearch.o rg	Using Court-house Records	Organ-izing Your Records
12:00 – 12:45	Internet Research Sites for Genealogy Study	Com-pleting DAR Appli-cations	Joining the SAR – Easy As Pie!

Priority on receiving handouts and class preference will go to those with advance registration by emailing your name to temanning@aol.com.



Message From the Georgia Society Americanism Committee

Kendall Abbott

Well Compatriots, half the year is over. How's your spreadsheet coming? I'm a bit behind for the Sons of Liberty but writing this article gives me new incentive to get it caught up. Hopefully by the first of August every chapter will have made some entries in their chapter's spreadsheet.

This spreadsheet gives every chapter an opportunity to share their activities and accomplishments and they all build up quickly. JROTC Medal presentations, BOM meetings, Flag Certificates, giving Certificates of Appreciation to speakers and

any presentations made by members. Can you believe, you also can list those members who attended 4th of July activities, Memorial Day activities, etc. Also every activity and/or donation to Veterans' organizations are included. As you can see from this short list, every chapter has a story to tell and this is one way you can do it.

Please take the time to catch up on your chapter's activities/accomplishments by entering them in the Americanism Spreadsheet. If you have any questions or problems with it, please let me know and I'll be glad to help you through getting it started.



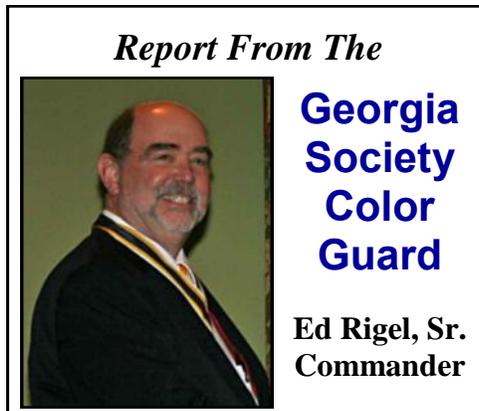
Message From the Georgia Society Rumbaugh Committee

George Wheelless

On April 28th the Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Finals was held following our BOM meeting in Barnesville. The contestants were: Andrew Mullis, sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, and Carley Stamps, sponsored by the Lyman Hall Chapter. Both contestants gave impressive orations. Carley Stamps was declared the winner by our judges: J. Michael Tomme, Sr., Dr. Hugh Rodgers, and Robert F. Towns. Carley was presented with the State Orations Medal and a check for \$500.

As the Georgia Society winner, Carley advanced to compete in Phoenix, Arizona at our National Congress. Carley gave an impressive oration and advanced to be one of six finalists. Unfortunately the judges of the Final Round did not place her in the top three.



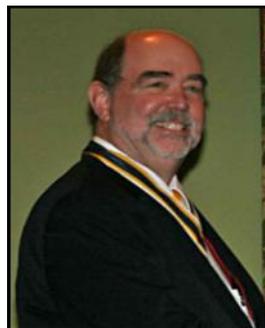


Color Guard Schedule

- Aug – Old Soldier's Day Parade, Alpharetta, GA
- 8 Sep – Patriot Wm. Suttles Grave Marking sponsored by the Atlanta and Piedmont Chapters, Utoy Cemetery, 1100 hrs
- 8 Sep – Vigil at Washington's Tomb, Mt. Vernon, VA 0900 - 2100
- 8 Sep – George Washington Chapter SAR Wreath Presentation at Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington National Cemetery, 1615 hrs
- 14 Sep – Last Battle of the Revolution, Chattanooga, TN, 1000 hrs
- 15 Sep – Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, TN
- 14-15 Sep -- 225th Anniversary of the Constitution, Philadelphia, PA
- 16 Sep – Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR, Constitution Day Commemoration, Athens, 1530 hrs
- 22 Sep – GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Ansley Country Club
- 28-29 Sep – Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
- 5-7 Oct – Point Pleasant Battle Days, Point Pleasant, WV
- 7 Oct – Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC
- 9 Oct – Battle of Savannah
- 9 Oct – Ceremony at the Pulaski Monument, Savannah, GA (tentative)
- 13 Oct – Patriot Peter G. Ledford Grave Marking, sponsored by Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Clay County, Hayesville, NC
- 13 Oct -- Wilkes County "Mule Camp Day", Callaway Plantation, Wilkes County
- 13 Oct -- 3rd Annual Military Muster, Coweta County Fairgrounds
- 19 Oct – Yorktown Commemoration, Yorktown, VA
- 19 Oct – Yorktown Day Celebration, sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter SAR and Atlanta Chapter DAR
- 19 Oct – Mountain Chapter, Military Officers Association of America State Conference Formal Dinner, Lake Lanier Resort
- 26 Oct -- Event to Celebrate Patriot/Governor John Clark, 1812 and DAR sponsors, Marietta National Cemetery
- 27. 27 Oct – GASSAR BOM, Barnesville, GA 1000 hrs
- 3 Nov – Compatriot Dan Gates Grave Marking (tentative)



Georgia Society Meeting Dates



President
Ed Rigel, Sr.



GA Society Executive Committee

10:00 AM

**Powers Ferry United Methodist Church
245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta
(Corner of Marietta 120 Loop and Powers Ferry Road**

April 11th

July 18th

October 17th

January 16th

GA Society Board of Managers

10:00AM

**Garden Patch Restaurant
100 Southland Drive, Barnesville**

April 28th

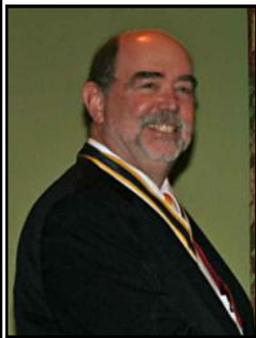
July 28th

October 27th

January 26th, 2013

GA Society Annual Conference

January 25-26, 2013

Report From The**Georgia
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President****Ed Rigel, Sr.****Recent Problems with the GA Society Email Distribution Lists**

The GA Society has four email distribution lists created to facilitate communication within the Society: BOM List, Bulletin List, Color Guard List, and Grave Marking and Revolutionary Site List. You must be subscribed to a list in order to post and/or receive emails from that list. Information on subscribing is available at www.gassar.org or from the President.

