



The President's Dispatch

# Newsletter of The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution The Hornet's Nest

January- March 2023



For the Georgia Society of the SAR, January of 2023 began like rapid blasts of our Militia's canons! So much was accomplished. The month of January was like a fresh, new start with multiple officer installations, banquets, my Revolutionary War Art discussions (which I truly love), battle anniversaries, Zooms, our Annual Conference, and—more than anything else, a strong fellowship in celebration of American patriotism.

Compatriot Dess Smith had a lot to do with this comradery. He and the Skunk Squad welcomed me to two different Friday morning breakfasts in Swainsboro, after a previous evening of good eating, meeting, brotherhood, giving my art presentations, and installations - first at Brier Creek and, one week later, at Wiregrass. They even offered to make me a skunk hat, too, if I can manage to pick up three dead skunks on my frequent journeys! And, they treated me with great hospitality otherwise, as well, providing me twice with the comfort of a bed and breakfast each time.

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## The First Washington Monument

Most people, when you speak of a monument to General, and 1st President George Washington, think of the tall obelisk in Washington D.C. It was, in fact, not the first! 20 years before the tower overlooking the National Mall was erected, residents of Boonsboro, Maryland, on the morning of July 3, 1827 laid the first monument's foundation. On the following day, July 4, inhabitants gathered in their town square before ascending nearby South Mountain. Their "patriotic purpose," wrote William Bell of the local Torch Light newspaper, was "erecting a monument to the memory" of a national hero: George Washington. Around noon a reverend delivered a patriotic speech to the gathered crowd. By 4 p.m. the original monument stood 15 feet tall. Someone read the Declaration of Independence from the steps of the monument, and three Revolutionary War veterans fired celebratory rounds.



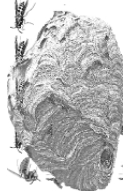
According to Bell, "It was raised in much haste; we cannot boast the regular accuracy of perfect beauty,

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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.

**The President's Dispatch (Cont.)**

In between these events, the first week of January, I also had the honor of providing a short speech, a historical moment in time, installing officers, and enjoying our annual banquet for the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter on Saturday night. Black tie. It was a pleasure as well during the week to inform Compatriot Wayne Brown of the many Georgia chapters that had earned Distinguished Chapter Banners. Congratulations to you all!

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, the four State Presidents of the South Atlantic District, under the leadership of Vice President General George Strunk held a productive Zoom meeting. Then came the 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens just two days later, starting at 10am, a well-attended National event located in Chesnee, SC, with, of course, wreath presentations. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, our Georgia Society top officers held an important EXCOM Zoom. The 20<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for my South Atlantic District report for Georgia, and the very next day, I headed north of Atlanta to Cumming, for another installation and Revolutionary War Art presentation. I much enjoyed meeting with the compatriots of the Robert Forsyth Chapter for their annual Anniversary dinner at Tams Backstage. And on the 26<sup>th</sup>, just before the Annual State Conference, we South Atlantic District Presidents held another Zoom.

The last weekend in January, we all came together for our Annual Georgia Society Conference in the Sonesta hotel - a great time of fellowship. I don't think I've ever had to work on so many scripts or MC so much in all my life! And it was a great pleasure to get to know our President General Bruce Pickette and his wife so much better. I was very impressed as well by our new National SAR Executive Director, Todd Bale, who had a wealth of knowledge regarding the battles and events of the Revolutionary War!

Kettle Creek was of course the highlight of early February, again requiring several scripts. I was assisted in this by both Wayne Brown and Scott Collins. Despite the on and off stormy weather, it was an enormous success...thanks largely to Historic Sites and Celebrations Chair Bill Dobbs! When Dr. Dobbs confirmed that it would be a stormy Friday through Sunday, he flew into action, alerting me, as President, of the dire situation. I then sent an alert out on BOM google group, saying that, God and weather willing, we would do our best to complete the Saturday morning reenactment and parade outside as planned (which we had the say over) but then move our lunch and our afternoon ceremonies to inside the Washington-Wilkes Recreation Center. Later in the day, the Kettle Creek Board Association approved a similar arrangement for the Friday Elijah Clark State Park events, including the KCBA dinner on Friday night. Compatriot Dobbs then did the hard work of canceling the outdoor bleachers, the porta-potties, the rides for the outdoor activities, renting the Recreation Center and arranging all the other, many details to switch things around for a well-run major event. Thank you so much, Bill! Everything then went off without any significant hitches. For the first time, I had the honor of leading the Saturday morning parade, along with Secretary General John Dodd, and Scott Collins' excellent leadership of the large contingent of the Color Guard. Compatriot Collins also did an excellent job in the ceremonial raising of the Betsy Ross Flag on the square, along with musket-firings. We were even able to honor the statue on the square that honors all the Black and Native Americans who served in the Colonial Militias and Continental Army. Around 5000 Blacks served our side as soldiers during the Revolutionary War! Then came the battle reenactment, excellently played by our militia, including Scott Collins' portrayal of a dying British officer who was shot. I was surprised he wasn't recognized on the recent Academy Awards... Much canon fire! It was, by the way, a real pleasure to meet the current Secretary General John Dodd. He regaled us during the lunch break with stories of the many celebrities who have become SAR members recently, including Travis Tritt, Senator Rick Scott, and others. On Sunday, we participated in a beautifully presented worship service in an Episcopal Church. I was honored to read the lessons, and our own State Chaplain, Edward M. Anderson, Jr., conducted the service. He preached on the different types of "Love," from Corinthians, since Valentines Days was only a few days away.

For the next couple weeks, there were several events I participated in, in celebration of George Washington and the upcoming Presidents' Day. For example, I brought out the tux for the George Washington Day annual dinner and celebration at the Macon Idle Hour Country Club for the Ocmulgee Chapter, including John Trussell. Besides the dinner, I presented my tried and true Colonial and Revolutionary War Slide Show and Discussion. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, I travelled to Athens for that Chapter's George Washington celebration dinner, where I enjoyed the socializing, installed officers, and again presented my Colonial and Revolutionary War Art presentation. I also inducted three new members. Interestingly, this formal dinner was held at Trump's Catering, although he did not show up. The very next day, I trekked up to the Marietta Country Club for the Captain John Collins's Annual Banquet, where I told a short, but dramatic, story about George Washington's courage in battle, and then installed their officers, as well. Two days after that, on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I participated in the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Piedmont Chapter, for their Annual Meeting at Houks Grille in Roswell, where I enjoyed a buffet dinner. Afterwards, during the meeting, I installed their officers, and then told another dramatic story about George Washington and the Battle of Princeton. Two days after, I again spoke to a large group, this time bringing Greetings to the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution at their Annual Convention, which was held in Peachtree City at the Crown Plaza Atlanta SW. I enjoyed once again talking to Georgia CAR Presidents Hope Fredericks and Emily Tindall there, as well as Regent Betty Harrah and other officials of the DAR. I was so impressed by the patriotic youths and their speeches. All very well done!

March also started with a bang, as many of us travelled to Louisville, Kentucky, to participate in the national Spring Leadership Conference. I had already arranged for a social gathering and dinner for the Georgia Society compatriots on that Thursday night, just a couple minutes from the Brown Hotel, where Leadership always takes place.

We had a much better turn-out this year, and much enjoyed the new Mexican Restaurant next door to the Brown—La Terazza. In Louisville, I attended the national America250 Committee meeting, the national History Committee meeting, the Council of State Presidents Meeting, Trustees Meetings, and other events. I was especially impressed by Rod Redner's work on the Liberty Tree Program, which was discussed during both the America250 and the History Committee national meetings. Coming up in March are a couple of important EXCOM meetings, and I also look forward to attending the Opening Night Banquet of the Annual Georgia Society DAR State Conference, where I will bring Greetings from the Georgia Society SAR. This state conference is to be held at the Lakeside Resort in Stone Mountain, Georgia. I finish off this month with the writing of several reports, due directly. All in all, a busy, and productive, winter quarter—for the Georgia Society and for most all our Chapters and Compatriots!

David Ludley, President, Georgia Society, SAR State President

## The First Washington Monument (Cont.)

yet it possesses both solidity and durability. It has such strength as I think will preserve it for ages.” Its history is unfortunately filled with periods of neglect and even vandalism. Only in the 1930s, at the height of the Great Depression, did the monument’s significance become fully recognized.

Within days of the first president’s death on December 14, 1799, Congress passed a unanimous resolution for a public monument in his honor. That project stalled due to differences in vision between the Jeffersonian Republicans and the Federalists. Work on the Washington Monument in D.C. began in 1848 and dragged on for 40 years.

The original Boonsboro 15-foot tower was simply built, without mortar, and in the shape of a small milk bottle. Rocks found at the South Mountain site were used. Twelve feet from the tower’s base, the townspeople installed a white marble slab that read, “Erected in memory of Washington, July 4, 1827, by the citizens of Boonsboro.” By the outbreak of the Civil War, the structure had fallen into such disrepair that only a third of it remained standing.

The first campaign to restore the monument took place in 1882, when a local chapter of the civic organization, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, finance repairs. However, by December 1906, the monument was once again in ruins. According to the Baltimore Sun, a lightning strike “so badly shattered” the tower that half of it collapsed. A local rumor held that a father who suspected his daughters of meeting their suitors at the site blew it up with dynamite. Maryland newspaper, the Herald-Mail, reported in May 1916 that vandals had “torn or blown out” a large section of the monument. “It is supposed that mountaineers steal dynamite and do it out of amusement, however hard it may be for people of sane minds to see fun in such actions,” the writer noted, adding, “Why any person should wish to destroy or deface a historical structure is beyond comprehension.”

In August 1922, the Washington County Historical Society (WCHS) purchased the monument and an acre of surrounding land. Then, in 1934, the society presented the site to local officials for development as a state park.

By 1934, Boonsboro citizens deeded the property to the State of Maryland to form a state park. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), took the lead on the project. The first task undertaken by workers at Fort Frederick, one of 30 CCC camps in Maryland, was to rebuild the structure (this time with mortar). Ultimately, the restoration required 670 tons of sand and 1,000 barrels of cement.

The tower’s original cornerstone resurfaced in 1952, when a retired Army officer revealed that he’d found it while digging in a rubbish pit at the site some 20 years prior. In 1972, the monument was added to the National Register of Historic Places.



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<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-little-known-story-of-the-first-washington-monument-180981268/>

Right: Photo is an original postcard from Darce Easton. Permission by Boonsboro Historical Society and Darce Easton.





Above: This “Battle of Kettle Creek” painting will adorn our newsletter for the next several editions. [Permission for use contracted through Trexler Historical Art, <https://www.trexlerhistoricalart.com/>] We hope to focus on various portions of the painting to give a better look at the battle and the fine quality of work the artist Jeff Trexler is capable of creating. Jeff Trexler claims on his website that, ““There are so many stories that need to be told, it's just a matter of getting them all on the canvas! I want to tell their story, bring it to life, for people to see and learn about. That is why I do this. I love to be able to think about how a scene may have looked and translate that to the canvas.”

Jeff, a Professional Artist and Illustrator gained a love for painting and drawing at a young age. He was a student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. He learned composition, color theory and the difference in what works and what doesn't in a painting. Jeff studied under Oliver Grimly and Renee Foulks. Jeff has combined his love for history with his passion for art, and has developed into an outstanding and exciting young artist.

Right: Jeff is also the creator of the “Washington Enters Savannah” painting that the Georgia Society commissioned for the National Congress held in Savannah during July, 2022. Again, we will spend some time over the next few issues looking at the painting, in small sections and retell the “Kettle Creek Story.” Hope you enjoy the effort.

[Emil Decker, Editor]





## Calendar of Events

### 133rd NSSAR National Congress

**Orlando, FL**  
**July 13 - 20, 2023**

The Rosen Plaza  
9700 International Dr,  
Orlando, FL 32819

Phone: 1-800-627-8258

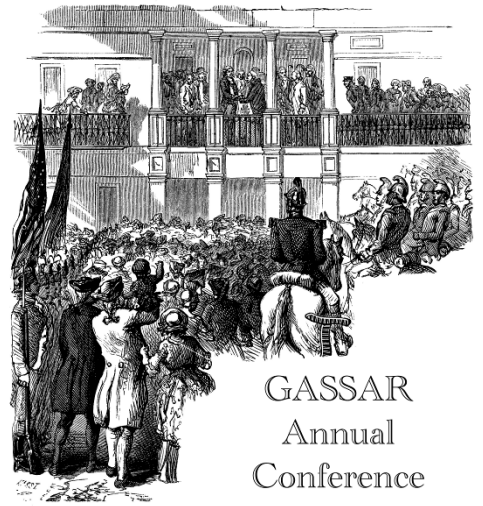
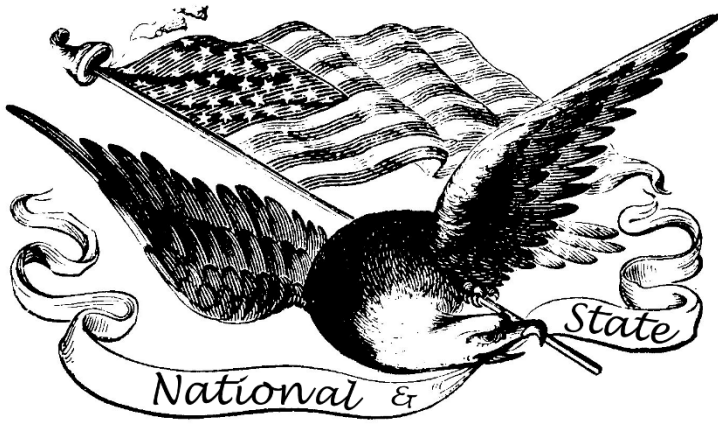
**Group Name: NSSAR2023**

