



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

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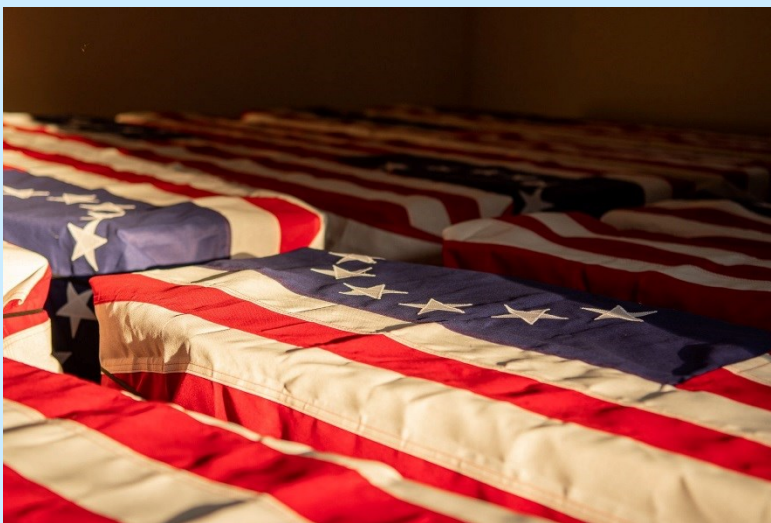
The President's Dispatch



Since March 20, 2023, the Georgia Society has grown from 1945 members to 2,021 members! That's the "Spirit of 76" new members! Got a nice ring to it! As in every quarter, as GASSAR President I spent a LOT of time organizing , adding cover letters, and signing the many new SAR Membership Packets,

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Camden Reinterment



Photographs from Archeological digging and preparations courtesy of Sarah Nell Blackwell and South Carolina Battleground Trust. <https://www.scbattlegroundtrust.org/>

The Battle of Camden, fought on a hot summer day in 1780, was a major defeat for the Continental Army. Camden, the oldest and largest town in the Carolina backcountry, was strategic to both the British Army and the Patriots. Following a number of strategic errors before and during the Battle of Camden by Major General Horatio Gates, the Patriot army was soundly defeated. 3,700 Patriots and 2,230 British and American Loyalists faced off on this killing field.

Archeologists excavated the skeletal remains of 14 individuals in fall of 2022 at the Camden Battlefield Site. It's highly unusual to exhume human remains from a historic battlefield, and even more unusual to find this many in one place. The project began as an effort to remove artifacts and prepare a portion of the historic battlefield for public access but became something else when the bones were discovered. Some of the soldiers' remains were first discovered during the past few years by looters searching for artifacts. Some remains discovered during the eight-week search were found in shallow

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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.

Thirteen of the dead appear to have been quickly buried, before the wild hogs could get to them. The soldiers, men of the 1st and 2nd Maryland Brigades, the Delaware Continental Army, Armand's Legion, and the Virginia and North Carolina militias, died miserable deaths. Their bones a reminder of war's violence. The bones will be returned to their original resting places, enclosed by pine caskets made in an 18th century style and protected by vaulted graves.

Forensic anthropologists have crafted limited biological profiles for some of the troops. At least five of the Continentals were determined to have been teenagers, 14 – 16, while the oldest soldier is estimated to have died when he was between 40 and 50 years old. Some possess clear evidence of battle injuries from musket balls and buck shot.

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A team of biological anthropologists from the University of South Carolina and the Richland County coroner's office along with archaeologists from South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology and the state Department of Natural Resources unearthed the skeletal remains.



Wooden Coffins, handcrafted in an eighteenth-century design, with hand forged nails, is one of many important details made possible by volunteers and staff working on the Camden Burials project. Fortunately, both a woodworker, Philip Hultgren and a self-taught blacksmith, Dr. Jack Hurley, living in Camden agreed to offer their talents in memorializing these soldiers.



A pewter button from a soldier's uniform.



Dr. William Stevens, Dr. Madeline Atwell, and Rachel Baker are forensic anthropologists at the Richland County Coroner's office who have contributed their extensive knowledge on bones to the Camden Burials project.



Dr. Stephens and Rachael Baker expose a skull. Careful removal of the soil is important, time sensitive work. All artifacts locations must be carefully measured and photographed before removal is possible.

One of the 14 dead found here appears to have been a Native American who possibly was part of the North Carolina Royal Volunteers, a Loyalist militia unit. The loyalist has Native American ancestry that's determined by the incisors that he had in his teeth. This particular group of Loyalists from North Carolina came out of the area where the Lumbee Tribe was pretty prevalent, so it might be he was a Lumbee Indian. His remains are now in the hands of Native Americans, who will handle his reinterment.

The corpse of a British fighter was set deeper in the soil and formally laid out, perhaps by friends who took extra care. The Scottish Highlander, from the British 71st Regiment of Foot, Fraser's Highlanders, is the only soldier carefully laid to rest, face up with his arms crossed. Others were found face down or overlaying each other. Based on the historical record, the Highlander's identity has already been narrowed to three potential candidates, Bostick said, but it will only be confirmed when a DNA analysis is complete.





Photographs from Reinternment Ceremony courtesy of Martin L. Cahn, originally published in the Chronicle-Independent, April 25, 2023. Used by permission."





Above: Six members of the 2nd Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland honored bearing the casket containing the remains of a Fraser Highlander. If the Highlander lived today, he would likely have been a member of the 2nd Battalion.

Left and Below: SAR members from Athens (Scott Collins) and Robert Forsyth (J.C. Hustis) Chapters (pictured with NSSAR Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles attended, as did PG C. Bruce Pickette and members from around Nation.



The President's Dispatch (Cont.)

then sorting and mailing them in postal envelopes to appropriate chapter contact members across Georgia. I thank State Secretary Gary Smith and State Registrars Steven Hinson and Dennis McIntire for helping me with that! I also frequently responded to many email queries and also worked closely with our State Chancellor Chuck Olson on pressing SAR concerns, and with Treasurer General Addington on a project involving our WWII Veterans in the SAR. We all hope to honor as many of these Vet's as we can -- at Congress in Orlando. Along the way, with the help of many of our Compatriots, I accomplished the following:

- ◆ April 1, 2023: 10AM: Participated in a South Atlantic District Council of Presidents Zoom Meeting, out of Greensboro, NC.
- ◆ April 3, 2023: 1PM: I chaired an important ExCom Zoom Meeting.
- ◆ April 8, 2023: 2PM: Traveled far southeast to Clyo, Georgia, at the Ryall Cemetery, in a thunderstorm--joining SAR President General Bruce Pickett for the significant Grave Marking Ceremony of President General (1972-1973) Ryall S. Morgan Boy, did we get drenched!
- ◆ April 11, 2023: Participated in and brought Greetings to the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter monthly meeting in Senoia, Georgia. Did you know that so many movies and tv shows have been filmed in Senoia that several of their sidewalks are Walks of Fame with stars and the names of actors, just like in L.A.?
- ◆ April 14 – 15, 2023: Traveled to St. Simons Island to preside over the celebration of the 245th Frederica Naval Action and Patriots Day. I was honored again to lead the Parade of Patriots with Scott Collins and the Color Guard and others -- from the lighthouse to all around the St. Simons Island Village. Never, ever before, did I have the privilege of leading parades or firing off canons! See what being President does for you? Among many other things.
- ◆ April 19, 2023: 1 PM: I chaired an important ExCom Zoom Meeting.
- ◆ April 22, 2023: And most important, I attended my youngest son's Rehearsal Dinner, Wedding and Reception, up near Dallas, Georgia.
- ◆ April 26, 2023: 1 PM: I chaired another significant ExCom Zoom Meeting.
- ◆ April 29, 2023: 9AM-2PM: Planned and Led the Board of Managers Meeting at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville, GA. Afterwards, I observed the Oration Competition, conferred with Judge Wayne Brown, and congratulated the contestants.
- ◆ April-May, 2023: Two tornadoes struck my lake lot and residence, causing much destruction and requiring me to spend too much of my time contracting tree cutters, roofers, ceiling painters, electricians, landscapers, fencers, and other similar workers.
- ◆ May 9, 2023: Participated in and brought Greetings to the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Meeting in Senoia, Georgia, after which I discovered more Stars of Fame.
- ◆ May 11, 2023: Gave my "Colonial and Revolutionary War Art and Related Works" presentation at Noon at the Atlanta Chapter luncheon meeting at the Petite Violet Restaurant on Clairmont in Atlanta. Barrett Hanson, Chapter President, welcomed me and supplied the projector and screen. An excellent time was had by all.
- ◆ May 19-20, 2023: Due to my family obligations in SC, Regional VP Terri Gibbs kindly agreed to represent me at the Dedication of Grave Markers, commemorating the service and life of Captain William York at Yorkville Cemetery in Rockmart.
- ◆ June 8, 2023: Travelled to the Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting at the Frontera Restaurant in Lawrenceville, Georgia: 1) To bring Greetings from GASSAR, 2) To swear in several members of a family as new members, 3) To give my presentation on "Colonial and Revolutionary War Art and Related Works.", 4) To discuss with a 95 year old WWII veteran the possibility of being honored at the Orlando Congress in July.
- ◆ June 10, 2023: At the request of Sr. VP Ed Rigel, he represented me at the Annual Piedmont/ Robert Forsyth Flag Retirement Ceremony. Ed has been very helpful in that regard.
- ◆ June 13, 2023: Attended and Participated in the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter monthly meeting at McGuire's Pub in Senoia, Georgia.
- ◆ June 28, 2023: Participated in the Registrar/Genealogy Zoom Training Session, led by Denise F. Hall, Senior Genealogist of NSSAR, and facilitated by Gary O. Green, Genealogist General. I also had "rallied the troops" by notifying State and Chapter Registrars/Genealogists and others of this offering and determined that there was a genuine interest out there in the Georgia Society SAR for this training. We had a good turnout, and I thank those who attended!

Libertas et Patria,

Dr. David A. Ludley

Georgia Society SAR President



Kettle Creek

Painting by Jeff Trexler

The battle of Saratoga, in October 1777, changed the direction of the war in the northern colonies. The revolution became a stalemate. As a result, Lord Germain devised what is known as the "Southern Strategy" to control the colonies of the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia. In the south, the division between patriots and loyalists was much more even, and both militias recruited heavily. However, the belief that Loyalty was stronger, and support for the hotbed of rebellion up north would be easily quelled, cutting off supplies from the south.

The two seldom mentioned colonies of East and West Florida remained firmly in British control. In East Florida a well-organized loyalist force under the leadership of Thomas Brown, a recent emigrant to the "ceded lands" of western Georgia was ready to march north towards Georgia. Loyalists held the "96" district of South Carolina as well.

The southern theater of the revolutionary war is often reduced to the major battles of Camden, Cowpens, Guilford courthouse, and Yorktown. The fact, however, fighting in the southern colonies raged through the entire war and was an area of great concern for both sides. British Major General Sir Henry Clinton and Commodore Sir Peter Parker tried to capture Charleston, as it was the most critical port in the south. The valiant battle of Fort Sullivan caused this attempt to fail. The British turn their attention to another deep-water port; Savannah, Georgia.

The British began their "southern strategy" by sending expeditions from New York city and Saint Augustine, East Florida to capture the port of Savannah, Georgia in late 1778. The British captured Savannah on December 29, 1778. Thomas Brown's East Florida rangers had garrisoned Augusta, Georgia.

When British brigadier general Augustine Prevost arrived from Saint Augustine in mid-January, he assumed command of the garrison there and sent a force under Campbell to take control of Augusta and raise loyalist forces.

Leaving Savannah on January 24, Campbell and more than 1,000 men arrived near Augusta a week later, with only minimal harassment from Georgia Patriot militia on the way. Augusta had been defended by South Carolina General Andrew Williamson leading about 1,000 militia from Georgia and South Carolina, but he withdrew most of his men when Campbell approached. His rear guard briefly skirmished with Campbell's men before it withdrew across the Savannah River into South Carolina.