Recently, outside agencies have acquired the information that allows them to attempt to post spam to these lists. As these emails do not originate from a subscriber, they are brought to the attention of the List Moderators for scrutiny. The Moderators are able to review the sender and content of the email and if origination from an outside agency is determined, prevent the email from being passed through to the list.

On occasion, a GA Society member who is not subscribed to a list will attempt a post. Again, the sender and content are reviewed by a Moderator and appropriate action taken. Non-subscribers are encouraged to subscribe and given instructions.

More seriously, it appears that at least one member has had his email contact list hacked and the lists are receiving emails that appear to come from a subscriber. These emails are usually identified by the fact that their subject lines are blank or with a topic unrelated to anything SAR. They can be safely viewed in preview mode but should be deleted. Any links within those emails should not be opened. Posters to the lists, to give some degree of assurance to the list that their emails are legitimate, are strongly encouraged to make sure that the subject line contains wording that is very specific to the SAR.

Grandfathering Policies Reinterpreted

Genealogist General Larry Cornwell recently sent out an email that stated: "Bob Fish, Chairman of the Genealogy Committee, recently pointed out that the SAR has been misinterpreting and misapplying the Grandfather Policies as written in Section 5 of Bylaw 1 of the SAR Constitution and Genealogy Policy 2009-02. These policies allow close relatives of a SAR or DAR member who joined years ago with substandard documentation to join, in part, by citing the earlier application. The policies state that the new member's application will be grandfathered, meaning it may not be similarly cited by later generations. The misinterpretation came about when the lineage, rather than the new application, was closed to other applicants on that line who qualified under the Grandfather Policies."

There was some confusion as to what this meant. After consultation with the Genealogist General at Congress, I offer the following example as to how this new interpretation might be applied (the Genealogist General has reviewed my example):

It has been determined that one or more of a present or former member's link's back to the Patriot ancestor do not satisfy current requirements for documentation.

However, close relatives of the present or former member defined as brothers, sons, grandsons, nephews, and great nephews may apply using that line. Those applications will be annotated "grandfathered" and may not be used for new or supplemental applications.

For example, SAR-A's line has been determined to not meet current standards. SAR-A's son and grandson may join using SAR-A's application but those memberships are annotated "grandfathered" and may not be used by future generations for application.

The previous interpretation was that once a line was "grandfathered" it was forever closed to use for future applications without additional documentation satisfying current requirements. That is, another of SAR-A's sons or grandsons could not use that line without providing additional documentation. First come, got in; others did not.

The interpretation now is that other close relatives (anyone within two generations), not just the one son, of SAR-A may use that line to apply. Which is to say that all of SAR-A's brothers, sons, grandsons, nephews and grandnephews may use that line for application to the SAR.

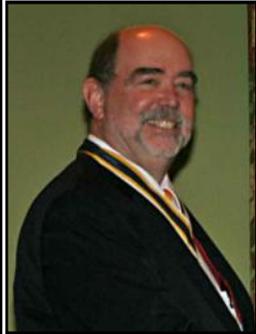
Practically, this means that SAR membership is now open to all males who are within a couple of generations of previously approved, but poorly documented, applications, including those who could not apply previously because a line was grandfathered. Now, each application for membership citing the Grandfather Policy will be considered independently from another close relative's application already approved (grandfathered) under this policy.

In all cases, available data and documentation should be submitted where the original SAR or DAR applications were deficient, with the goal of building more complete SAR genealogical files.

NSSAR Bylaws and the NSSAR Genealogy Policies are available on the NSSAR website.

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Report From The



Georgia Society President

Ed Rigel, Sr.

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Money Left on the Table!

The following Awards were not presented to anyone at Congress this year because there were no applicants:

THE THOMAS J. BOND MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

To the Compatriot to present the best photograph depicting the spirit of Patriotism (Up to \$1000 Cash Award)

Compatriot Walker Chewning of the GA Society won this award two years ago. We have many individuals attending many patriotic events around the state and country, many taking photos. It is simply a matter of spreading awareness of the program.

THE GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND AWARD

To the outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer for service to Veterans. Must be submitted to the NSSAR Veterans Committee by the State Society or Chapter utilizing the form found on the SAR website.

I will put the record of service to Veterans by various members of the GA Society up against any in this country! Again, this is a matter of spreading awareness of this program. VA Volunteers are encouraged to look at the Westmoreland Award Form at <https://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/Westmoreland-2005-03-11.pdf> to identify those items of which they should be keeping track – note January 1 deadline. (Note that the form is a little out of date with regards contact information.) They should submit the required information to their Chapter Veterans Committee Chair or to Robert Cruthirds, our GA Society Veterans Committee Chair. While a Compatriot can only receive this Award once, a GA Society Compatriot should be bringing this Award home year after year.

THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY STEPHEN TAYLOR AWARD

To the Compatriot, who by his research and writings, has made a distinguished contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolutionary era and its Patriots.

This one's a little tougher. Anyone who is doing such writing just needs to be made aware of the existence of the Award and encouraged to apply for it. There may be others and they will be brought to your attention at the earliest opportunity.

Musings on Congress

Eight members of the Georgia Society served as delegates to the 122nd NSSAR Annual Congress held in Phoenix, Arizona in early July; Compatriots Coursey, Greenly, Jessel, Newcomer, Rigel, Tomme, Towns, and Wylie; it was the first Congress for Greenly and Wylie. I asked all to provide their impressions of the event and I present some of those here.

Hot! When asked why anyone would schedule a meeting in AZ in July, the answer was that H_Ill was already booked. But it was a dry heat! Did you know that jets cannot take off when the temperature exceeds 113°; air is not dense enough for adequate lift.

The highlight of this and the other Congresses I have attended had to have been, and I'll lump them, the Rumbaugh Orations Contest and the Youth Awards Luncheon. There were fourteen entrants in the Oration Contest. They were placed into three groups for the first round of competition with two from each group advancing to the finals. The entrant from Georgia did very well in the first round and advanced to the finals where she performed very well again but did not place in the top three. I think she and her mother both enjoyed the experience. At the Awards Luncheon, the winners of the Eagle Scout, Knight Essay and JROTC contests presented their essays and the Oration winner presented his speech again. All were just excellent.

Past GA Society President might disagree with me a little as to what his highlight was. Mike was elected to serve as Registrar General for the 2012-2013 term. Mike is the first from Georgia to serve as a General Officer, other than VPGs, in quite a while.