**Arrival Date: 13-Jul-2023**  
(Thursday)

**Departure Date: 20-Jul-2023**  
(Thursday)



Event	Location	Date	Status
Grave Marking Compatriot Ryall S. Morgan	Ryall Cemetery, Clyo, Ga	Apr 8, 2023 2:00 p.m.	National
Frederica Naval Action	St. Simons Island	Apr 15, 2023	National
Grave Marking Compatriot Robert Wylie	White Oak Presby., Senoia, GA	Apr 16, 2023 3:00 p.m.	State
Interment of 14 Patriot Soldiers, Camden Battlefield	Camden, SC	Apr 20 - 22, 2023	National
BOM	Barnesville, GA	Apr 29, 2023 10:00 a.m.	State
Midway Church Service	Midway, GA	Apr 30, 2023 11:30 a.m.	State
Grave Marking Patriots (5)	Midway, GA	Apr 30, 2023 2:00 p.m.	State
Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	May 8, 2023	National
Memorial Day	Various Locations	May 27-29, 2023	National
Flag Retirement	Cumming, GA	Jun 10, 2023	State
Freedom Fireworks	Washington, GA	Jul 1, 2023	State
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2023	National
133rd Congress	Orlando, FL	Jul 15 - 21, 2023	National
BOM	Barnesville, GA	Jul 29, 2023 10:00 a.m.	State
Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutaw Springs, SC	Sep 1 - 2, 2023	National
Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mount Vernon, VA	Sep 16, 2023	National
Constitution Day	Various	Sep 17, 2023	National
SAR Fall Leadership	Louisville, KY	Sep 21 - 22, 2023	National
Georgia State NSDAR Fall Forum	Details soon	Sep 30, 2023	State
Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Oct 7, 2023	National
Siege of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Oct 9, 2023	State
Victory at Yorktown	Yorktown, VA	Oct 19, 2023	National
BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct 28, 2023 10:00 a.m.	State
Grave Marking Patriot Capt. Jacob Higginbotham	Elberton, GA	Nov 4, 2023 11:00 a.m.	State
Veterans Day	Various	Nov 11, 2023	National



GASSAR  
Annual  
Conference

Saturday Registrars Workshop conducted by Compatriot Bob Sapp on Friday 27 January, 2023: <https://youtu.be/2vqyiAkwp5k>

*(Videos produced, filmed and edited by Compatriot Rick Reese, III of the Piedmont Chapter)*

Please enjoy the video of the Georgia State Society SAR Annual meeting Friday Banquet by clicking on the YouTube link shown below:

<https://youtu.be/vrOXQSN43Rk>



Georgia State Society SAR Annual meeting Saturday Youth Awards Luncheon. Click the YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/iI4ypZlxEPI>





## HEROES OF THE HORNET'S NEST

In spite of the threat of a downpour, nobody told, (or at least they didn't listen), the Brier Creek Artillery unit not to set up early in the morning. With Robert Forsyth Compatriot J.C. Hustis minding their traveling trunk, the crew proceeded to fire every so often, and lounged around talking, taking pictures, and otherwise entertaining visitors. The cabin was open for touring as well.





Don Thomas headed up the cooking staff for the excellent Chili provided at noon. Nobody had to call the cannon crew twice.

Everybody had their fill, and still it hadn't rained.









Above: Greetings from (L - R) South Atlantic VP George Strunk, Secretary General John L. Dodd, & Georgia Society President David Ludley.







Right: Members of the Lincoln County Georgia Historical Society work hard every year to assist the Georgia Sar in commemorating the Battle of Kettle Creek. Here they serve a cake recognizing the tremendous service of Elijah Clarke.

Below: Martin's new gun carriage. (he's got a bigger cannon coming for it!)



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## Lincoln, Wilkes to celebrate Elijah Clarke Day, Battle of Kettle Creek anniversary next weekend

### Lincoln Events Friday

Friday, February 10 is Elijah Clarke day in Lincoln County. Elijah Clark State Park will host a celebration of the leadership and actions of Elijah Clarke, John Dooly and other Georgia patriots during the Revolutionary War Battle of Kettle Creek 244 years ago. From 10:00 A.M. to noon there will be displays and presentations on life during the Revolutionary War to celebrate and remember the contributions of our patriot ancestors, which will include musket and canon firings.

At noon the event organizers will serve a free chili luncheon. The traditional wreath-laying ceremony will be held at 1:30 pm to honor the memory of Elijah Clarke, John Dooly and other Heroes of the Hornets' Nest from the area now known



Keynote speaker Dr. David Noble updates battlefield history.

is Dr. David Noble, a retired periodontist with an extensive interest in archaeology and the American Revolution. Dr. Noble has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for over 25 years and is the co-author with Richard Marsh of the book "Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782" published by the

ters of the American Revolution (DAR) as well as the Lincoln County Historical Society and a number of individuals, will cover the usual \$5 park pass fee so that attendees to these events can enter the park for free.

The wreath-laying ceremony and musket salute will honor Georgia's patriot leaders Elijah Clarke, John Dooly and other "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest". Regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion. The ceremony will be held in indoor facilities at the park in the event of inclement weather.

### Washington Events Friday-Sunday

Tours of the actual battlefield will also be available on Friday, according to



Honorary musket volley at Elijah Clark State Park.

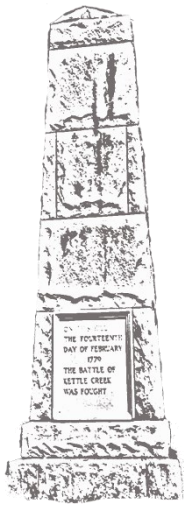
## KETTLE CREEK BATTLEFIELD ASSOCIATION BANQUET



Members of the Sequoyah Chapter, NSDAR, and the Cherokee and Robert Forsyth Chapters of the SAR, enjoyed the Friday night banquet at the Washington Wilkes Country Club. Great plans are being laid for improvements at the now National Park recognized site at War Hill.

Below: East Fall Line Region Compatriots also traveled to Wilkes County, Washington, GA, to attend the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association annual banquet in Washington at the Country Club. (L - R) Alton McCloud, Bernard Martin II, Ben Martin, Larry Guzy, Dan McMichael, Bernard Martin, Sr, Dess Smith III, Lee Herron, Steve Burke.





**KETTLE  
CREEK**



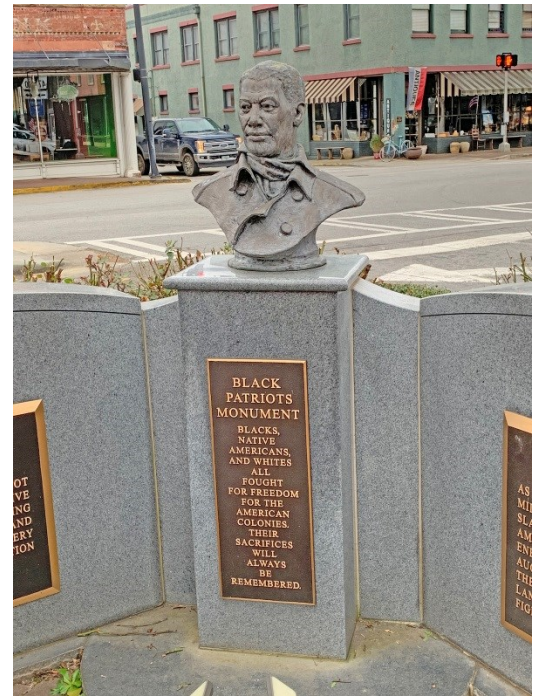
The Kettle Creek Celebration went well this weekend. Although raining, 151 compatriots attended to pat respect to our Patriot Ancestors. Considering the weather, that was a very good turnout.







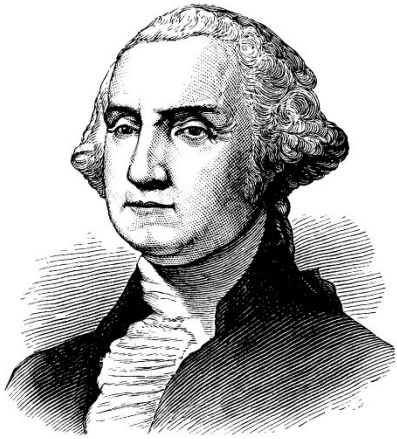












# WASHINGTON'S



The Award winning Georgia Society Color Guard and Militia opened the commemoration with presentation of the Colors.

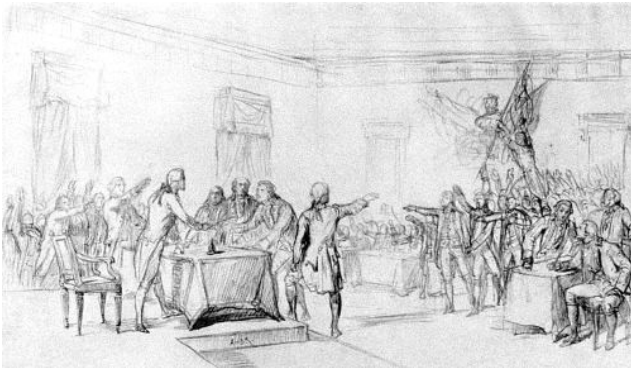
DAR and C.A.R. were present in large numbers.





Left: Sid Hughes and Carolyn Launer confer prior to the event regarding tactics and order of presentation.

Right: Noah Tindall, representative of the De-



### NSSAR SPRING LEADERSHIP

Leadership gave the GA Society several surprises. First, Allen Greenly received the NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year nomination. Then he was named a Minuteman, Class of 2023.... immediately followed by the announcement that he would be joined by Compatriot David Jessel. This is the National Society SAR highest award highest award. The presentation will be at the SAR National Congress in Orlando, FL. Two worthy appointments.









## VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

A commemoration service acknowledging Vietnam Veterans Day was conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the Veterans Park in Blairsville on March 29th. Sid Turner, a Vietnam Veteran and VP of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, SAR, reviewed the history of the war, which took over 58,000 American lives, physically wounded over 304,000, and created psychological wounds in thousands more. The divisiveness of the war created many of the psychological injuries returning veterans suffered, partly caused by the apathetic, sometimes hostile reception veterans received upon returning from the battlefield. The Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, DAR Vice Regent Barbara Weaver and Jared Ogden, Past President and Treasures of Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, SAR, and a Vietnam Combat Veteran, presented wreaths.



L-R: Sid Turner, Barbara Weaver, Chris Hart, Jared Ogden, and Stephen Weaver.

### The Wreath

by Jared Ogden

Through a communication's glitch we thought the idea of a wreath presentation had been nixed. We discovered that Jack Dugger had taken the chapter wreath to Florida to hold a small memorial service for his cousin Roderic Dugger (102 years-old) whom the chapter inducted last year. Earlier, I casually remarked that if necessary, I could make a wreath, never dreaming that my wreath making skills would be used.....  
..... *I have never made a wreath before in my life.*

I hurriedly went to my yard, picked flora I thought might be appropriate and inserted it into a skeletal wreath made of grapevines that Stephen Weaver's wife, Barbara, had given me for Christmas a year or so ago. After looking at my pitiful handicraft and lacking time to redo, I decided a good background story might help justify its ugliness. I am a better writer than a wreath maker. The words of the wreath's symbolism tumbled onto the page, just in time for the presentation.

*"The wreath consisted of two small red flowers of Florida Anise (Illicium Floridanum) to signify the American blood spilled in Vietnam. The small red Anise flowers at the bottom of the wreath reminded attendees that the blood spilled in Vietnam is only a tiny percentage of bloodshed creating and preserving our nation of free people.*

*The spear-like native Yucca leaf (located at the top of the wreath, pointing down) represented a symbolic sword that pierced the hearts of many service men and women from their frosty reception home.*

*The pad of the native prickly pear cactus (bottom of the wreath) represents the sting of the barbs that remains in the hearts of some Vietnam Veterans today.*

*The 13 daffodils represent the original 13 colonies and serve as a reminder that many Revolutionary War Patriots were treated poorly by fellow colonists, most of whom were neutral or loyal to the British Crown. The treatment of the original patriots serves as a balm reminding us that the Revolutionary War was divisive, too.*

*The jumbled sprigs of freshly picked thyme symbolize the public's current acknowledgment of the personal sacrifice of all veterans, especially Vietnam Veterans, and the fragrance of the fresh thyme serves as the welcomed smell of national healing and renewal."*





Left: Gary Hoyt, GASSAR Veterans Committee Chairman attended the National Vietnam Veterans Day observance at The Wall That Heals, Newtown Park, Johns Creek, GA. This is the original wall that traveled all across America. When it was retired (replaced by a larger version) the Johns Creek Veterans Association purchased it and held it in storage until funds were raised to build the park and install The Wall That Heals as a permanent exhibit.

Gary said, "It is a wonderful place of remembrance and healing. I had a chance to view my friend SFC George Edward Roy's name, and I would recommend it to folks who still have healing to do, but cannot travel to Washington, DC to visit the original wall."



Left: Rick Reese Jr. and son, Rick Reese III attended the Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration ceremony held in front of the "Faces of War" monument constructed at the Roswell City Hall in 1995. Pictured are Roswell Mayor Kurt Wilson, Rick III, and Rick Jr.

Right: In honor of Vietnam Veterans Day, Little River's March meeting speaker was COL Quin Herlik (USA, ret), a Vietnam combat veteran and prisoner of war. COL Herlik presented Vietnam Era Veteran Pins to approximately 15 veterans.

The Wiregrass Chapter and the "Veterans at the Library" also held an event honoring "Vietnam Veterans Day"



## BLAST FROM THE PAST



"Blast from the Past", looks at some back issue / historic news relevant to the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Looking back to July, 1998, **The Piedmont Piper** article below documents the arrival on the scene of two new Color Guardsmen from the Piedmont Chapter.

While the seamstress is no longer available, and prices have risen a bit, a number of options are available for new members to find uniforms and join in on the fun.

For many years you have seen George Thurmond in that uniform. Through state and national events, parades, Leadership meetings, you would find George dressed in uniform and "looking good".

George was Georgia Society State President from 2004-2006, and has been awarded many, many Color Guard Honors, including receipt of the 2008 MINUTEMAN AWARD, the highest award presented to a member by the SAR. It is presented for distinguished

service rendered to the SAR on the national level.

George has recently "officially" retired from the chapter, state and national Society Color Guard. But his uniform will continue to be seen, as he has donated it to Ricky Reese to insure its continued use in SAR activities.