To Be Continued





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)

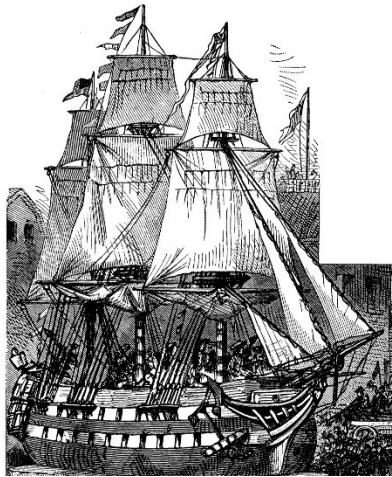
Departure Date: 20-Jul-2023
(Thursday)



Event	Location	Date	Status
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
Grave Marking Compatriot	John Collins Chapter	Aug 05, 2023 11:00 am	State
Grave Marking Patriots (2)	Rydal, GA	Aug 26, 2023 10:30	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
Siege of Augusta	Augusta, GA	Sep 16, 2023 1:00 pm	State
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 23-30, 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
Grave Marking Patriots (2)	Fairview Presbyterian Lawrenceville, GA	Oct 21, 2023 2:00 pm	State
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
Come and Take It	Fort Morris Sunbury, GA	Nov 18, 2023 10:00 am	National
Battle at Vann's Creek	Elberton, GA	Dec 02, 2023 11:00 am	State
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec 16, 2023	National



**FREDERICA NAVAL ACTION
- PATRIOTS' DAY**



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BOM

The video recording of the Georgia Society SAR Spring BOM meeting held on April 29, 2023 may be viewed by clicking on the YouTube link below:

<https://youtu.be/z65UfjaxXtA>





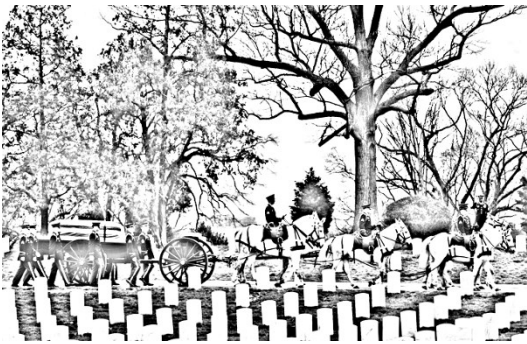
MIDWAY CHURCH



Midway Church Service was enlightening as we participated in grand fashion. As part of the ceremony, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter member, Past President Jared Ogden's two grandchildren were baptized by the Presbyterian minister, Dr. Joe Martin IV.

[I fear the granddaughter is destined to become a Baptist as she was totally immersing herself in the baptismal font. ...editor]





Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremonies occurred all across the nation, throughout the extended weekend. Here are some of the events that were attended by Georgia Society members.

Right: Bill Edelen was at the Kentucky Veterans

Cemetery Central, just a few miles from Fort Knox in Radcliff, KY.

MEMORIAL DAY



Below: The Coweta Falls Chapter, Georgia Society conducted its 18th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration at Parkhill Cemetery on May 29, 2023. This year the commemoration was held inside the Mausoleum of the Pines.



Right: Compatriot Ron Hill representing Northeast Georgia Veterans Society, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, of the Georgia Society, SAR and the Atlanta Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, places a wreath at the White County Veterans Memorial, Freedom Park, Cleveland, GA. to honor and remember the 35 White County service members who were casualties of war and gave their full measure of devotion to our country and to honor the "families of the fallen" who are tragically and permanently affected by the sacrifice of their loved ones.





Left: GASSAR Color Guard members Gordon Woodard, Ralph Galpin, Craig Benton, Sid Hughs, and Marc Potteiger, under the command of Emil Decker, presented Colors for the Scouts Placement of the Flags in preparation for the Memorial Day Service at Marietta National Cemetery.

Right: Woodstock was the location for this Memorial Day Color Guard detail. (L-R) 3 Piedmont members Ron Redner, Craig Benton, (Mt. Vernon member) Shep Hammack, and John Wassell performed the honored duty.



Below: Multiple members of the GASSAR Color Guard presented Colors at the Annual Watkinsville, Oconee County Veterans Memorial Park.





Left: Snellville's 'Eternal Fame' Veterans Memorial on Saturday June 27th.



Right: SAR joined with Colonel William Candler Chapter, NSDAR for the Gainesville Memorial Day Parade from First Baptist Church down Green Street to the Bank of America parking lot. L to R: Amy Woodrick, Carter Wood, Mike Watkins, David Lauden.



The Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony jointly sponsored by the Piedmont and Robert Forsyth Chapters was the largest attended to date. Members of the GASSAR Color Guard Presented Colors.

FLAG DAY / RETIREMENT



The video recording of the flag retirement ceremony made be viewed by clicking on the YouTube link shown below:

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Scouts led us in the Pledge to the Flag; DAR, C.A.R. inspected the flags. SAR Flag Detail folded the cover flag.



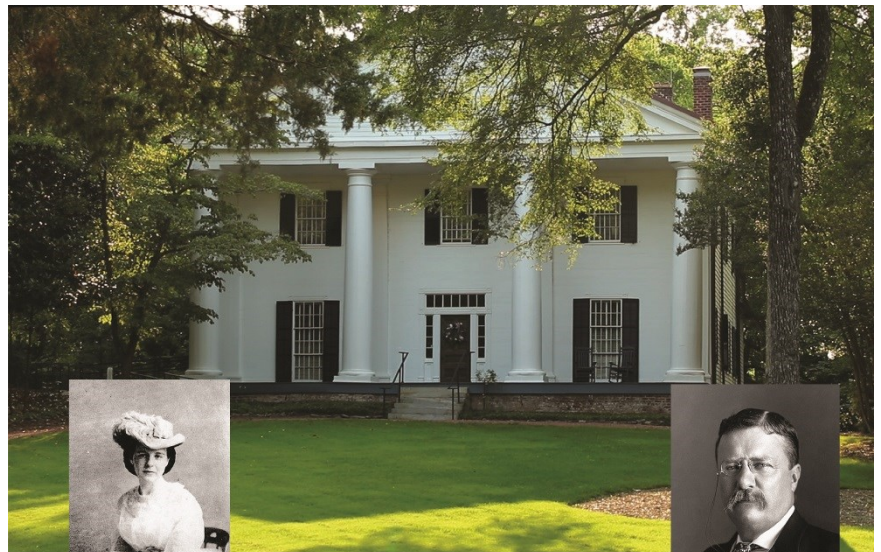
Will Timms C.A.R. played Taps.

The total number of flags retired this year was over 3,000.





LIBERTY TREE



Mittie Stewart Roosevelt
 Mother of Theodore Roosevelt

Bulloch Hall

Home of Mittie Roosevelt, Roswell GA

26th US President
 Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt

On June 15, 2023, in honor of the United States of America's 250th Anniversary in 2026, the Sons of the American Revolution Piedmont Chapter planted a Elm Tree (Liberty Tree) at Bulloch Hall in Roswell, GA. Bulloch Hall was the home of Mittie Bulloch the mother of our 26th US President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt who was also an SAR member.

The Liberty Tree was planted with the help of the Mayor Roswell City Kurt Wilson, Roswell City Council Members Lee Hills and William Morthland, Bob Hagan President of the Friends of Bulloch Hall, Bulloch Hall Board members Sandy Buhler, Jonathan Cook, DAR Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR Chapter members Regent Sue Gilbert, Cynthia Waskowsky, Catherine Jimenez, Pat Smith, Linda Reese, Barbara Florence, and SAR Piedmont members, President Stacey McCarver, National Liberty Tree Chairman Ron Redner, Rick Reese Jr., Rick Reese III, Glenn Kirk, Al Finley, George Thurmond and Roswell Rotary President Elect Alex Kaufman



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 - September 2012, The Hornet's Nest article below documents Daniel Appling's sword.



Appling Sword

During the War of 1812 Daniel Appling was sent with his riflemen and some Indians to sneak around a British blockade and deliver the canon needed to build three warships. The British learned of the plan and sent a large force to intercept Appling. Rather than withdraw, Appling his men in the woods along the creek and ambushed the British troops. His small force defeated over 200 British, capturing 143 and the vital warships were supplied.

Later in the war, Appling and only 110 riflemen managed to delay 8,200 British troops during the Battle of Plattsburgh. Appling's heroics helped win what is considered the most decisive battle of the War of 1812. The elaborate ceremonial sword was purchased by the Georgia General Assembly in 1814 to be presented to Daniel Appling, a hero of the War of 1812. Appling died before the sword could be presented, so the legislature voted to keep the sword and display it in the Governor's Office "as a lasting monument to [Appling's] fame, and a grateful proof of the sensibility with which Georgia cherishes the recollection of the patriotic services of her citizens."

The sword, forged by the well known firm Fletcher and Gardiner of Philadelphia, contains the inscription "PRESENTED, by the State of Georgia, to her son, the brave and gallant Lieut. Colonel Daniel Appling, of the U.S. Army, for his cool and deliberate valor displayed throughout the action of the 30th of May, 1814, at Sandy Creek, when he succeeded in capturing a superior British force." In 1883 one of the legislators noted that Appling's "sword of honor" was not being cared for adequately and so the legislature voted to deposit the Appling Sword "in the archives of the Georgia Historical Society until the State shall have provided a proper archives department."

In 1906 the legislature retrieved the sword (along with several other artifacts from the Historical Society and sent it to be displayed in Georgia's building at the Jamestown Exposition celebrating its 300th anniversary. No one knows *[what happened after that]*. There is evidence that some of the artifacts were returned from Jamestown, but there is no record of what happened to the sword specifically. The state established an archives in 1918, and the sword should have gone to the archives at that time, but there is no positive proof in either the records of the Georgia Archives or the Georgia Historical Society that this happened.

A thorough search of the records shows no mention of the sword after 1907 except in a few notes written in the 1980s conjecturing that the sword may have been lost or stolen. No one knows for sure how the sword left state custody. It is possible that the sword was removed in a valid manner. The professional practices that govern how a museum or archives removes items from its collection did not develop until the 1970s, so the sword could have been removed from state custody after 1907 in a way that was legitimate at the time.

The Appling Sword was purchased from a reputable antiques dealer for \$100,000. The money was raised from private groups and individuals and has been restored. On October 15th, the Appling Sword *[was returned]* to the State of Georgia in a ceremony attended by the State Color Guard. The sword is now displayed in the Hall of Valor in the State Capital.



Appling Sword



Appling Sword and Scabbard

GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



MIDWAY



Edward Ball served as a member of the 1st Provincial Congress from St. John's Parish in 1775. He later served as a Lieutenant in Captain John Bacon's Company of Riflemen from Liberty County, 1777 - 79.

Francis Coddington signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence August 3, 1777 in Liberty County and served as Commissary of Issues on the Civil Staff. In 1779, he was captured by the enemy. After the war, he served as a State Representative from Liberty County.

Philip Lowe served as a Major in the 4th Battalion of the Georgia Continental Line commanded by Colonel John White. In 1779, he was captured by the British. He received 800 acres of bounty land for his services.

John Robarts signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence in Liberty County in 1777. John was also a member of the Georgia Provincial Congress.

Samuel Spencer was a Captain of a Galley and signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence in Chatham County on July 1, 1777.

Don't Tread On Me !







Yes, fur hats for women is coming back in style !



CAPT. WILLIAM YORK



Captain William York commanded a troop of North Carolina Partisans Calvary (Troop of Horse) who served under various commands during the war.





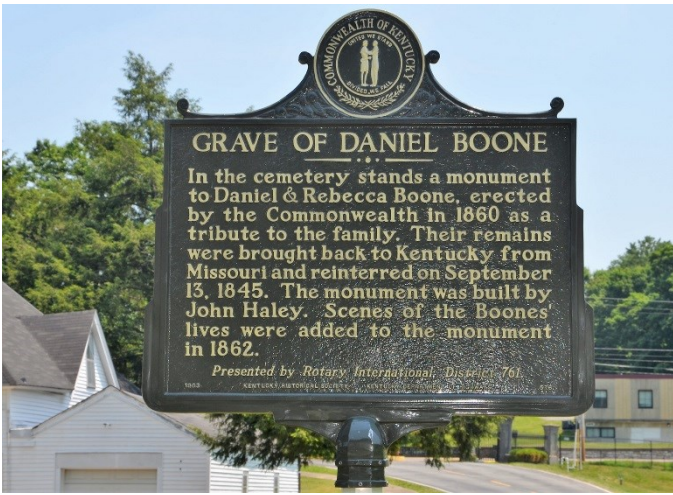
DANIEL BOONE

In 1774, Boone was promoted to Captain in the militia of the British Colony of Virginia during Lord Dunmore's War. Judge Richard Henderson established the Colony of Transylvania in 1775 and hired Daniel Boone to lead thirty axe men to cut a trace to what became Fort Boonesborough. Shortly after arriving there, the American Revolution began. Boone remained a Captain but now served in the Virginia militia. Captain Boone fought during the Siege of Boonesborough from 7 to 18 September 1778. Subsequently, Boone was promoted to Major. In August 1780, he participated in Gen. George Rogers Clark's invasion of the Ohio Territory and the Battle of Piqua. Boone was appointed Lieutenant Colonel, and would later be commissioned as a full Colonel in Gen. George Rogers Clark's Virginia Regiment.

