



The

January—March 2018

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



Donald Burdick

Two weeks after my installation as President of the Georgia Society, we celebrated the 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. Secretary General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy honored us with their presence at the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Banquet Friday evening. Secretary General Alter and I brought "Greetings".

Saturday morning, the Georgia Society Combined Color Guard with Militia Firing Unit raised the Colors at the Wilkes County Court House to begin this year's celebration. The Color Guard with participants from nearby South Atlantic District states provided a splendid performance under the command of Bill Palmer. Next, South Atlantic District Vice President General James Wood, Secretary General Warren Alter and I led the parade around Washington square.

This year the Washington-Wilkes High School marching band provided music to the pleasure of parade participants and the viewing public. Following the parade, the skirmish took place at Washington Park with the Patriots victorious over the British-led Tories. Because threatening weather was forecast for Saturday afternoon, the War Hill event was transferred to the Pope Center in downtown Washington. Color Guard members again provided timely help in removing the Friday night banquet tables, rearranging chairs and setting up more than 80 wreaths in a very short time.

Secretary General Warren Alter was the keynote speaker, the Greene County High School Air Force JROTC unit provided the saber salute for the wreath presentation and the Georgia Society C.A.R. youth conducted the 13flag ceremony. In spite of the inclement weather the 239th Celebration of the Kettle Creek Battle was a great success! Sunday morning a special Colonial Worship Service was conducted at Phillips Mill Baptist Church by Georgia SAR Chaplain, Rev. Alan Smith.

On Monday afternoon, February 12th, President General Larry Guzy, his wife Karen, and Nancy and I attended a ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony at War Hill. Our Georgia Color Guard with Militia again participated. This event recognized the Civil War Trust's funding with the help of Campaign 1776 of an additional 180 acres of the battlefield. Compatriot N. Walker Chewning, President of KCBA, Jim Lighthizer, President of the Civil War Trust, Coach Vince Dooly, Board member CWT, and U.S. Representative Jody Hice provided comments. The acquisition of this additional battlefield acreage was facilitated by the Georgia Society's voting in 2013 to allocate \$40,000 to help secure the battlefield. With the timely funding for this additional acreage by the Georgia Society preservation of the Kettle Creek Battlefield has continued.

In early March I attended the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. Thursday evening the traditional Georgia delegation dinner was held at a local restaurant with 32 present. We were honored to have President General Larry Guzy and Karen, South Atlantic District Regional Vice President General James Wood, and Secretary General Warren Alter and Nancy join us. We had a large Georgia delegation at this Leadership Meeting with some 1st time attendees and new Chapter Presidents. Included were, President John Flikeid, Robert Forsyth Chapter; President Ron Redner, Piedmont Chapter; also, Roy Greene, Al Finley and Jamie Ruff from the Piedmont Chapter. One learns much in attending "leadership." In the Protocol Committee Meeting among other information, we learned that revision Chapter IV, "Protocol" in the National Society Source Book should be available in October. Mentioned also was made that the neck ribbon worn by current and past Chapter/State Presidents and General Officers is intended to be worn with coat and tie, not with open shirts. In the Parliamentary Committee meeting types of motions, procedures for handling a motion, and the processes of amending a motion were discussed. A handout of Basic Parliamentary Information was distributed. In the By-laws breakout, mention was made that the sponsor should know the person applying for membership and the applicant must be a citizen of good report. I suggest that all Compatriots consider attending "Leadership" and participate in the various committee meetings. One does not have to be an officer to do so.

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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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I also represented our Society at the Savannah River Valley Genealogy Society Expo held in the Hart County Learning Center. I set up our tri-fold display depicting Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail and passed out the brochures on Georgia Revolutionary Battles. Other historical groups including the John Benson DAR Chapter had displays. Because of other historical groups being invited and promoting this Expo a large number of visitors attended. This resulted in many people coming by our display and gave me opportunity to discuss SAR programs and membership. I suggest that Chapters consider inviting other historical groups when conducting genealogical events.

We began 2017 with 1,672 members. During the year Chapters recruited 291 new members. We therefore ended the year with a total membership of 1,917. Expectations were if we recruited but 200 new members in 2018 we would have more than 2,000 members by year end! However, there were 209 losses in 2017. Of this number, 163(79%) were Compatriots who did not renew membership! Therefore, as of 1 Jan 2018 membership reported to National was but 1,754. In order to minimize losses each Chapter should review individual attendance now and not wait until year's end to consider losses. Let's ensure that each new member has a mentor, that he is warmly welcomed, assigned to a committee, and asked to participate in each Chapter event. When a new (or current) member misses meetings with no known reason, the Chapter President, mentor or member should contact him. State that he was missed and that his membership is valued. Also, ask what can be done to help him attend meetings! We need to minimize member losses if we're to grow. We need everyone to help.

I have asked Compatriot Scott Collins, Sr. Vice President, to head an effort to help chapters that are less active. I suggested he request the assistance of the Regional Vice Presidents to help identify the Chapters, specific problems they may have, and what can be done to help. Also, Regional VP's are reminded to submit their reports (Source Book, Chapter 11, State Reporting, Form 11.1.1), to the State President/ BOM each quarter.

I have been honored over these past few weeks to install new officers at Wiregrass, Ocmulgee, Athens and Atlanta Chapters. At each chapter I have been impressed with the dedication and interest of officers and members in conducting educational outreach programs including grave markings, flag certificate presentations and youth and citizen recognition programs which help further the objectives of our National and State Societies.

Since becoming more familiar with the workings of the Georgia Society I am continually impressed with the dedication and hours spent by our Officers, Committee Chairman and Chapter Members in achieving the goals and objectives of our Society in furthering the vision of a free land by our Patriot Forefathers. I am proud to be associated with all of you in this great work and thank you for helping to further educate our citizens so we may remain a free country.

Georgia Army National Guard Movie



This is a 21 minute historical documentary produced for the Georgia Army National Guard includes footage of the Elijah Clarke militia in portrayal of the original Citizen Soldiers. The film is available for viewing at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvnQ8TwNZ_I

Secretary's Report Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Winter 2017

Active Membership
as of 01 Jan 2018..... 1,754

Plus:

New Members...	56
Memorial Member...	0
Transfers In....	0
Reinstatements	14
Reinstatement-Transfers...	2

Total Additions. 72

Less:

Deceased...5
Memorial Member...0
Resignations....0
Transfers Out...5

Total Losses... 10

Active Membership
as of 31 Mar 2018... 1,816

Reported to National

Plus: Dual Members (Out of State) 29

Active Membership
as of 31 Mar 2018... 1,841

Reported to BOM

Board of Managers Meetings

Saturday, July 28, 2018
Saturday, Oct 27, 2018
Saturday, Jan 26, 2019

BOM location:

**Garden Patch Restaurant
100 Southland Drive
(old highway 41)
Barnesville, GA. 30204**

State Officers & Committees NEWS



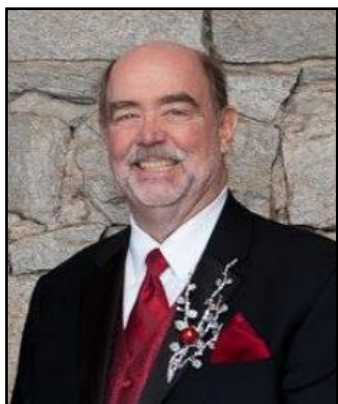
Georgia Color Guard Commander—Bill Palmer

Color Guard Staff: Bill Palmer (Commander). Allen Greenly (Deputy Commander – Northern Division), Jimmy Boatright (Deputy Commander – Southern Division), Sid Turner (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Northern Division), Steve Burke (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Southern Division), Ed Rigel, Jr. (Adjutant), Ed Rigel, Sr. (Immediate Past Commander and Advisor)

Year	Members Participating	State and National Events	Total Color Guard Participation
2011	64 (12 Rookies)	82	782
2012	62 (15 Rookies)	72	663
2013	60 (3 Rookies)	60	578
2014	80 (17 Rookies)	68	761
2015	81 (13 Rookies)	66	786
2016	93 (20 Rookies)	77	814
2017	113 (8 Rookies)	66	692
2018	116 (3 Rookies)	20	220

Membership: The Color Guard has added 3 members to the Color Guard/Militia, as first time participants to its roll in 2018. We now have a source for Continental uniforms. It is GGGodwin.

Participation: The number of members participating was outstanding! Militia turnout has been high as usual. We do however, need more Color Guardsmen. During the 1st quarter the Color Guard participated at Cow Pens, State Conference, Hero's of the Hornets Nest, Kettle Creek Ceremonies, Kettle Creek dedication of new land acquisition, Patriot Grave Markings, Guilford Courthouse, Brier Creek, Georgia Swarm Game, and many more events. The 2017 awards presented



Source Book Committee—Dr. Edward P Rigel, Sr

Source Book sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 1st Quarter 2018:

- 5.0.1 Georgia Society History was updated to add the years 2016 and 2017.
- Thanks to State Historian David Ludley
- 17.0 2018 Americanism Update to Source Book
- 17.01 2018 Georgia Americanism Addendum
- 17.02 2018 Target Points for Americanism Distinction & Excellence

John Flikeid, President of the Robert Forsyth Chapter, is reviewing the Sourcebook and making suggestions for updates. The Chairman has added Compatriot Flikeid to the Sourcebook Committee.

State and Chapter Officers, State Committee Chairs and Members, are encouraged to review sections in the Source Book pertinent to their area and submit either suggestions for improvement and/or proposed revisions to Source Book to the Committee for consideration.



Public Service & Heroism Committee—Bill Tankersley Ed.D.

So far this year, the Athens Chapter has presented a Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services medal.

The Marquis de Lafayette Chapter has presented two Life Saving medals. Thank you to these two chapters for the presentations to their deserving recipients.

To be included in this year's NSSAR Congress Bulletin, each presentation form has to be e-mailed to NSSAR by June 1. I can assist you with that.

Please let me know how I may be of service to you with anything related to the Public Service & Heroism Medals.

2018 GASSAR Public Service & Heroism Medal Presentations					
Chapter	Law Enforcement Commendation	Fire Safety Commendation	Emergency Medical Services Commendation	Heroism	Life Saving
					
Athens	1	1	1		
Marquis de Lafayette					2



Public Relations Committee - John Trussell

The Public Relations Committee has had an active quarter with several news items forwarded to the National Sar Magazine. The Chairman has participated in two SAR events as a new member of the Color Guard at Kettle Creek and Brier Creek events which were well attended.

The chairman is also organizing a Grave Marking/reception event for May 12, 2018, at 11:00 am, for Patriots Charles McCall and John Everitt at the Everitt Cemetery, near Metter Georgia. Thanks to Bill Palmer, Color Guard Commander and Color Guard members for their help with this event! A separate email attachment was sent out with the details and directions for this ceremony. Please share the email on the grave marking with your local chapter and we welcome your participation. If we can assist your chapter on any PR effort, please let us know.



Historic Sites & Celebrations —Delbert Allen Smith

09 Feb - Kettle Creek Revolutionary War Days in Washington, Georgia. The Kettle Creek weekend event was further highlighted with Battlefield tours at War Hill on Friday afternoon. We were unable to get a living history area setup this year, but we did have a traveling trunk display. SAR members were at War Hill to answer questions from visitors until around 3:30 PM that afternoon.

10 Feb - Kettle Creek Revolutionary War Days in Washington, Georgia. The Living History, Parade, Skirmish, Militia firing and War Hill Battlefield Memorial had many SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members from Georgia and other states in support. The Color Guard, Militia and Membership performed brilliantly over the weekend. Many of the Color Guard and Militia participation came from our sister states; especially South Carolina. Their presence allowed the Georgia Society to field a very large contingent of commemorators and re-enactors at this National Sons of the American Revolution event.