## Piedmont Chapter to Join the Ranks of the Color Guard

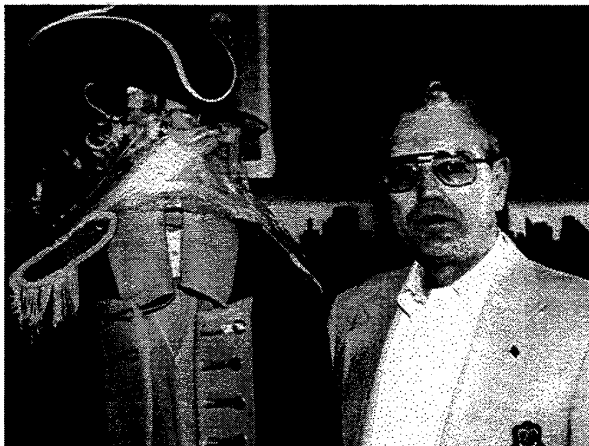
### *Two Members Have Purchased Uniforms*

For the first several years of our existence the Piedmont Chapter Officers had to call on the State Color Guard for representation at parades, grave markings, etc. Now there is a new thrust to get involved and to show our colors. Both President **Larry Guzy** and Graves Committee Chairman **George Thurmond** have ordered and received their Revolutionary War Military uniforms. George brought his to the June chapter meeting for all to see (photo of George at right).

The uniforms are made by Bernice Tippet of Fort Worth, Texas, and although she promises to ship them within 6 to 8 weeks, George says he received his in just four weeks. He bought the basic uniform for \$185.00 which includes the coat, vest, pants, dickey and shoulder boards. In addition, he purchased the shoe buckles and the tricorne hat. The only other item he had to supply was his shoes and socks.

George says he plans to wear it for the Old Soldiers Day Parade on August 1st if it is not too hot. He is encouraging other members to purchase their uniforms and he explained that, "We need four as soon as possible in order to

have a color guard". Of course we actually need many more than that in order to have any flexibility on scheduling.



This is an excellent opportunity for our Chapter to promote the Sons of the American Revolution and educate the community about our organization and our history. There are many events that need and welcome a color guard and by making ourselves available we can offer a service that is patriotic as well as interesting. Hey, it's not just every military man who goes around in high socks. George is pushing (encouraging) Bill Barnes to get a Revolutionary Marine Uniform

but we don't know how convincing he has been yet.

You are all urged to consider purchasing a uniform and joining the fun of participating in the many patriotic events available. George plans to bring order blanks to the meetings and he and Larry welcome your questions.

**American Revolutionary  
Uniforms by Bernice**  
7005 Meadowbrook Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76112-5343  
(817) 496-4160

Price List  
(as of 1 August 1997)

Uniform:	\$185.00
Includes: Coat, Vest, Pants, Dickey & Shoulder Boards.	
(Over size 50, add 10%)	
Shoe Buckles	\$6.00
Tricorn Hat	\$17.50

Shipping and handling is \$9.50 and there is a deposit of \$75.00 required with your order. Checks should be made to the order of Bernice Tippet.

# GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



First Lieutenant Thomas Glascock

Later Brigadier General of the Georgia Militia



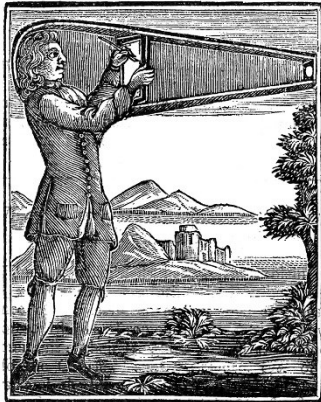
On July 1, 1777, Thomas Glascock enlisted and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the 1st Georgia Continental Battalion commanded by Colonel Robert Ræe. He was also a Captain in the Legion of Cavalry under Count Pulaski and was later appointed Brigadier General in the Continental Army. He received 690 acres of bounty land along the Oconee River in old Washington County for his services.



William was a member of the "Sons of Liberty," the 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Provincial Congress of 1775, and the Council of Safety. He was also Speaker of the Legislature and was certified as a Revolutionary War Soldier by Colonel James McNeil and received bounty land in Franklin County for his services.







Sir Robert Hooke suggests a “wearable” camera obscura he calls a “Picture Box” (1694)

We give thanks to all the kind photographers, whose lens work is captured, and portrayed in our pages.

- Rick Reese III
  - William Edelen
  - Adam Pethel
  - Wallace Clark
  - Byron Tindall
  - Gary Edwards
  - Tom Chamberlain
- The many others who submitted photos either singularly or en-mass.

## CELEBRATE

# THE FREDERICA NAVAL ACTION

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April 19, 1775 was a significant date in the founding of our Nation – the “shot heard around the world” at Lexington and Concord, and the capture of British Vessels on the Frederica River at Saint Simon’s Island in 1778.

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**SATURDAY, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. – Memorial Ceremony** – Saint Simons Island Casino, 550 Beachview Dr., Saint Simons Island, GA – SAR Color Guard with Revolutionary Flags, Patriotic Music, Wreath Presentation, Cannon, and Musket Salutes. Volley fire from the Schooner Lynx from the harbor

**NOON – The Parade of Patriots – Saint Simons Island Village**

The parade will start at the Lighthouse then proceed to the Pier then back to the Lighthouse. There will be the SAR Color Guard, the GCFD Antique Truck, DAR and SAR Revolutionary Reenactors, JROTC Cadets, Glynn County Students, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts Participating.

**SPONSORS**  
 Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution  
 Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution  
 Fort Frederica Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
 Brunswick Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

“A Nationally Recognized  
Sons of the American Revolution Event”



## SAIL ON THE TALL SHIP LYNX

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Two Trips are Scheduled, costing **\$75.00 per person.**  
Marshes of Glynn Reservations NLT: APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**CANNON BARRAGE TOUR**  
Tickets Remaining: 7

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-Time of Boarding: TBD, about 8:30a  
-You will be sailing with reenactors and seeing the Cannon Barrage from the sound.  
-What to Bring: Light Jacket, Beverages, and Snacks. Water will be provided

**AFTERNOON TOUR**  
Tickets Remaining: 5

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-Time of Boarding: 1:30pm  
-Length of Tour: 2p – 4:30p  
-What to Bring: Light Jacket, Adult Beverages, Cokes, and Snacks. Water will be provided

**Reservations by check (Payable to Marshes of Glynn) must be sent to:**

Chip Lewis  
PO Box 24496  
Saint Simons Island, GA 31522  
[chiplewis781@gmail.com](mailto:chiplewis781@gmail.com)

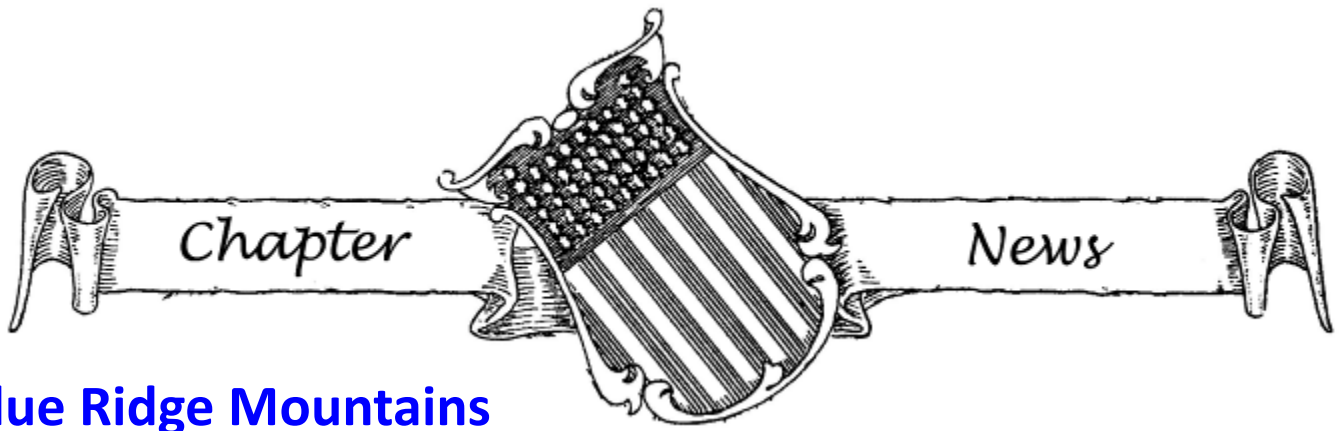
*“Email Chip when your check is mailed”*

Lynx is accessed to the left of the Morning Star Marina Building Complex through the Rack Storage area. Please manage kids and stay inside the Red Line, please stay clear of the forklift and any working marina operations. Parking can also be found as you drive to the right as an overflow area.

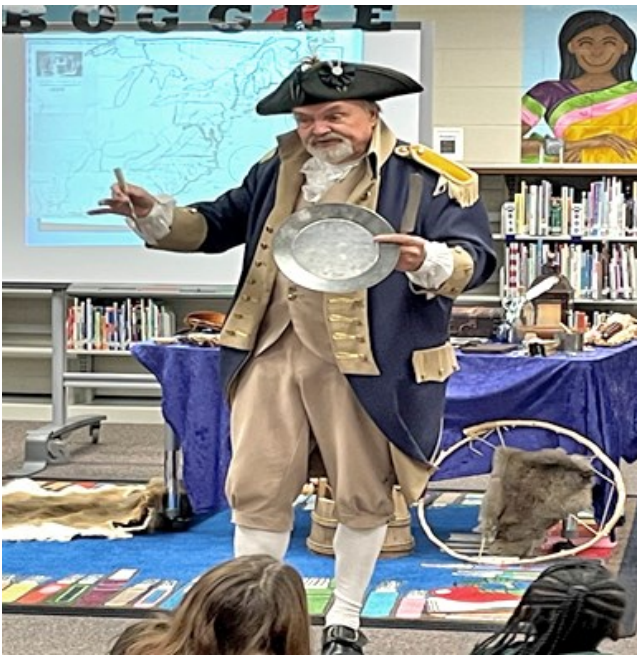
The Tall Ship Lynx is a non-partisan educational organization, dedicated to hands-on educational programs that teach the history of America's struggle to preserve its independence.

**“This is a Marshes of Glynn Chapter, SAR Fundraising event.  
Proceeds go towards the education of the community about the Revolutionary War.”**



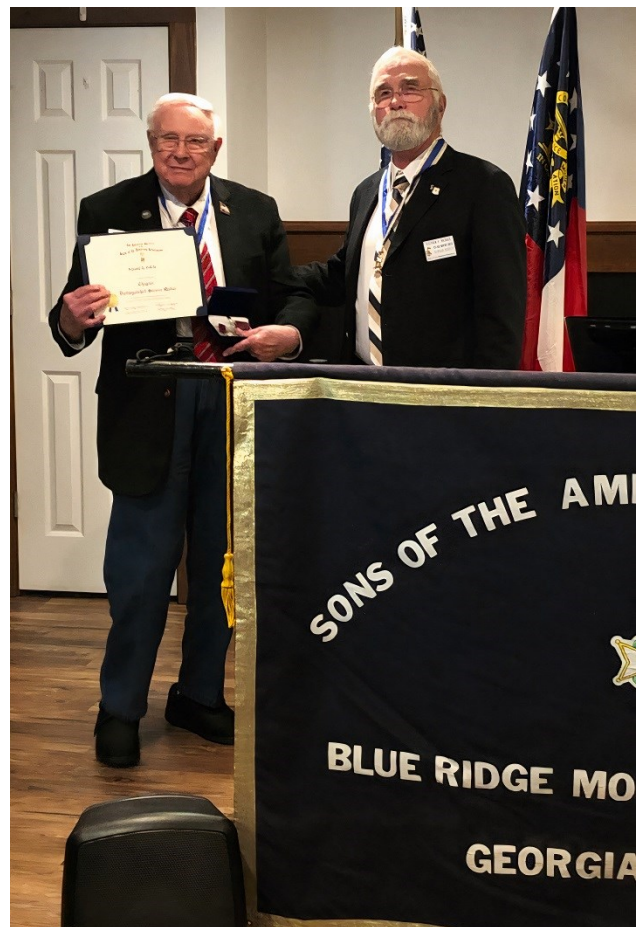


## Blue Ridge Mountains



Left: The BRM Traveling Trunk was presented to the Parsons Elementary School on January 5 by Compatriot Bruce Maney at two different sessions with total of 122 students and faculty attending.

Below: President Steven Weaver awarded The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution "Chapter Distinguished Service Medal" to Patriot Ron Hill for his conspicuous service to the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.



Left: The BRM Chapter and the Captain James Kell Chapter, DAR donated a copy of the "Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782" to the Gilmer County Library.

Jared Ogden, attended the Meeting and gave greeting from the Chapter. To his complete surprise they awarded him the DAR Historic Preservation Medal.



Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter attendees at Kettle Creek (L) and Washinton's Birthday (R).



Below Left: Pres. Steven Weaver carries the 250 flag.



Above Right: Patriot Ron Hill, Major Robert "Bob" Frederickson, US Marine Corps (Ret) and Ron Webb, President, Northeast Georgia Veterans Society. Major Frederickson was wounded twice during his Vietnam combat action while serving as Company Commander.

On February 23, 2023, Patriot Ron Hill, representing the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Georgia Society, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Northeast Georgia Veterans Society, conducted a presentation ceremony honoring the following outstanding local citizens: Major (Ret) Robert "Bob" Frederickson was awarded the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate; Roger Rosdahl received the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate; Robert C. Whitehead was awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate; and Linda Ebert Ariff received the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate and a Georgia Governor Commendation.

Below: On February 25<sup>th</sup> Four outstanding young men received well-deserved recognition as Eagle Scouts at the First Methodist Church in Andrews, NC. All four are past members of Eagle Scout Troop 401. The Eagle Scout Award is the pinnacle of a young person's Scouting experience. It is the highest rank one can achieve in Scouting and represents the culmination of years of commitment and hard work required to reach this challenging goal. One of the most respected titles in the world, and attained by only 6 percent of all Scouts, the Eagle Scout designation opens many doors, both personally and professionally.

Compatriot Ron Hill, returned to his home town of Andrews, NC. As a US Army veteran of the Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War, and a member of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, he presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate, Chapter coin and His own personal coin, to William Charles McCray; Gilbert Lee McCray; Larry Nathaniel McCray; Elijah Isaiah Lucas Malaciah McCray. Ron remarked, "You young men achieving the rank of Eagle Scout have demonstrated your belief in these common principles and are deserving of special recognition for their dedication and accomplishments."