Also of note, Past President Bobby Towns was appointed to serve as NSSAR Inspector General. That means if anyone messes up, he throws a flag on them.

The big news on the first day of business was an announcement from Compatriot Sam Powell and his wife Karen of the commitment of \$1.5 Million in matching funds for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. These funds along with another substantial contribution will allow the Society to move along with the completion of Phase II of the CAAH. In Sam's words, "It's time to get this thing done!"

There was little contentious business to be dealt with so Congress moved along a little quicker than in the past. A handful of Bylaws changes, mostly of a housekeeping nature were approved. A motion to amend the Bylaws such that Medal of Honor recipients would have their dues waived was defeated, the question being where does the Society draw the line. It might be more appropriate for State Societies or Chapters to fund dues in situations they feel appropriate. (I got a kick out of this question during the debate, "The amendment says it applies to males; what if they are females?")

Other brief notes or comments:

Ancestry.com has initiated a program called "Operation Ancestor Search". Subscriptions to Ancestry.com are donated to Wounded Warriors as a means of providing therapeutic assistance during their convalescence and rehabilitation. \$180,000 was given to the NSSAR for support of the program. Do the General Officers share a vision as to the direction of the organization? There are lots of reports on individual activities but not much on how they relate to a uniform goal.

Membership in the SAR is the highest it's been since 1925. Application process has been reduced to four weeks after arrival at National. The Vigil at Washington's Tomb will become a permanent annual National Color Guard event as long as the Mt. Vernon Ladies allow the program to take place.

In conjunction with the Celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution, there will be a service held in Washington's Chapel at Valley Forge on September 16th.

The various educational programs of the NSSAR should be vigorously promoted at the State and Chapter level.

Disappointing that more Compatriots do not run for General Office. All races were uncontested this year.

New Members

Georgia Society New Members Since Sunday, January 01, 2012

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altamaha				
	20 Apr 2012	Harlon Parmer Spivey	James Perry	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	14 May 2012	Ben Allen Jaehnig	James Brackett	James Stewart JAEHNIG
	14 May 2012	Stewart Henry Jaehnig	James Brackett	James Stewart JAEHNIG
Athens				
	27 Apr 2012	William Richard Galt, III	Clement Carrington	Robert Forrest TOWNS
	27 Apr 2012	Jason Derick Galt	Clement Carrinton	Robert Forrest TOWNS
	13 Jun 2012	Thomas Latimer Glenn	Samuel Higginbotham	Robert Forrest TOWNS
	13 Jun 2012	Thomas Latimer Glenn, Jr.	Samuel Higginbotham	Robert Forrest TOWNS
	13 Jun 2012	Paul Martin Glenn	Samuel Higginbotham	Robert Forrest TOWNS
	13 Jun 2012	Gregory James Glenn	Samuel Higginbotham	Robert Forrest TOWNS
Atlanta				
	13 Jun 2012	James Chamblee Meredith	John Cleveland	ThomasFisher CRAFT
	26 Jun 2012	Stuart Paul Brady	Richard Mattingly	David Andrews NOBLE
	05 Jul 2012	Richard Paul Marsh	John Shira	David Andrews NOBLE
Blue Ridge Mtns				
	12 Apr 2012	Jesse Lee Knight	John Ingram	Terry Emerson LEGG
Button Gwinnett				
	20 Apr 2012	William Glasgow Lucker, Jr.	Edward Mitchell	Harold Douglas FORD
	14 May 2012	John Edward Green	William Green	Robert T LEATHERS
Casimir Pulaski				
	27 Apr 2012	Norman Bruce Alter, Jr.	Jacob Alter	George H WHEELLESS, II
Cherokee				
	27 Apr 2012	Dennis Griffin JANE	Bordroyne Waters	James Charles LANCE
Coweta Falls				
	12 Apr 2012	James Peters Snyder	Christian Peters	William Martin HAY, Sr.
	20 Apr 2012	William Haisten Nix, Sr.	John Haisten	David Edward FOX
	20 Apr 2012	William Haisten Nix, Jr.	John Haisten	David Edward FOX
	20 Apr 2012	Burnet Rea Quick	Josiah Records	Richard R SIMPSON, Sr.
	27 Apr 2012	John Moody House	Peter Knight	Richard R SIMPSON, Sr.
	17 May 2012	Alexander Chase Cartwright	Walter Chase	John E MCCUTCHEON
	17 May 2012	Robert Chase Cartwright	Walter Chase	John E MCCUTCHEON

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	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
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Dalton	20 Apr 2012	Douglas Ray Woodruff	Abednego Inman	
Four Rivers Patriots	20 Apr 2012	James Leonard Harris	James Bishop	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
Lyman Hall	17 May 2012	Preston Hamilton Denton	Martin Maney	Milus Bruce MANEY
Marquis de Lafayette	20 Apr 2012	William Louis Aderholt, Jr.	Frederick Aderhold	David George JESSEL
	20 Apr 2012	William Louis Aderholt, III	Frederick Aderhold	David George JESSEL
	17 May 2012	Ryan Kenneth Chapman	William Smith	Christopher E CHAPMAN
	13 Jun 2012	Drew Christopher Sanner	Thomas Cresap	John M TOMME, Sr.
Ocmulgee	26 Jun 2012	Daniel Charles Topolewski	Isaac Rich	Russell RCRUMBLEY, Jr.
Patrick Carr Rngs	17 May 2012	Garrett Anthony McDaniel	Jordon Heath	Owen A MCDANIEL
Piedmont	30 May 2012	Alfred Murray McAfee, Jr.	John Williamson	EugeniusS HAMMACK
	26 Jun 2012	Preston Benton Poore	Waitstill Orvis	Robert Alvyn SAPP
	26 Jun 2012	Thomas Hunter Smith	Benjamin Abbott	Robert Alvyn SAPP
	26 Jun 2012	Thomas Abbott Smith	Benjamin Abbott	Robert Alvyn SAPP
	26 Jun 2012	Preston Bonner Poore	Waitstill Orvis	Robert Alvyn SAPP
Rome	30 May 2012	David Osman Houston, III	John Houston	James Earl CLARK
	30 May 2012	William Spencer Houston	John Houston	James Earl CLARK
Wiregrass	05 Jul 2012	Colby Isaac Smith	Colesby Smith	Fred Darwin WOMACK
	05 Jul 2012	DeSaussure Dugas Smith, IV	Colesby Smith	Fred Darwin WOMACK
	05 Jul 2012	Richard Torpin Smith, II	Colesby Smith	Fred Darwin WOMACK

Total: 43

Way to Go Chapters!