Washington-Wilkes County High School Band participation in the parade added a great deal to the festivities. Georgia Society President Donald Burdick and Secretary General Warren Alter from the national Society led the parade. National Society SAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony commanded the combined Georgia Society SAR Color Guard. Public participation at the downtown Washington events was up from some prior years despite the threatening weather. After the parade the crowd moved down behind the courthouse for the reenactment of the Battle of Kettle Creek. Militia members fired many shots and the end was the same as prior years with the Patriots coming out the winners.

Because of the threatening weather conditions, leadership decided on Friday afternoon to move the activities on Saturday afternoon from War Hill to the Pope Center in Washington, GA. Participation at Pope Center for the 239th Anniversary of the Celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek was very good. Participating chapters received streamers. AFJROTC Cadets of Greene County provided a saber salute at the ceremony at the Pope Center. A host of SAR, C.A.R. and DAR members attended the event. Secretary General Warren M. Alter represented the NSSAR and was the speaker. Samuel C. Powell represented the SAR Foundation.

11 Feb - Georgia Society SAR Chaplain D. Alan Smith led the Colonial Worship Service at historic Phillips Mill Baptist Church in Wilkes County which hosted the thirteenth annual colonial worship service in conjunction with the anniversary celebration of the American victory at the Battle of Kettle Creek.

03 March - Brier Creek Battlefield Celebration in Sylvania, Georgia. Wreath and Formal ceremony of the 239th anniversary of the battle was held at the site of the newly erected monument located on the actual battlefield near Brier Creek in Screven County, Georgia. Brier Creek Chapter, Col. William Few Chapter and the Wiregrass Chapter of the Georgia Society SAR jointly sponsored the event. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and the Bear Creek Militia & Elijah Clarke Militia participated in the program. At the conclusion, the joint Militia units fired a three-round volley which was followed by a three-round volley of two cannon. Many SAR, DAR, C.A.R. members as well as the general public attended the program.

Committee Changes: At the close of the Kettle Creek Celebration, D. Alan Smith became the new chairman. The committee is in the process of appointing new members to reflect the variety of events in Georgia: state and chapter and to coordinate the needs of all State events with the Color Guard. Scott Collins has served this committee and the State Society with great ability and true service. We extend to him on behalf of the State Society our sincere appreciation and our encouragement as he prepares to become State President.



Audit Committee—Shep Hammack

A full 2017 audit of the Society's books was conducted on January 10, 2018 by members of the Audit Committee. Both the Treasurer's and Secretary's books were covered during this audit.

Note: 80 % of the Society's deposits are made by the Secretary since all dues flow through him. During this audit, 20+% of the Income and Expense entries were evaluated and each had proper supporting documentation.

No issues were found by this audit.



IT Committee—Richard Marsh

Website

The Society's website provides several important functions: distribute information to membership; attract new members; and inform the public of the SAR mission and activities. The Georgia Society should take greater advantage of this communication tool.

Attempts to complete the rebuild of the Society's website continued during the 1st quarter. Little or no progress was seen due to a continued lack of input from responsible officers, committee chairs and chapter presidents. Areas that continue to be lacking include:

Events Calendar – there has been limited input, the only future items on the calendar are Frederica Patriots Day April 14-15 (submitted by a chapter), Midway Grave Markings April 29 (just submitted) and the GAS-SAR BOM meetings for the remainder of the year. Despite being aware that there are many other events, they are not shown on our calendar and therefore cannot make membership or the public aware of them.

Registrar's Status Report last update (February 2018)

Junior Membership Page (still being drafted)

Knight Essay Contest (information needs to be reviewed for currency and accuracy)

Chapters (The following have provided no input for Chapter pages)

Blue Ridge Mountains

Casimir Pulaski

Cherokee

Dalton

Four Rivers Patriots

George Walton

Joel Early

John Milledge

Joseph Habersham

Marquis de Lafayette

Marshes of Glynn

Mill Creek

Mount Vernon

Patrick Carr Rangers

Valdosta

Awards (missing information for 2009, 2016)

Speakers Bureau (info recovered from old website, photos missing and info likely out of date)

Photo Gallery (attempting to rebuild, submit photos to Rick Reese RickReese68@att.net)

Database

Review of database is in the final functional review for acceptance. Following functional testing and acceptance, the database will require population and validation of live data. For those of you unfamiliar with the project, the following provides an overview of the project and its deliverables.

Background

In 2009, compatriot Billy Templeton developed for the GASSAR a Microsoft Access database application to maintain and track membership information and to assist in the collection and processing of dues. Compatriot Templeton continued to maintain and enhance the application until 2012. After that point, he provided email/telephone support to our Secretary for the required annual "tweaks" necessary to transition from year to year. Upon becoming chairman of the IT Committee in early 2017 I assisted the Secretary with an upgrade to the Access database that automated the annual update requirements and provided several other enhancements. Over the past six months, I have become involved in this project and learned about the history, scope and status of the database and its capabilities.

Contract

A contract was awarded to Fleet Analytics, LLC (a firm specializing in fleet geographic tracking systems) in May of 2016. The highlights of the contract are as follows:

Redesign of current GASSAR Access based database to run in a server based environment (on the Web) allowing access to multiple users simultaneously

The redesign will be an exact duplicate of the current database with regard to fields and functionality (pre-2017 enhancements referenced above)

Contract performance period was to be 90 days unless time is extended in writing by GASSAR. The project is now closing in on two years. It is assumed that the GASSAR took formal action to extend the contract term, however I was not involved with the project at that time and do not know for certain

Total contract value is \$8,510 with \$4,255 due at project inception and the remaining \$4,255 due upon completion

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Deliverable

Upon completion and delivery to the GASSAR, the server based application will be as follows:

A web based version of the pre-2017 Access database

Will, at a minimum, require professional modification at additional cost to be able to support the following:

Modification of dues structure approved by BOM in 2017 for 2019. The new database has dues structure hardcoded in application requiring programming modifications to update

Modification of Reports to support the basic collection of dues. Reports used for Chapter dues collection have dates hardcoded and tied to calendar date so that any Chapter dues report generated will only support 2018 dues collections until January 1, 2019.

Modification to provide access control at various levels (e.g. member, chapter officers, state officers, administrators, read only, edit, etc.). While the application does support multiple simultaneous users with unique login required, there is no functionality to control access. It is an "all or nothing" access, so only those with a need to access the entire membership (e.g. Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, IT Chairman, etc.) will be granted access to the database until access control is implemented at appropriate levels.

The previous flexibility ad-hoc query and reporting of the database residing in the Access environment is lost in the server environment. There is no longer the capability to perform custom queries of the data (e.g. list of all members with over 25 years in the SAR, list of members living in zip code xxxxx, or whatever other information needs to be extracted on an ad hoc basis) as this was not part of the Access database application although it was part of the Access environment

As currently designed/implemented, the server based database can only handle dues and membership through the year 2025

Most reports can only be run for the current calendar year (e.g. 2017 membership reports cannot be generated) once January 1, 2018 arrives. The majority of the reporting is hardcoded to run based on current date.

Maintenance – I am unaware of any members of the GASSAR that have the skills, experience or willingness to take on the ongoing maintenance of this database given the environment in which it has been developed. Therefore, there will be an ongoing cost for the care and feeding of it unless in-house talent is identified in addition to the hosting services costs.

Funding

During the 2018 budget development cycle, it was reported that the database would be complete and delivered prior to December 31st. Funding was provided in the 2017 budget to cover the \$4,225 due upon completion. The 2018 budget includes \$5,000 originally slated for enhancements to the system. The enhancements envisioned at the time of the budget development did not include the issues identified above to make the system perform at the basic levels. Since the original contract was not completed in 2017, only \$775 will remain to fund enhancements after paying contract balance. The cost of the minimum modifications required to bring the database into a functional form to support basic business requirements of the GASSAR remains to be determined.

Conclusion

While the server based database that will be delivered meets the requirements of the contract as written, and provides a solid foundation for the housing of membership data, it will not support the business needs of the GASSAR in its present state. If the GASSAR wishes to migrate to it and use it in the future, it will require modifications prior to the onset of the collection of dues which generally begins in the October/November timeframe meaning that in all likelihood, the new database, with required modifications, will not be ready to support 2019. Prior to moving forward, the BOM needs to carefully consider:

A complete needs assessment for any database that is to be used to include at a minimum:

Information that should be captured that is not currently included in design

GASSAR as well as Chapter reporting requirements

Expected future uses of the database (e.g. generate mailing lists, mine data for trends, etc.)

Prioritization of all needs identified

Cost/benefit of further investment (at \$8,510, GASSAR will have invested a little less than \$4.75 per GASSAR member representing 37% of one year's dues). While yet to be determined, the cost to bring the database in to a functional state will likely represent significant additional cost.

Sustainability – What resources (human and/or financial) will be required to keep the tool operational and up to date into the future? Alternate solutions might serve the organization as well or better at a lower cost with sustainability.

Security issues of personal information. As developed, there are no contract requirements pertaining to the security of the application and therefore, vulnerability issues are unknown. A security assessment should be included in any further work on the new database.



State Historian—Dr. David A. Ludley

2017 History of the Georgia State Sons of the American Revolution
By Dr. David A. Ludley, GASSAR State Historian

Our new President, Wayne L. Brown, began his productive tenure in office, by visiting chapters all across Georgia, remarking that he was “awed by those who work tirelessly and give so much of their time and resources to fulfill the mission of our great organization.” President Brown sensed a “special bond” among us, “due to our Patriot ancestors who established the United States of America, the greatest nation on God’s green earth.” With dynamic leadership and inspiration like that, GASSAR’s mission in 2017 was well served!

One of President Brown’s goals was that all chapters were encouraged to seek out Revolutionary War Patriot Graves and conduct grave marking ceremonies. On Friday, February 10, the Atlanta and Col. William Few Chapters conducted just such a grave marking ceremony at the site of the grave of Col. Elijah Clarke in Elijah Clark State Park near Lincolnton, GA. The ceremony was held as part of the weekend celebration for the Battle of Kettle Creek. On Saturday, March 25, the Altamaha Chapter conducted a grave marking ceremony for compatriot David B. Dukes, Sr., near Jesup, GA .

In regard to grave markings, Senior Vice President Don Burdick suggested early in the year that instead of bronze grave markers that are easy targets for thieves, due to salable value, we use granite grave markers instead. Compatriot Burdick gave full instructions on how this could be accomplished.

During the Second Quarter of 2017, Patriots Day on Saint Simons Island was very successfully observed, starting with the well-attended Patriotic Memorial Ceremony, during which our Color Guard gave an outstanding performance. Afterward, the Color Guard led the Parade of Patriots. This Frederica Patriot’s Day Celebration ended with a Colonial Worship Service on Sunday morning.

Wrapping up the month of April was our 2017 Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, which of course also featured our Color Guard. The next day, Sunday, featured two events, in Carrolton and Midway, starting out in Carrolton, there was a ceremony dedicating a Memorial Wall, in honor of Revolutionary War Veterans who settled in Carroll County. The event in Midway was a Grave Marking Ceremony in which the graves of five patriots were marked. President Brown commended both Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer and Historic Sites & Celebrations Chairman Scott Collins for a job well done in coordinating these events of April 29 and 30.

Of note, is the fact that Compatriot Steve Burke was presented with the Militiaman of the Year for 2016 Certificate at the Annual GASSAR Conference in Duluth, Georgia, on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Steve was also selected as the South Region Militia Adjutant for the Georgia Society. Compatriot Burke is a Charter Member of the Wiregrass Chapter.