Left to Right Compatriot Ron Hill, William Charles McCray; Gilbert Lee McCray; Larry Nathaniel McCray; Elijah Isaiah Lucas



The Community Cannery located on the property of the Georgia Mountain Experiment Station was the site for the BRM Chapter and Old Unicoi Trail Chapter jointly hosting a Liberty Tree planting on March 13th. A native Southern Red Oak was planted with an 250th anniversary acknowledgement plaque in the Public Gardens area open to the public.



It was a mite chilly, but the crowd enjoyed viewing the various wood working implements on display in the old cannery building. The tree, planted up the hill, should thrive there. There was a second LEEP Liberty Tree Ceremony and planting at the Mayors Park site adjacent to Chatuge Lake, Hwy 76, Hiawassee, Towns County, GA.



Below Left: Sid Turner, David Anderson, Oscar Valdes, Jared Ogden, Stephen Weaver, conducted the Non-SAR Bronze Citizenship presentation to civic leader and Korean War Veteran Oscar Valdes.



Below Right: Compatriot David Kelsey a dual member of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter attended the 240<sup>th</sup> Last Navel Battle on Merritt Island, FL. David presented a wreath in honor of the Patriots who fought aboard the Continental Navy warships



## Brier Creek

Right: Historian Larry Stevens from Savannah then presented his program, "Hornets Nest in Wilkes County, GA"

Below: Dual member Dess Smith III presented 5 Flag Streamers to the Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore that the Brier Creek Chapter had won at the GASSAR Annual Conference in Duluth, GA for outstanding Chapter accomplishments.



Below: President Wayne inducted Bernard Martin's three sons into the Brier Creek Chapter, Bernard Martin II, Benjamin Martin and Joe Martin.



## Button Gwinnett



Left: The induction of our three newest Button Gwinnett Chapter Members by President Tom Jacques and their father and Chapter Genealogist Brent Dodson: They are Jared Alexander Dodson, Erik Christopher Dodson, and Ryan Nicholas Dodson.



Above: The awarding of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Chapter Winner Ms. Macayla Hutsler with the Essay Winner Certificate and check for \$100. Macayla was also informed that she had also won 1st place in the GASSAR George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and was she was presented a medal, a certificate, and a check for \$550.

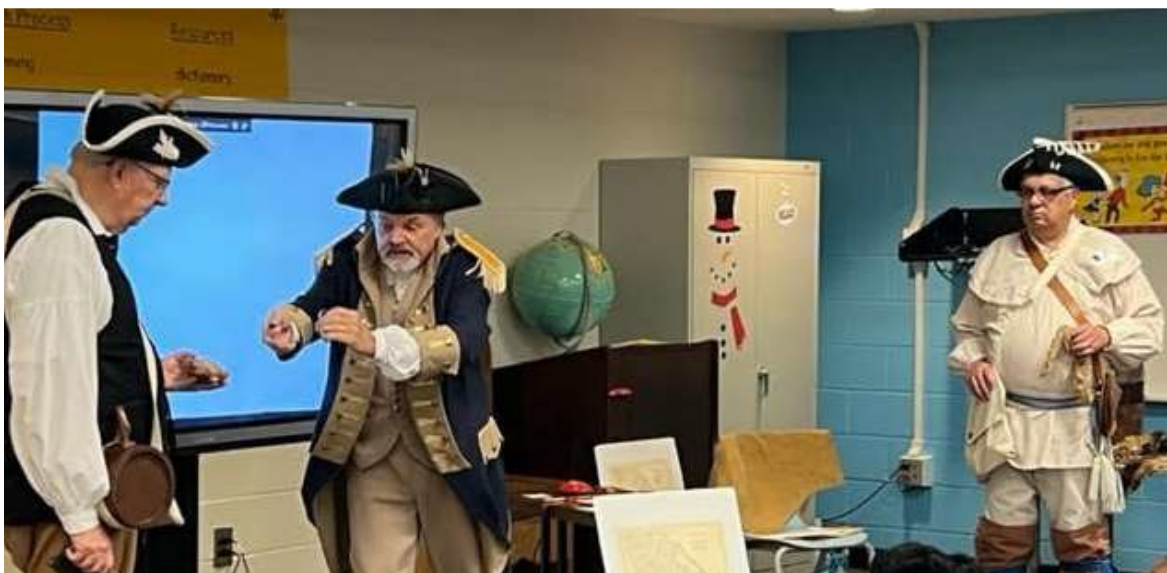


Left: The evening's program was "The Battle of Bunker Hill" – presented by Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques.

Vice President Ray Kyle presented Lynn with a certificate for her presentation as well as awarded her the SAR Medal of Appreciation and Certificate for numerous referrals of SAR members from DAR, her work as the State Chair of DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, her 4 years as the co-chair of the Wreaths Across America ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Garden and for presenting five separate programs to SAR chapters in the past 27 months.



Left: On January 5, 2023, Eldon Evans with Bruce Maney of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, presented two Traveling Trunk Programs at Parsons Elementary School in Suwanee, GA. The total attendance was 122 including teachers and media specialists.



On January 19, 2023, we presented the at Margaret Winn Holt Elementary School in Lawrenceville. We had three presentations to a total of 180 students and adults. The presenters this time included Tom Jacques. Tom and Eldon was in the militia uniforms and Bruce was in a Continental uniform.

Right: 1st VP Ray Kyle presented the Chapter Wreath at the Battle of Cowpens ceremony on January 17, 2023. This is the first photo that we have of Ray in uniform.



Below Left: In Feb. President Tom Jacques inducted the two newest Button Gwinnett Members into the SAR, Jaryd Patrick Green and Benjamin Jordan Forlaw.



Right: Ralph Galpin added a supplemental to his membership.



Below: Ralph where you often find him. In the Color Guard lineup. Here during the Washington's Birthday Ceremony in Gainesville, GA.





## Capt. John Collins

Right: William Edelen, Registrar and Color Guardsman participated in the rather moist National Cowpens Commemoration.



## Fall Line



Compatriot Steve Burke presented President Sandy Mercer with 2 Flag Streamers that he received for presenting the Fall Line Chapter wreath at the Heroes at the Hornets' Nest event at the Elijah Clark State Park and the 244th Anniversary Kettle Creek Battlefield.

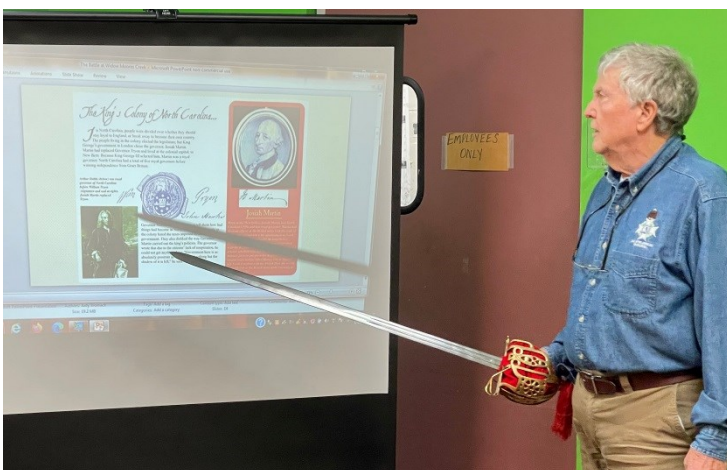
President Mercer also presented to the Chapter 4 Flag streamers that he received at the Annual Georgia Society Conference in Duluth Georgia on January 28, 2023: Distinguished Chapter Award, Membership Award, Americanism Distinction Award 2022 and the President General Distinction Award 2022. Compatriot Burke then presented his program on "Life on the Frontier 1700's, Revolutionary".

## Four Rivers Patriots

Right: The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, January 19, 2023, at the Chatters Restaurant in Lyons. With President George King presiding, we had 14 in attendance including guests. President George installed our newest member, Compatriot Ron Hall.



Left: The program for the evening was presented by the Swainsboro Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr. His presentation was on "The Battle at Widow Moore's Creek Bridge."





Left: At the Four Rivers Chapter February meeting Dual member Wilder Smith, Jr. presented Sgt-at-Arms Dan Brown with 3 Flag Steamers: The Georgia Society awarded the Four Rivers Chapter at their Annual Conference in Duluth on January 28, 2023 with the President General Distinction Award 2022 and dual member Wilder Smith, Jr. presented the Chapter with the Wreath presentation streamers that the Chapter received for the "Heroes of the Hornets Nest Elijah Clark State Park 2023 event and the 244th Anniversary Battley at Kettle Creek 2023 event.

Below: Wiregrass Chapter member John Derden then presented his program on "It all Started in a Bar, Revolutionary Savannah". John focused on the role and significance of the port city in the American Revolution. He emphasized that Savannah's strategic importance to both sides during the war made the town a focal point of several campaigns and that the failed attempt by the combined French and American forces to retake Savannah in October 1779 led to what has been described as "the bloodiest hour of the American Revolution.



## George Walton

Below: Compatriots Jimmy Norton, Don Bumgardner, John Sorrels, Rusty Horton, Tom Chamberlain, and Bill Dobbs, join Monroe Museum Historian Steve Brown, Vice President Dexter Adams, and Mayor John Howard for a gift presentation of the "George Washington in Savannah—1791 painting by Jeff Trexler.



# John Milledge



The John Milledge Chapter of the SAR and the Nancy Hart Chapter of the DAR Presented medals to the GMC ROTC Cadets at the GMC Military Ball.



Above and Left: The John Milledge SAR Color Guard Posted the Colors at the Colonial Dames, Georgia State Convention, Hosted by their President Amelia Rogers Pelton.

Thank you to Compatriots Dan Dixon, Lyn Mcknight, and Jim Poyner.

# Joel Early

Right: On February 18, Joel Early had as guest speaker, Terry Lambert. Here he is dressed in Indian attire. He spoke on the interaction of the Native Americans with our ancestors in earlier years.



Left: Mr. Buren Mock was given a Good Citizenship Certificate for his service to the shut-ins and elderly. Mr. Buren is 95 years old and delivers meals every week.



# Joseph Habersham

Below Left: Compatriot Ed Hendricks carries Colors in the Washington Birthday Commemoration in Gainesville, GA.



# Little River

Right: Lincoln County Commission Chairman Walker T. Norman was our January meeting speaker. He spoke on the topic of the Lincoln County Government and how it has changed over the years. At the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest commemoration at Elijah Clark State Park, Walker signed his SAR membership application and we will have his induction very soon.



Left: Don Thomas was our February meeting speaker, on the topic of history, symbols, and traditions. He spoke about the SAR member badge and what it symbolizes.



Below: Our chapter was well-represented at the Battle of Brier Creek Education Day on March 3rd. Included in the photo are Tommy Chappell, Alton McCloud, and Ben Creech.



Left: Gary Smith, GA Society SAR Secretary, brought greetings at the Battle of Brier Creek commemoration on March 4th, on behalf of GA Society SAR President David Ludley. Dr. Ludley was in Louisville KY for Spring Leadership.

Right: Chapter Compatriots James Lemley MD received SAR challenge coins in honor of Revolutionary War Surgeons. Chapter Compatriots Jerry Lambert MD also received the challenge coin.

Below: Michael J. Brigham is our newest member, joining by descent from Patriot John Brigham of Massachusetts.



Right: At a Marine Corps League event, Gary Smith presented Jayden Haug with the SAR Eagle Scout certificate. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, Jayden.

# Lyman Hall

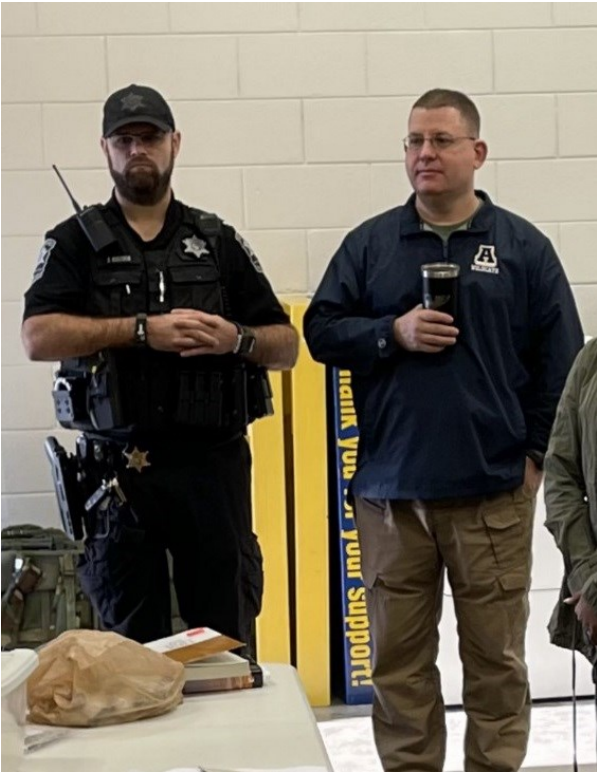
Right: Color Guardsman Sid Hughes participated in the Cowpens National Commemoration in SC.



"The 'Flintlock Five' of Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution joined together at Apalachee High School in Barrow County to present a program for the JROTC classes there. Carter Wood - Lyman Hall, was joined by the 5: Sid Hughes - Lyman Hall, Clint Daniels - Lyman Hall, Mike Watkins - Button Gwinnett, J.C. Hustis - Robert Forsyth (*Dual member Lyman Hall*), and Emil Decker - Robert Forsyth, join in on the fun.

A history of firearms, differentiation between flint and percussion weapons, multiple artifacts, as well as how to roll cartridges were covered. All in front of the indoor firing range. Later the cadets were taken to a practice field out back for a demonstration firing of the muskets.