As representative of the GA Society, I was most proud to make repeated trips to the front to accept awards on behalf of the GA Society, its Chapters and its Members at the Recognition Night Ceremony. Towards the end of the presentations, PG Magerkurth greeted me with, "Here's that fellow from Georgia again. That's the way it used to be." Please take special note of the various individuals and Chapters who were recognized as being best in the country.

The Texas Society with around 2600 members is tough to compete with in many categories. (Personally, I think a Society that size should be put in its own category; but then I might be a little biased.) All are encouraged to continue to keep up the most excellent work you are doing, but most importantly, report that work as appropriate whether it be to a National Committee or a State Committee for submission to National. Individuals and the Presidents of Chapters receiving awards have been notified that the awards will be presented at the GA Society BOM meeting on July 28th. All are welcome to attend.

The following awards and recognitions were presented at the Recognition Night Ceremony:

PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM 2012 CERTIFICATES Presented to State Societies and Chapters for participating in the 2011-2012 Partners in Patriotism Program by working hand-in-hand with a veterans group in pursuit of a common goal.

GA Society
Atlanta Chapter
Coweta Falls Chapter
Lyman Hall Chapter
Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Ocmulgee Chapter
Piedmont Chapter

C.A.R. ACTIVITY AWARD AND STREAMER

To the State Society which has documented their work with the Children of the American Revolution over the past year and have completed the filing process for entering this award.

GA Society SAR

THE WINSTON C. WILLIAMS SAR MAGAZINE AWARD

To the Compatriot or Society which was the most co-operative in supplying usable magazine material.

Charlie Newcomer

COL STEWART BOONE McCARTY AWARD

To the compatriot who has best furthered the Preservation of the United States History and its traditional teachings in our schools. (Cash Award - \$350)

Terry Edward Pyatt Manning

THE ROBERT E. BURT BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER AWARD

To the Compatriots who act as role models and provide outstanding dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America.

Edward P. Rigel, Sr.

THE ARTHUR J. TRIMBLE AWARD – 1776 TROPHY

To the State Society which reinstated the largest number of dropped and resigned members

Winner – TX Society – 204

2nd Place – GA Society 113

THE ROBERT L. SONFIELD AWARD

To the State Society with the largest numerical increase of members at the end of the membership year.

Winner – TX Society – 138

2nd Place – GA Society – 136

THE LIBERTY MEDAL AWARD

Presented to those Compatriots who have recruited 10 new members over a period of time. Those receiving additional Liberty Awards will receive oak leaf clusters.

Liberty Medals

Kendall Abbott
Roger Coursey
Bob Galer
John McCutcheon
Bill Neely, III
Ned Shuman
David Neal Spooner
Fred Womack

Oak Leaf Clusters

Fisher Craft
David Jessel
Bill Raper
Bob Sapp
Ned Shuman (3)
Larry Wilson (2)

THE FLORENCE KENDALL AWARD

To the top three Compatriots who recruited the largest number of new members.

1st Place – Larry Cornwell – ALSSAR - 74

2nd Place – James Smith – NJSSAR - 43

3rd Place – Ned Shuman – GASSAR – 40
(Certificate and Award)

THE ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL AWARD AND STREAMER

To the State Societies which have fulfilled the qualifications during the previous year for presentation of Flag Certificates.

GA Society SAR – Star for our Streamer

THE LIBERTY BELL AMERICANISM AWARD AND STREAMER

To the Chapter, based upon size, which presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles.

10-49 Members – Button Gwinnett Chapter

THE ALLENE WILSON GROVES AWARD AND STREAMER

To the State Society, based upon size, which presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles.

1000 and up – Winner: TX Society; Runner-up: GA Society

OFFICER'S STREAMER AWARD

To the State Societies whose President and National Trustees have attended both preceding Trustee Meetings and the last Annual Congress.

GA Society

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S STATE SOCIETY AND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES COMPETITION AWARDS

Chapters: 50-99 – Marquis de Lafayette

Chapter, GA Society

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S CUP

Chapters: 10-80 – Sons of Liberty Chapter, GA Society

Chapters: 81+ -- Piedmont Chapter, GA Society

Other recognitions were presented at various events during Congress:

George Washington Fellow Certificate and Pin – Bob Wylie, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter

Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund Medal and Certificate – Ed Rigel, Jr., Lyman Hall Chapter

Center for Advancing America's Heritage Capital Campaign Pin and Certificate – Jerry Maddox, Piedmont Chapter

ROTC/JROTC Scholarship Fund Medal – David Jessel and Bob Wylie, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter; Bobby Towns, Athens Chapter.

Meritorious Service Medal at the National level -- Bobby Towns, Athens Chapter. Presented by PG

Magerkurth for service on the NSSAR Executive Committee and as VPG International District during the PG's term.

The following Chapters were recognized for their presentations of Public Service Medals in a pamphlet distributed at Congress:

Medal for Heroism:

Athens
Atlanta
Lyman Hall
Marquis de Lafayette
Ocmulgee
Piedmont

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal:

Athens
Button Gwinnett
Coweta Falls
Lyman Hall
Marquis de Lafayette
Piedmont
Sons of Liberty
Washington-Wilkes

Fire Safety Commendation Medal:

Athens
Button Gwinnett
Coweta Falls
Lyman Hall
Sons of Liberty

Emergency Service Commendation Medal:

Athens
Button Gwinnett
Marquis de Lafayette
Sons of Liberty

Additionally, Athens Chapter was recognized in the pamphlet for having presented all four Medals.

Congratulations to all!