Colonel Boone was elected in 1781 to the first of three terms in the Virginia legislature. General Lord Cornwallis ordered Colonel Bannister Tarleton's dragoons to capture Gov. Jefferson and members of the Virginia legislature, which had moved their sessions from Richmond. Boone, however, was captured along with three other members of the legislature. He was held, questioned, and after being paroled.

Lieutenant-Colonel Boone, serving under Colonel John Todd, fought at the Battle of Blue Licks. The militia was led into an ambush and defeated by British Rangers and Native Americans, who greatly outnumbered the militia. Boone's son, Israel, was among those killed during the battle.

In 1799, Daniel Boone moved to Spanish Louisiana, which later became Missouri in 1820. He died in St. Charles County, Missouri, on 26 September 1820. He was at the home of his son Major Nathan Boone, who was present, and his daughter Jemima Boone Callaway was also at his side when he died. He was buried nearby in the Bryan family cemetery beside his wife, Rebecca Bryan Boone. In 1845, the bodies of Daniel Boone and his wife, Rebecca Bryan Boone, were exhumed, and the major bones of their remains were taken to Frankfort, Kentucky. After an elaborate state funeral, they were reinterred in a grave in Frankfort Cemetery overlooking the Kentucky River and the State Capital.







COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

Compatriot Ryall S. Morgan served as Alabama Society President from 1962-1964. He then served the National Society SAR as President General (1972-1973).



Above: Rain fell before and after the event, but held off during.

Right: Members of the Alabama Society along with current President General Bruce Pickette attended the event at the Ryall Cemetery, closer to Savannah than Birmingham. Truly a group that respected the Past P.G.







The Robert Forsyth Chapter, Button Gwinnett, and Blue Ridge Mountains Chapters, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, invite you to attend the dedication of 2 grave markers commemorating the service of patriot soldiers, father and son:

James DYSART P-152144 & William DYSART P-152149

Saturday, August 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Pine Log UMC Cemetery &
Campground Pavilion

3497 Pine Log Rd NE, Rydal, GA 30171

Requests to Co-Sponsor are being processed now.

Please R.S.V.P. by 01 August 2023

Directions: From Atlanta, GA; North on I-75 to Hwy 411, turn North, 9 Miles, Left on Pine Log Rd, under the railroad tracks, Church on the right.

Marker GPS: **34.349247 N, - 84.724995 W**

Please R.S.V.P. by 10 August 2023 if you Plan to lay a wreath or participate in Color Guard / Militia.

Please send registration to David Johnson at 4725 Connie Mara Suwanee, GA 30024 or Email: davidj0613@gmail.com

Phone 770 - 344 - 8375



The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter SAR, and Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR of the GA Society SAR

Request the honor of your presence at a Double Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot John Bagby and Patriot Philip Isley, who both fought at the 1781 Battle of Guilford Courthouse in NC. Patriot Philip Isley was an 1823 Founding Member of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, that is celebrating its 200th Anniversary.

When - October 21, 2023, Saturday at 2:00 P.M.



**Fairview Presbyterian Church Cemetery
857 Duluth Highway, Lawrenceville, GA, 30043**

Directions:

Latitude: 33.5806N Longitude: -84.0116W

Please contact Don McCarty (404)218-6624 or email donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net by October 14, 2023, if your Chapter/Organization would like to present a wreath, and provide your presenters' name, organization, and position title.

The "Kittel" Rifle

Honoring my Patriot Ancestor, Edmund Kittel, with a Long Rifle build *By Stephen P Weaver*

Origins: Upon being inducted in NSSAR - GASSAR - Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Sid Turner invited me to join the GASSAR Color Guard. I did and began that association in late November 2019 at my first grave markings in Athens, GA. had borrowed some of Sid's militia attire and one of his muskets to complete that first event and many subsequent events until I became familiar with the differing attire, accoutrements, and flintlock firearms. I finally purchased my attire both militia and Continental.

My next interest after uniform, became selecting a flintlock firearm. After study and deliberation, I decided I would make the effort to build my own legacy long rifle. The initial search online ended at the doorstep of Jim Chambers Flintlocks residence in Candler, NC. I was able to put hands on his many rifle offerings of which three looked interesting on-line. After, "throwing up" the three interests and several others for good measure it

JIM CHAMBERS FLINTLOCKS

Early York Pennsylvania Rifle, Model RK-2



became clear that the Early York Pennsylvania Rifle (circa 1770-1780) was my build gun. That selection set in motion, picking components: lock (Golden Age Germanic), maple stock (extra fancy flame grain) with a wood patch box and barrel at .50 caliber. The finished rifle would be 58 inches long and weigh in at 7 ¾ lbs. I applied to attend his next build class, was accepted, and began getting my tools (from his provided tool list) together necessary to blend metal to metal supported by wood working both functional and artistic. I also purchased DVD's that detailed the gun building process and stock wood carving I deemed necessary to personalize my firearm. I studied in detail stock carving symbolism and unique metal touches appropriate to the time period to incorporate into my build.

Background: The rifle origins are from York County, Pennsylvania that lies just southwest of Lancaster (site of our NSSAR Congress 2024) and was home to many great gunsmiths.

Frontiersmen such as Davy Crocket carried York rifles. Overall, the York rifle is slightly smaller than the Lancaster rifle. The slender "swamped" barrel makes this rifle look wonderful with its long slim lines. It handles and balances perfectly for me.

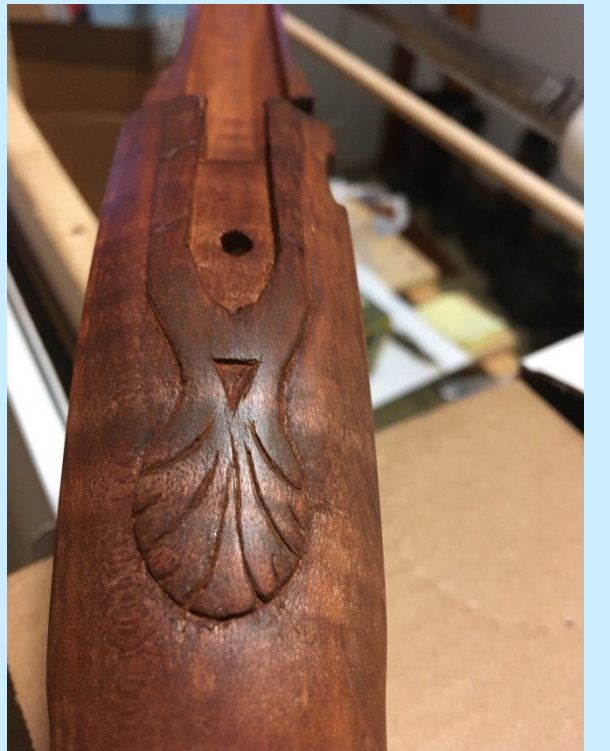


I started the 5 days (9/27-10/1/2021) build class at Jim Chambers Flintlocks Residence and Workshop in the shadow of Mt. Pisgah, Candler, NC.

My class was comprised of eight other men, from around the country, building various rifles, fowlers and one pistol. Three expert instructors presided, coached, and assisted as needed but definitely at critical stages with drilling wood to metal, metal drilling, grinding and tapping. Here I have quality components, a prepared lock, stock shaped to near finish tolerances and barrel ready except for tang and finish. I got a serious appreciation for the period gunsmith's skill set and their starting points. I have a detailed version of the specific day to day accomplishments but to summarize the build class was complete to the point where the rifle would fire, (installed lock activates correctly and sparks) End of Class!









Remaining work to be completed at home included final ramrod sizing, ramrod metal 8/32 end install, ramrod thimbles sizing, trigger guard and patch box finish and installation. Final sanding, carving, stain, and finishing the stock. The octagon barrel would require a draw file finish, sanding to polished metal and an authentic barrel browning process to be completed.

On 1/9/2022, I reassembled a finished built rifle. The next day I proofed the rifle at my range shooting an 80 - grain black powder charge with round ball and oiled patch. I then fired 6 additional shots at a 50 yd target.

Accuracy: well, let's just say I would not have liked to be on the receiving end.

Epilogue: I was pleased to be able to use the rifle at its first National event ceremonially with GASSAR Color Guard at Cowpens Natl Battlefield, SC. I followed up putting it through its firing paces at a second event – GASSAR Color Guard at Kettle Creek, Washington, GA., with musket/rifle salute firing 15 shots and the third event at the 132nd National Congress with GASSAR Color guard ceremony at Ft. Morris, with three shots, followed by the five grave markings ceremony at Midway Church with eight shots fired on July 10, 2022.

Stephen P Weaver, President Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, GASSAR Color Guardsman and GASSAR BOM at Large 2024.

"Come and Take It"

"Come and take it" is a defiant answer Colonel John McIntosh said to the surrender demanded in 1778 at Fort Morris in the colony of Georgia during the American Revolution. The British didn't at that time..... but later came back and did! Seven bronze 3 lb. cannon were among the cannon inventory at Fort Morris when it fell to the British in Jan 1779. A larger number of carriages were listed.

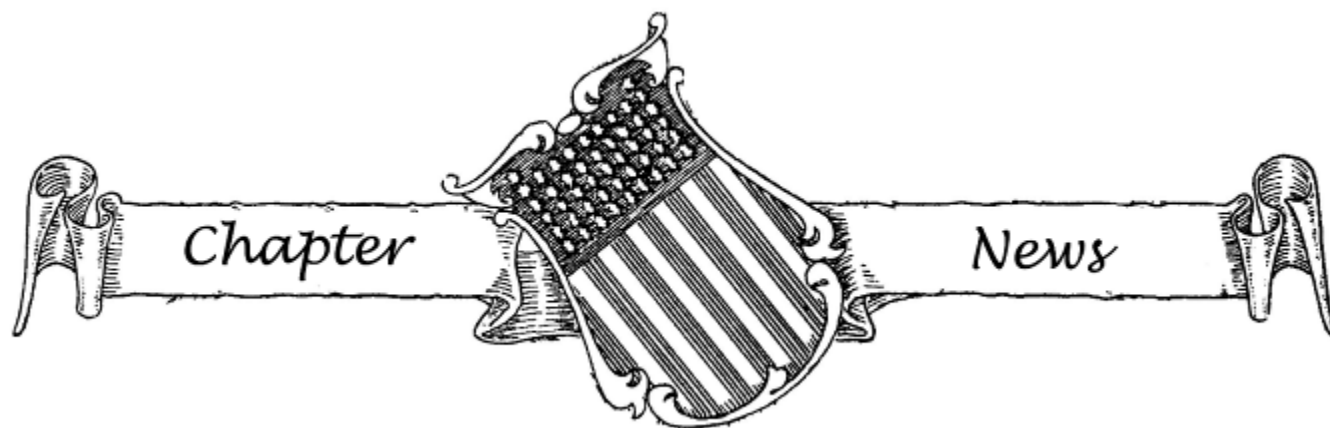
The Friends of Fort Morris, under the leadership of Marshes of Glynn Chapter SAR member Peter Martin, is seeking to improve the visitor's experience at the fort by mounting a bronze 3 lb. replica cannon with a garrison carriage on a platform in the fort. They have raised almost half of the purchase price of \$6000 and are seeking donations toward the remainder to help replace one of the cannon the British captured when the fort fell. Fort Morris is a national SAR Event.