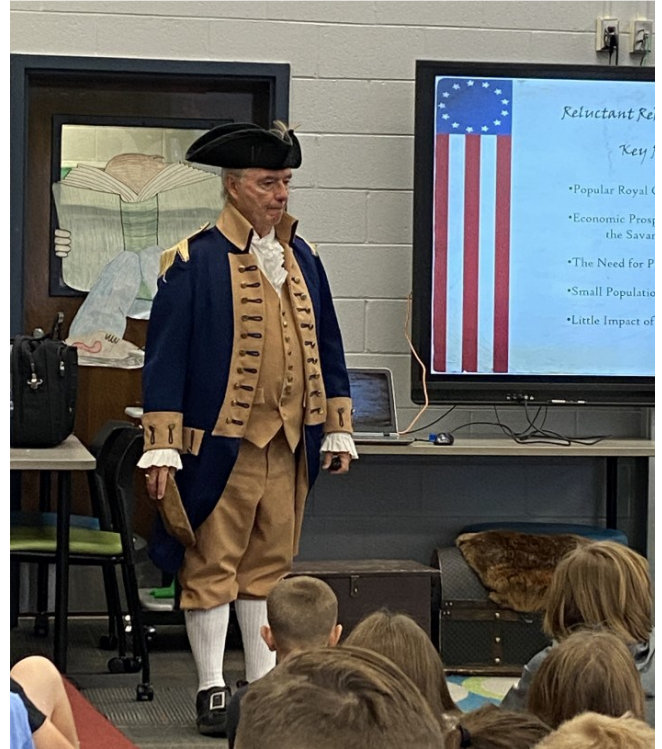
All happened under the watchful eyes of the SRO and Instructor.







Above: You can't ask for more than to be sworn in as a new member by the President General himself. Visiting Bruce Pickette inducted three new Compatriots. L to R: Gregory Alan Kileen, Johnathan Andrew Crumbley, and Adam Samuel Pethel.



Right: Whether you call it Patriot's Chest, or Traveling Trunk, I doubt anyone travels more with their chest than Carter Wood.

Right: Here Carter entertains and educates the students at Braelinn Elementary.



Below: How many presentations does it take to catch up with Carter???? You better start now and work overtime!

Year to Date	Presentations	Youth		Adults			
		Students	Other	DAR	SAR	Veterans	Other
January	8	444	18	27	0	28	0
February	11	609	40	39	0	40	32
March	20	621	68	59	15	48	32

Right: Lyman Hall was well represented at Kettle Creek.



After several postponements due to weather, Lyman Hall Chapter was finally able to connect with Winder First UMC Scouting, Sunbury Chapter, NSDAR and the Barrow County Fire Department to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, February 27, 2023.





The Robert Forsyth Militia (and Doctor) joined forces again with the Lyman Hall Militia to muster at the 18th Century market Faire and help educate the modern populus on the simply life of the 1700's.

Traveling Trunks, and medical practices were displayed and the men stood and talked all day as parents, home schoolers, and a couple of School bus loads of students came to the encampment.



## Mill Creek

Right: The Mill Creek Chapter, held its monthly meeting, at the Ole Times Country Buffet. President Randy Jones presided, with 14 in attendance including 7 guests. There were 2 prospective members in attendance, David L Rogers and Larry Hubbard. Also in attendance was the Wiregrass President Wilder Smith, Jr. and the Wiregrass Registrar Dess Smith III. Compatriot Hu Daughtry was our speaker for the evening. His presentation was "Crech Family of Candler Country."



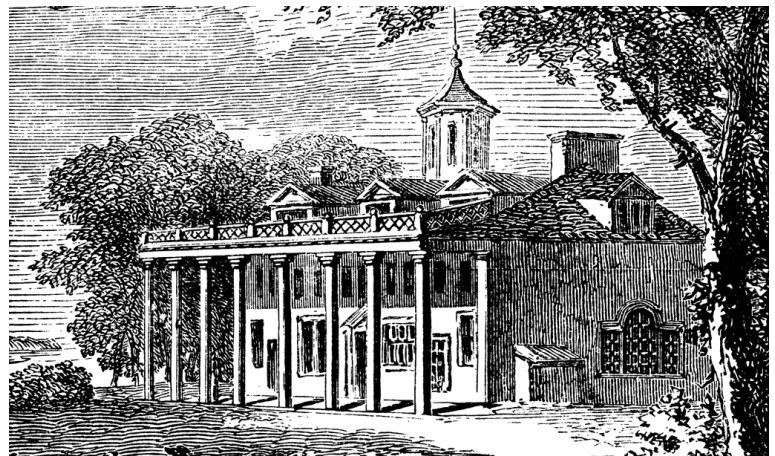
Right: Dual member Wilder Smith, Jr. Presented the Mill Creek Chapter President Randy Jones with 2 Flag Streamers, the "Distinguished Chapter Award 2022" and the President General Distinction Award 2022. Also presented to President Randy were the Wreath laying streamers for the Heroes of the Hornets Nest Elijah Clark State Park 2023 and the 244th Anniversary of the Battle at Kettle Creek. The program for the evening was presented by Mike Lisenby from Swainsboro. Mike spoke on the "Battle of Sullivan's Island" in June 1776 off the coast of South Carolina.



## Mount Vernon



Left: At the Annual Mount Vernon meeting, our Guest Speaker was 2017 SAR President General Larry Guzy. Compatriot Guzy spoke about his personal SAR journey from local chapter introduction through his National Office positions. He focused on two questions we all should ask... "Why Do We Do This?" and "What Is In It For Me?"



Below: 2022 Mt Vernon Chapter King Eagle Scout Award winner Donald J. Eberly was our chapter Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award and Scholarship Competition winner for the second year.



Below: The 2023 Chapter Officers inducted: (L-R) President David Wellons, VP John Galt, Secretary Warren McPhillips, Treasurer Bill Floyd, Genealogist Tom Chrisman, Registrar Tom Hewett PhD, Chaplain Gene Ray, Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald, and Chancellor Tom Pye. (Corresponding Secretary Tom Hughes will be sworn in at the March meeting.)



Left: Chapter Awards and Streamers were presented to Sergeant-at-Arms Ham McDonald.

Right: Hamilton with wife Judy.



Below Left: Jane and incoming President David Wellons (The Honorable Bob Sapp in the background)

Below Right: Richard McCrary awards Chuck Olson the Bronze Roger Sherman Award.



Below Left: Bill Floyd also received the Bronze Roger Sherman Award

Below Right: Incoming President David Wellons received the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.



Right: At the March meeting, Dr. Dave Noble spoke about the three Patriot expeditions to "Standing Peach Tree" (Now Atlanta) during the Revolutionary War. All were for the purpose of chasing invading Creek and Cherokee Indians from the Pendleton District of South Carolina and north-eastern Georgia. The expeditions were in 1776, 1778, and 1781. These were all volunteer heroes that drove the Indians away who had terrorized farmers and land owners in support of the British. The story is truly remarkable and not widely known by many.



Right: The SAR War Service Medal was awarded to Mount Vernon member Erik Callison Olson by VP John Galt, Col. US Army Retired. Chapter member Chuck Olson received the SAR's 4th highest ranking medal for his son who was unable to attend.

Sergeant Erik Callison Olson served in the United States Army from 2005 to 2016. He served as a Cavalry Scout for 12 years. His eight years of Active Duty included three tours in Iraq between 2005 and 2011 where he actively participated in the Iraq Campaign and the War on Terrorism. He was in the active Army Reserve from 2012 to 2016. Sergeant Olson was awarded the National Defense Medal; Global War on Terrorism Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with 5 Campaign Stars; Good Conduct Medal with an Oak leaf cluster; Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters; 2 Meritorious Unit Citations; a Valorous Unit Citation and The Purple Heart.



Left: Past National C.A.R. President and Mount Vernon Chapter member Kevin Baker and Chapter Member President David Wellons introduced special guest David Jimenez, National Historian for the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution). He was in attendance as a guest of Kevin Baker. He was accompanied by his mother, Catherine Jimenez.



## Ocmulgee



Above: A framed print of George Washington and John Houston in Savannah 1791 is presented to Houston County Commissioner Dan Perdue. John Houston, for whom Houston County is named, is prominently shown and identified to the left of Washington in the print. John Trussell had the honor of researching and planning the painting, created by Historical painter Jeff Trexler of Pennsylvania. The painting was presented as a part of the Publicity for the SAR National Congress that was held July 2022 in Savannah. The original painting now hangs in SAR National Headquarters in Louisville Ky.

The framing was done and donated by Glen Parker of Majestic Frames in Warner Robins. The donation to the county occurred on February 6 at the Count Commission meeting.

## Piedmont

Right: Always a proud moment to carry the National Colors, in a Continental Uniform. Craig Benton was given the honor at the dual grave marking in Augusta.





Piedmont Chapter Color Guard at The Cottage School in Roswell, GA, planting a Liberty Tree sponsored by Bob Sapp. (L-R) The Security Guard for Cottage School, John Wassell, George Thurmond, Craig Benton, Bob Sapp, Stacey McCarver, Ron Redner, and Rick Reese Jr.



## Robert Forsyth



Above Right: The year started off at top speed, as Pres. Gary Page and Pres. - Elect Emil Decker attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony for 3 new Eagles.

Above Left: Emil Decker discusses the evolution of weaponry at Apalachee High School, with J.C. Hustis and others pitched in to discuss other military aspects of the 18th century. One of the few classes where we were allowed to demonstrate musket firing.



Left: Then it was back home for the Robert Forsyth Annual Meeting, where Georgia Society President David Ludley presented the Program, a look at how art was presented in the 18th century. He then swore in the officers, and Past President Gary Page attached upgraded epaulettes to President Decker's Uniform.



Above: President David Ludley swore in the new and returning Robert Forsyth Officers. (L-R) Chris Russo, David Johnson, Tom Slaughter, Byron Tindall, Charles Meagher, and John Flikeid.



Upper Left: Elijah Clarke Militia at Heroes of the Hornets Nest, with Emil Decker holding down the left flank.

Upper Right: J.C. Hustis holds the Betsy Ross as Ed Rigel Jr. hoists her up the flagpole in Washington for the Beginning of the Kettle Creek Event.

Left: Clocked Chaplain Byron Tindall joins the Militia to salute Black Patriots in Washington.

Below Left: J.C. at the Gainesville, GA. Washington's Birthday Commemoration.

Below Right: Color Guard David Loudon caught in a great shot in position before the Washington Monument.



# Washington - Wilkes

Right: Chaplain Edward M. Anderson, Sr. from Atlanta Chapter, and his lovely wife.



Below: Kettle Creek Observance in the Recreation Center.



# William Few

Below: Compatriot Steve Burke was asked to present his Frontier, 1700's, program to the Westminster School in Augusta on Friday, January 20, 2023. Compatriot Bill Colbert has presented his program annually, but he was in the hospital and asked Steve to take his place. Steve presented his American Revolution Frontier program to June Moten's class consisting of 32 students. Steve talked about the difficulties of living in the 1700's and what it took to provide safety, food and shelter for their families.



## Wiregrass

Below Left: The Georgia Society held its annual Conference on January 27-28, 2023 in Duluth, GA.

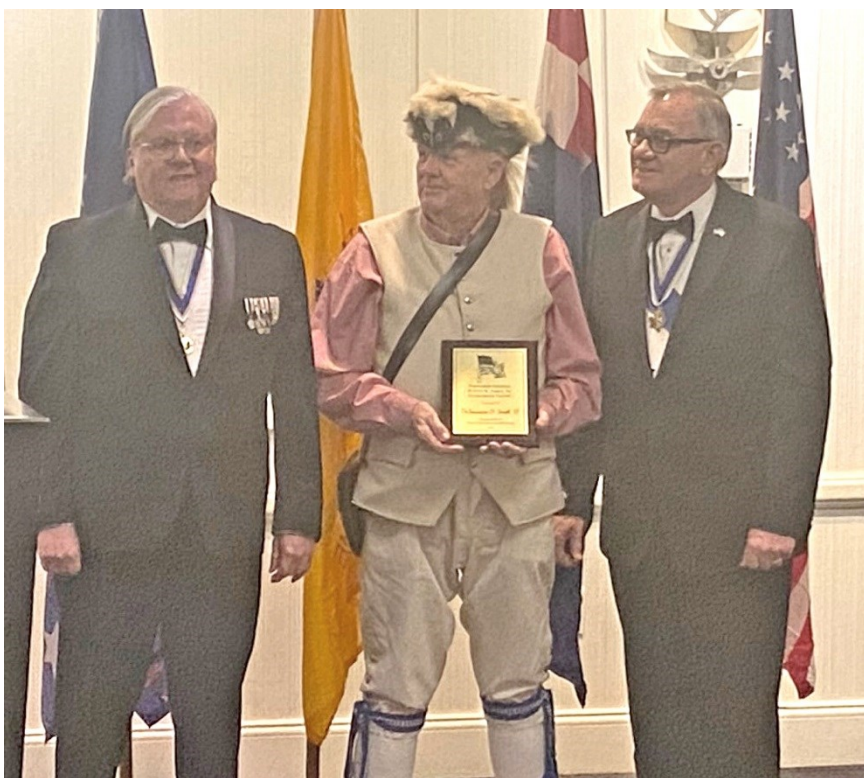
The Georgia Society re-established the PG Robert B. Vance, Sr., Membership Trophy in 2002, to honor President General Robert B. Vance, Sr. This trophy is awarded to a Compatriot of the Georgia Society who has shown total dedication in sponsoring new members for the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

The award is a Gold Bowl mounted on a wood pedestal with a miniature Minuteman on each corner, the Society logo, and inscribed with the following:

**President General Robert B. Vance, Sr.  
Membership Trophy  
Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**

It is presented annually at the Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon to the Georgia Society member in good standing who has the greatest number of first-line sponsorships of new members to the Georgia Society for the previous calendar year. The individual's name is inscribed on the base of the trophy.

Compatriot Smith, winner of the Robert Vance Award, sponsored 34 applicants during 2022 in the Georgia Society."



Below: Four members of the Wiregrass Chapter, (L-R) Dess Smith III, Alton Reynolds, Brier Creek Chapter member, Lee Herron, Wilder Smith, Jr. and Steve Burke, traveled to the Sonesta Gwinnett Place in Duluth, GA to attend the GASSAR Annual Conference.



Right and Below: The Wiregrass Chapter held its monthly January meeting with President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding. We had 23 in attendance, including 5 guests. The Georgia Society President David Ludley was in attendance to induct the Wiregrass Officers for 2023. They were President Wilder Smith, Jr., 2nd Vice President Alton Reynolds, Registrar Dess Smith III, Treasurer Jim Dekle, Chaplain Emory Fennell, Genealogist John Derden, and Historian Ruskin Powell. The program for the evening was presented by President David Ludley. His presentation and slide program were on "Art and Paintings of Colonial and Revolutionary Times".



Above: Two new members were installed. They were Junior member Chris Lamb and Bill Carmichael.