May was a very active month, with chapters across Georgia presenting JROTC and ROTC Awards at their local high schools and colleges, under the leadership of LCDR David G. Jessel, USN Retired. May came to a close with Memorial Day Ceremonies across the state. The only cloud on our horizon was the hacking of our website and the corrupting of our document files. However, our new Information Technology Chairman, Richard Marsh, and his team repaired the problems and redesigned the website. As of the end of the year, however, it will still take additional time to complete the large task of reconstructing the documentation.

In the spring, other Grave Markings included an April 15 ceremony at the grave of Patriot Hiram Howard in Winterville, April 30th Grave Marking ceremonies at the graves of Patriots Samuel Jacob T. Axson, Nathaniel Baker, James Dunwoody, James Screven, and Daniel Stewart in Midway. In May, there were three Grave Marking ceremonies: the graves of Patriot John W. Colley in Wilkes County, Compatriot Carl Duane Bham in Sandy Springs, and Compatriot LTC F.C. (Hap) Chandler, Jr., USAF, Retired.

During the Third Quarter, at the 127th Congress in Knoxville, the Georgia SAR and several of its chapters and members received thirty-one awards, and eleven members received the Liberty Medal or Oakleaf Cluster for their sponsorship of new members. Following Congress, the Board of Managers voted at the July 29 meeting to secure Directors and Officers Liability Insurance for the BOM. At the same meeting, the BOM voted to secure the services of Bigman Geophysical to use Ground Penetrating Radar to discover burial remains on the Brier Creek Battlefield near Sylvania, Georgia. Our liaison on the project, Dr. David Noble, later reported that the activity was completed, and analysis of the data obtained and the findings released.

The Third Quarter ended with the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville during the last weekend of September, where we received the good news that Georgia had been selected to host the 2022 Congress in the city of Savannah—a great honor and an equally great challenge, of course.

Grave Marking ceremonies conducted during the Third Quarter included those honoring Patriots Rev. Thomas Joel Maxwell and William Bibb Key in Elbert County, Georgia, on September 2. On September 18, the Col. Few Chapter conducted an SAR Revolutionary War Patriot Recognition Ceremony for the nineteen Patriots known to be interred in the Saint Paul’s Churchyard in Augusta.

In regard to Public Relations, in furtherance of our goals, Compatriot John Trussell was instrumental in developing a power point program “The Revolutionary War in the South,” to be used in public education and new member recruitment. This program includes 76 slides covering the Revolutionary War in the South, family genealogy, and a call to join the SAR and DAR. In regard to Public Relations, President Brown further encouraged the highlighting of more Georgia SAR chapters in the SAR Magazine.

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The Fourth Quarter was outstanding for the Color Guard. A highlight was the participation of the Elijah Clarke Militia in a movie for the National Guard about Elijah Clarke and the Battle of Kettle Creek. They also had good participation at Kings Mountain and various Veterans Day events.

Other important Fourth Quarter GASSAR events included the Battle of Savannah on October 9, Fort Morris on November 18, and the Battle of Vann's Creek, held at Richard Russell State Park, on December 2.

The Eagle Scout Committee chaired by Bill Coffeen deserves special mention. During 2017, there were at least 263 Eagle Scout recognition certificates issued throughout Georgia. Piedmont Chapter issued the most certificates at 140. Cameron Macdonald, sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter, was chosen as the 2017 GASSAR Winner, and Samuel Parker, sponsored by the Marshes of the Glynn Chapter, was runner up. Cameron Macdonald was recognized with a \$600 scholarship check and trophy at the GASSAR Awards Luncheon on January 27. His application will be forwarded to the NSSAR competition. The runner-up received a scholarship check for \$400.

The ROTC/JROTC Program under LCDR David G. Jessel, USN Retired, was very busy this year. The GASSAR OC Packages were judged and awarded. C/Major James Chandler of Warner Robbins High School was recognized at the GASSAR Annual Awards Luncheon as winner with a cash award of \$600, while the runner up, C/CPO Beckum, of Brunswick High School, received a cash award of \$400.

Another very important honoree was this year's winner of the Knight Essay Contest, chaired by Compatriot Terry Gibbs. The winner was Miss Kayla Hutcherson, a student at Armuchee High School in Rome, Georgia. She was sponsored by the Rome Chapter. Her winning essay was entitled "Unity: a Progressive Element during the American Revolution." She received a \$600 cash prize and a certificate and is entered in the national competition. As President Wayne Brown predicted, 2017 was a most eventful and productive year.



State SAR-C.A.R. Liaison—Robert W. Moore

I was glad to receive entries from Coweta Falls, Lyman Hall and Marshes of Glynn for the SAR/ C.A.R. Contest. Georgia SAR's serve as senior leaders on the local and state level of C.A.R.

There was joint participation at commemorative and wreath laying events as well as providing monetary support.

In closing, I would like to inform all of you that the 79th Annual Georgia State Conference on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Callaway Gardens was a great success.



Eagle Scout Committee - Bill Coffeen

Our committee has received 23 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date which is about the same as last year at this time. There have been several changes among chapter recognition chairs this past year. I suggest you check our page on the Georgia SAR website as we have updated it based upon information received from several chapters. **If there are still errors or missing information please let me know as soon as possible.** We will continue to update the website as needed. Please note that many, but not all BSA Councils throughout the State are willing to share information about their newly minted Eagle Scouts. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to contact your local Council please call me at 770-419-2549.

The Georgia Society can approve up to three compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. This is an award for any SAR member who has distinguished himself over the years serving the Scouting program. So I remind all chapters to consider a chapter member who you think deserves such recognition and forward the application to me. You may download the application from the National website (or contact me directly) and forward it along with a check for \$20 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

The Atlanta, John Collins and Piedmont chapters participated in a University of Scouting event on February 17 at Life University in Cobb County. The event was open to all adult and youth to obtain additional leadership training to support their local Pack, Troop and Crew units. Over 200 Scouters participated and many stopped to visit our SAR booth throughout the day. We handed out brochures highlighting our National youth and adult awards programs plus pamphlets explaining our purpose as a lineal society and how to join. Twenty-six folks from communities served by seven SAR chapters signed up for further information. We hope to expand our reach next year.

As Georgia Society Chair I plan to attend the Atlanta Area Council's annual Eagle Recognition program on June 9. I have already reached out to the staff member who coordinates such an event and will propose ways that our Society in the future may actually participate in this annual activity which draws outstanding citizens from around the metro area thus raising the level of awareness of our Society and its aims. Eight chapters (excluding George Walton) presently recognize Eagle scouts within the Atlanta Area Council of the BSA.

Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs and we'll provide support and direction to help you grow. As a reminder, the Georgia Society deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2018. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me by email to billcoffeen@gmail.com.

ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Liaison CommitteeLCDR David G. Jessel USN Ret

Georgia Society Outstanding Cadet 2017-2018, C/Maj Jason C. Nobles AFJROTC Warner Robins High School sponsored by the Ocmulgee Chapter GASSAR is representing the Georgia Society in the NSSAR Competition. Cadet Nobles received a \$600 cash award from the GASSAR. All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should strongly encourage these Units to participate in the JROTC Enhance (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2018-2019. The top three OC's in the NSSAR Contest receive cash awards with the winner receiving \$4,000 and up to \$1,500 in travel expenses to the NSSAR National Congress (this year in Houston, TX) to receive the award from President General Larry Guzy, a member of Captain John Collins Chapter GASSAR.

Please consider the Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program to be totally separate programs. Information on ROTC/JROTC Programs can be found at <https://www.sar.org/> and under Education click ROTC/JROTC. Unfortunately the wording was changed without any input from me and it is at best confusing; however, GASSAR Source Book Index 27 - Youth Recognition & Awards Program has all the information one needs and/or you can call the Chair. We will correct the JROTC Pages. (Web Site is currently under revision.)

Fifteen Silver ROTC Medal Packages were provided to eleven Georgia Universities for presentation to outstanding cadets/midshipmen selected by the ROTC Program. Ten GASSAR Chapters are being asked by email to present these Medals on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. There is no reason for any chapter to expend funds on a Silver ROTC Medal Package, as this is a function of the GASSAR Awards Committee. If a college/university contacts a chapter about a medal please refer them to the ROTC/JROTC Committee Chair. All ROTC Programs do not rate a medal because they are considered a Cross-town Unit that falls under a Host Unit (University). Your assistance in this area is appreciated. Chapters involved should record these presentations on the BOM Quarterly Report Form.

Chapters have started presenting Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units within the chapters' AO. Recipients are selected by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI). A recipient can only receive the medal once.

Award Criteria:

- *Awarded to cadet currently enrolled in the JROTC Program
- *A junior (in his/her 3rd year of a 4 year program or 2nd year of a 3 year program)
- *Top 10% of the JROTC class
- *Top 25% of his/her class

Chapters are strongly encouraged to have a compatriot present the medal in person, rather than mailing the medal and having the Senior Military Instructor present the award. Military, Color Guard, or Militia Uniform are appropriate attire, as is a sport coat and tie for presenting SAR Medals. Chapters record these medal presentations on their BOM Report. Please ensure that your JROTC Units have been advised that they have a POC (Point of Contact) within your Chapter and that the JROTC Unit knows that they should communicate directly with the Chapter. If there is a problem or if you have questions, do not hesitate to phone or email the Chair.

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BOM First Quarter Report 2018 Georgia Society SAR ROTC/JROTC Committee

The ROTC/JROTC Committee does not maintain a list of JROTC Units supported by a given chapter. One new JROTC Unit was assigned to a local chapter for support. Inquires about the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal are referred to the President of the chapter assigned to support the JROTC Unit. Liaison between the chapter representative and the JROTC Unit should have already occurred and the chapter should be arranging for a compatriot to present the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal at the Unit's Awards Ceremony. Every JROTC Unit in Georgia should have on file the name and contact information for a POC in the supporting chapter. It is recommended that the SAR medal presenter also award the recipient with a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution (available from our NSSAR Store and other sources).

Sea Cadet Units may nominate a cadet for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and there is now a Sea Cadet Ribbon to go along with this medal. Sea Cadet Ribbon is a separate item when ordered from NSSAR Store. There are several Sea Cadet Units in Georgia. If there is a Sea Cadet Unit within your Chapter Area of Operations, please contact them and let them know that your chapter can provide them a BGCM if they request the medal and provide a letter of justification. As with the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal, it is highly recommended that a member of the chapter present the BGCM at an official Sea Cadet Meeting (Muster). Visit the NSCC web site <http://homeport.seacadets.org/display/Manuals/Awards+Manual.NSCC+AWARDS+MANUAL+23+Mar+2014+PAGES+4-11/12> spells out the criteria for the SAR BGCM. NOTE: Sea Cadets have two groups of cadets. Sea Cadets (junior) 6, 7, 8TH grade are *not eligible* for the SAR BGCM & Sea Cadet ribbon. Sea Cadets (senior) 9, 10, 11, 12TH grade may be awarded the BGCM.

The BGCM may be awarded to adults and children. A chapter could award BGCM to the Chapter Enhanced Program OC Runner-up or to a Civil Air Patrol Cadet (CAP) or to a retiring JROTC Instructor. I have JROTC Lapel Pins for \$25 (funds go to the NSSAR JROTC Programs) that can be awarded to anyone associated with JROTC: Officer, Enlisted, Chapter POC (males or females).

The Georgia Society SAR supports three DOD (overseas) JROTC Units (Kadena HS Okinawa, Shape HS Belgium, and Vicenza HS Italy). SAR Bronze ROTC Medal Packages were mailed under cover letter to these JROTC DOD Units in March 2018.