In Memory of

Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

Our Compatriots

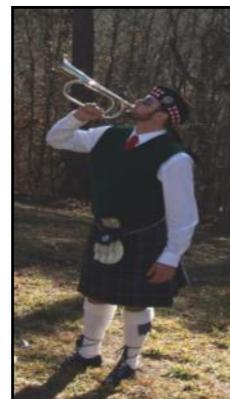
2012



Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Sunday, January 1, 2012

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Dr. Charles D. Hudson	86463	LaGrange	20 Jan 2012
William HP Shiver	172239	Marshes of Glenn	21 Feb 2012
Guyton B. McCall, LTC	134211	Atlanta	22 Feb 2012
Holton S. King	148926	Joseph Habersham	25 Feb 2012
Davis R. Watson, Jr.	147870	Coweta Falls	16 Mar 2012
John D. McLeod III	182947	Wiregrass	16 Mar 2012
James William BARTLETT, Jr.	148386	Coweta Falls	02 May 2012
Sion D BASS, Jr.	154450	Piedmont	20 Jun 2012
William Grant MITCHELL, Jr.	150248	Casimir Pulaski	08 Apr 2012
William Emil NICHOLS	166602	Atlanta	30 Apr 2012
Thomas Malin RODGERS, Jr.	156720	Atlanta	20 Apr 2012
Thomas Edward SENF	88072	Lyman Hall	06 Apr 2012
Raymond William WHITE, Sr.	167702	Marshes of Glynn	22 May 2012
Donald Alexander MCARTHUR,	180014	Four Rivers Patriots	28 Jun 2012

Gone but not forgotten



NEWS

of the
*Georgia Society
Chapters*

Altamaha

Kelsey Byrd, Erick Kennedy and Dewey Rozier have been selected as this year's recipients of the Dr. Alexander Jackson Gordon Memorial Scholarship given by the Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



The three recipients and their parents were honored with an awards banquet Saturday, May 26 at Western Sizzlin in Jesup. Jason Deal, chairman of the scholarship committee and president of the Altamaha Chapter, made the presentation on behalf of committee members Buddy Bennett and B.H. Claxton and the membership of the SAR. Special guests at the banquet included Ed Rigel of Gainesville, President of the Georgia Society of SAR and Jimmy Boatright of Brunswick, southeast regional vice president of the SAR.

Miss Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Byrd of Odum, plans to attend the University of Georgia in Athens this fall. She will major in biology and then attend the Medical College of Georgia to become a doctor.

Mr. Kennedy, son of Susan Kennedy of Jesup and the late Ronald L. Kennedy, plans to attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. He is currently undecided on his major, but will likely focus on computer science. He says he would like to pursue a career working with computers. Mr. Rozier, is the son of Dallory and Stacey Rozier of Kville, is planning to attend the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick. He will major

in biological sciences and hopes to become an orthopedic surgeon.

All three recipients are 2012 graduates of Wayne County High School.

The Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution administers the scholarship. Three scholarships of \$3,000 each were awarded this year. The scholarships are presented annually. The Gordon Memorial Scholarship was created from a gift bequeathed by Dr. Gordon's daughter, Marjorie Gordon Hamrick. Dr. Gordon was a prominent Wayne County physician. Mrs. Hamrick was a well-known local educator.

Atlanta

The large, bronze bell clanged noisily with the announcement that it was, "...7 of the clock and ladies and gentlemen shall please take their seats." At the same time, the First Lady announced to the Chapter President that, "There aren't enough seats!" Having planned the event initially for about 25 persons and having updated the planned seating to 40 that morning, the attendance of 54 was a welcome problem quickly addressed by the attentive staff of the eating establishment. Thus started the Atlanta Chapter's American Independence Celebration at the Petite Auberge Restaurant on the evening of July 10 which was a public forum to celebrate our country's creation and to allow new and prospective members and their wives the chance to meet in a congenial atmosphere with other members and their families.

Dressed in the colonial attire of a gentleman of the time, President Terry Manning called the event to order which led to an invocation by prospective member Reverend JR McAliley, whose application as well as his father's, also attending, was signed that very evening. Next was the presentation of colors led by chapter color guard commander Revis Butler with the U.S. flag and the senior Georgia Society officer attending, Northeast Region Vice President Bruce Maney, carrying the SAR flag. Five of the guests served as an honor guard in the presentation of five other historical flags on display.

Following the main entrée, 13 toasts symbolic of the original colonies, were made in honor and remembrance of various patriots and events of the revolution, each followed by a rousing, "Huzzah!" by the assembled guests.

After dessert, President Manning gave a program on selected social activities of the 18th century, highlighting the gentleman's frolic, the ladies' tea time, and the

communication technique referred to as "fanology" (a folded fan held to the right cheek of a young lady meant, "Yes!").

Registrar David Noble gave a report on the status of more than two dozen applications in process and expected to be approved this fall – five of them signed by their co-sponsor that evening for the next morning's mail, citing his wife Alice's wonderful assistance in handling so many new applications in such a short period. He swore in all of the members of the chapter as Membership Committee members and set a goal of 50 new members by the end of the year. By the end of the meeting he had about six new referrals on which to follow up – including one of the waiters who thought we were having a really good time!

He also announced the news of our most recently approved compatriot, Stuart Brady, whose membership certificate is in the mail to us. Even while pending word of his membership, Stuart became active by volunteering as the chapter's Eagle Scout Chairman, becoming an Atlanta Fellow, and expressing interest in color guard membership.

Judith Young, representing the Atlanta Chapter NSDAR and serving as the chairman of the SAR/SR Cooperation Committee, brought greetings to the chapter and invited the ladies attending to seek membership in the DAR, several of whom met with Judith following the meeting. The two Atlanta chapters of SAR and DAR will host a Yorktown Celebration on the evening of October 19th with details to be released shortly.

The good attendance and the variation in those attending from regular Thursday luncheon meetings merited agreement that planning such evening events on a quarterly basis would be beneficial and included in our upcoming calendar of activity.

The event concluded with a touch of 2nd Vice President Fisher Craft's humor and invitations to the members to become involved with any of the many programs that SAR supports. These were followed by the SAR recessional, Reverend McAliley's benediction, and retirement of the colors by the honor guard.



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At the Atlanta Chapter's summer meeting on Flag Day, Georgia Society President Ed Rigel, Sr. presented the fifty year pin to Ernest Key, Jr. Compatriot Key became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution on April 20, 1961.

Blue Ridge Mountains

The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, encompassing Union, Towns, Fannin, Rabun, and Gilmer Counties in North Georgia designates Patriots Day as one of the chapter's main activities each year. The



celebration in April, 2012, was one of the largest and most successful to date.