Donations can be made to Friends of Fort Morris at the address below.

Friends of Fort Morris
Peter Winn Martin
9858 E B Cooper Hwy
Riceboro, Georgia 31323

You can address any questions to him at doglegdoc@gmail.com.



Athens

Right: Mayor Pruitt Manley of Bowersville was presented a Flag Certificate from the Athens Chapter by Former State President Major General (Ret.) Donald Burdick. The presentation was in appreciation of the Town of Bowersville flying the flag in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code, with illumination at night.



Blue Ridge Mountains

Right: On April 25, Sidney D. Turner, presented the Gold Star Banner and Sons of the American Revolution Certificate to Jo Anne Shirley for the contributions and sacrifice of her brother Major Bobby Marvin Jones M.D., Flight Surgeon, US Air Force, who lost his life on a medical flight mission from Udorn, Thailand to Da Nang, South Vietnam when the plane crashed into Bach Ma mountain in central Vietnam on 28 Nov 1972 while defending our Nation and the freedom of oppressed people. Major Jones' dedicated service and selfless sacrifice bring great honor to his country and to his family.

Mark Millican, left holding the framed blood chit that Bobby Jones was wearing the time of the crash. Shirley remarked in 2007 a team returned to survey the central part of the mountain. They found a "blood chit" sitting in the root of a tree. "I had no idea what a blood chit was; it's a piece of heavy silk fabric — about a foot wide and two feet long — and it has a message in English at the top, and in Vietnamese, Laotian, Cambodian, Chinese and any (language) in that area — it's translated (to whomever finds it). At the bottom, on the right hand side, it has a very small red number," said Shirley. The chit went inside a pilot or passenger's flight vest, and the name or number went into a database. The chit would be turned in upon completion of a successful flight to be used again, but if the flight went down the number stayed correlated to the person's disappearance. "So they found the blood chit, and that number was barely visible," she continued. "It was so exposed to their vision; it wasn't covered in dirt or debris or leaves or anything. When they took it back to the lab in Hawaii, they called me and told me they'd found this blood chit, and it was the one Bobby had in his flight vest that day." The chit was fragile and therefore carefully opened to minimize further damage, having been exposed for decades to the soil and high humidity. The chit was sent to the Department of Mortuary Affairs, and a technician Shirley knew there said it had to be logged into the system. But he called back the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and the chit was delivered to the family on the day after the holiday on Nov. 28, 2008, by special delivery, the exact day of the flight going down 36 years earlier.



Right: Jack Dugger presented his personally designed vest in memory of his fellow high school classmate Bobby Jones to Jo Anne Shirley.



Left: May 2, Compatriot Ron Hill, presented Lisa Cahill The Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Citation. Serving as Program Director, Instructor and Secretary to the board of directors, Lisa has provided extraordinary leadership to the Veterans Art Program of Northeast Georgia. The program, (founded 2014 by Ron Hill a Veteran of the Korean War, Vietnam War, recalled to active duty for Desert Storm), is a community - based arts organization serving Veterans, spouses, dependents and their caregivers.

As a recognized nonprofit, the program has continued to thrive in White County due, in large measure, to Lisa's dedicated commitment to local Veterans and their families. She has been working with military Veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. To express her gratitude for Veteran community members, Lisa became an art therapist to help those returning from war to heal and rediscover themselves after their service.



Above: Stephen Weaver, with Sid Turner, presented the Blue Star Banner and SAR certificate for Mr. Thomas Nault "For the support and sacrifice in having his son Captain Michael Tyler Nault a C17 pilot and aircraft commander in the 16th Airlift Squadron of the 437th Airlift Wing stationed at Joint Base Charleston, SC. Michael previously was a T6 Instructor Pilot and Functional Check Pilot based at Columbus AFB, Columbus MS."



Left: Stephen Weaver, with Sid Turner, presented Jack McCorkle the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of his notable services on behalf of our American principles. Jack, a retired Marine, is a passionate supporter of Veterans. He has been a member of the North Georgia Honor Guard for more than 31 years, participating in most of the Veteran funerals during this time. Jack is 91 and a survivor of the Korean War's Battle of Chosin Reservoir.

Brier Creek

Left: Dan Elliott of the Lamar Institute spoke to Brier Creek Chapter in April. He had a video and spoke on the "Arms of Ebenezer". Daniel was the speaker at our 2nd Annual Brier Creek Celebration that was held in 2017, on the Battlefield picket line on Andy Chisom's property. Mr. Daniel Elliott has more than 48 years' experience in archaeology in the southeastern United States with diverse expertise in settlement patterning, prehistoric exchange networks, archaic studies, battlefield archaeology, and Ground Penetrating Radar surveying.



Below: Members of the Brier Creek, Wiregrass and Little River chapters traveled to Sylvania for the Annual Livestock Parade. Commander Steve Burke walked beside Compatriot Alton McCloud's trailer giving the command to stop every 50 yards so the SAR members could stand and fire their Flintlock rifles. Our SAR members enjoy participating in this parade every year."



Below: *If the Brier Creek Artillery went to sea, would the privateers be "The Sea Skunks"?*

The crew at the Frederica Naval Action Event.





Left: Compatriot Steve Burke traveled to Sylvania, GA, May 4, to present his program "Life on the Frontier, 1700's."

Below: Compatriot John Joyner then presented President Wayne Howard with a Flag Streamer that was presented to him for presenting the Brier Creek Chapter wreath at the Frederica Patriots Day, April 15, at St. Simons Island, GA.



Above: New member John Joyner was inducted by President Wayne Howard. John has been an active member of the Brier Creek Chapter for nearly 2 years, has his militia uniform and also has a 6-pounder mortar that he brings to all our events in the State of Georgia.





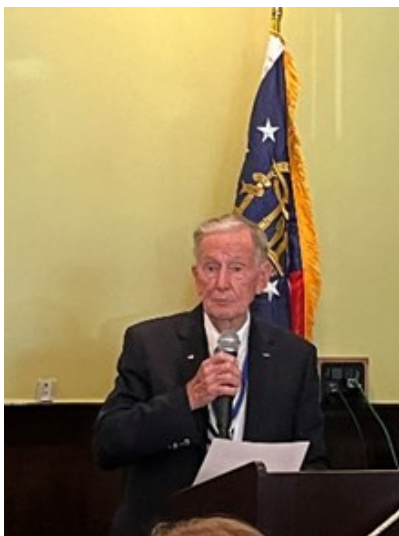
Left: Compatriot Hu Daughtry presented our June program for the evening. Hu lives in Metter and is a retired Pharmacist. Hu's wife Susan attended with him. Hu's presentation was on "Who is Kemp Creech". (See answer under *Four Rivers Patriots*)

Button Gwinnett

Controller, flying over 200 combat missions. His second Vietnam tour was served with the First Air Cavalry Division as a Combat Infantry Commander. It was on this tour that he was severely wounded and was the lone survivor of a North Vietnamese rocket attack on the Division Hospital. One of Jim's most prestigious awards was presented in June of 2015. The Office of Strategic Services Medal was presented by the U.S Special Warfare Center for his joint service with the U.S. Army and CIA, forty years after his Vietnam Service.

In Recognition of Memorial Day - we began our meeting with Compatriot Jim Freeman presented the Missing Man Table Ceremony. The Missing Man Table and all ceremonial items were prepared and set up by Jim and Peggy Freeman. Major Jim Freeman, U.S.

Army (retired) served his first tour in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, as a Forward Air Infantry Commander. It was on this tour that he was severely wounded and was the lone survivor of a North Vietnamese rocket attack on the Division Hospital. One of Jim's most prestigious awards was presented in June of 2015. The Office of Strategic Services Medal was presented by the U.S Special Warfare Center for his joint service with the U.S. Army and CIA, forty years after his Vietnam Service.



Each item on the Missing Man Table represents the emotions and feelings reserved for those who did not come home. The ceremony symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. All Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call to serve and fought for our freedom with honor.

The symbolism of the Missing Man Table.

- ☞ The table is round, to show our everlasting concern for our missing men.
- ☞ The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.
- ☞ The single red rose; displayed in a vase, reminds us of the lives of these Americans and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith while seeking answers.
- ☞ The red ribbon symbolizes our continued determination to account for our missing.
- ☞ A slice of lemon reminds us of their bitter fate; captured and missing in a foreign land.



- ☞ A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.
 - ☞ The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead.
 - ☞ The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and our country, founded as one nation under God.
 - ☞ The glass is inverted, symbolizing their inability to share a toast.
- The chair is empty, the seat that remains unclaimed at the table.



Left: The induction of the newest Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Member was Christopher Douglas Bradfield. Chris's wife Stacy and his two daughters Emma and Maddie assisted in the induction.



Center: President Jacques presented Emily Ann Tindall with the Martha Washington Oak Leaf Cluster.



Right: President Jacques presented Compatriot Ralph Galpin with his Bronze 250TH Anniversary Medal.



Left and Below: John R. Wassell, Jr. the grandson of Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmont Wassell gave a presentation on his ancestor. Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmont Wassell was memorialized in a 1944 movie by Cecil B. DeMille and starring Gary Cooper, titled "The Story of Dr. Wassell".

Right: Flag placement at Eternal Hills Memory Gardens. Over 1,000 flags placed on veterans graves



Below: June Chapter Meeting saw the induction of the five newest Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Members through three generations, conducted by GASSAR President Dr. David Ludley: (L - R) Tom Jacques (Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR President); (front row) Hannah Leigh Stoecker (Daughter of John Stoecker and mother of Winston Law); Benjamin Stoecker; Dorianna Stoecker (wife of Benjamin Stoecker); Winston Law; John W. Stoecker; Christopher Stoecker; John C. Stoecker; JoBeth Stoecker (wife of John C Stoecker, Mother of Benjamin and Christopher Stocker and Grandmother of John W Stoecker and Winston Law) Georgia State Society SAR President Dr. David Ludley.



Right: During this meeting, 94-year-old World War II veteran Ray William Anderson received his supplemental certificate for his Revolutionary War SAR Patriot Ancestor, Hugh Rogers, a soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line. Additional Patriots previously verified for Mr. Anderson were born in Ireland and served as privates in key battles in New Jersey and Virginia.



Below: Jim Freeman graciously performed the role of Chaplain for the evening. Did any of you know that Jim as actually an ordained minister? This was the first event with our new SAR 250th Anniversary Flag and I believe the first time our Button Gwinnett SAR Flag has been displayed with All of our Chapter Streamers since before Covid-19.



Below: Button Gwinnett Chapter 1st VP Ray Kyle presented The SAR Certificate of Appreciation to GASSAR President Dr. David Ludley for his outstanding presentation on "Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works".



Capt. John Collins



Above: Patriot Grave Markings in conjunction with George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying Memorial Event Saturday 27 May 2023, in Vencennes, IN, are available. The Patriot Grave Markings are for Charles Baptist Bonneau, Joseph Bowman, Francois Riday Busseron, Jacques Cardinal, and Pierre Cuerre.

Below: Compatriot Emil Decker, Robert Forsyth Chapter President was the speaker at the April meeting. 18th Century medical practices were not for the faint at heart.

Below: Flag Streamers earned by the chapter were presented.



Coweta Falls

Left: Robert and Malone Moore attend the rainy but well attended Grave marking for PG Morgan in Clyo, Georgia.



Left and Above: Coweta Falls Chapter with 3 chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United States Daughters of 1812, Daughters of American Colonist, Children of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of 17th Century, Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, LaGrange SAR chapter, and Chattahoochee Valley Veterans participated with a wreath laying at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus, GA. The Coweta Fall Color Guard presented the colors, Kings Gap D.A.R. members sang patriotic songs, Mayor Skip Henderson of Columbus, GA (Left) gave remarks, Taps was played, and a cannon salute followed the program.

Fall Line

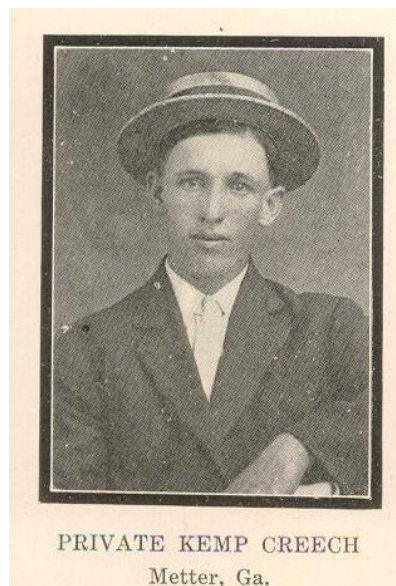
Right: "Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox" was the May presentation by Steve Burke.