The ROTC/JROTC Budget for 2018 is \$1,630. Additional funding will be requested for 2019 because of increased ROTC & JROTC Medal costs and an increase cost for SAR Presentation Folders. Questions about ROTC/JROTC Programs should be directed to the Committee Chair.



Americanism Committee—Roger W Coursey

During the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet in January, the winners of awards (certificates and streamers) for Americanism Chapter of Distinction and Americanism Chapter of Excellence, as well as the President General's Chapter of Distinction and President General's Chapter of Excellence were awarded. Winners of these awards were:

Americanism Award of Distinction

Athens
Atlanta
Brier Creek
Casimir Pulaski
Cherokee
Coweta Falls
Edward Telfair
Marquis de Lafayette
Rome

Americanism Award of Excellence

Athens
Button Gwinnett
Casimir Pulaski
Coweta Falls
Marshes of Glynn
Piedmont

President General Award of Distinction

Athens
Coweta Falls
Marquis de Lafayette
Marshes of Glynn

President General Award of Excellence

Athens
Piedmont

The Americanism Committee sections of the Source Book were updated in March. Make sure you check these sections out to assist you in compiling your reports this year.

The National Americanism Committee has posted the 2018 Americanism Score Sheet on the National website. I sent an email with the current score sheet on 8 Jan 2018. I would recommend you download it and commence entering your chapter's information ASAP, and then keep up with it during the year. This makes it much easier come the end of the year when the report is due.

If you have any questions on the Americanism Scoresheet, make sure you contact me and I will be happy to assist you in whether something can or cannot be used, and making sure you place it in the correct section.



2022 Congress Planning Committee—Allen P. Greenly

Report – 3/31/18

The 2022 Congress Planning Committee met on March 31, 2018. Present were Co-chairman J. Michael Tomme, Sr., Co-chairman Allen Greenly and Roger W. Coursey.

The committee:

1. will recommend to the National Congress Planning Committee that the 2022 Congress will be held from July 7 – 14, 2022.
2. created a calendar of major events covering the nine days of Congress.
3. created list of items that the Georgia Society is required to cover with funding.
4. created a list of sub-committees that will be required. They will begin looking for volunteers to chair those sub-committees.
5. made the decision to have two Vice Chairman to oversee the sub-committees. Roger W. Coursey was appointed as one of the Vice Chairman.
6. will need the design for the Congress Medal set prior to the Fall Leadership.
7. must supply the National Medals and Awards Committee our design for approval.

When the design is approved we can have medals manufactured and will begin selling them at Spring Leadership 2019.



Education Outreach Committee—Rick Reese

Education Outreach

Chapters of the Georgia Society continue their efforts to keep Revolutionary history alive with interactive Traveling Trunk presentations in elementary and middle school classrooms. Schools and teachers are very appreciative of these programs. For example, one fourth grade teacher sent the following note after her classes enjoyed the presentation by compatriots in colonial uniform and militia garb:

“Thank you so much for sharing the SAR Traveling Trunk Program with our 4th Grade students. They loved it! While many were grossed out by the facts you taught about hygiene they remembered them. Many commented how neat it was to actually see the various artifacts that represented the time period. As you probably already know the musket was a highlight. Many of our students need visual cues to understand a concept in history and you provided it for them.

My administrations were surprised (and very pleased) that the program you offered was free to the school. What a wonderful resource you provide. Thank you for sharing your time and trunk with our students. It was a fantastic way to end our social studies unit.”

Sincerely, Lisa Beck Lower Division Lead Teacher

The following education outreach awards were presented during the GASSAR Annual meeting in January this year:

Best Chapter Education Outreach Award

Contest Description: This award goes to the chapter with best overall youth & adult education outreach program in calendar year.

Winner: Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Chapter Education Outreach Streamer Award

Contest Description: This certificate and streamer is presented at the GASSAR annual conference to any chapter that has sponsored education outreach programs to a total of 1,000 or more students and/or adults during the calendar year. The following are qualified for the award:

Button Gwinnett Chapter -	24 programs to 2725 students, teachers, and parents
Col Wm. Few Chapter –	27 programs to 2009 students and teachers.
Coweta Falls Chapter –	30 programs to 2332 students and teachers
Marshes of Glynn Chapter –	38 programs to 2781 students and teachers
Athens Chapter –	2 programs to 1057 students and teachers
Lyman Hall Chapter -	17 programs to 1994 students and teachers
Casimir Pulaski Chapter –	40 programs to 4124 students and adults
Robert Forsyth Chapter –	5 programs to 1274 students and teachers

Dr. Lyman Hall Most Improved Education Outreach

Contest Description: This award goes to the chapter that has shown the most improvement in their GASSAR Education Outreach program during the current year from the previous year.

Winner: Button Gwinnett Chapter

The following are all new chapter calendar year activities that required extensive coordination with non-SAR agencies and huge commitments from our Chapter members to deliver these Educational Outreach obligations.

Traveling trunk display tent with Compatriots who gave informative presentations to the public. Seven members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter provided in militia attire a musket firing demonstration.

Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center to give summer campers a program on Colonial Georgia with each camper receiving a copy of the Colonial Map of GA, another program was given on Flag Respect, another program was given with each camper having a wooden musket to learn the manual of arms, another program was given on colonial currency with each camper receiving a piece of currency, another program was provided that allowed each camper made their own corn husk Revolutionary War action figure, and another program was given on several Revolutionary War weapons with a five musket firing demonstration at the end.

Compatriots of the Button Gwinnett Chapter traveled to Cartersville to participate at the invitation of the local DAR Chapter in Constitution Week which was open to the public at the downtown Railroad Depot area. Button Gwinnett Chapter members gave presentations on historical flags, traveling trunk and provided cartridge papers with sand to allow the children attending to make their own Revolutionary War ammunition.

At the City of Snellville Veterans Day event the Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriots provided to the public a SAR tent that contained traveling trunk items with Chapters members who explained those Revolutionary War items. Eight members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter in militia attire provided a musket firing demonstration.

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John Dooly Education Outreach Award

Contest Description: This award goes to a GASSAR member who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach program as a member of the SAR.

Winner: Bob Sapp – Piedmont Chapter

On his 90th birthday he gave a joint presentation at Timber Ridge Elementary School. Not many can keep up with his activity in our Educational programs. He even has developed his own Traveling Trunk to add to the capability of the chapter trunk. All this while being the First Line Signer of 152 NEW SAR Members.

Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award

Contest Description: This award goes to a female who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to youth and adult education outreach programs.

Winner: Leslie Strickland Watkins – submitted by the Button Gwinnett Chapter

Mrs. Watkins is the Past and Honorary Regent of the William Day Chapter, Georgia Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her personal participation with the Educational Outreach Program of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR assisted education school program efforts for our SAR Chapter, along with Joseph Habersham Chapter SAR and Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter SAR, but also assisted other NSSAR State Societies with their education outreach.

Always appearing in colonial period attire to bring an added emphasis of historic accuracy, Mrs. Watkins co-presented programs with SAR members that demonstrate the importance of Georgia's backcountry homemaker during the colonial period.



Knight Essay Contest Committee— Terry A. Gibbs

The GASSAR Knight Essay competition for the academic school year 2017-2018 ended on December 31, 2017 and judging was completed by January 4, 2018. There were four Georgia Society chapters that participated in the contest this academic year. Chapters submitting winning essays were: Rome, William Few, Marshes of Glynn and Samuel Elbert.

The Georgia Society SAR winner for this school year was Kyla Hutcherson, an 11th grade Armuchee High School honor student from Rome, Georgia. Kyla's essay was titled "*Unity: A progressive Element During The American Revolution*". Kyla was sponsored by the Rome Chapter. Kyla was awarded a cash scholarship of \$600 at the Georgia Society annual meeting in January.

The Georgia Society runner-up was Zachary Putnam, a 12th grade honor student at Evans High School dual enrolled at Georgia Military College working towards an Associate Degree in Medicine. Zachary's essay was titled "*The Untold story of Israel Putnam, Little Known Hero of the Revolutionary War*". Zachary was sponsored by the William Few Chapter. Zachary was awarded a cash scholarship of \$400 at the Georgia Society annual meeting in January.

The National Society Knight Essay Chairman has been notified of our winner and the Georgia Society winning essay has been forwarded to him. We are now waiting for the announcement of the winning essay. The winners at the National level will be awarded \$5,000 for First Place, \$2,500 for Second Place and \$1000 for Third Place. The National winners will officially be announced at the 2018 National Congress this summer in Houston

214 essays were submitted nationwide at the chapter level. There were fourteen state society winning essays. The Georgia Society had twelve essays submitted with four chapters submitting winning essays. Our participation numbers were down this contest period but we hope to generate more participation at the chapter level this coming academic year. My personal thanks as well as thanks on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR to judges Charlie and Claire Newcomer, Bill Palmer, and Dr. Jamie Lemley for their dedication and effort toward this youth program.

The 2018-2019 Knight Essay Contest commences this calendar year with the beginning of school in August of 2018. Contestants enter the contest through the nearest SAR Chapter. The deadline for entries at the Chapter Level is December 1, 2018. A reminder to that effect will be sent to BOM email distribution system at that time. In the meantime, the summer is an excellent time for prospective contestants to begin their research for their essays.

This contest is open to any United States citizen or legal resident enrolled in the 9th thru 12th grades during the contest period. Students attending public schools and private schools are eligible as well as home-schooled students. Inquiries regarding rules and eligibility may be directed to me at: tgibbs@bellsouth.net.



DAR Liaison—Shep Hammack

For information about DAR/SAR membership awards, on the NSSAR Home Page, under Compatriots, select NSSAR Committees. Drop down and select DAR Liaison. For a copy of the DAR Finders Form, scroll down in the text to DAR Finders Form.

For information about the identity of the members of the National DAR Liaison Committee contact Walter J. Timoschuk at wtimosch@comcast.net or Shep Hammack at Shep7h@aol.com.

Georgia Society SAR WEB SITE: (<http://gasocietysar.org/>)

For a description of the function of the DAR Liaison Committee: On the GASSAR Home page left side, select Source Book Web Edition, then 03 Committees, then 03.2.1 Georgia Society Committee Descriptions. Then scroll down to the “Daughters of the American Revolution Liaison Committee.” A copy of the DAR Finders Form is available in the Source Book at 12.08.1F. This form is vital to the ongoing recognition of DAR members who assist in the preparation of SAR applications and the recruitment of new SAR members.

DAR can assist with applications and forming a new chapter : On the GASSAR Home Page left side, select Source Book Web Edition, then 06 Creating and Governing New Georgia Society Chapters, then 6.2 Forming a New Chapter with DAR Assistance.

Information on reduced fees for Family Plans which is helpful in discussing with DAR members about husbands, sons and grandchildren, is in Georgia Society Source book 12.07.2

Note: If anyone requires a medal set to present to a DAR lady for her support please send your request to George Wheelless, Chairman, Medals and Awards or Shep Hammack, Chairman, DAR Liaison. We have this in the budget.

ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

Georgia submitted 113 DAR Referral Forms with applications in 2017 compared with 104 in 2016. While the number of new member applications was down in 2017, having the number of DAR Referrals go up indicates that the DAR continues to be one of our best resources for new members. Please be sure to submit a DAR Referral Form if you are assisted in any manner by a DAR member in the recruitment of new SAR members.

The National DAR Liaison committee continues to promote the expansion of the Georgia DAR Referral Award program to other states.

I am pleased to note that the DAR Referral Awards structure has been updated at National:

The first track is using a leveling formula by percentage using the highest percentage with the number of application that have the DAR form finder submitted versus the total number of applications submitted taking into account the State Society total of active members.

The DAR State Society that has the highest score of participation as a factor of participation in the program will be awarded certificates and \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place to the DAR State Societies.