Left: President Wilder inducted our newest member into the Chapter, Compatriot Christian Henry Craig Bellamy, the son of Compatriot Louis Bellamy. The Feb. program was presented by President Wilder Smith, Jr., on the Battle at the Widow Moore's Bridge. The Battle at Moore's Creek Bridge was the catalyst for North Carolina colonies' independence. 12 additional colonies declared independence shortly thereafter. "King George and Broadsword's!" shouted loyalists as they charged across partially dismantled Moore's Creek bridge on February 27, 1776. Just beyond the bridge nearly a thousand North Carolina patriots waited quietly with cannons and muskets poised to fire. Stunned, outgunned and leaderless, the loyalists surrendered, retreating in confusion. This dramatic victory ended British authority in the colony."

# SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Liberty Tree Programs

The SAR has TWO great programs available for you to Commemorate our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through the planting of Liberty Trees. The **LEEP** program, developed and started here in Georgia, plants native trees to the area, similar to what the colonist would have gathered around in this local. Its program focuses on the value of the trees to the colonies, and is a perfect program to work with schools and environmental groups and parks. Permanent markers are placed with the tree. To find more info on this program: [https://america250sar.org/\\_static/d08b0304309d7113b528e0c70093a4c8/leep-manual-4-rev.pdf?dl=1](https://america250sar.org/_static/d08b0304309d7113b528e0c70093a4c8/leep-manual-4-rev.pdf?dl=1)



An America 250 SAR Program



## LIBERTY TREE

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Handbook and Activity Guide

*Custom  
Carved Stone  
Available*



*A program of the America 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
Cherokee Chapter Georgia Society, NSSAR*

Prepared by Kevin L. Karel and Stan Lewis

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The other program is the NEW National Sons of the American Revolution Program recently adopted:

**Partner with the DAR, C.A.R.**  
**250 Liberty Trees for the 250th**  
**Meets SAR 5-Year Historical Program Goals**  
*475 Counties in 40 States are named for a Patriot*  
*(64 Counties in Georgia named after a American*  
*Revolution Hero.)*

***Princeton American Elm Tree***

*Order directly through your  
local nursery (The Boston  
Liberty Tree was an American Elm)*

**For help ordering  
or for more  
information on  
The Liberty Tree  
Program**

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***NOTE: Please let us know when you have planted a Liberty Tree in your area.***

***We are keeping a total national count.***

Purchase Liberty Trees (6 ft Elm Trees)

From [www.FastGrowingTrees.com](http://www.FastGrowingTrees.com)

Princeton Elm Trees \$99 each  
with Free Shipping

*Add \$15 for 1 year Insurance*



Purchase Sign 9"x12" / Aluminum  
(.0.40)

from [www.buildasign.com](http://www.buildasign.com)

Full Color with UV Protection

\$30 each with Free Shipping



## THE LIBERTY TREE

**The NSSAR liberty tree goal is 250 elm tree by 2026.**

FYI: One way to Off Set the \$150 total cost of the Liberty Tree Program is to have a SAR member Sponsor a Liberty Tree and award them with a certificate.

The Piedmont Chapter has 20 members that have put up money to be a sponsor

In honor of the United States of America's 250th Anniversary in 2026, the Sons of the American Revolution planted this Elm Tree (Liberty Tree).

The Liberty Tree (1646–1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston near Boston Common, in the years before the American Revolution. In 1765, colonists in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British government at the tree. The tree became a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies.

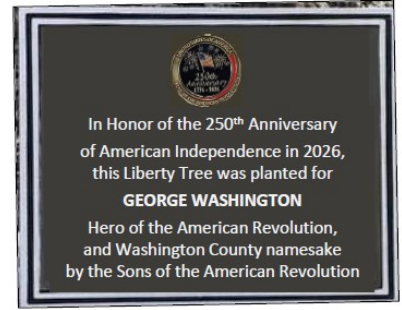




***Custom  
Aluminum Plaque***  
***Opportunity to honor your  
county/city namesake***  
***With a lasting symbol of the  
American Revolution***



**Tribute Plaque (All Sites)**



**Patriot Plaque (Site Specific)**

## **ENSURING THE LONG-TERM SUCCESS OF YOUR LIBERTY TREE**

***By John Trussell, Georgia SAR, Certified Tree Farmer***

Consider getting a tree from a local nursery in a 5-gallon tub. These can be purchased year-round while bare root trees ordered through the mail can only be shipped in the winter. Trees ordered through the mail are very small and can take 10 plus years to achieve notable size. These trees are also shipped bare root, which means the roots have been trimmed down for shipping, and it takes 2-3 years to recover. Chapters can buy the same type Princeton Elm tree from a local nursery and get a much larger tree for the same cost.

When planting, the hole should be twice the size of the tub to insure good root growth. A small sack of soil amendments can be mixed in if the soil is of poor quality. The tree should be planted at the same depth as it is in the tub.

Consider a protective wire cage around the tree that extends in a circle at least 18 inches from the tree's center. If suburban deer are a problem, the tree should be at least 6 feet tall. The wire cage will prevent deer from eating out the top of the tree or rubbing their antlers on the tree, both of which can kill it. The cage also protects the tree from line trimmers which will strip the bark off the tree and prevents dogs from "watering" the tree which can damage it.

Watering the tree for the first 1-3 years is required to get it off to a good start. The first year is critically important and the tree should be centered in a very shallow dirt bowl to hold water so that it can soak into the root area. Water just sprayed on the surface will just run off and not reach the root area effectively. Add 1-3 inches of mulch around the base of the tree to retain moisture. The tree should be watered at least every 30 days during the critical hot summer period for the first two years.

Only use Liquid Miracle Grow, not pellet type fertilizer, mixed in the proper ratio, one spoon per gallon of water. Only fertilize about every 60 days during the summer growing period. Once established, it's not necessary to fertilize.

## **THE LIBERTY TREE**

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***History of the Liberty Tree on Georgia SAR Plaque***

# C.A.R.

Children of the American Revolution

Georgia State President Hope Frederick brought greetings to the Georgia Society SAR State Conference. She was joined by National Historian David Jimenez, Georgia State 2VP Noah Tindall, and Georgia Senior State President Emily Tindall. During the the Youth Awards Banquet, Hope was presented with the Silver C.A.R. Appreciation Medal for her outstanding work in Georgia. Hope's State Project "Stars of Courage" supporting the children of military GOLD Star, SILVER Star, and WHITE Star families, has received significant response from Georgia SAR chapters.

Hope joined SAR President General Pickette, Georgia SAR President Ludley, and Georgia C.A.R. Liaison Moore in presenting the "C.A.R. Distinguished Liaison Award 2022" and the "C.A.R. Liaison 2022" Blue Streamer to the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter and the "C.A.R. Liaison 2022" Red Streamer to the Coweta Falls SAR and Piedmont SAR chapters.

Noah Tindall was presented with the National Patriot Grave Marking Medal by SAR President General Pickette and with the Silver Color Guard Medal by Georgia SAR Color Guard Commander Collins.





The C.A.R. was in fine form at the Kettle Creek Commemoration with many members in Colonial dress. They presented flags during the ceremony.





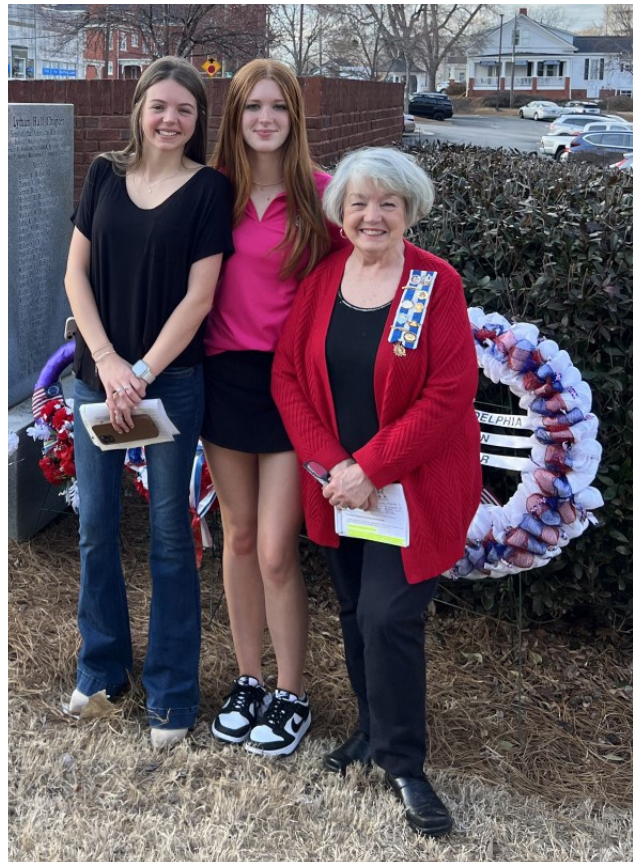
Dr. Ludley brought greetings to the C.A.R. 84th Georgia State Conference where SAR members joined C.A.R. members in celebrating 100 year of C.A.R. in Georgia. This was a great opportunity to recognize the Junior SAR members contributions to both SAR and C.A.R.

Georgia C.A.R. State 2VP and Button Gwinnett Junior SAR member Noah Tindall was offered the unique opportunity of serving as Page for Georgia State Senator Clint Dixon. Serving at the Georgia Capitol is a great way to spread the impact of C.A.R./SAR relationship in growing future leaders. (Picture: Noah serving as Page with Senator Clint Dixon and Senator John Kennedy.)





Gainesville, GA - Washington's Birthday Memorial brought out many people, but none so fashionable as our C.A.R. members.



Above: Kennedy Smallwood, C.A.R. President Lily Smallwood, C.A.R. Senior President Kathy Haynes



Right: You can count on Leslie Watkins to make any SAR member look good! J.C. Hustis from Robert Forsyth poses with Leslie at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Commemoration.





The ladies of the DAR turned out in force for the Kettle Creek Commemoration Service.



You just can't beat the combined forces of the SAR, DAR, & C.A.R.



Left: Helen Powell addresses the assembled at the Kettle Creek Commemoration service in the Recreation Center in Washington, GA.

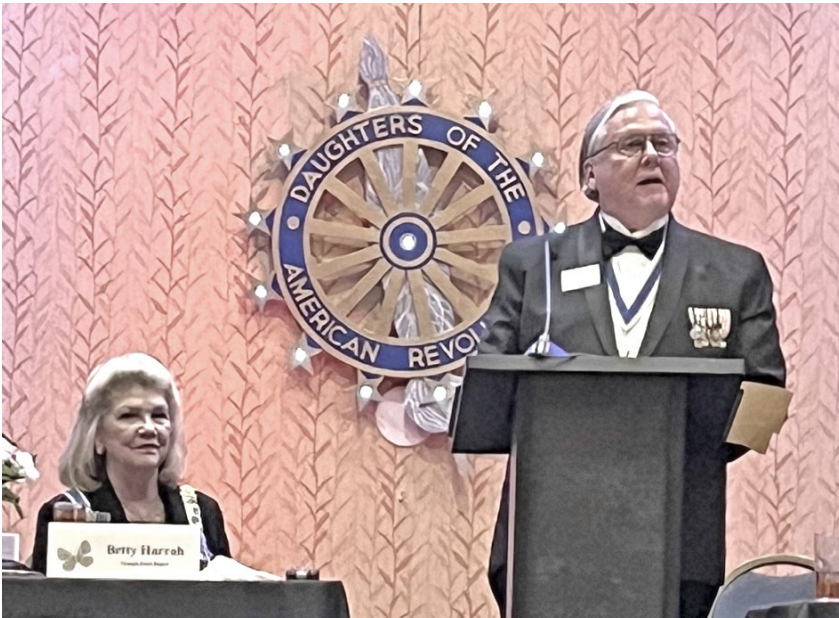
Below: Helen is joined by other DAR members in Gainesville, GA at the Lyman Hall Washington's Birthday Event.



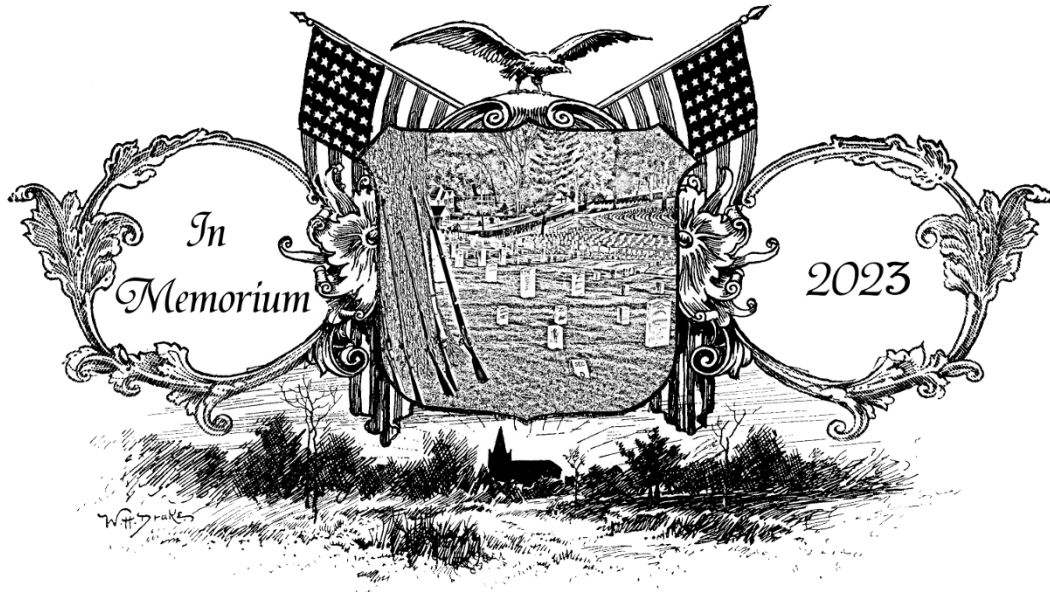
Kathie (Mother) and Betsy (Sister) Vancura, members of Kennesaw Mountain Chapter came to Gainesville, GA to honor and remember both presidents, George and Joe.