Marion was an officer commission not only in the South Carolina Militia, but also the Continental Army. During the British occupation of South Carolina and Charleston, he was a persistent adversary. His method of warfare was irregular, and it made him one of the fathers of modern guerrilla warfare and maneuver warfare. He is considered the ancestor of the U.S. Army Rangers and the 75th Ranger Regiment. After participating in several battles, such as Fort Sullivan, Siege of Savannah, Monck's Corner and Waxhaws, Marion organized a small unit, which at first consisted of between 20 and 70 men and was the only force then opposing the British Army in the State. Marion rarely committed his men to frontal warfare but repeatedly bewildered larger bodies of Loyalists or British regulars with quick surprise attacks and equally sudden withdrawal from the field.



Right: Compatriot Dess Smith presented the Fall Line Chapter streamer from the Frederica Naval Action.

Four Rivers Patriots



Private Creech was attached to the 20th Company, September Automatic Replacement Draft, when he embarked for overseas service. After landing in England, Private Creech contracted pneumonia, which resulted in his death at the Hursley Hospital, September 30th, 1918.

Below: The April program was presented by Compatriot Hu Daughtry of the Mill Creek Chapter. Compatriot Daughtry's presentation was on "Who was Kemp Creech".

John Milledge



Above: Vice President Joel Stair, Sr. Presented the Flag Commendation to Chick Fil A, in Milledgeville, Georgia



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



Left: President Terry Stair, Sr., and Vice President Joel Stair, Sr., Presented the Flag Commendation to Marine Larry Attaway for Flying the American Flag in his yard.

Below Left and right: The John Milledge Chapter of the SAR and the Nancy Hart Chapter of the DAR presented medal to the GMC ROTC Cadets at the GMC Military Ball.



Below: Past President Jim Poyner and President Terry Stair present The SAR Bronze Medal to Georgia Military JRROTC Cadet Shawn Boyce.



Little River

Right: Maj Gen Nathanael Greene (Dan McMichael) was our April speaker and gave a presentation on his life and involvement in the Revolutionary War.

Below: Gary Smith and his wife Alison visited the island of Nassau and Fort Montagu in the Bahamas where the first amphibious operation of United States Marines was executed in 1776. Having served on the USS Nassau in 1984, this was a special treat for Gary.





Left: Local elementary school students Justin Gilstrap and Mason Aguilar both received the SAR Heroism medal. Justin was viscously attacked by dogs in January and his cousin Mason helped bring him to safety.

Below: Lewis Smith presented the SAR JROTC bronze medal and U.S. Flag display certificate at Thomson High School's JROTC awards ceremony.



Below: Alton McCloud presented the SAR JROTC bronze medal and U.S. Flag display certificate at Harlem High School's JROTC awards ceremony.



Right: Gary Smith presented the SAR JROTC bronze medal and U.S. Flag Display Certificate at Grovetown High School's JROTC awards ceremony.



Right: Don Thomas and his wife Pat presented the Traveling Trunk program to 2nd grade students at Elbert County Elementary School. The presentations were conducted at the Patriot Nancy Hart Cabin.

Below: Alton McCloud presented the SAR JROTC bronze medal and U.S. Flag display certificate at Jefferson County High School's NJROTC awards ceremony.



Right: Compatriot Emil Decker of the Robert Forsyth Chapter gave an excellent presentation on 18th Century Medical Practices at our May chapter meeting. (Luckily for us, Emil didn't saw off any of our bones or do any live surgeries – he brought his own models for demonstration purposes.)





Left: Gary Smith presented Eagle Scout Jasper Green of BSA Troop 10 in Evans with certificates from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League Lt Col Jimmie Dyess Detachment 921, the Little River Chapter SAR, a signed copy of "Courage, Compassion, Marine: The Unique Story of Jimmie Dyess", and a Marine Corps League/ Eagle Scout challenge coin.

Below: We welcomed Lincoln County Commission Chairman Walker T. Norman as a new member. Walker joins the SAR by descent of his Patriot ancestor William Norman, who served as a Private in Virginia during the Revolution.



Right: We also welcomed Jimmy Chappell as a new member. Jimmy joins the SAR by descent of his Patriot ancestor William Drake, who took the Oath of Allegiance in Virginia during the Revolution.

Jimmy already has his militia outfit, flintlock rifle, and has been participating in color guard / militia activities with our chapter.



Lyman Hall

Right: Lyman Hall Chapter observed Patriot Day, April 19th, at Rock Creek Veterans Park in Gainesville.

Below: Lyman Hall's birthday was observed on April 12. Photo taken outside the Hall County administrative building next to his statue.



Above: At the May meeting, Compatriot Sid Hughes presented and congratulated our recent new member, Jonathan Andrew Crumbley with the Sons of the American Revolution's War Service Medal.



Above: Lyman Hall Chapter returned to its long standing traditional duty with another Naturalization Ceremony on Friday, May 5 at the Federal Courthouse in Gainesville. This important and moving work, like many other things had been interrupted by COVID. It was good to be back in service to recognize and welcome new US citizens.

Forty-eight of them came from seventeen different countries. Daughters from Colonel William Candler and Chestatee River participated to greet and present tokens of remembrance. As has been our practice, Lyman Hall gave each new citizen a pocket size copy of the US Constitution.

Below: Our speaker for the evening was Emil Decker, President of the Robert Forsyth Chapter. It was a presentation that was both informative and entertaining. It also made us thankful for more modern and enlightened medical procedures.





Left: Lilly Malone was the Lyman Hall Chapter's Poster Contest winner. Her entry went on to state level competition at the April Board Of Managers meeting in Barnesville where it finished 4th at Georgia state level. Lilly is a student in Mrs. Melissa Beverly's 4th grade class. Lilly received prizes from our Chapter and from the state level competition.



Right: At most events you will find Sid Hughes and J.C. Hustis representing Lyman Hall.



Left: Hosted by Joseph Habersham Chapter, Lyman Hall supported by leading with the Color Guard and then hurriedly getting back to the start point to be in the trailing vehicle on Saturday May 20 at the 61st Mountain Laurel Festival in Clarkesville, an event conducted by the Clarkesville Lions Club.

Mill Creek

Right and below Left: President Randy Jones participated, along with 47 other Genealogy organizations, in the Statesboro Regional Public Libraries Genealogy Resource Fair. This event was held on 14 April. President Randy asked Compatriot Steve Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro to set up his "Traveling Trunk" assisted by Compatriots Lee Herron. Johnny Tapley, Randy Jones, David Morgan (applicant in the Wiregrass Chapter) were also helping. Compatriot Burke was able to talk with hundreds of visitors."



Right: The April program was presented by Larry Stevens. His presentation was on "The Hornets' Nest - Wilkes County, GA - 1700's".



Left: Dess Smith III presented his program on the Battle at Cowpens, an American Revolutionary War Battle that was held on January 17, 1781, just north of present-day Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Battle lasted just a little over 30 minutes and was a complete victory for the American Patriots over the British Regulars. General Daniel Morgan and his 1,800 Continentals and Militia captured over 800 British Regulars and sent Col. Banastre Tarleton running for his life.

School counselor teaches respect for others and the American Flag The Sons of the American Revolution honor Mill Creek Elementary School & counselor

June 14 is Flag Day in the United States, and along with Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day, you may see Old Glory frequently raised this summer. At schools like Mill Creek Elementary in Statesboro, the flag is raised each weekday, and it provides an opportunity to teach students patriotism and respect for our nation's flag.

Dawn Beck, a counselor at Mill Creek Elementary, has taught the school's fourth and fifth-grade classes about the flag for more than 10 years.

"I'm in charge of the safety patrol at our school, and one of the students' duties is to raise and lower the flag in front of the school each day," Beck said. "We learn why respect for the flag is important and how to properly fold and present a flag. The children seem very interested in learning about flag protocol."

About 150 students go through Beck's flag lessons each year, so during her career, more than 1,500 children have learned proper flag etiquette.

This school year Bulloch County's Mill Creek Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented a Flag Certificate to Mill Creek Elementary and Beck. This is an honor given by the chapter to individuals, companies, and government agencies who fly the United States Flag for patriotic purposes.



Mount Vernon



Left: Chapter VP John Galt presents April's guest speaker Bill Goodman with a Certificate of Appreciation. "That Damned Presbyterian War"

Bill informed us that this was an actual quote from King George III when describing the conflict in the new colonies. Bill focused on the composition of the Patriot Forces (primarily Irish and Scotch-Irish) and their motivations for serving and fighting in the American Revolution.

Below: Cadet Captain Cer'Kyland Harden was the recipient of the SAR Bronze JROTC medal for 2023 at North Atlanta High School. Cadet Harden is a senior and the commander of A Company of the Warrior Battalion. He plans to attend the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, GA as a member of the Corps of Cadets. The award was presented at an awards ceremony held at North Atlanta High School by LTC(Ret) Chuck Olson on behalf of the Mount Vernon Chapter.



Left: Our Chapter C.A.R. Liaison Kevin Baker was invited to speak at a meeting of the Roswell King DAR Chapter on Sunday April 16th. DAR Chapter Regent Kathy Marsh asked Kevin to speak about local history, haunts and legends, which Kevin does for the Roswell Historical Society. Kevin was past National President of the C.A.R. and has done a great job as Liaison for the Mount Vernon Chapter in 2023.



Right: In May Mount Vernon Chapter C.A.R Liaison Kevin Baker spoke on the topic: "What Is the C.A.R.?"





Left: (L-R) Emily Tindell (C.A.R. Senior State President), Nancy Tims (Senior Vice President of the DAR Southeastern Region), Will Tims (Georgia C.A.R. Regional VP), Joy Frederick (Georgia C.A.R. President), David Wellons (Mount Vernon President), Kathy Marsh (Chapter Regent, Roswell King DAR), and Kevin Baker (Mount Vernon C.A.R. Liaison) were in attendance. President David Wellons presented a \$100 check from the Chapter's Fellows Fund to Joy Fredrick for their Guardian Angels Project. At the same time, Miss Fredrick presented President Wellons with a lapel pin they are selling to raise funds for this project.

Right: Compatriot Shep Hammack lowers the Georgia flag during Present Colors at the Woodstock Memorial Day Ceremony at "Park at City Center".



Below: President David Wellons is standing next to the Woodstock War Memorial for men and women who served in the armed services and lost their life serving their country.



Right: At the Mount Vernon June meeting, Compatriot Bill Kabel reenacted John Adams (complete with powdered wig) to give the speech that Adams gave to the Continental Congress on July 1, 1776, before it voted for Independence.



The Mount Vernon Chapter welcomes two new members, William Wheeler Bryan Sr (Left) and Robert John Pile, (Below).



Right: Rick Anderson shared his genealogical tree information that he recently discovered.

Ocmulgee

Below: Four of our members attended the Honor Flight a Middle Georgia Regional Airport on April 22nd. Roy Griffis, Chuck Garnett, Ed Trust and Tim Bolinger.

We were part of the crowd to welcome them home, as they returned from a day trip to Washington, DC. This Korean War Veteran obviously had a good trip.



Piedmont

Right: Richard Wells, a member of the Ohio Society SAR, moved to Roswell and expressed an interest in transferring to our Chapter. For our April meeting, Richard gave a unique presentation on the "History of the Pilgrims". His presentation utilized audience participation. Each member in attendance picked 3 randomly numbered questions prepared by Richard. Starting with the question numbered one, and continuing in numerical order, the membership read aloud their questions. In all we answered over 60 questions. This non traditional speaker presentation was received well and even taught us a few new facts.



Left: April 13, members Bob Sapp and Stacey McCarver, went to the Sope Creek Elementary School to presented certificates of achievement and award checks to the first-place poster winner, Miraya Vyas. Miraya went on to win 2nd place at the State Level Competition!