The second track is State Societies with the highest raw numbers of approved SAR members using the DAR Finder Form, with \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place to the DAR State Societies with the highest number of approved SAR members using the DAR Finder Form.

This is a total of six awards totaling \$1,200. The competition runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. In order to be counted, a DAR Finder Report Form must be attached to the application packet. The SAR Staff Registrar uses these forms to determine the winner. Applications without the form cannot be counted toward the competition. A separate form must be included with each application received and will be counted toward the contest after the application is approved. Multiple applications cannot be applied to one form.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Committee member Shep Hammack will attend the DAR State Conference in April and have a table in order to promote the SAR.

Continue to promote the use of the DAR Finders Form and the SAR competition for the awards to the DAR members and chapters. Continue to promote the SAR/DAR joint activities.

Continue to stress at the BOM meetings the importance of submitting a DAR Finder Form with the applications, when appropriate.

Assist any Chapter with any awards that should be given to DAR members who have assisted with SAR membership applications.

Provide assistance to the GASSAR officers and Committees as may be requested. This chairman is open to any suggestions for the work of this committee to better support the GASSAR goals and objectives.

Currently we have several visits to DAR chapters scheduled.

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The Georgia DAR Society SAR/SR Liaison Committee chairperson, Leslie Watkins, and I are exchanging notices of activities of our respective societies to keep our members mutually informed of SAR and DAR events in Georgia.

If any chapter has recognized a DAR lady for her efforts, please advise this committee so we can recognize her throughout the state.

Visits to Georgia Society DAR Chapters by committee members were:

Carter Wood visited the Jacob Braselton Chapter on Jan 14 to announce, promote and distribute DAR referral program material. PG Larry Guzy and Carter Wood participated in the Chartering of the Jacob Braselton Chapter DAR chapter on Feb 4th. Committee member Shep Hammack attended the DAR Liaison Committee meeting at SAR Leadership on March 2nd. The Mount Vernon Chapter color guard presented the Colors at the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR chapter on Feb. 12th. Committee member Charlie Newcomer worked with the Elijah Clarke and Stephen Heard DAR Chapters in planning the SAR Heroes of the Hornets' Nest at Elijah Clark State Park. Committee member Charlie Newcomer donated American Indian lore materials for use in Traveling Trunk used by Leslie Watkins, SAR/SR Liaison Committee chairperson, Georgia DAR. Carter Wood presented his 'Agent 355' to the Jacob Braselton Chapter at their March 11th meeting. Committee member Shep Hammack attended the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR chapter meeting on March 12th in order to present a Medal of Appreciation OLC to one of their members. Carter Wood shared booth duty with DAR members at the 'Active Aging Seminar' conducted by "The Times" newspaper in Flowery Branch to promote the Brenau University Life and Leisure Institute class.



Liaison Committee at the DAR Conference

Compatriots Shep Hammack and Don Thomas staffed a table at the annual Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution conference.



Georgia Fellows Fund—Edward P. Rigel, Jr

From time to time there are requests for funding for projects, activities, supplies, or equipment that are not included in the annual budget. Committees or officers may have valid needs for funds in addition to the budget.

Therefore, the Georgia Society Fellows Program was established for the purpose of funding or reimbursing worthy activities, events, or needs of the Georgia Society that are considered to be valid expenditures not included in the annual budget.

New Georgia Fellows:

K. Scott Collins – Compatriot Collins is a member of the Athens Chapter and currently serves as GASSAR Senior Vice-President.
C. G. "Sonny" Pittman – Compatriot Pittman is a member of the Col. William Few Chapter and serves as Chapter President, Vice-President, East Region, and Chairman of the Patriot Graves Committee.

Fund Activity:

The Georgia Fellows received a request for \$1000 to fund a Flag Retirement Receptacle at National Headquarters in Louisville, KY. That request is under consideration pending the responses of the local KYSSAR Chapter and National HQ who will be in charge of the box.

Until further notice, there is presently a standing approval for \$100 stipends towards the purchase of a Continental Line uniform or Militia outfit. The stipend is given to members joining the State Color Guard upon proof of purchase of such an outfit and confirmation by the State Color Guard Commander that such uniform has been obtained and worn at a State or National Color Guard event. No Compatriots have received the stipend in 2017.

With new Continental Line uniforms available from GG Godwin, any Compatriot who orders a new uniform is eligible to receive the \$100 stipend, even if they are previous recipients for old uniforms or Militia outfits. Compatriots interested in the new uniforms should contact Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer.



Georgia Society Registrar—Bob Sapp

Status of applications received during the first quarter of 2018 as of 27 March 2018 is as follows:

Applications received for review were 69 of which all but nine are reviewed and eight are pended carry over from 2017. As of 27 March 2018, 51 applications were sent to NSSAR and 16 applications were pended by state registrar. One of which was returned to applicant. None of the 2018 applications have been reviewed by NSSAR.

The first quarter 2018 statistics are as follows:

87 % applications reviewed
73.9 % applications sent to NSSAR
26.7 % applications pended by State Registrar

It is noted that about 50% of the applications received are supplementals.



Historic Sites & Celebrations

Remaining 2018 Dates

September 18

William Few & Constitution Day joint celebration with the DAR at St. Paul's Church in Augusta with wreath laying and ceremony.

October 9

GASSAR HS&CC, Color Guard and Coastal Heritage Society at Savannah for the memorial event and parade honoring the Second Battle of Savannah.

November 17

GASSAR HS&CC ceremony at Fort Morris State Park at Sunbury, GA with living history performers, the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., GASSAR Color Guard and others for this premier occasion. Traditionally, the presentations have been followed by a seafood luncheon.

December 1

The Battle of Vann's Creek in Elbert County at Richard Russell State Park which is the annual closing GASSAR HS&CC event for 2018.

For scheduling purposes Kettle Creek Revolutionary War Days is always the second Saturday in February - so for 2019 it will be on Saturday February 9, 2019 with events also on Friday and Sunday of that weekend.



Graves Committee—Sonny Pittman

There is no better way to honor our Patriot Ancestors and Heroes than to locate and mark their final resting places with formal SAR Patriot Grave Marking Dedication Programs. Such programs, conducted by Georgia Society Chapters, remind adults and young people of the service and sacrifice of Patriots, who fought and died to establish our Constitutional Republic and our personal freedoms.

The GASSAR Patriot Graves Committee encourages every chapter, no matter the size of your Compatriot membership, to conduct at least one Patriot Grave Marking in 2018.

And we encourage larger chapters to take on the responsibility of coaching, training and mentoring smaller chapters in how to properly conduct formal SAR Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies by inviting smaller chapters to join with you as co-sponsors in your next ceremony. Chapter Sponsors/Co-sponsors is defined as chapters that actively participate in a formal SAR grave marking ceremony "by way of organization, research, funding, etc." The Sponsoring Chapter is responsible for coordinating and ensuring the submission of Graves Registry Forms and Headstone Photos to the GASSAR Graves Registrar.

Chapter Goals 2018

Appoint a Chapter Patriot Graves Committee Chairman. Forward name, email address and phone number to (sonnypittman@comcast.net).

Seek out and mark at least one Patriot Grave in your area in 2018.

For your Patriot Grave marked, your Chapter Graves Chairman or designee needs to submit a completed Graves Registry Form (GASSAR Source Book, Section 26.07F) with headstone photo to Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr., Graves Registrar, (compatriotrigel@charter.net); me (sonnypittman@comcast.net); and, NSSAR Graves Chairman (patriotgraves@sar.org).

Note: "Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers, Vols. 1&2 by Ross Arnold and Hank Burnham were distributed to each GASSAR Chapter. These volumes contain a Georgia County-by-County compilation of Revolutionary War Patriots who made Georgia their permanent home and died here. Information on service history, birth and death dates and places of burial are provided.

First Quarter, 2018 Patriot Grave Markings Held:

Revolutionary War Patriots Jas Akens, William Smith and Randal Robinson were honored for their Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Marquis de Layette Chapter in a Patriot Grave Marking held in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan, Georgia on February 17, 2018. The General Daniel Newnan Chapter, NSDAR, co-sponsored the ceremony.

Revolutionary War Patriot Nathaniel Durkee, Major, Continental Line, was honored for his Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Athens Chapter and the Samuel Elbert Chapter in a Patriot Grave Marking held in the Redwine United Methodist Church Old Cemetery in Hart County, Georgia on March 24, 2018.

Second Quarter, 2018 Compatriot Grave Marking Planned (Invitations Received):

Compatriot James Bertram "Bert" Hawk will be honored for his long-time SAR service by the Lyman Hall Chapter in a Compatriot Grave Marking scheduled to be held in the Memorial Park South Cemetery on Sunday, April 4, 2018, at 3:00 pm.

Second Quarter, 2018 Patriot Grave Markings Planned (Invitations Received):

Revolutionary War Patriot Owen Fluker was honored for his Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Washington-Wilkes Chapter in a Patriot Grave Marking scheduled to be held at Carters Grove Baptist Church in Crawfordville, Georgia on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 2:30 pm.

Revolutionary War Patriot John Callaway was honored for his Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Washington-Wilkes Chapter in a Patriot Grave Marking scheduled to be held at the Callaway Family Cemetery in Rayle, Georgia on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 11:00 am.

Revolutionary War Patriots Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall and George Walton will be honored for their Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Col William Few, Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall and George Walton Chapters in a Patriot Grave Marking scheduled to be held at the Signer's Monument in Augusta on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11 am.

GASSAR Graves Registry information, forms and photos should be submitted to Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr., Graves Registrar, and the undersigned in a timely manner.





Veterans Committee—Bill Kabel

I attended the GASSAR Annual Meeting

January -- - I received a Certificate of Appreciation for the Georgia Society from the Executive Director of the Wreaths Across America Program for our support, hard work, and dedication to the Wreaths Across America Program in 2017. This certificate will be presented to President Burdick at the April BOM. The Georgia Society had more participation in the WAA program in 2017 than ever, and this is the fourth consecutive year of my Veterans Committee Chairmanship that the Georgia Society has been so recognized.. With the help of the GASSAR there were over 1.5 million wreaths placed at 1,422 participating worldwide locations last year.

March - I again registered the Georgia Society as a WAA sponsor for the 2018 event (December 15), with the sponsor code of GA0057, which means that individuals and chapters buying wreaths will receive a “3 for 2” allowance when the GA0057 code is used. Two veteran hospital visitations were made.

- (1) veteran Edward Jones at Gwinnett General Hospital on March 18;
- (2) veteran and Compatriot and GASSAR Education Chairman Rick Reese at North Fulton Rehabilitation Center on April 9

On March 7, I attended the funeral service of veteran and Compatriot Don McClanahan and spoke on behalf of the Georgia Society of his military service and SAR membership. I presented a wreath on behalf of the GASSAR Veterans Committee, and I presented an SAR headstone marker medallion on behalf of the Piedmont Chapter to his family.

On March 22, I delivered donated items to the Atlanta VA Voluntary Services.



Friends of the Library —Hugh Rodgers

The Friends of the Library membership numbers for the First Quarter, 2018, are as follows:

- 14 Chapters
 - 1 Georgia Society SAR
 - 1 Georgia Society NSDAR
- 40 Compatriots & Friends

56 TOTAL

This total indicates a decline from our previous total of 61; the Tennessee Society now leads the NSSAR with 72 members. Georgia Society chapters and compatriots are urged to join or renew FOL membership. Let's restore our leadership of the National Society in making the SAR Genealogical Library one of the best in the nation.

Current Chapter members of FOL: Athens, Atlanta, Blue Ridge Mountains, Captain John Collins, Casimir Pulaski, Cherokee, Coweta Falls, George Walton, Lyman Hall, Marshes of Glynn, Piedmont, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta, William Few. More chapter memberships are strongly encouraged: 19 of our 33 chapters are not yet members.