Promotions for the event prior to April 19 included an article with photographs in the North Georgia newspaper announcing the exhibit and inviting the public, TV coverage with interviews with uniformed chapter representatives in a program aired 18 times in the days prior to April 19, and a new vinyl banner promoting Patriots Day erected on the Union County old Courthouse 4 days prior to April 19 celebration..

On Patriots Day hundreds of cars, as many as 10 cars per minute, passed the colonial campsite and display on the town square, and visitors from Georgia, Florida, Maryland, NC, SC, TN, and Virginia visited and obtained brochures that were on display. A majority of chapter's 25 members were present for the day's events, seven of whom were in Continental, Militia, or Kilt dress, and one child was dressed in colonial

clothing.

A Colonial flag replaced the current American flag for the day, and musket salutes were given every half hour from 11 AM till 2 pm with three muskets firing.

The day yielded a list of nine prospective members as interested visitors were greeted by chapter members with information on how to become a member of the SAR.



Hal Dayhuff of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter presents a framed puzzle to Ms Noel Pagan, Director of Development of the Community Christian Academy in Stockbridge, Ga. The puzzle was originally completed and framed by Kendall Abbott of the Sons of Liberty Chapter and his wife Cindi. The Abbotts donated the puzzle to the GASSAR Traveling Book Store. Compatriot Dayhuff in turn bought it at Georgia's Annual Meeting and donated it to the Academy. Education Chairman Terry Manning of the Atlanta Chapter sees the circumstances as another example of the Society's programs coming together from all across the state.

Button Gwinnett

Button Gwinnett Member Awarded 2012 Volunteer of the Year

The 26th annual awards luncheon of the Gwinnett Council for Seniors was held May 17, 2012 in Lawrenceville, Georgia. The President's Choice for 2012 for Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR member Compatriot Milus Bruce Maney.

Compatriot Maney, Regional Vice President of the Georgia Society SAR received the certificate from the President of the Gwinnett Council for Seniors, Mr. John E. Williams, for his many hours of outstanding volunteer service to Gwinnett County. Compatriot Michael Nolden Henderson, President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR, also received a certificate of appreciation from the Council.



Photo Caption: (Left to Right): John E. Williams, President Gwinnett Council for Seniors; Miles Bruce Maney, Northeast Region, Vice President, GASSAR; and Michael N. Henderson, President Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR.

The Gwinnett Council for Seniors is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing the general welfare of senior citizens. The Council is recognized by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners as an umbrella organization for the county's numerous senior clubs and as an advocate for Gwinnett County's senior citizens.

Captain John Collins

The Collins Chapter has had a couple of months of incredible involvement with several of our missions:

- honoring those who support patriotic activities,
- honoring those who serve us in their jobs, fellowship and expansion,
- education about our ancestors and honoring them as well,
- recognition of the formation of our country, and education programs in schools.

Those who have participated can say they feel a sense of pride in having been there.

Those who have missed these opportunities should know that there are more to come, when they too can participate, since the Chapter has just begun a very active year.

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**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
October 27, 2012
10:00 am
Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
BARNESVILLE, GA**

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The Chapter arranged for Proclamations to Cities of Marietta, Acworth, Kennesaw, Powder Springs, Smyrna, and the Cobb Commission. Earl Cagle's extraordinary framing ability resulted in certificates ready for wall display.

Flag Recognition is a major focus of our President this year. A challenge is out there for every Board member to present at least one certificate, and every member to let the Board know where there is a deserving one if they personally cannot present a certificate. Curtis McWaters has done a fantastic job once again in coordinating the Chapter members' presentation to ten high school JROTC programs.

Our Law, Fire and EMS professionals often go above and beyond the call of duty. We have honored each group in one year for the first time. Their stories were related in the certificates. It is the least we can do to say thank you.

Coweta Falls



Dr. Ed Rigel presenting 50-year certificate to Dr. Gus Dudley

Coweta Falls Chapter marked a unique event on April 12 as Compatriot Dr. Augustus B. Dudley, Jr., received his 50-year membership pin and certificate from Georgia Society President Dr. Ed Rigel.

On April 14 Chapter President Hugh Rodgers attended and presented a wreath at the Patriots Day Commemoration on St. Simons Island. President Rodgers and Compatriot Robert F. Galer attended the Georgia Society Board of Managers meeting at Barnesville on April 28.

Lauren Godfrey of Clubview Elementary

School, winner of Coweta Falls annual poster contest was also the First Place winner in the Georgia Society contest. In addition to certificates and \$100 prizes at both chapter and state levels, Lauren received a blue ribbon from the Georgia Society.



Back row Lauren's teacher, Lee Cooper David Fox Bill Hay, Americanism Chairman, Lauren's mom, Jeri Godfrey, Lauren Godfrey

Compatriot William M. Hay, chapter Americanism chairman, conducted our seventh annual Memorial Day ceremony at Parkhill Cemetery. Compatriots Hay, Bob Galer, Dan McMichael, John McCutcheon, David Fox, Charles Hall and applicant, Roy Collier, were in Color Guard uniforms; a squad of the Color Guard posted and retired the colors.

Bill Hay, kneeling and talking with Mother of LCPL Raymon Lee Allen Johnson

A special acknowledgment of the life and sacrifice of LCPL Raymon Lee Allen Johnson was made by Compatriot Hay. LCPL Johnson's parents, other relatives and his pastor, Rev. Vince Allen, were present for the tribute to this fallen patriot. Georgia



Society President Dr. Ed Rigel attended and presented the state society's wreath and the Lyman Hall Chapter wreath. Three DAR chapters, the Lucy Spell Raiford Society of the C.A.R. and the U.S. Daughters of 1812 also presented wreaths. About 150 people attended the event.

George Walton

On June 2, 2012, George Walton Chapter President, Bill Dobbs made an Eagle Scout Certificate presentation to Donavan D. Jones III in Monroe, Georgia. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at Union Chapel United Methodist Church. The Certificate was prepared by Patriot and Eagle Scout Committee Chairman, Mr. Bill Coffeen.



On July 4, 2012, Bill Dobbs participated with Governor Nathan Deal in a Fourth of July Ceremony held at the US Ambassador's Residence in Ottawa, Canada. There were several thousand people in attendance. Those attending left the festivities knowing that Georgia had three signers of the Declaration of Independence. Hopefully, some will



remember the names of Lyman Hall, Button Gwinnett and George Walton.