Below: Al Finley, President Stacey McCarver, and Bob Sapp presented certificates of achievement and award checks to first-place brochure winner, Hannah Chacko; second-place winner, Brady Berry; and third-place winner, Dani Victor. The brochure entry of Hannah Chacko, depicted "The Bill of Rights," was submitted to the Georgia Society, and finished in 2nd Place!



Left: Piedmont Chapter's first recipient of the Silver 250th Anniversary Medal was Craig Benton. Craig has been participating in many color guard activities representing the chapter.

Right: Compatriot Paul Prescott, sponsored this Liberty Tree for Mimosa Hall. Pictured are SAR President Stacey McCarver, Julie Burroughs, Cynthia Waskowsky, Lee Hills, Leslie Ballard, Mike Ballard, Paul Prescott, Chris Prescott, Catherine Jimenez, George Thurmond, Ron Redner, Susan Rumble, Sue Gilbert, Rob Ufford, Craig Benton, Al Finley, Rick Reese Jr, Linda Reese, Bob Sapp, Rick Reese III, Peter Vanstrom.



Below: (L-R) Craig Benton Presents Liam Randolph Reid of troop 143, Stacey McCarver, and Ron Redner present Evan DeHart of troop 143, and Bob Sapp presents Siddhartha Sai Valavarthi of Troop 27 their certificates upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.



Bob is an Eagle Scout from March, 1941.



Below: In April compatriot Bob Sapp represented the Piedmont Chapter at the Lassiter High School JROTC Awards Ceremony. Pictured below, Bob presented JROTC Awards to Michael L. McLawhorn for Pope High School, Hayden Davis for Kell High School, Colin M. Rex for Lassiter High School, as well as a bronze good citizenship medal to Angel Olguin - Osorio. In another ceremony (not pictured) Bob Sapp presented a JROTC award to Maria Barbosa and a bronze good citizenship medal to Abby Matias, both of Wheeler High School at the Wheeler JROTC ceremony.



Left: Rick Reese, Jr and Rick Reese, III attended the Centennial High School JROTC Awards Ceremony. Compatriot Rick Reese, JR. presented our Outstanding Cadet Award Neck Ribbon to Vivian Seago.



Right: At the award ceremony Colonel Nepute announced his intention to retire and this was his last year. LTC Jon Nepute led the Centennial Army JROTC from 2012 to 2023. He was a valuable part of the high school careers of so many during that time. He will be missed as you can see in this emotional send off.



Left: Craig Benton with Bugler and Singer of the National Anthem at Capt. William York Patriot Grave Marking, May 20.



Right: Roswell Remembers May 29. Ron Redner, Rick Reese Jr, Craig Benton, and John Wassell attended.



Left: Craig Benton led as Honor Guard at the Piedmont / Robert Forsyth Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Below: President Stacey McCarver delivered the Invocation and Benediction.



Left: President McCarver presented Ingram Funeral Home with a Flag Retirement Certificate, recognizing their continued support in our ongoing efforts to properly retire flags after they have become unusable.

Robert Forsyth

Left: Robert C. Jones, a long time professor from Kennesaw University, who had written 50+ books on various historical topics, including the Civil War, Revolutionary War, World War I & II, the War of 1812 and ghost towns, presented "Daniel Boone in the Revolution" to our April meeting.

Below: April 30, the Patriots of Liberty C.A.R. Society was very happy to receive a gift of two flags, a U.S. and Georgia State flag set from our chapter.



Center Left: Compatriot Emil Decker and Compatriot Ed Rigel Jr. attended multiple Honor's Nights to present awards to students. Here Emil returns to South Forsyth High School, where he taught for many years.

Center Right: Students from West Forsyth High School received their awards and certificates as well.



Below Left and Right: Vickery Creek MS Brochure and Chestnut Mt. Elementary Poster winners.



Below Left and Right: Robert Forsyth honors Cumming Home Depot with a Flag Retirement Certificate for hosting the flag receptacle box in their store. Manager Dave Groppi accepted for the HD crew. Dawsonville managers Stephanie Smith and Monica Cherry accepted on behalf of their store.



Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters hosted the Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony [See photos under State events]

Right: Will Tims accepted a Flag Retirement Certificate for the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society, C.A.R. for their continued participation in the retirement program.

Below: Member Michael Shore is inducted into the Chapter, the Rosette being pinned on by his wife.



Below: The Barfields, Bruce, Harold and Michael, two brothers and the father, were officially recognized as members of the SAR. Their rosettes were pinned on by wife and mother, two of each You figure it out. Another brother and two grandchildren, not present, were also recognized as members.

Below: Emil Decker presented his Medical Practices of the 18th Century to the Lyman Hall and Little River Chapters in May. Both he and his partner in Traveling Trunk and Grave Marking Events have now both earned their Gold 250th Anniversary Medals for their continued efforts in promoting the SAR and the upcoming 250th Anniversary of our nation.



William Few

Compatriot Joe Knick of the William Few Chapter presents the Bronze JROTC medal to C/ISgt Jackson Atterton.



Wiregrass

Below: Compatriot Allen Burton, a member of the Washington Wilkes Chapter, is a history professor at Augusta University. Allen retired from the U.S. Army as LTC. Compatriot Burton's April presentation was on "Ben Franklin".

Center: For the last 2 years, members of the Wiregrass Chapter meet every Friday morning for coffee, orange juice, grits, pancakes, eggs, bacon, and fellowship. A lot of our members are part of the skunk Brigade and one morning about a month ago, we had 12 in attendance with 10 being members of the skunk brigade. We took a photo and decided to frame a copy and present to Leanna's



owners, Levi and Arianna. They have really been good to us, the whole family, all the way down to the youngest. Every Friday they have a table for 16 reserved for us and we are usually there about 1 1/2 hours.

They moved to Swainsboro from Pennsylvania and purchased a farm and opened up Leanna's. We are so glad they did and hope that they are here for generations. They are FAMILY.

Right: After the Pine Tree Festival parade, Steve Burke set up his "Traveling Trunk down with the vendors for the 4th straight year. Steve had 4 - 8' tables with relics from the 1700's and skins from road kill that showed what the frontiersman went through to survive in those days. Steve had plenty of help and we must have talked with hundreds of spectators and thousands viewed his display. Besides President Ted Walker, we had members of the Little River Chapter (Thomson), Wiregrass Chapter (Swainsboro), and the Brier Creek Chapter.



Below: "The Fall Line Continentals, GASSAR, consisting of SAR members from the Wiregrass, Brier Creek, Little River Chapters and the South Carolina Society President Ted Walker traveled to Swainsboro on Saturday, May 6, to march in the 76th Annual Pine Tree Festival. At 8:00 a.m. Alton McCloud's 6-pounder Naval Cannon started the annual Knotty Pine 5K Race and then at 10:30 a.m. Alton fired his cannon to start the parade. The SAR members marched in the drizzling rain and were unable to keep their powder dry, but one of our members was able to fire his flintlock every 50 yards.



Above: The original 14 U.S. Flag poles at the "Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park were installed in August 2021 using PVC pipes. The Veterans at the Library felt like the flag poles needed to be replaced with permanent metal poles. All a veteran has to do is put the word out of our need and a Patriot Company will come to the rescue. The Central Fence Company here in Swainsboro is just such a company. We needed 14 black 10' metal poles with metal attachments and the Dixon's at the Central Fence Company provided us with the supplies at no cost to the Veterans or Park. Thanks so much Andy, Theresa, Cheshly and Bridget.

Right: Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution presented to Swainsboro Masonic Lodge No. 244 F & AM our 40th U.S. Flag Certificate on Thursday, June 22, 2023. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by the Wiregrass Chapter Flag Chair John Tapley to the members, Joey Blackmon and Matt Bennett of the Swainsboro Lodge in recognition of exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way.





Left: The June program was presented by Dan Elliott of the Lamar Institute. He had a video and spoke on the "Arms of Ebenezer".

Below: President Wilder Smith, Jr. inducted new member Bobby Reeves into the Wiregrass Chapter. Bobby's wife Daisy to pin the SAR Rosette on him.



Below: Registrar Dess Smith III then presented President Wilder with 4 Chapter Flag Streamers that were earned by presenting the Wiregrass Chapter wreath at these 4 events: The Elijah Clarke Event, the Kettle Creek Battle event, the Brier Creek Battlefield Event and the Frederica Naval Battle event.



Right: Compatriot Steve Burke set up his 6-pounder Field Cannon in downtown Millen, GA to support the Jenkins County Chamber of Commerce. Steve was asked by the Chamber to demonstrate his cannon and talk to 5 classes consisting of over 100 students of the Jenkins County School system. Steve discussed the weapons systems that the Patriots used during the American Revolution and what happened at the nearby Brier Creek Battlefield on March 3, 1779. At the end of each session, he fired his 6-pounder Field Cannon."



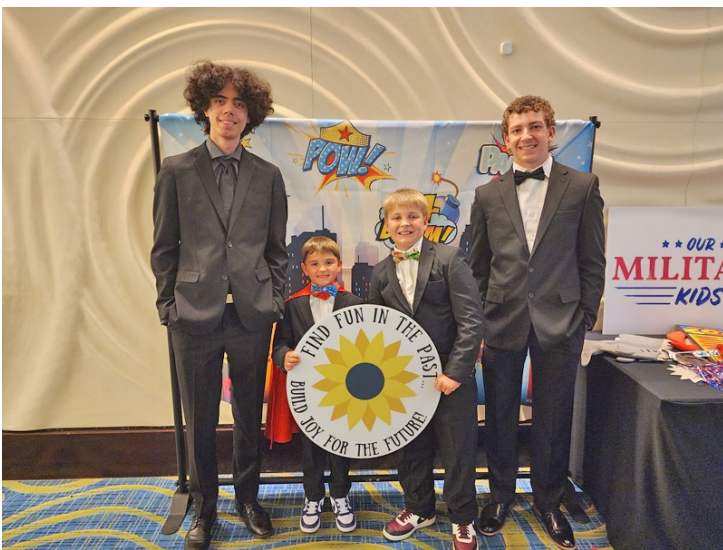


Below: Patriots of Liberty Society recently returned from the National C.A.R. convention and celebrated being recognized as the Best Society in the Nation.



Left: At the convention, they had an opportunity to tour. Their reaction to the iconic photo turned statue was priceless.

Below: The Group received a gift of an American flag and a Georgia flag from the Robert Forsyth Chapter, GASSAR. Presentation was made by Chris Russo and John Flikeid.

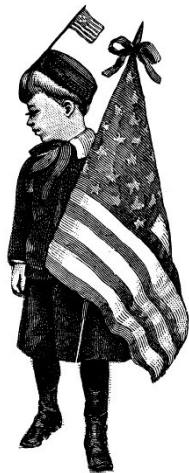


The Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR held its annual picnic and awards program on Sunday May 7th, where they presented their Society's highest and best award for the year, the National Gold Merit Award winner.

Also honored at the event was our own Chapter C.A.R. Liaison Kevin Baker, C.A.R. National Regional VP Will Tims, and his mother Nancy Tims (Senior Vice President of the DAR Southeastern Region).

We congratulate Will Tims, who is the newest National C.A.R. officer from Georgia.

Below: More scenes from the National Conference.





Right: Lyman Hall Color Guard (plus Amy Woodrick) presented Colors at the April 13, 2023 Colonel William Candler Chapter's annual Awards Tea at Gainesville First Presbyterian Church.



Below: Jacob Braselton Chapter, DAR at the William York Grave Marking Ceremony.



Right: DAR gathered at the Daniel Boone Grave Ceremony.



Below: L to R: Cheryl Ray, Kristine Steakley, Penny Walker and Helen Powell at Gainesville Memorial Day Parade.