Compatriots, wives and DAR members who support the Library deserve our thanks. Membership is available for \$25 annually for chapters and individuals. Membership forms can be found on line at the NSSAR web page and will be available at the quarterly BOM meeting.



NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ATHENS CHAPTER

DEBUTANTE BALL COMMITTEE

Athens Chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution, and **Apalachee Chapter** National Society Daughters of the American Revolution are pleased to announce that **The Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation** will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, December 29, 2018** in the Athens area at *The Georgia Club*, located at 1050 Chancellors Drive, Statham, Georgia. Members of SAR and DAR are invited to sponsor a young lady to be presented as a Georgia Colonial Debutante.



2016 Debutantes

The Georgia Colonial Ball will be an elegant, formal affair. Attire for the Debutantes will be long, white Ball gowns with long, white gloves. All other ladies will wear formal evening attire of any color, other than white. Presenters will wear White tie and tails or White tie tartan. Escorts and Marshals will wear Black tie or Black tie tartan. Other gentlemen attending may wear White tie and tails, Black tie, White or Black tie tartan, or Continental Uniform. Medals and decorations are appropriate.

Following the Debutante Presentation, a buffet supper will be served with an open bar provided. Attendees will enjoy dancing to music of the *Last Call Band*. All members of SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and friends are cordially invited to attend. The cost of the ticket to attend the Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation is \$85 per person. Invitations and response cards will be sent at a later date.

For more information or questions: Please call or *email* Robin Towns, Chairman, Debutante Presentation
Phone: (706) 548-7291, Email: robintowns@aol.com [for *Emails*, please type in subject line: [SAR Deb Ball](#)]

2018 Debutante Ball Committee

COL Joseph B. Neighbors III – Chairman, Master of Ceremonies
William R. Galt III – President, Athens Chapter SAR
Bonnell W. Lashley – Mother-Daughter Luncheon
Robin R. Towns - Regent, Apalachee Chapter DAR
Lynne S. Yarbrough – Bouquets, Decorations
Camille R Lowery - Music, Videography & Photography
Amelia R. Pelton – Grand Marshal

Robin R. Towns – Chairman, Debutante Presentation
Amanda F. Garnett – Vice Chair, Debutante Presentation
Dr. Mark Pelton - Debutante Herald
Virgil W. Palmer – Communications, Publicity
J. Edwin Lord - Ball Treasurer
Jackson W. Guest – Color Guard
MG Don Burdick - SAR State President, ex officio

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Georgia's Three Signers of the Declaration of Independence to be Honored with Grave Marker



Site Work Progress

Col Few Chapter has been working with the city landscaping and maintenance crews and has accomplished the following:

- All the old shrubbery (as seen in your photo) has been removed
- New, lower height seasonal planting is going in
- New watering system has been installed
- F new high-intensity flood lights have been installed

The City of Augusta, from the mayor and commissioners down, has been very helpful and cooperative in assisting us improve the monument base and surrounding area.

Part of our "honor our patriot heroes" effort was to spruce up their final resting place.

The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution will honor three signers of the Declaration of Independence with a 240-pound in-ground granite grave marker May 19 at 11 a.m. at the Signers' Monument on Greene Street in Augusta.

"We remember Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall and George Walton as Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence, but they were, first and foremost, three brave patriots who, like their comrades, served, fought and sacrificed to establish our great constitutional republic," William Tankersley, secretary-registrar of the Col. William Few SAR Chapter, said.

The dedication ceremony will include Georgia Society SAR color guard and militia units, who will fire black powder muskets and cannons during the dedication.

The hour-long event will occur rain or shine.



East Region Vice President Sonny Pitman and Col William Few Compatriot Alton McCloud, chapter graves committee chairman present the first flag streamer to the head of the city team.

Chapter NEWS

Athens

Public Service Awards

Athens Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution held its annual George Washington Birthday Celebration and Public Service Awards Program on Monday, February 19, 2018 at the 9 Oaks Farm in Walton County.

Public Service awards were presented to members of the Greene County/Greensboro City government along with community citizens. The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Deputy Eli Franks of the Greene County Sheriff's Office, The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal was presented to Jeff Smith EMS Director Greene County and the Fire Safety Commendation Medal was presented to Joe Bashore Fire Chief Greensboro City Fire Department.

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Pamela Aversa, President of the St Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Byron Lombard County Manager, Greene County



L - R: Pamela Aversa, Eli Franks, Byron Lombard, Joe Bashore and EMS Director Jeff Smith

New Chapter Officers



Athens Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution held its annual George Washington Birthday Celebration, Public Service Awards Program and Officer Installation on Monday, February 19, 2018 at the 9 Oaks Farm in Walton County.

Georgia Society President Don Burdick installed the chapter officers followed by installation of the new Chapter President, William (Billy) Galt.



GASSAR President Don Burdick installed Chapter President Billy Galt.

Athens - Continued**Grave Marking of Patriot Nathaniel Durkee—Major of the Continental Line**

GASSAR Color Guard retires after posting the colors

Nathaniel Durkee entered service in the Continental Army's 7th Connecticut Regiment as a Major at the age of 19, and was assigned as Regimental Quartermaster.

He joined his unit at Valley Forge in 1776 during the harsh winter conditions there. He subsequently participated in the defense of Philadelphia, the Battle of Brandywine, the Battle of Germantown and the Battle of Monmouth.

Nathaniel came to Georgia and served in the pivotal Battle of Kettle Creek. The Grave Marking took place on March 24, 2018 at the Redwine United Methodist Church Old Cemetery.



Elijah Clarke Militia performs Mourn Muskets



Sonny Durkee, descendant and his wife unveil the grave marker



Compatriot John Mortison, Bagpiper plays "Amazing Grace"



President Burdick presents the Hart County Proclamation

Athens - Continued

New Members



Four members of the same family were inducted into the Athens Chapter at the Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration held at the Nine Oaks Farm in Monroe Georgia on February 19, 2018. Pictured left to right are DR Charles (Bill), Caden, Charles III and Charles II (Chuck) Foley. The chapter welcomes them along with the Guthrie family - five members inducted at the same time - in 2017. This has got to be a record of some sort!

Inclement Weather at Kettle Creek



Compatriot and Past Chapter President Scott Collins assists and directs C.A.R. members at the relocated Battle of Kettle Creek commemoration at Washington, GA.

Atlanta

JROTC Cadet



Atlanta Chapter Georgia Society SAR Chaplain Rev. J.R. McAliley III presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate to George Washington Carver High School Cadet Jay Bethea.

Eagle Scout



Atlanta Chapter Georgia Society SAR Eagle Scout scholarship contestant Blair Dilbeck was honored with his parents at the February Chapter meeting.

Robert B. Vance Award



Atlanta Chapter President Henry Cobb displays the Chapter's Robert B. Vance award certificate at the February meeting.

New Officers



Georgia Society President Don Burdick installed President Henry Cobb and then the Officers of the Atlanta Chapter.

Brier Creek

Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, January 4, 2018 at R & D's Restaurant at 7:00.

With Chaplain Lee Smith presiding, we had 15 members in attendance with 6 guests, Jane Durden, Laura Howard, Rebecca Wildi, Gary Hill, Hayden McCloud and Sonny Pittman. Our East Region Vice President Homer S. "Chip" Durden asked the incoming East Region Vice President Sonny Pittman to escort the 2018 Brier Creek Chapter Officers to the front. VP Durden then read them their "oath of Office" for the coming year.

The 2018 Officers are as follows: President Lee Smith, Vice President and Registrar Scotty Scott, Past President Craig Wildi, Treasurer Sam Cochran, Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore, Chaplain and Secretary Wayne Howard, Historian John Fitzner, Genealogist Bill Tankersley, and "The Patriot" Editor Dess Smith III.

Following the installation, several reports and updates were given by the following: March 2-3 Brier Creek Battlefield Celebration by Dess Smith III, upcoming GASSAR Board of Management Annual Conference by Wilder Smith, Jr., Briefing on the Brier Creek Battlefield "501 C-3" Plan, upcoming Cowpens, Kettle Creek and Elijah Clarke Celebrations by Wilder Smith, Jr. The meeting was completed with President Lee Smith leading the Chapter in the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Wayne Howard saying the Benediction.

2018 Officers



L to R: Treasurer Sam Cochran, President Lee Smith, Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore, Past President Craig Wildi, Chaplain/Secretary Wayne Howard, Genealogist Bill Tankersley, Historian John Fitzner, "The Patriot" Editor Dess D Smith III. Vice

Incoming President



L to R: Incoming President Lee Smith, East Region Vice President, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Homer S. "Chip" Durden.

Chapter Award Streamers



Brier Creek Chapter received three Certificate's and Streamers for outstanding Chapter participation during 2017. The first award was a Certificate and Streamer for the "Billy Thompson Americanism Award, Chapter of Distinction 2017" for outstanding service in conducting programs and activities that promote the ideals of our National and State Societies.

The second award was a Certificate and Streamer as a "Distinguished Chapter 2017" for meeting the goals and objectives of the Georgia Society in such program areas as membership recruitment and retention, chapter reporting, flag respect, Board of Management attendance, scheduling regular meetings, community involvement and youth program activity. The 3rd award was the "Georgia Society Membership Award 2017" in recognizing the Brier Creek Chapter's outstanding effort in retaining 90% or more of its membership and submitting dues on time. The Brier Creek Chapter has completed its very first full year as an outstanding Chapter in the Georgia Society

Brier Creek—continued

Brier Creek Chapter donates \$150 to Main Street Sylvania

Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, March 1, 2018 at 7:00. With President Lee Smith presiding, we had ten members in attendance with seven guests. The guests were Stanley Waters, Leci Fitzner, Laura Howard, Danny Rydick, Jonnie Rydick, Deane Fitzner and Hilda Boykin.



Two members of the Main Street Sylvania were asked to attend tonight's meeting in order to receive a \$150 donation to assist in their upcoming project. This project is a mural to be painted on the side of a downtown building in Sylvania of the "Battle at Brier Creek". Those attending from Main Street Sylvania were Hilda Boykin and Deane Fitzner.

During the meeting, President Lee Smith presented another streamer to be attached to our Chapter's Flag. This streamer was presented to the Brier Creek Chapter for participating in the "wreath presentation" during the Kettle Creek Battle Commemoration in Wilkes County, GA on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

The program was hosted by dual member Dess Smith III. His program was a recently produced film, commissioned by the Georgia Army National Guard, to be shown in the public schools of Georgia. This video was filmed in November 2017 in Wilkes County, GA at the Revolutionary War Battlefield at Kettle Creek.

SAR members from around the State of Georgia participated in this production including the following members of the Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapters of the GASSAR: Lee Smith, Wilder Smith, Jr., Ruskin Powell, Steve Burke, Don Bazemore and Dess Smith III. The video is titled: "War Woman and the Hero at the Hornet's Nest".



Battle of Guilford Courthouse



Wilder Smith Jr. of the Brier Creek Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and Gov David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Ginny Smith traveled to Greensboro, North Carolina to participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony for the 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The event was held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. During the ceremony, Wilder and Dess Smith participated with the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard in the Presentation of the Colors and the Retiring of the Colors.

Brier Creek—continued

Historic Brier Creek Battlefield Event Held



Senator Jesse Stone and Dignitaries cutting the monument ribbon

Approximately 175 patriotic Georgians gathered at the Brier Creek American Revolutionary War Battlefield in Screven County, GA to celebrate the 239th Anniversary and the Monument Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Brier Creek Chapter, Wiregrass Chapter, Col. William Few Chapter and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources came together to host this "Historic" event.