Hornet's Nest
Deadline
October 15, 2012

Joseph Habersham



Chaplain John Howard, Past President David Burton, member David Grist and Treasurer Lynn Cash of the Joseph Habersham Chapter stand with a group of fourth grade students after presenting an education outreach program at Lavonia Elementary School. The chapter has made thirty presentations at local schools this year, reaching over 2000 students.

Lyman Hall

The primary activities of the Lyman Hall Chapter in the second quarter of 2012 primarily related to Education Outreach and Speaker's Bureau.



Speaker's Bureau: In mid-April Chapter President Ed Rigel, Sr. presented a program to about 150 members of the Gainesville Rotary Club on "SAR What's" and

"Georgia's Reluctant Rebels". In attendance were five Rotary sponsored visitors from Australia who were impressed by Rigel's uniform and the programs of the SAR and enjoyed learning of the early history of the Colony/State of Georgia. In gratitude for his presentation, the Rotary Club will present two signed books to a local elementary school. Rigel presented a similar program to the Men's Breakfast Club at Lanier Village Estates. LVE is an upscale retirement community in Gainesville. Unlike Rotarians, most of whom have to return to work after the luncheon meeting, retirees have nothing but time on their hands and a long question and answer session followed the presentation. He also carried his "Reluctant" program to a Piedmont Chapter meeting and a program on "Nathanael Greene" to the Joseph Habersham Chapter.

Education Outreach: Traveling Trunk/ American Revolution programs were presented to 4th Grade classes in Black's Mill Elementary School in Dawson County and North Georgia Christian School as the Chapter continues to slowly add schools to its coverage. After one of the students at NG Christian raved about the presentation to her younger brother, an encore performance was demanded for the 2nd Grade at that school. Both schools also participated in the Americanism Poster Contest.



At Black's Mill Elementary all 52 students who participated in the contest received a Certificate of Participation in their classrooms prior to their Awards Program.



Certificates and ribbons were presented to the best three in each class at the Awards Program where the Best in School Poster was also recognized.



NG Christian fielded two entries. Both were recognized at that school's Elementary Awards Program. The Best in School at NG Christian was also the Chapter winner and she was presented a check for \$25.

Rumbaugh Oration Contest: Eleven students from four local high schools competed over two nights in the Chapter's Oration Contest under the guidance of Chapter Rumbaugh Chair John Beale. Four Chapter members served as Judges, while teachers, parents, wives of SAR members, and other interested community members were in the audience. Carley Stamps, a rising sophomore at Lumpkin County High School won the Chapter contest.

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"South" was presented by Mrs. Ruth Reddick and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Carley subsequently won the GA Society Rumbaugh contest and traveled to Phoenix to compete in the National contest. She advanced to the finals after the first round but did not place in the top three.

May Chapter Meeting: 48 Compatriots and guests attended the Chapter's May meeting.



"Uncle Ray", Compatriot Ray Anderson of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, was present to assist in the induction of the Chapter's newest member, his nephew, Preston Denton. Northeast Region VP Bruce Maney also assisted. Compatriot Rhuell Patterson was presented a Certificate of Patriotism for his service in World War II. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Chapter Oration contest were presented their certificates and award checks and Carley Stamps got in some practice by presenting her speech to the attendees.

The evening's program, entitled "*Washington's Journey Through the*



Battlefield Park, Savannah: Lyman Hall Chapter has joined with the Button Gwinnett and George Walton Chapters in sponsoring granite markers engraved with the names of their Chapters' namesakes. The markers are dedicated to the three from Georgia who signed the Declaration of Independence and will be installed in Battlefield Park in Savannah in the order in which the Declaration was signed. A dedication ceremony will take place in conjunction with the Battle of Savannah Commemoration to be held in October.

Marquis de Lafayette

As part of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter's Memorial Day activities, chapter members traveled to several towns in the Atlanta South Metro area. The Color Guard members gave the Musket Volley to begin the activities and marched in support of the American Legion and VFW in parades in Peachtree City, Fayetteville, and Senoia.

In the photo LTC Bloise Hill instructs Boy Scouts in colonial attire before the



Peachtree City parade. Approximately 800 people attended.

Other individuals and groups from the chapter participated in ceremonies at Zewnan's Gold Star Memorial and at Marietta National Cemetery.

Ocmulgee

Ocmulgee Chapter Past Presidents Robert Cruthirds (left) and Tucker Haught (right)



recently presented framed historical documents, pertaining to Georgians Brigadier General Robert L. Scott, President Jimmy Carter and U. S. Senator Sam Nunn, to Veteran's High School in Kathleen, GA.

Past President Haught had prepared and framed the documents before making the original presentations to BG Robert Lee Scott, USAF (Retired) at the Annual GASSAR Meeting held in Macon, Georgia, to President Jimmy Carter at the Carter Center in Atlanta and Senator Sam Nunn at the Robins AFB Officer's Club. These documents were formerly displayed at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA before being presented to Veteran's High School.



Macon Police Officer of the Year Investigator Enrique Hogan was recently presented

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the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his outstanding performance of duty. President James Stallings of the Ocmulgee Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, made the presentation.



Ocmulgee Chapter Color Guard consisting of President James Stallings, along with Past Presidents Tucker Haught and Robert Cruthirds as part of the combined Color Guard for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Macon Memorial Park.

Piedmont Chapter



At the South Forsyth Middle School Honors Night, Addison Braddock and Eric Danielsson were recognized as the recipients of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award and the Piedmont Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Addison is the daughter of April and Charles Braddock of Cumming, GA. Eric is the son of Melissa and Magnus Danielsson of Suwanee, GA. The awards were presented by MSB DAR Committee Chair, Lee Hills and Piedmont Chapter President Paul Prescott and GASSAR Registrar Robert A. Sapp. The

DAR and SAR Good Citizenship Awards honor one outstanding male and female middle school student from the 8th grade exhibiting the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism (love of family, school, community and nation).



The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard participated in a very special Flag Day Ceremony at Bulloch Hall in Roswell, Georgia on June 14, 2012.

The event was organized by the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. A highlight of the event was the participation of Children of American Revolution (C.A.R.). These are children or grandchildren of the members of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, NSDAR. Each child was given a flag to hold. Our nation's flag was truly honored and patriotism was evident to all. The photos showing the Piedmont Color Guard and the C.A.R. kids in front of Bulloch Hall were provided by Lisa Tobin, VIS Chairman.