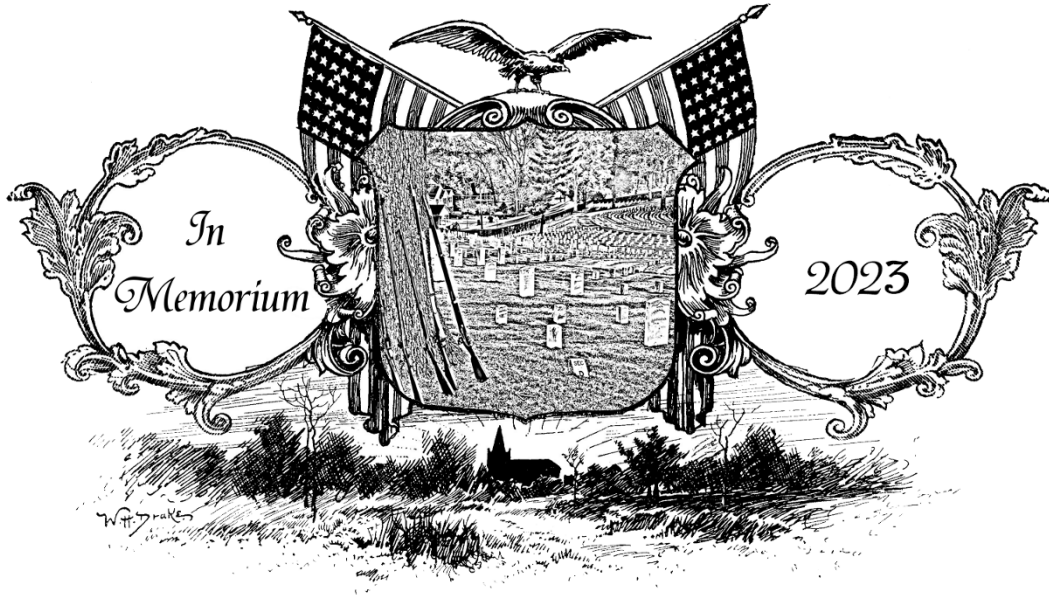


Right: NSDAR President General, Pamela Rouse Wright presented an award to SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette during the Opening Ceremonies on June 28th. This new medal may only be presented by the NSDAR President General and is titled: The Hannah White Arnett Gold Medal of Distinction and is for Extraordinary Cooperation and Outstanding Service to NSDAR. Button Gwinnett SAR Members in attendance were President Tom Jacques, 1st Vice President Ray Kyle, and compatriots Randy and Noah Tindall.

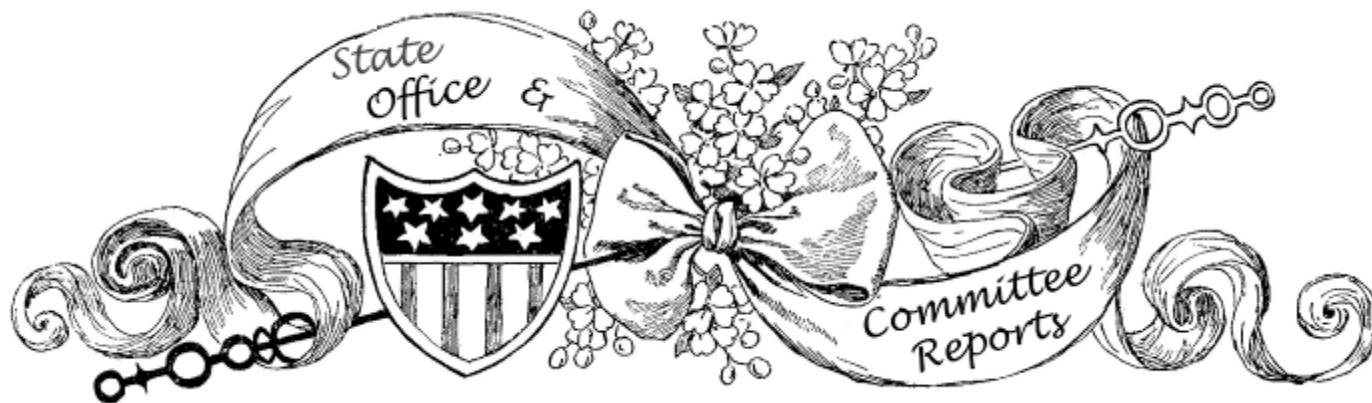


Below: Georgia State First Vice Regent Helen Powell arranged for 82 Georgia Daughters to tour the Washington D.C. mansion of Larz and Isabel Anderson on June 30th. This beautiful 21,000 sq ft mansion is furnished with opulent antique furnishings, artwork, Asian ivories, lacquerware, screens, and sculptures from around the world! Crashing the party in the very top row are Button Gwinnett Chapter President Tom Jacques and 1st Vice President Ray Kyle with their wives Lynn (Philadelphia Winn Regent) and Debbie (William Day 1st Vice Regent).





Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Robert Andrew SANDERS,	181817	Ocmulgee	02 Apr 2023
Marshall Elijah CASH	175247	Jos. Habersham	05 Apr 2023
Willie David GUNN,	207001	Wiregrass	10 Apr 2023
Eugene Lee Warren,	184229	Piedmont	20 Apr 2023
Robert Maupin HALL,	219977	Dalton	15 May 2023
Laurence William LINES,	180557	John Collins	15 May 2023
Kenneth Bemis FOLLOWILL	146659	Coweta Falls	18 May 2023
Charles Thomas GIBSON,	203702	Joel Early	22 May 2023
Joseph Smith MOSES,	196088	Robert Forsyth	08 Jun 2023
Dwain Irvin MOSS,	215050	Little River	12 Jun 2023
James Clarence ROBINSON, Jr.	159492	Marquis de Lafayette	26 Jun 2023



Secretary - Gary Smith



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

GASSAR Compatriots as of:	1-Jan-23	1921	
Additions as of:	30-Jun-23		
New Members		95	
Reinstatements		36	
Transfer ins		3	
Reinstatement-Transfers		2	
Total gains as of:	30-Jun-23	136	
Losses as of:	30-Jun-23		
Transfer outs		4	
Deceased		24	
Dropped		0	
Resignation		0	
Total lost as of:	30-Jun-23	28	
Active Membership as of:	30-Jun-23	2029	
Year to date Membership change	30-Jun-23	108	

New Members



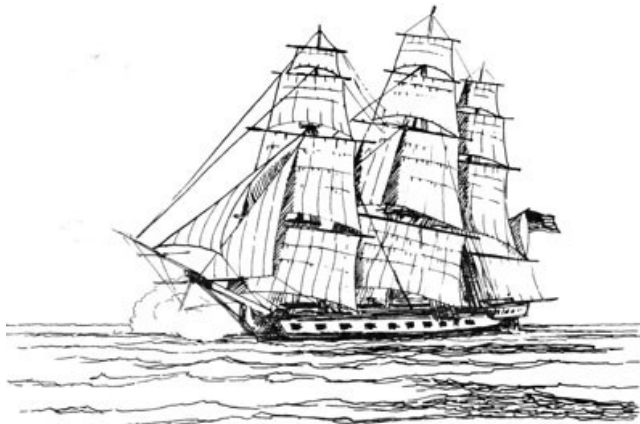
Georgia Society New Members Since Saturday, December 31, 2022

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens			
14 Apr 2023	William Douglas MCFARLIN	John CHASTAIN	Kenneth Scott COLLINS
Atlanta			
26 May 2023	Blake Lawson WILSON	David LAWRENCE	Gregory Eugene SMITH
30 May 2023	Wyatt Lawrence WILSON	David LAWRENCE	Gregory Eugene SMITH

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Blue Ridge Mtns			
05 May 2023	John Emit MAYS III	John BRADDOCK	Jack Powell DUGGER
19 May 2023	John Edwin VEDDER, Jr	David JACKSON	Sidney DuBose Turner
23 Jun 2023	Roy Edgar HAMBY	Benjamin BRACKETT	Jack Powell DUGGER
Brier Creek			
05 May 2023	John William JOYNER	Timothy RICKETSON	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III
Button Gwinnett			
14 Apr 2023	John Connelly STOECKER	Thomas HELM	Harold Douglas FORD
14 Apr 2023	Winston Scott LAW	Thomas HELM	Harold Douglas FORD
14 Apr 2023	John William STOECKER	Thomas HELM	Harold Douglas FORD
14 Apr 2023	Christopher Hans STOECKER	Thomas HELM	Harold Douglas FORD
14 Apr 2023	Christopher Douglas BRADFIELD	Jonathan CONE	Harold Douglas FORD
14 Apr 2023	Benjamin Connelly STOECKER	Thomas HELM	Harold Douglas FORD
Cherokee			
28 Apr 2023	William Lawrence BLANCHFIELD	Philip CARTER	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
23 Jun 2023	William Olen CAGLE	Henry CAGLE	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
Coweta Falls			
14 Apr 2023	William Authur BRANNAN	John MILFORD	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
14 Apr 2023	William Anthony BRANNAN, Sr.	John MILFORD	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
14 Apr 2023	Robert Milford BRANNAN	John MILFORD	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
14 Apr 2023	Joseph Case BRANNAN	John MILFORD	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
Dalton			
07 Apr 2023	Michael Lewis COULTER	Alexander COULTER	John Wesley BRINSFIELD
19 May 2023	Thomas Foster MCDANIEL	William HARRIS	John Wesley BRINSFIELD
19 May 2023	Larry James MCDANIEL	William HARRIS	John Wesley BRINSFIELD
Edward Telfair			
07 Apr 2023	Damon Paul HORNUNG	Michael DEIBERT	Roger Warren COURSEY
07 Apr 2023	Logan Meritt HORNUNG	Michael DEIBERT	Roger Warren COURSEY
26 May 2023	James Lewis GILLESPIE	Thomas GILLESPIE	Roger Warren COURSEY
Four Rivers Patriots			
19 May 2023	William Odell SANDERS	Thomas BONNER	Edward Dean MILLS, Sr.
George Walton			
19 May 2023	William Stanley EDWARDS	James MONTGOMERY	Thomas Austin CHAMBERLAIN
John Collins			
05 May 2023	Patrick Joseph MOLOHON	Richard RAPIER	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
05 May 2023	Sean Kelly MOLOHON	Richard RAPIER	Wayne Lambert BROWN
12 May 2023	John Lathrop THROCKMORTON, III	John BULLEN	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
Jos. Habersham			
05 May 2023	Billy Edwin CARPENTER	Richard HOOPER	William Hughes RAPER

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Little River			
28 Apr 2023	Walker Tutt NORMAN	William NORMAN	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
05 May 2023	James Casper CHAPPELL	Thomas DRAKE	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Lyman Hall			
26 May 2023	Stewart Alan HYDE	George KLOCK	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
Marshes of Glynn			
05 May 2023	Joshua Theodore KITTS	Bridger JONES	Charles Pendleton LEWIS, Jr.
05 May 2023	Harold Dickey ZELL	John CROCKETT	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
05 May 2023	Larry Herbert BACON, SR	Bridger JONES	Charles Pendleton LEWIS, Jr.
12 May 2023	Larry Herbert BACON, Jr.	Bridger JONES	Charles Pendleton LEWIS, Jr.
Mount Vernon			
19 May 2023	William Wheeler BRYAN, Sr	Phineas GIBSON	William Wheeler BRYAN, Jr.
26 May 2023	Robert John PILE	Richard PENNINGTON	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
Piedmont			
19 May 2023	William Cooper WESTERFIELD	Arthur DAVIS	Ronald Clinton WINDSOR
23 Jun 2023	Grant Wendell PALM	Gideon RAMSDELL	Ronald Willard REDNER
Robert Forsyth			
28 Apr 2023	Robert Arthur Dupont SEQUIN, III	James NUTT	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
26 May 2023	Colby Russell EVANS	Magnus TULLOCH	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
23 Jun 2023	Benjamin James WATKINS	John MILLER	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
23 Jun 2023	Carl James WATKINS	John MILLER	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
Valdosta			
12 May 2023	Alan Anthony TUCKER	Pascal TUCKER	Robert Hunter PARRISH, Jr.
12 May 2023	Alvis Anthony TUCKER, Jr.	Pascal TUCKER	Robert Hunter PARRISH, Jr.
William Few			
14 Apr 2023	Douglas Morgan LIVELY	Matthew LIVELY	
28 Apr 2023	Andrew Patrick GRINSTEAD	Warham GIBBS	Delbert Alan SMITH
28 Apr 2023	Stephan Burley GRINSTEAD	Warham GIBBS	Delbert Alan SMITH
Wiregrass			
05 May 2023	Robert Stokes REEVES	Joseph BURT	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III
05 May 2023	Christopher Everitt REEVES	Joseph BURT	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III
05 May 2023	Simeon Lee REEVES	Joseph BURT	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III
05 May 2023	Scott Carlton REEVES	Joseph BURT	De Saussure Dugas SMITH, III

Total: 55



Senior VP - 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.