The City of Sylvania, under the leadership of Past Mayor Margaret Evans, has been working for many years to honor this battlefield site where between 150 - 200 American Revolutionary War patriots gave their lives so we could enjoy the freedoms we have today.

A ribbon cutting ceremony opened this new monument to the public. The Brier Creek Battlefield monument was built with funds from the State of Georgia (\$150,000 and the Georgia Department of Natural

Resources (\$100,000). A special thanks to Senator Jesse Stone and Representative Jon Burns for these funds.

The speaker for this event was Dr. David Crass, Director of the Historic Preservation Division of the DNR. His topic was the "Battle of Brier Creek". Besides the battle, Dr. Crass mentioned that on February 23, 2018, the 2,686 acre Brier Creek Battlefield, on the Tuckahoe Plantation, Wildlife Management Area, had been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

This will help preserve this battlefield for future generations. Also during the celebration, remarks were heard from past Mayor of Sylvania Margaret Evans, Senator Jesse Stone, Representative Jon Burns and DNR Representative Don McGowan.

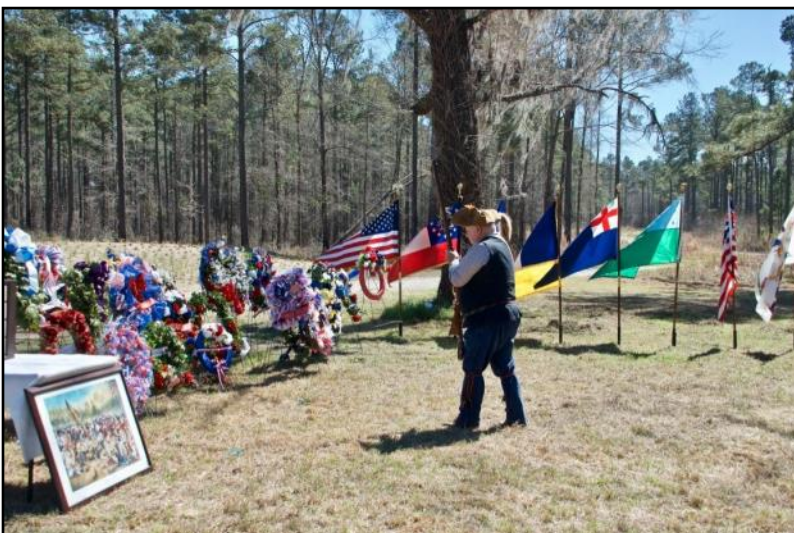


MC Tommy Christopher presiding at the Celebration

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the 3 Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held the "Wreath Presentations" that honors those patriots that fought and died at this location.

There were 35 different presenters. The Closing Ceremony was a 3 round flintlock and 6-pounder Naval cannon volley by the Georgia Society Award Winning Color Guard and the Brier Creek Militia.

Taps was then played by Daughters of the American Revolution member Mary Ellen Smith."



Chapter President Lee Smith presenting the Chapter's Wreath.

Coweta Falls

President Dan McMichael opened the first meeting of 2018 by highlighting several programs.

Dan Ginter noted that he reached 32 schools and over 2000 students in 2017. He also reported on the Eagle Scout who competed at state level. The essay will be part of a future meeting.

Chuck Hall reported on the C.A.R. and the upcoming convention. Hugh Rodgers reported that a new membership application is working.

President McMichael also reported that the Kettle Creek battlefield site had expanded by 180 acres.

Ms. Aimee Torok, the Genealogist from the North Columbus Public Library, provided a presentation on genealogy research possible using Columbus library resources. She noted the use of several web sites including the SAR site as a way to identify Revolutionary War ancestors.



President Dan McMichael and Ms. Aimee Torok

2018 Chapter Officers



GASSAR President Wayne D. Brown installed new Chapter Officers

President: J. Daniel McMichael
 1st Vice President: Danny N. Ginter
 2nd Vice President: William M. Hay
 Secretary: Roger W. Buterbaugh
 Treasurer/Asst. Secretary: Wayne C. Cartledge
 Immediate Past President: David E. Fox
 Registrar: John E. McCutcheon
 Genealogist: Dr. Hugh I. Rodgers
 Asst. Genealogist: George W. Dismukes
 Chancellor: Hon. Kenneth Followill
 Chaplain: William V. Pruitt, III
 Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles E. Hall, Jr.
 Historian: Dr. Hugh I. Rodgers



Cadet Gabriel Tharpe was awarded the Bronze JROTC Medal



President Dan McMichael and Eagle Scout Michael Vance Mercer

Coweta Falls—continued

Compatriot Dan Ginter and the Traveling Trunk



J.D. Davis Elementary - Jan 29
54 Students



Georgetown Elementary - Jan 26
121 students



Temple Israel—Feb 12
62 students



McBride Elementary - February 16 and March 7 at the National Infantry Museum—92 in attendance

Plus visits to Matthews Elementary, Britt David Elementary, Wynton Arts Academy and Brewer Elementary.

Coweta Falls—continued

Fort Benning Centennial at the National Infantry Museum— February 24,

As part of the 100 year celebration of the founding of then-Camp Benning now-Fort Benning, the national Infantry Museum had a special event on February 24. Officer Candidate School candidates dressed in period uniforms and met visitors in each gallery. Compatriots Dan McMichael, Roy Collier, Bernie Talley, and Dan's grandson Caleb Kinard participated in uniform to talk about the history of the American soldier and to pose for photographs.



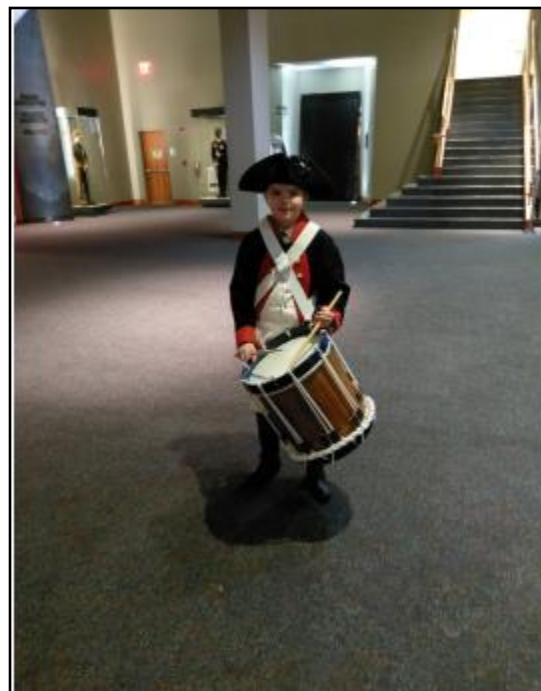
Dan McMichael



Roy Collier



Bernie Talley



Caleb Kinard

Four Rivers Patriots



National Guard Movie

Members of the Wiregrass Chapter (Swainsboro) and the Brier Creek Chapter (Screven County) traveled to Vidalia, GA Thursday, March 15, 2018 to attend the Four Rivers Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution meeting at "Big Al's Restaurant" in Kibbie, GA.

Four Rivers Chapter Registrar Dean Mills invited the Wiregrass Chapter Registrar Dess D Smith III to present his program on the Georgia Army National Guard commissioned film "War Woman and the Hero of the Hornets Nest".

This film shows the relationship between today's citizens soldiers to the citizens soldiers that participated in the American Revolutionary War in 1776. It also features Nancy Hart and Colonel Elijah Clarke.

The movie covers the Battles of Kettle Creek in Wilkes County, GA and the two Battles of Augusta, GA. Those SAR members attending with Compatriot Smith were Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr., The Courier Editor Chip Durden and the Brier Creek Chapter member Emory Fennell.

Joel Early

New Chapter Officers



The officers are from the left, Steve Peace, President, Lynwood Sheffield, V. President, Neal Spooner, Registrar, Harvey Causey, Sec/Treas., and Glynn Sheffield, Chaplain.

On January 20th the Joel Early Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting. New officers were installed for the 2018-2019 year.

Two new members were inducted, Roger Hurn Spooner (95) and Colton Matthew Spooner (4). Mr. Roger and Colton are descendants from the same ancestor (Zoath Spooner) who fought in the American Revolution (1775-1783). Colton is the son of Matt and Larimee Spooner and grandson of Neal and Brenda Spooner. Matt and Neal are members of the Joel Early Chapter. Mr. Roger is a World War II veteran of the Yorktown. Both live in Iron City, Georgia.



Joseph Habersham



The cannon was fired three times. Attendance for the presentation was 400 persons.

Joseph Habersham Chapter also is scheduled to be at Foxfire Heritage Day at the Museum May 12 with the traveling trunk display and the cannon.

Georgia Bushcraft

David Grist, Lyn Cash, and Jim Powell represented Joseph Habersham Chapter at the spring camp-out of Georgia Bushcraft just south of Watkinsville, Georgia March 23 and 24 and 25.

Georgia Bushcraft provides educational opportunities that allow individuals to experience new skills, execute those skills, and evolve into a more self-reliant role.

Georgia Bushcraft is a leader in outdoor education by fostering and engaging a positive and safe learning environment for their students.

The traveling trunk display was set up for two days and pocket constitutions were given to all students that saw the display. Noon Saturday Lyn, David, and Jim gave a presentation on the history of gunpowder, cannons, and the formation of the Continental Artillery.



Lyman Hall



Compatriot Roscoe McMillan prepares to present a check to Lumpkin County High School Cadet Jacob DeMello at the January meeting of Lyman Hall Chapter.



James Parker, PhD returned to his University of North Georgia campus on March 27th to present the SAR ROTC medal to Cadet Blake Oviedo.

Lyman Hall—continued**New Compatriots**

Thomas Austin Chamberlain completed his four year quest for membership by being inducted at the January meeting of Lyman Hall Chapter. He and his wife Karen had been persistent in their family research. Congrats to Tom.



Past President Roscoe McMillan welcomed and inducted new member Andrew Morley by attaching the SAR rosette.

Vice President

Compatriot Kevin King was installed as Lyman Hall Chapter Vice President on Thursday, January 25.

Washington's Birthday

Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr presides over the George Washington Birthday commemoration in Gainesville with several dozen attendees including a contingent from the Hall County Sheriff's Department. The event included presentation of wreaths by LTC William Candler and Jacob Braselton Chapters of NSDAR.

Marquis de Lafayette



Flag Certificate

Bob and Audrey Wylie were also presented with a Flag and a Certificate of Appreciation for the “proper and patriotic display of the Flag of the United States of America” at their home in Newnan.

Brenda Jessel made the presentations on behalf of the MDL Ladies Auxiliary and the General Daniel Newnan DAR Chapter.

Certificate of Appreciation



Bob Wylie, Marquis de Lafayette SAR, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the chapter for his presentation on the Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution.

This timely presentation will be the featured events at the Georgia Patriots Day celebration, April 15-16, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Marshes of Glynn

Youth Contest Winners

During our January Meeting, the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter recognized the winners of our three Fall 2017 Youth Contests.

As winner of our Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, Sam Parker received a SAR Medal and \$200 cash award. Also, President Steven Ford announced that Sam's Application was judged to be the second-best in the Georgia Society SAR for which he was awarded an additional \$400 check.

Phil Callicutt, SAR Essay Contest Chairman introduced Carri Sturm who read her winning historical essay to the SAR members and guests. Carri's essay was about Peter Francisco, an immigrant from Portugal, who fought in several battles in the Revolutionary War, and subsequently received recognition for his outstanding contribution from General George Washington. Carri received the SAR Historical Essay Medallion on a neck ribbon and \$200 cash award.