The Piedmont Chapter and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held the Annual Picnic at Roswell

Park on June 23, 2012. The event was organized by Past President Jim McIntire and the turnout was excellent. Piedmont President Paul Prescott welcomed the group and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A collection box for articles donated to the VA Hospital was provided by the Veterans Committee.

Samuel Elbert

The Samuel Elbert Chapter met June 7th and honored the Rev. Jack R. Bozeman for his work in the GASSAR and the SAR. He was president of GASSAR in 1995-6, and then proceeded to charter the Samuel Elbert Chapter in 1995 and became the president for two years – 1995-6 and 1996-7. During his presidency of GASSAR, as all presidents do, visited all the chapters in the State, and while he was visiting the Ocmulgee Chapter where Ed Fluker was a member, Ed showed him a special photograph – the celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek Federal Monument being dedicated about 1930 at War Hill in Wilkes County. Ed, a young boy of about 13 was with his aunt - his grandmother was a member of the Kettle Creek NSDAR and they were conducting the dedication of the monument. Jack took the copy of the newspaper clipping back and discussed it with the BOM and they approved the first ceremony at the Kettle Creek Battle Site for the GASSAR. Therein became the work. Jack put together a committee from the Samuel Elbert Chapter and together they planned the ceremony, developed the program and assigned the sub-committees. Jack and Jackie even made the lunches for the Fort Gordon Military Band of which Bob Galer acquired. Jack even borrowed the bus from the First United Methodist Church to shuttle the visitors from the parking lot on Courtground Road to War Hill.

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**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
October 27, 2012
10:00 am
Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
BARNESVILLE, GA**

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And yes, it did take a long time to shuttle them back and forth. Rev. Jack R. Bozeman with some help invented the first GASSAR Ceremony at Kettle Creek sponsored by the Samuel Elbert Chapter. Hats off to Rev. Jack R. Bozeman!

Former State Secretary Kline Pugh delivered a very good informative program on DNA and Genealogy. Kline and his wife Patricia were hosted by the Samuel Elbert Chapter and the SAR members enjoyed the poem entitled "Hillbilly Genealogy Poem" which he finished with. Kline certainly understands genealogy as related to his ancestors, DNA, and genealogy. Thank you Kline Pugh for a very enjoyable and interesting program.

[Sons of Liberty](#)

The Sons of Liberty Chapter had a busy April and May. Over 100 posters presented by 4th graders were received and judged, 10 high school JROTC cadet awards and two college ROTC cadet awards.



But aside from all of this, something really interesting happened on May 12th. During the morning, Compatriot Wayne Ellis was presenting the awards to the poster winners and in addition presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rhonda Owens for all her work and coordination of efforts.

Hornet's Nest Deadline
October 15, 2012
Make sure your Chapter news
gets published!



Then, that evening the Sons of Liberty Chapter had its monthly meeting and the main theme of the meeting was awarding the Firefighter's Award to a Paulding County Fireman, Sam Ballard. This is always a special meeting since they bring their various fire fighting vehicles and after the main part of the program, members of the chapter, their children, grandchildren and just guests of the restaurant get to go out and climb on the trucks, ask questions and see how they work.

But on this occasion, there was something very unusual. Sam not only brought in several of his boss and fellow firefighters, but also his fiancée. Wayne Ellis was shocked to see a guest there he knew. Sam's fiancée was Rhonda Owens, the teacher that had just received an award from our chapter, just a few hours earlier on that day.

I guess that family was proud to have two very special people – both receiving awards on the same day for two totally different reasons. A great day and honor for the Sons of Liberty and this very unusual event.

The Sons of Liberty and the John Collins Chapter participated in the Marietta 4th of July parade. For the fourth time out of five parades, we won another award.

Congratulations to all that participated.

[The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association](#)

On 23 May 2012 the Georgia Department of Community Affairs selected the Kettle Creek Park Master Plan for funding. The CSRA Regional Commission Planning Department in Augusta, Georgia has been d i r e c t e e d to start immediate plans for funding to begin July 1st, 2012.

The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, County of Wilkes and City of Washington have been officially notified of the funding authorization.

Dr. Joe Harris, Chairman, released this great news at the KCBA Board of Directors

meeting in Washington, Georgia this afternoon.

The Georgia State Master Plan for site development is the first step in securing this historic location for our children and American heritage.

To all the State SAR organizations and members that have joined KCBA to support our preservation efforts of this premier Revolutionary War Battlefield-----**Thank You !!**

To any Chapter or Individual that has yet to join the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association please consider membership!

At the Annual Conference the membership was informed of the establishment of the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association and were given the challenge of individual, chapter and state charter membership at a tax deductible donation of \$50. I am pleased to report at as of July 26, 2012, we have the following results:

State Societies: Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia SAR; Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina DAR

Chapters: Athens, Atlanta, Button Gwinnett, Captain John Collins, Cherokee, Coweta Falls, Lyman Hall, Marshes of Glynn, Ocmulgee, Piedmont, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta, Washington-Wilkes, Isaac Shelby (KY), Jacksonville (FL)

Others: U. S. Daughters of 1812, C.A.R., Allen Howard, Martha Stewart Bulloch NSCAR, 8 DAR Chapters.

Individuals: 178 from ten (10) states, including spouses

Firms: Washington Ford Mercury, Ruffin Flag Company

Charter membership will open until the end of February 2013

We are initiating a newsletter and the web site is operational. These should enhance the mission of the Association. Bobby Towns will serve as Editor of the Battlefield Dispatch and Virgil Palmer serves as web master. Visit:

www.kettlecreekbattlefield.org

The Bylaws provide for a board of up to 18 members with 10 serving at the present time. Currently serving are: Dr. Joseph B. Harris, Chair, Emory Allen Burton, John David Chesnut, Bill deGolia, Ann Floyde, Kerry McAvoy, Thomas M. Owen, Parliamentarian: Louis F. Ricciuti, Betty A. Slaton and James Larry Wilson

Officers elected to a two year term are:
President: George Thurmond, Vice-Pres: Walker N. Chewning, Treasurer: Thomas M. Owen, Secretary: Darla A. Wilson, Asst. Secretary: L. Jane Owen, Parliamentarian: Louis F. Ricciuti