Above: Penny Walker, Evie Whitfield, Terry Hughes

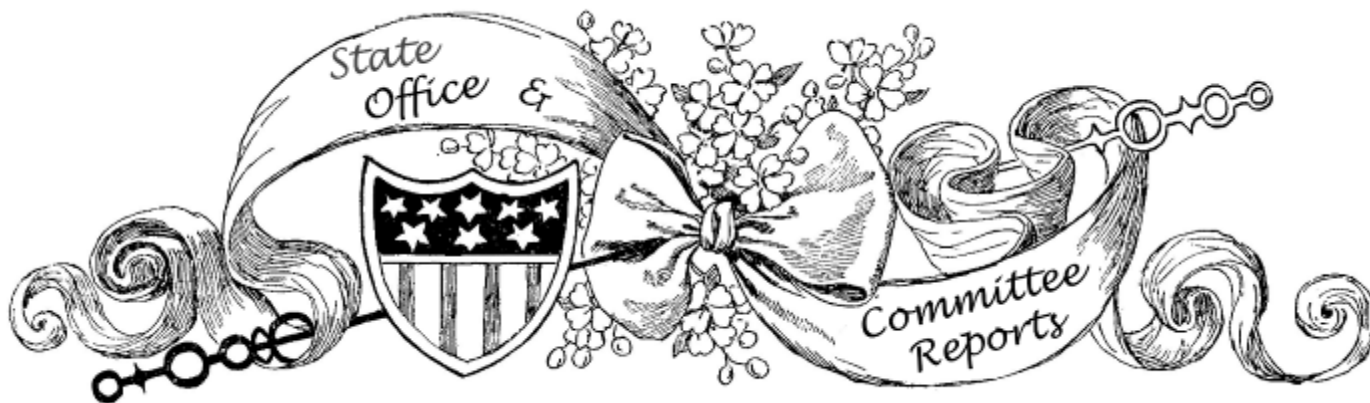


Left: David Ludley, Georgia SAR President, brings greetings to the DAR State Conference in Atlanta, March 25.



Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Robert Edward TRACY	66442	Piedmont	06 Jan 2023
Douglas Dryer TAYLOR,	222942	Marshes of Glynn	25 Jan 2023
Steven Dwight BERG,	216376	Marshes of Glynn	28 Jan 2023
Henry Manning DREYER, III	158898	Casimir Pulaski	05 Feb 2023
John Wesley Morrow, III	210999	Blue Ridge Mtns	19 Feb 2023
Charles Dewey STONE,	180148	William Few	03 Mar 2023
Max Edgar WHITE	136397	Jos. Habersham	03 Mar 2023
Walter Edwin SCOTT,	203332	Brier Creek	09 Mar 2023
Roderic Russ DUGGER,	222295	Blue Ridge Mtns	15 Mar 2023





**Secretary - Gary Smith**



This is the NSSAR data collected from 1 January to 31 March 2023.

<b>GASSAR Compatriots as of:</b>	1-Jan-23	<b>1921</b>
Additions as of:	31-Mar-23	
New Members		37
Reinstatements		9
Transfer ins		1
Reinstatement-Transfers		1
Total gains as of:	31-Mar-23	<b>48</b>
Losses as of:	31-Mar-23	
Transfer outs		1
Deceased		10
Dropped		0
Resignation		0
Total lost as of:	31-Mar-23	11
Active Membership as of:	31-Mar-23	<b>1958</b>
<b>Year to date Membership change</b>	31-Mar-23	<b>37</b>

Annual reconciliation is complete.

*New Members*



**Georgia Society New Members Since Saturday, December 31, 2022**

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens			
31 Dec 2022	Steven Joe WANG	John COBB	Kenneth Scott COLLINS
31 Dec 2022	John Arthur RYDER	John ANDREW	Kenneth Scott COLLINS
31 Dec 2022	John Caldwell WATERS	Matthew MOORE	Kenneth Scott COLLINS
31 Dec 2022	George Grant TRIBBLE	John PHILLIPS	Kenneth Scott COLLINS
31 Dec 2022	Gavin Malek TOMPKINS	Stephen TOMPKINS	Larry Neil HENDERSON
31 Dec 2022	Jacob Steven WANG	John COBB	Kenneth Scott COLLINS

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
<b>Atlanta</b>			
27 Jan 2023	Mathew Avary PINSON	Alexander MCALLISTER	Joseph Harrell BLACKMON
27 Jan 2023	David Price ALLEM	Jacob ALDERFER	Joseph Harrell BLACKMON
27 Jan 2023	John Francis ROZZO	Francis BAKER	Joseph Harrell BLACKMON
10 Feb 2023	Travis Lee STEINMETZ	Robert GALBRAITH	Joseph Harrell BLACKMON
17 Feb 2023	Michael Lawrence WILSON	David LAWRENCE	Gregory Eugene SMITH
24 Mar 2023	Theodore Earl CHAPPELL	Robert CHAPPELL	Joseph Harrell BLACKMON
<b>Blue Ridge Mtns</b>			
24 Mar 2023	Stephen Edward HILL	Adam COOPER	Jack Powell DUGGER
24 Mar 2023	Johnathan Edward HILL	Adam COOPER	Jack Powell DUGGER
<b>Brier Creek</b>			
24 Mar 2023	Levi Raydan HUGHES	Hezekiah HOWARD	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>			
31 Dec 2022	Daniel James Douglas FORD	Loyd FORD	Harold Douglas FORD
31 Dec 2022	Benjamin Jordan FORLAW	William JORDAN	Harold Douglas FORD
13 Jan 2023	Jaryd Patrick GREEN	John CORN	Harold Douglas FORD
20 Jan 2023	Donald Arthur SCHMIDT	Robert HEATH	Harold Douglas FORD
10 Feb 2023	Ronald David SIKES, JR	Francis FONTAINE	Harold Douglas FORD
10 Feb 2023	Karl Dwight FITCH	David FITCH	Harold Douglas FORD
<b>Casimir Pulaski</b>			
24 Feb 2023	Ben Lane MOON	Gideon MOON	Jimmy Glynn SWINSON
17 Mar 2023	John Richard WAGNER	George BELL	Jimmy Glynn SWINSON
17 Mar 2023	Clifford Willett POTTER	Daniel MCARTHUR	George Herman WHEELLESS, II
<b>Dalton</b>			
17 Mar 2023	Robert Joseph WICKER	Thomas WICKER	John Wesley BRINSFIELD
<b>Four Rivers Patriots</b>			
23 Feb 2023	Joel Donald KEENER	John KEENER	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III
24 Mar 2023	James Michael GRIFFIN	Stephen CRUMMEY	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III
<b>Joel Early</b>			
31 Dec 2022	Charles Peyton REGISTER	Benjamin REGISTER	David Neal SPOONER
13 Jan 2023	Karl Peace PEACE	John PEACE	Lynwood Edon SHEFFIELD
<b>Little River</b>			
24 Feb 2023	Michael John BRIGHAM	John BRIGHAM	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
<b>Lyman Hall</b>			
20 Jan 2023	James Spencer MELLOR	James COX	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
23 Feb 2023	James Edward DANIEL Jr	John WATSON	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
23 Feb 2023	James Edward DANIEL Sr	John WATSON	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
04 Mar 2023	James Coleman WATSON III	Plikar SILER	Carter J. WOOD
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>			
24 Mar 2023	Joshua Hayman WELLS	Richard WELLS	John Britton WELLS, III
24 Mar 2023	Nathanael Charles YAEGER	Lyttleton JOHNSTON	David George JESSEL
24 Mar 2023	Phineas Clarke YAEGER	Lyttleton JOHNSTON	David George JESSEL
24 Mar 2023	Jackson Therman GILES IV	Lyttleton JOHNSTON	David George JESSEL

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>			
31 Dec 2022	John Gregory MILLER	Silas WEEKS	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
31 Dec 2022	Jacob Clark MILLER	Silas WEEKS	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
<b>Piedmont</b>			
31 Dec 2022	Ryan Mackenzie PROCTOR	Samuel MILLS	George Edward THURMOND
31 Dec 2022	Jeffrey Glen PROCTOR	Samuel MILLS	George Edward THURMOND
<b>Robert Forsyth</b>			
02 Feb 2023	Harold Clinton BARFIELD	Soloman BAREFIELD	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
17 Mar 2023	Gregory Alan BORON	Soloman BAREFIELD	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
17 Mar 2023	Carter Haves KAPLAN	Soloman BAREFIELD	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
17 Mar 2023	Harold Andrew BARFIELD	Soloman BAREFIELD	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
17 Mar 2023	Bruce Alan BARFIELD	Soloman BAREFIELD	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
17 Mar 2023	Walter Michael BARFIELD	Soloman BAREFIELD	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
<b>Washington-Wilkes</b>			
24 Feb 2023	Ward Stephen SULLIVAN	Elijah PUGH	Thomas Milne OWEN

**Total: 49**



**Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley**

The Public Service and Heroism Committee (PS&H) recognizes and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community and for heroic acts with a commendation and medal. Medals are purchased by the chapters from the SAR merchandise department. States, chapters, and commendation recipients are recognized in a booklet published and distributed at the National Congress each July. Our goal is for each of our 35 chapters to award at least one of the five PS&H medals to a deserving recipient. Please let me know how I can help.

Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
					
<b>Coweta Falls</b>	<b>Jane Edenfield</b>				



### Senior Vice President - Ed Rigel Jr.

It is an honor to be asked to serve the Georgia Society as your Senior Vice-President. The duties of the SVP as outlined in the Source Book are: to represent the office of the President in his absence; to preside over and offer leadership to the Regional Vice - Presidents; serve as a member of the Medals & Awards Committee; coordinate the activities of the Regional Vice-Presidents and assist the President in ensuring the success of the State Society's planned activities; and create and maintain the short- and long-term goals of the State Society.

I'm happy to say that I have fulfilled some of these duties, and I recognize that there is room for improvement in others. As part of the goal of celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, I am working with the members of Piedmont Chapter to help promote their Liberty Tree program, which was recently presented to the History 250 Committee at Spring Leadership. This gives the Georgia Society two Liberty Tree programs, as the Cherokee Chapter has already been very successful with their Liberty Tree Environmental Education program. In addition, the History 250 Committee has endorsed the Park Bench program developed by John Trussell of the Ocmulgee Chapter. I have also represented President Ludley at both State and Chapter events.

Supporting the Regional Vice-Presidents in their duties will be the focus of the next quarter. I believe our RVPs are an underutilized resource as they often have a depth of knowledge of the Chapters in their area that the rest of us may overlook or not consider. I would like to revise the RVP report that we might tap into that base to help grow our membership and support our objectives.

The Society's short - and long - term goals are another topic for consideration. The two America 250 programs outlined above are a good place to start. Holding those events with uniformed Color Guard and Militia helps bring visibility to our organization. I would encourage our Chapters to review the National America 250 websites for information on how those and other events can be executed at the local level.

I would like to thank Historic Sites & Celebrations Chair Bill Dobbs for the outstanding work he did in arranging everything around Revolutionary Days and the Battle of Kettle Creek ceremony. Chairman Dobbs was involved in every aspect of the weekend - if it happened, Bill had a hand in it. Nothing was too big or too small for him to take on, even going so far as to help direct traffic on Saturday afternoon. Whoever takes over for Bill has some large shoes to fill, and I look forward to working with whoever steps up to accept that challenge.

### Georgia Registrar South - Steven Hinson



First quarter report for the Registrar South from January 01, 2023 – March 31, 2023. I have not received any applications during this period. I did receive applications after this date that will be reported during the Second Quarter.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Registrar-South again. From the GA Society Website, I show these chapters are in the Southern District.

Altamaha	Brier Creek
Edward Telfair	Fall Line
Four Rivers	George Walton
Joel Early	John Milledge
Little River	Marshes of Glynn
Mill Creek	Ocmulgee
Patrick Carr Rangers	Valdosta
Washington-Wilkes	William Few
Wiregrass	

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Respectfully yours,



Michael J. Elston  
Chancellor General

**Graves - Don McCarty**



On March 25, 2023 at 1:30PM, the Col. William Few Chapter SAR sponsored and executed the Grave Markings for two (2) Revolutionary War Patriots. Patriot William Glascock, Patriot ID: P-166835, and Patriot Lt. Thomas Glascock, Sr. were honored at the historic Magnolia Cemetery, located at 702 3rd Street, Augusta, Richmond County, GA 30901. GPS: 33.464371 -81.957169 NO GRAVE REGISTRY FORM 10.10F HAS BEEN SUBMITTED, YET. THIS IS A GASSAR SOURCE BOOK #10, CHAPTER REPORTS – 10.10F REQUIREMENT.

**Georgia Registrar North - Dennis McIntire**



Georgia State Registrar - North 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>	<u>Junior</u>
Athens	1		
Atlanta	1		
Blue Ridge Mountains	2		
Button Gwinnett	5	2	
Capt. John Collins	4	1	
Cherokee	2	2	
Coweta Falls	3		1
Dalton	1		
George Walton	1		
Joseph Habersham	1	1	
Mt. Vernon	1		
Piedmont		3	2
Robert Forsyth	1	1	1
Totals	23	10	4

Total applications this quarter – 37

Applications with DAR recommendations – 2



## Medals - Wayne Brown

During the Annual Conference held on January 27th & 28th, the Medals and Awards Committee worked with State Officers and Committee Chairman to process 173 awards for our members, chapters, contest winners and the ladies who provide much support to the Georgia Society. This Committee considered it a privilege to have processed these awards and to have participate in recognizing those who have given of their resources and worked tirelessly to make the Georgia SAR the great Society it is today.

Some have inquired as to the latest Order of Medal Precedence.