Cadet Chief Petty Officer Gabriel Beckum of Brunswick High School Naval JROTC unit was recognized as the winner of our Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest. Cadet Beckum received a SAR Medal and \$200 cash award, and President Steven Ford announced that Beckum's Application was judged to be the second-best in the Georgia Society SAR Contest for which he was awarded an additional \$400 check.



(LtoR): Eagle Scout Sam Parker, Carri Sturm, Navy JROTC Cadet Gabriel Beckum, and Chapter President Steven Ford

Mount Vernon

New Compatriot



Past President Shep Hammack welcomes new member John Robitsher to Mount Vernon.

New President



President General Larry Guzy installs Mount Vernon Chapter's second President Jim McDonald in a ceremony at the January meeting.

Mount Vernon—continued



Presenting a Gift

Outgoing and Founding Chapter President Shep Hammack made a gift to the chapter of this 'Hopkinson Flag' at their February meeting.

This flag design is recognized as the First official American flag.

Just as the Chapter is growing so too is their array of historic flags.

New Officers

New Chapter Officers were sworn in at the February meeting by visiting President General Larry Guzy.

Left to right they are: David Wiley, Bill Floyd, Jim McDonald, PG Larry Guzy, Ted Fricke, Tom Chrisman, Chuck Olson and David Wellons.



New Compatriots

Welcome Michael, James & Jimmy Butler.

William Few



New Members

New Col William Few Chapter Compatriots, from left to right, Lee Nowell, Joe Knick, Ron Awe and Chip Lamb.

The Col William Few Chapter membership now stands at 90, with four new applications awaiting approval from National.

Col. William Few Chapter held its March 26, 2018 quarterly meeting at the Snelling Center in Augusta. With 60 members and guests in attendance, Chapter President and East Region Vice President Sonny Pittman brought greetings from the Georgia Society and called the meeting to order, dinner was served and the meeting proceeded with many recognitions, awards, the chapter BOM report and a slide presentation Sonny presented outlining the details of the Saturday, May 19th "SAR Patriot Grave Marker Dedication" to be held at the Signer's Monument in downtown Augusta.

Sponsors for the dedication are the Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton and William Few chapters, SAR. Co-sponsors are the Augusta and College Hill Chapters, DAR, who will host a reception after the dedication at Meadow Garden, George Walton's home about a mile and a half from the Signers' Monument. The 240 pound in-ground granite marker purchased by the four SAR chapters will be embedded at the foot of the Signers' Monument to recognize the Revolutionary War service and sacrifice of Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall and George Walton,

Double Winner



Registrar-Secretary Bill Tankersley recognizes 2017 JROTC Bronze Award Winner and now the 2nd Place Winner of the 2017 GASSAR Knight Essay Contest Zachary Putnam and his family.

Zach was accompanied by his parents Kim and Terrell, sister and his favorite teacher Lisa Beverly from Evans High School.

William Few—continued**February Chapter Meeting**

President Sonny Pittman and Registrar-Secretary Bill Tankersley present and discuss the 2017 GASSAR chapter and individual awards brought back from the January annual conference with fellow compatriots and guests.

Signers' Monument Event**Photo Op with Steve Burke's Cannon**

Col William Few Chapter President Sonny Pittman discussing plans for the Saturday, May 19th SAR Patriot Grave Marker Dedication to be held at the Signers' Monument with compatriots and several visiting SAR chapter presidents and DAR chapter regents.



Col William Few Compatriots and guests pose at the Kettle Creek commemoration with the artillery piece that was constructed by Steve Burke

Wiregrass

Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday night, January 11, 2018 at the New China Restaurant at 6:30. With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, we had seventeen members in attendance and eleven guests who were: Dr. Willie Gunn, Ashley Craig Clark, Rachele Clark, Mary Ellen Smith, Ginny Smith, Judy Womack, Jane Durden, Diane Malone, Joyce Fennell, Nancy Burdick and Major General (ret) Donald Burdick.

Then Senior Vice-President Georgia Society SAR Donald Burdick traveled from Athens to install the Wiregrass Chapter Officers for 2018. Those installed were President Henry Wilder Smith, Jr., Vice-President Steve E. Burke, Secretary/Treasurer Ruskin K Powell, Registrar/Historian Dess D Smith III, Chaplain Emory D Fennell, Chancellor Julian H Sconyers, Jr., Sgt-at-Arms George E. King and the "Courier" Editor Homer S. Durden III.



After the installation, Senior VP Burdick presented to our Chapter a program on the many activities of the "Sons of the American Revolution" and what we can do to educate the people of this great country on our "heritage" and how our forefathers sacrificed to give us our freedoms that we have today.



L to R: Tommy Christopher, President Wilder Smith, Jr., Judy Womack

Wiregrass Chapter presented Compatriot Tommy Christopher with the "Fred D Womack" Wiregrass Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for 2017 in recognition of outstanding service provided to this Sons of the American Revolution Chapter.

Tommy has been a member of the Wiregrass Chapter since September 18, 2014 and the Brier Creek Chapter since November 19, 2016. Tommy has also been a member of the Brier Creek Militia and the "Award Winning" Georgia Society Color Guard since he was approved as a member of the GASSAR and participates in many SAR events during the year. He is an armorer and helps each member with maintenance and repair of their Pennsylvania/Kentucky flintlock rifles. In November 2016, Compatriot Tommy was asked to be the Master of Ceremonies of the Fort Morris - Sunbury 11th Annual Memorial Ceremony.

He was also again selected to be the Master of Ceremonies at the 2017 12th Annual Memorial Ceremony. This event was a GASSAR event and was held on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Compatriot Tommy also attends the Georgia Society Board of Management meetings held in Barnesville, GA each quarter and at the April 2017 BOM was asked to be the Chair of the Brier Creek Battlefield Ad Hoc Committee. At the July 2017 BOM he reported back to the Georgia Society that the State of Georgia and the Department of National Resources was going to build the first monument on the Brier Creek Battlefield and needed over \$7,000 to hire a company to do a "ground penetrating radar of that site to make sure there were not any "Revolutionary War graves".

The BOM approved those funds and the GPR was conducted. Compatriot Tommy is also in the process of forming a Brier Creek Battlefield Association, a 501C-3, in order to assist in the preservation of this American Revolution War Battlefield."

Wiregrass—continued**Eagle Scout**

East Region Vice-President Chip Durden presented to Eagle Scout Ashley Craig Clark the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate on January 11, 2018.

The presentation was done at the Wiregrass Chapter's January Meeting at the New China Restaurant. Compatriot Chip read the SAR Certificate and then presented Craig with the certificate and the SAR Eagle Scout medal.

He also presented Craig with \$100 as the winner of the Wiregrass Chapter's Eagle Scout Essay Contest.

The Certificate reads: "Wiregrass Chapter, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presents this Certificate of Award to

Ashley Craig Clark for submitting the Chapter's winning application in the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest". Craig is a member of Boy Scout Troop 25 and lives in Waynesboro, GA. His mother Rachele Clark attended the presentation with him.

**Rotary Club Program**

Compatriot Steve Burke, Vice-President of the Swainsboro Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, traveled to Sylvania, GA along with Wilder Smith, Jr., Emory Fennell, Tommy Christopher, Lee Smith, Don Bazemore, Stephen Hammond, John Fitzner and Dess Smith.

Compatriot Stephen Hammond, also a member of the Rotary Club, asked Steve to present a program on the American Revolutionary War Battlefield at Brier Creek. The Rotary Club meeting was held on March 1, 2018 at R & D's Restaurant at 12:30. Besides the 8 SAR members, there were about 25 Rotary Club members present.

Steve was dressed in his British uniform while the other members of the SAR were in their Patriot Militia uniforms carrying their flintlock long rifles. Steve's program lasted about 20 minutes and he could have talked another 20 minutes.

Steve also mentioned the upcoming Dedication and Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Wiregrass—continued**New Compatriots**

Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution installed four new members during their February meeting. President Wilder Smith, Jr., with assistance from Vice-President Steve Burke, read the new members their oath as a new member of our Chapter.

They were each given their certificates and VP Burke pinned on them a SAR rosette. The rosette has the colors

of blue and white, the colors of General George Washington's Continental Uniform. The new members include: Kevin Palmer, Jake Palmer, Alan Malone, and Andy Malone.

DAR member Diana Malone and mother of Alan and Andy was present to receive her late husbands "Memorial" membership into the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. This memorial membership for Richard Allan Malone, National Society #204966, Georgia Society #6602 is the first memorial approved for the Wiregrass Chapter.

February Meeting Program

U.S. National Park Ranger Margo Blewett presented her program, "Over the Mountain Men", road to the American Revolutionary War Battlefield at "Kings Mountain".

Brier Creek

Compatriot Steve Burke renders honors at the Elijah Clarke commemoration on February 9th.

Wiregrass—continued

Meeting at Panola Mountain



On Friday, February 23, 2018, nineteen SAR and DAR members from Georgia traveled to the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at Panola Mountain State Park. They were invited to attend this very important Historic nomination of the Brier Creek American Revolutionary War Battlefield to the National Register of Historic Places by the Georgia National Register Review Board.

The National Register of Historic Places is the Federal government's official list of historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. Dr. David Crass, Division Director and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer DNR Historic Preservation Division, presented the nomination of the Brier Creek Battlefield to the Georgia National Register Review Board using a power point presentation and lecture.

He told the Review Board that the Brier Creek Battlefield is located largely within the state of Georgia's Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Screven County. The National Register historic district boundary comprises 2,686 acres of this site. 2,521.3 acres are owned by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as part of the Tuckahoe WMA, while 164.7 acres are privately owned by Warsaw Pines and Timberland LLC, in an area known locally as Chisolm Farm.

The boundary is defined by Brier Creek to the south and the Savannah River to the east. The north and west boundaries were defined by a 2015 archaeological study of the property by Daniel Battle. The property is being nominated at the state level of significance as the location of one of the most influential American Revolutionary War battles that occurred in Georgia. The nomination is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division. In attendance from nine SAR and DAR Chapters were: Stephen Hammond, John Fitzner, Tommy Christopher, Wayne Howard, Laura Howard, Lee Smith, Chip Durden, Jane Durden, Sonny Pittman, Alan Smith, Bruce Maney, Charlie A. Newcomer III, William Woodard, Lynda Woodard, Scott Collins, David Noble, Bill Palmer, Wilder Smith, Jr., and Dess D Smith III.

Wiregrass—continued

Wiregrass and Brier Creek Chapters attend Kettle Creek

On Saturday, February 10, 2018 members of the Wiregrass Chapter and Brier Creek Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution attended the 239th Anniversary celebration of The Battle of Kettle Creek.

This American Revolutionary War Battle occurred on February 14, 1779 in Wilkes County, GA. Compatriots Wilder Smith, Jr., Steve Burke, Don Bazemore, Lee Smith and Dess Smith III participated, as part of the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia and the Georgia Society Award Winning Combined Color Guard, at 9:00 for a musket/flintlock volley in downtown Washington, GA.

At 11:00, they marched in the Annual Parade around the Washington downtown square. After the parade, everyone moved to the field in back of the Wilkes County Courthouse to participate in the Kettle Creek Battle re-enactment.



Vice-President Steve Burke presenting the Chapter's wreath



Steve Burke's 6-pounder Cannon at the Kettle Creek Re-enactment

Compatriot Steve Burke brought his Naval 6-pounder Cannon to fire at least 4 rounds during the re-enactment.

Because of inclement weather, the 239th Anniversary Celebration of The Battle of Kettle Creek was moved to the downtown Pope Center from the actual Battle site at "War Hill".

During the ceremony, there were over 90 organizations that presented "wreaths" in honor of the Kettle Creek Battle and the brave men that fought there.