Rank	Medal	Notes	Awarded By	Approved By	Presented By	Purchased By
1.	SAR Badge <i>[unless on neck ribbon]</i>		NSSAR	4	19	19 or 21
2.	Minuteman Award <i>[unless on neck ribbon]</i>	‡	NSSAR	5	2	1
3.	Good Citizenship Medal (Gold)	‡	NSSAR	3 and 6	2, 16, or 18	1, 16, or 18
4.	War Service Medal <u>or</u> Military Service Medal	§	All	10, 16, or 18	2, 16, or 18	1, 15, 17, 19, or 21
		§	All	10, 16, or 18	2, 16, or 18	1, 15, 17, 19, or 21
5.	Medal of Distinguished Service (Gold)		NSSAR	2	2	1
6.	Meritorious Service Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	1	2	1
7.	Roger Sherman Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	2	2	1
8.	Florence Kendall Medal	§	NSSAR	4	2	1
9.	Color Guard Medal (Gold)		NSSAR	11	1 or 2	1
10.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	3	2	1
11.	William C. Westmoreland Award Medal	‡	NSSAR	9	9	1
12.	Outstanding Young Member Medal (Gold)		NSSAR	3 and 13	2	13
13.	Von Steuben Medal	‡	NSSAR	24 and 25 or 26	2 or 24**	17 or 21
14.	Liberty Medal (Gold) <u>or</u> Liberty Medal (Silver) <u>or</u> Liberty Medal (Bronze)	§	NSSAR	4	18	1
		§	NSSAR	4	18	1
		§	NSSAR	4	18	1
15.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver)	§	NSSAR	1	22	1
16.	Color Guard Medal (Silver)	‡	NSSAR	24 and 25 or 26	2 or 24**	17 or 21
17.	Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal	§	NSSAR	4	18	1
18.	Patriot Grave Marking Medal	‡ §	NSSAR	12 and 17	2, 16, or 18	17 or 21
19.	Compatriot Grave Marking Medal	‡ §	NSSAR	12 and 17	2, 16, or 18	17 or 21
20.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze)	§	NSSAR	1	22	1
21.	Council of State Presidents Medal (Gold)		NSSAR	1	1 or 2	1
22.	Council of State Presidents Medal (Silver)		NSSAR	1	21	21
23.	250th Anniversary Award (Gold)	‡	NSSAR	14	2, 16, 18, or 20	1, 15, 17, or 19
24.	250th Anniversary Award (Silver)	‡	NSSAR	14	2, 16, 18, or 20	1, 15, 17, or 19
25.	250th Anniversary Award (Bronze)	‡	NSSAR	14	2, 16, 18, or 20	1, 15, 17, or 19
26.	Meritorious Service Medal (Silver)		District	15	16	15
27.	Roger Sherman Medal (Silver)	§	District	15	16	15
28.	Patriot Medal	‡	Society	17	18	17
29.	Medal of Distinguished Service (Silver)		Society	17	18	17
30.	Meritorious Service Medal (Silver)		Society	17	18	17
31.	Roger Sherman Medal (Silver)	§	Society	17	18	17
32.	Good Citizenship Medal (Silver)		Society	17	18	17
33.	Outstanding Young Member Medal (Silver)		Society	17	18	17
34.	Service to Veterans Medal	‡ §	Society	17	18	17
35.	Color Guard Medal (Bronze)		Society	26	18 or 20	17 or 21
36.	Youth Education Medal	§	Society	17	17	17
37.	Medal of Distinguished Service (Bronze)		Chapter	19	20	19
38.	Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze)		Chapter	19	20	19
39.	Roger Sherman Medal (Bronze)	§	Chapter	19	20	19
40.	Good Citizenship Medal (Bronze)	§	Chapter	19	20	19
41.	Outstanding Young Member Medal (Bronze)		Chapter	19	29	19

### Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.



Here are two tools that you should find to be useful regarding Revolutionary War events and people, as well as SAR Education Outreach topics. Feel free to share this message and information with other interested individuals

By scanning the QR code for the YouTube Channel on the image below you will be able to access an SAR Podcast series known as "Revolutionary War Rarities" or:

<https://www.youtube.com/@revolutionarywarrarities790/featured>



**YOUTUBE**



**FACEBOOK GROUP**

Also, I want to make you aware of the NSSAR Outreach App to give you access to the topics shown below:

Apple Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sar-education/id6445937858?uo=4>

Google Store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app.sareducationoutreach>





The judging for the Georgia Society Chapter entries for both the Middle School Brochure Contest and the Elementary School Poster Contest will take place in-person at the Spring BOM meeting in Barnesville on April 29, 2023.

### Each Chapter planning to enter a Brochure or a Poster

To be considered for the GASSAR statewide competition, Chapters must bring their entry to Barnesville by 9:30 AM, prior to the 10 AM start of the Board of Managers meeting in order to be considered for judging. Please let me know if your chapter will have a Poster or a Brochure to be judged.



### Flag Respect - Gary Smith

#### 2023 First Quarter

0 Chapters issued Flag Display Certificates.

0 Chapters and the Georgia Society reported they issued Flag Retirement Certificates.

A report was filed and received by the NSSAR Flag Respect Chairman noting the 2022 efforts that earned the Georgia Society the NASSAR Admiral William R. Furlong Award of the red, white and blue Furlong Streamer.

#### Plans for 2023 2nd Quarter

Chapters are encouraged to obtain and present flag display and retirement certificates that can be purchased for \$4.00 through the SAR Merchandise Department at (502) 589-1779 and on web at: <https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=flag%20certificate>

1 Chapter has reported a Flag Display Certificate presentation with 17 more needed to meet the Admiral Furlong Award 50% requirement. We encourage 18+ Chapters to report a Flag Retirement Certificate presentation to earn U. S. Flag Retirement Award.

### Veterans - Gary Hoyt



Attached is a summary of 2022 Stark activities compiled by NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner and presented at the Spring Planning Conference. Having doubled its Stark points total in a single year, the GASSAR is highly ranked in several categories. Many thanks to the participating individuals and chapters for the dedication and hard work that made this possible.

#### USS Stark Memorial Award

Chapters 10-49 members: Highlanders Chapter (OH)

Chapters 50-99 members: New Bern Chapter (NC)

Chapters 100-199 members: Brevard Chapter (FL)

Chapters 200+ members: Central Iowa Chapter (IA)

State Societies 1-1000 members: Iowa Society

State Societies 1000+ members: Georgia Society

The results of the new State Veterans Service Award were presented. 16 States (including the Germany Society) won the award. Georgia was one of them.

An analysis of the USS Stark Memorial Award reports was also presented. For the 2021 contest year there were 159 chapter reports submitted while for the 2022 contest year there were 214 chapter reports submitted. The number of state societies reporting for 2021 was sixteen (16) while for 2022 there were twenty-one (21) state societies reporting. This is a net increase of five (5) societies. By comparison, the individual chapters reporting represents twenty-five (25) different state societies.

#### The breakdown by state of chapters reporting individually is as follows: (Top 5)

North Carolina Society – 27 (96.4% of North Carolina Society chapters)

Virginia Society – 23 (79.3% of Virginia Society chapters)

Texas Society – 22 (45.8% of Texas Society chapters)

Georgia Society – 20 (57.1% of Georgia Society chapters)

Florida Society – 18 (52.9% of Florida Society chapters)

A goal of the Veterans Committee was to receive USS Stark Memorial Reports from 35% of the chapters for 2022; reports were received from 36.7% of the chapters. The Chairman attributed the achievement of this goal to the Veterans Committee members and State Veterans Chairmen encouraging the submission of the report within their respective societies. It was further commented by the chairman that since 2018 the submission of the USS Stark Memorial Award reports has been on a consistent upward trend and that the Veterans Committee should endeavor to maintain this trend. It was opined that in the near future half of the SAR chapter could be submitting reports.

### America 250 - Ed Rigel Jr.



In 2021, newly elected SAR President General Davis Wright stated that his mission was to “celebrate and commemorate the entirety of the American Revolutionary period from the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 to the 250th anniversary of British Army’s departure from New York City in 2033.” To support the President General’s mission, Past Georgia Society President Joe Vancura created the GASSAR America 250 Committee, which he tasked with serving as the liaison between the National America 250 Committee and the State/Chapters. The Committee seeks to support the President General, the National America 250 Committee, and the Georgia Society through our stated goals, above.

The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter conducted a Liberty Tree planting on March 13, 2023, at the Ethnobotanic Gardens of the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center in Blairsville. A second planting is planned for Mayors Park in Towns County. Both plantings are co-sponsored by the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter DAR and serve as a model of SAR-DAR cooperation in the promotion of the America 250 goals.

The Piedmont Chapter is also conducting a Liberty Tree planting program under the direction of Ron Redner. Compatriot Redner recently presented his program to the History Committee at Spring Leadership in Louisville, KY, and will be speaking at the upcoming Board of Managers meeting.

The SAR Park Bench Program, developed by John Trussell, is also being promoted by the History Committee as part of the objective to partners with other heritage/preservation groups to post 250th Anniversary markers in towns through 2033.

SAR Members who have participated in recognized America 250 events are encouraged to submit their applications for the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medals to the Chairman at the email above. The Bronze Medal may be approved by the Chapter or State, and the Silver is approved by the State. The Gold Medal is approved by the National Committee after submission to the State Chairman. The reporting form is available at <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf>

Members of the Georgia Society have earned the following America 250 Medals:

Craig Benton (Piedmont): Bronze, Silver

Scott Collins (Athens): Bronze, Silver, Gold

JC Hustis (Robert Forsyth): Bronze, Silver

Ed Rigel, Jr. (Robert Forsyth): Bronze, Silver

PG J. Michael Tomme, Sr. (Marquis de Lafayette): Bronze

### Library - Hugh Rodgers



The Georgia Society had a total of 68 Friends of the Library during the first quarter. Georgia keeps its leading position with FOL memberships in the National Society. The efforts of Georgia Society officers and chapter presidents and compatriots have made this record possible. Thanks also to the Georgia Society’s 12 Life Members for their solid base of support.

Congratulations to the following Chapters for maintaining membership at this level: Athens, Coweta Falls, Edward Telfair, Ocmulgee, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta, and Wiregrass. More of our chapters should join FOL. The annual dues of \$25 should be raised with little difficulty from a chapter’s compatriots and would certainly enhance our state’s status in the national ranking.

Please keep in mind that FOL membership is renewable annually on the anniversary date of membership - for both individuals and chapters. Simply send your renewal check for \$25 to NSSAR, 809 West Main St., Louisville, KY 40202. On the memo line write FOL, include your national number, chapter name and indicate Georgia Society. Thanks again to all for your strong support of this vital activity.

### Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett



#### **2023 Activity:**

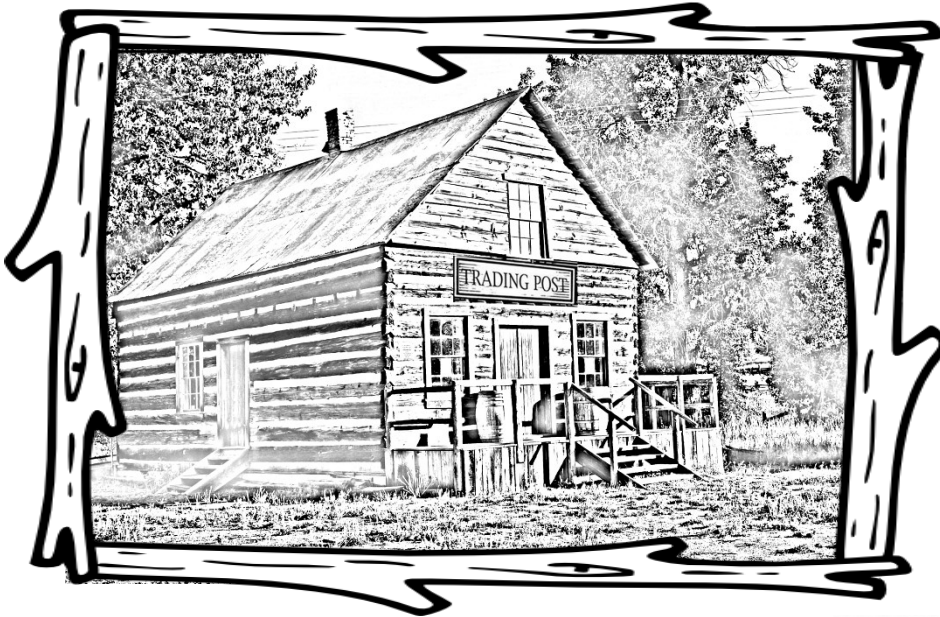
Several chapters including the Athens Chapter, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter and the Ocmulgee Chapter have been working with participants for the state oration contest. If your chapter has a participant and was not listed please let me know as soon as possible. Entry packets and a written copy of the oration are due to me by April 10 at: [garnett31016@bellsouth.net](mailto:garnett31016@bellsouth.net). Our state contest will be held after the BOM meeting and lunch on April 29 at Pam’s Garden Patch in Barnesville, Ga. I encourage all members to stay and watch the contest, the abilities and skills of these young adults is truly amazing. We need volunteers to assist with the contest: 3 judges, a time keeper and a prompter - please let me know if you can assist (volunteers must be from a chapter that does not have an orations participant).

## Editor - Emil Decker



The Chancellor General has put out a **STRONG** admonition about using images from the Internet, as not all items are free. I am working to ensure that we have the rights to all images we use in The Hornet's Nest.

I have started a new section. It is a Trading Post for members to post items to buy, sell, trade, give away, etc. **FREE FREE FREE!!!** To members of the Sons of the American Revolution, DAR and C.A.R. as well. I retain the right to restrict ads for appropriateness. Ads will run for one issue (quarter) and can be renewed if asked. Photos and **GOOD** descriptions and contact info helps. Remember the frequency of the newsletter posting is every 3 months.....



## **The Trading Post**

This section is for members to post items wanted, or for sale or trade. Items should be related to SAR: uniforms, muskets, accessories, etc. and fairly represented in description. Photos accepted. Items will run for one issue unless a request is made to repeat the item. Please provide enough contact info for those interested in responding. The Editor is not responsible for the listings, and is not an avenue for communications between the parties. The editor reserves the right to reject any ad deemed unworthy of this publication.

We have a member of the Wiregrass Chapter that would like to purchase a flintlock rifle, 50 cal. Pennsylvania/Kentucky. He will travel to pick it up. If you know anyone who wants to sell their rifle, please contact me. DESS Smith III, 478-299-1039  
[saussure@bellsouth.net](mailto:saussure@bellsouth.net)

I am also interested in acquiring a Pennsylvania / Kentucky 50 cal. Flintlock rifle should there be more than one that becomes available for purchase.  
William Edelen  
678.485.4564  
[bsedelen@juno.com](mailto:bsedelen@juno.com)

Poorly fitting uniform? Still serviceable? Getting a new look? Move your good used items through the Trading Post.

Craftsmen. Do you have a talent others might value? And too much stock on hand? Come to the trading Post. We may be able to help.

Chapters looking to expand or start a Patriots Chest/Traveling Trunk. **Post your needs here.** Someone may have multiple items or can get you connected to the proper source.