In consultation with Membership Chairman PG Mike Tomme, a new report for the Regional Vice-Presidents is being considered. The RVP report has been a topic of informal discussion for quite some time and both PG Tomme and I believe it is time for a

revision that will better assess the "health" (a term which is admittedly vague and will need some definition) of the Chapters in the Region. The Draft of the new report is included for review and comment.

As we move closer to the Semiquincentennial celebration, I would encourage our Chapters to review the National America 250 websites for information on how events can be executed at the local level. It is often said that the Color Guard is the "face" of the SAR. Getting the Chapter Color Guards involved in local events (parades, veterans/public service recognition, Youth Contests, etc.) is a great way to introduce the SAR to the community and make inroads that may lead to future partnerships for America 250 celebrations.

I look forward to joining Compatriots from across the country at the Orlando Congress. My schedule is already filling up for the rest of the year, with planned trips to Blue Licks (KY), Sycamore Shoals (TN), Fall Leadership (KY), King's Mountain (NC), Savannah, Vann's Creek, and various Grave Markings.

C.A.R. Liaison - Robert Moore



The new State Project is America's Guardian Angels honoring our first responders. Several of the local societies have been busy presenting certificates of appreciation and cookies to their local fire and police departments.

Many of the State C.A.R. members traveled to Arlington, VA to participate in the National Convention. Will Tims, Junior State SAR member, was elected Southeastern Regional Vice President. He and Miss Joy Frederick were installed on the grounds of Mount Vernon. This year's National Theme is Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders. This year's top local societies (Best in the Nation) were Patriot's of Liberty, number 1 and Elijah Clark, number 2. I would like to thank all the SAR members that participated with these two societies as well as members who helped with other local societies.

This year's Southeastern Regional Meeting will be held in Winston-Salem, NC with a day of service at Crossnore Miracle Grounds Farm and Food Forest. This year's Regional Conference will be July 11 and July 12. I would like to thank those who have made donations towards this meeting.

Many local C.A.R. societies along with their SAR Compatriots attended multiple Memorial Day, Patriot Days, and Fourth of July Parades and celebrations. Looking forward to seeing members attending SAR National Congress in Orlando soon.

Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.



The next **Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers meeting** will held on **July 29, 2023** at the **Garden Patch** in **Barnesville, GA** beginning at **10 AM**.

The Garden Patch address is: 100 Southland Drive, Barnesville, GA 30204, Phone: 770-358-9895

Chapter Presidents, please distribute this message to your chapter members who might not be on the GASSAR BOM or GASSAR Color Guard distribution lists.

All GASSAR members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting, either in-person or via Zoom using the link below.

*****We do need a response from everyone who will be attending (either in-person or via Zoom)***. Please respond to RickReese68@att.net letting me know if you will attend **in-person** or via **Zoom** no later than **July 27, 2023**. **Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the link below: (I will open the login process at 9:40 AM)****

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84811644562?pwd=QTdOODZFcCtwc0ovNWpEVVlhcUtMZz09>

Meeting ID: 848 1164 4562

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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
					
Athens					Brad Vaughn Travis Wooster
Button Gwinnett				Jeff Legg Thomas Rodriguez Coty Steward	
Coweta Falls	Jane Edenfield				
Little River				Mason Aguilar Justin Gilstrap	
Marquis de Lafayette					Alexis Callaway

Streamers Presented to Chapters:

Yellow (for Gold - Excellence): Chapters awarding a medal in ALL 5 PS&H categories: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Commendation, Emergency Medical Services, Heroism, AND Life Saving

Silver (Distinction): Chapters awarding at least one medal in the following 4 PS&H categories: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Commendation, Emergency Medical Services, and either Herosim or Life Saving

Brown (for Bronze - Honorable Mention): Chapters awarding at least one medal in the following 3 PS&H categories: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Commendation, and Emergency Medical Services



Graves - Don McCarty

CONDUCTED – GASSAR Chapter Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Ceremonies for Calendar Year 2023

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 GRAVE REGISTRY FORM 10.10F HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND PROCESSED BY THE NATIONAL PATRIOT RESEARCH SYSTEM (PRS).

April 30, 2023 2:00 PM, the Athens Chapter SAR, Blue Ridge Chapter SAR, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, Captain John Collins Chapter SAR, Marshes of Glynn Chapter SAR and Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR participated with the St. John's Parish Chapter DAR and the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists to dedicate the grave markers of FIVE (5) commemorating the Revolutionary War service of Patriot soldiers. This event was at Midway Church Cemetery, on US Highway 17 South in Midway, Liberty County, Georgia. Prior to the grave marking event, the annual Midway Church Service will be held at 11:30 A.M., followed by dinner on the Church grounds. The SAR Color Guard presented Colors at the start of the service. Midway Cemetery is located across the highway from the Church. The Revolutionary War Patriots honored were as follows: Edward Ball, Patriot ID: P-107823; Francis Coddington, Patriot ID: P-338460; Philip Lowe, Patriot ID: P-239183; John Robarts, Patriot ID: P- 279673; Samuel Spencer, Patriot ID- P-294958. GPS for each Patriot's Grave Marker is provided below. GRAVE REGISTRY FORMS 10.10F HAVE NOT BEEN PROCESSED IN THE NATIONAL PATRIOT RESEARCH SYSTEM (PRS), YET. THIS IS A GASSAR SOURCE BOOK #10, CHAPTER REPORTS – 10.10F REQUIREMENT.

On May 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM, the Athens Chapter SAR and Captain John Collins Chapter SAR co-sponsored with the Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR to conduct the Grave Marking for Patriot William York, Patriot ID: P-135033, at Yorkville Cemetery, 6329 GA-101, Rockmart, Paulding County, GA 30153. The Graves Committee Chairman, Don McCarty, drafted the Program, the Wreath Presenters Insert, the Program Script, and the Grave Registry Form 10.10F with biography of this Patriot. GPS: 33.926028 - 84.997548 GRAVE REGISTRY FORM 10.10F HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND PROCESSED BY THE NATIONAL PATRIOT RESEARCH SYSTEM (PRS).

PLANNED – GASSAR Chapter Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Ceremonies for Calendar Years 2023

On August 26, 2023 at 10:30AM, the Robert Forsyth Chapter, Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter, and Button Gwinnett Chapter are co-sponsoring grave markings for two (2) Revolutionary War Patriots that were killed in action during the war. The Patriots are James Dysart, Patriot ID: P-152144, and William Dysart, Patriot ID: P-152149. This event is to be held at the Pine Log United Methodist Church Cemetery, located at 3497 Pine Log Road, Rydal, GA 30171, in Bartow County.

On October 21, 2023 at 2:00PM, the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter and Robert Forsyth Chapter are co-sponsoring two (2) Grave Markings at the Fairview Presbyterian Church, located at 857 Duluth Highway, Lawrenceville, GA30043. Patriot John Bagby, Patriot ID: P-106531, and Patriot Philip Isley, Patriot ID: P-189998, are to be honored at this event. Patriot Philip Isley in 1823 was a founding member of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, that is currently celebrating a yearlong 200th Church Anniversary.

On November 4, 2023, the Samuel Elbert Chapter SAR, and Stephen Heard NSDAR Chapter are co-sponsoring the grave marking for Patriot Captain Jacob Higginbotham, Patriot ID: P-181019, at 11:00 A.M. at the Higginbotham Cemetery. Directions from Downtown Elberton: (Intersection of Highway 17 aka College Avenue and Highway 77 aka N Oliver Street to the Jacob Higginbotham Grave) Go North on College Avenue / Highway 77 approx. 7.2 miles, turn left on Centerville Road, right beside Elbert Co. Fire Dept. Station 6. Centerville Rd. will change to Cunningham Rd. and the grave is approximately 4/10 miles from the Fire Department. Note: 911 address approx. is 2367 Cunningham Rd. Elberton, GA 30635. GPS: 34.207224 -82.898806. The GASSAR Grave Committee has vetted Patriot Edward Williams, Patriot ID: P-320654, for a grave marking likely to be scheduled in the Spring of 2024. The Joseph Habersham Chapter SAR is currently taking the lead in sponsoring this Grave Marking to be held at Chechero Baptist Church Cemetery in Clayton, Rabun County, GA. This Patriot was a soldier in South Carolina. On June 20, 2023, Graves Committee Chairman, Don McCarty, researched and printed a copy of this Patriot's Revolutionary War service in the Audited Accounts found in the South Carolina Archives in Columbia, SC. Additional information will be provided.

CONDUCTED – GASSAR Compatriot Grave Ceremonies for Calendar Year 2023

April 8, 2023, Athens Chapter SAR conducted a Compatriot Grave Marking for Past NSSAR President General 1972-1973, Ryall S. Morgan in Clyo, Effingham County, Georgia, at 2 P.M. for Compatriot Ryall S. Morgan, National Society SAR President General 1972-1973. Compatriot Morgan is buried in the Ryall Family Cemetery, GPS: 32.507047 -82 29830. This was a National SAR event since President General C. Bruce Pickett was in attendance.

April 16, 2023, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter SAR conducted a grave marking for Compatriot Robert Wylie, a Chapter Past President, at 6:00 P.M. at the White Oak Presbyterian ARP, 2796 Gordon Rd, Senoia, GA 30276 in Coweta County. GPS: Not Reported to Committee.

PLANNED – GASSAR Chapter Compatriot Grave Ceremonies for Calendar Year 2023

On August 5, 2023 at 11:00AM, the Captain John Collins Chapter SAR is planning a Compatriot Grave Marking for Compatriot Curtis McWaters. Additional details are to be announced. For additional information, you may contact Wayne Brown of the Captain John Collins Chapter SAR.

On October 1, 2023 at 1:00PM, the Athens Chapter SAR is planning a Compatriot Grave Marking for Compatriot Larry Guest. Additional details are to be announced. For additional information, you may contact Jay Guest of the Athens Chapter SAR.



America 250 - Ed Rigel Jr.

The Piedmont Chapter is also conducting a Liberty Tree planting program under the direction of Ron Redner. Piedmont Chapter members conducted a Liberty Tree planting at Bulloch Hall in Roswell on June 15. Compatriot Redner is working towards a goal of planting a Liberty Tree in each of the 64 Georgia Counties that is named for a Revolutionary War Hero.

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. Compatriot Trussell's program was rolled out at Fall Leadership 2022 and continues to be promoted by the National History Committee.

The Chairman's goal for the remainder of 2023 is to pursue the creation of an America 250 Commission or similar body for the State of Georgia. Currently, 34 states have authorized America 250 Commissions to promote the events of the Semiquincentennial. The 2022 Annual Report of the America 250 Foundation submitted to the United States Congress indicates that there is "significant interest" in Georgia in creating a Commission. In consultation with SAR Compatriots in other states, the Chairman will investigate the appropriate government channels through which a Georgia State Commission may be proposed.

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 who have earned the following America 250 Medals:

Rick Reese Jr. (Piedmont): Bronze
 Rick Reese III (Piedmont): Bronze
 Bobby Shaw (Piedmont): Bronze
 JC Hustis (Robert Forsyth): Bronze, Silver, Gold
 Emil Decker (Robert Forsyth): Bronze, Silver, Gold
 Chip Van Alstyne (Robert Forsyth): Bronze, Silver
 Ralph Galpin (Button Gwinnett): Bronze, Silver, Gold
 Steve Weaver (Blue Ridge Mountains): Bronze, Silver

Craig Benton (Piedmont): Bronze, Silver
 Scott Collins (Athens): Bronze, Silver, Gold
 Steve Morrison (Piedmont): Bronze
 Ed Rigel, Jr. (Robert Forsyth): Bronze, Silver
 PG J. Michael Tomme, Sr. (Marquis de Lafayette): Bronze
 Noah Tindall (Button Gwinnett): Bronze, Silver
 Cadence Blackburn (Captain John Collins): Bronze
 Jared Ogden (Blue Ridge Mountains): Bronze, Silver

[Editor's Note] This list is incomplete. Chapters may have awarded a bronze medal without the GASSAR Committee's knowledge. To make the list complete, please notify the Chairman of any medals awarded and not listed above.



Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett

Thank you to the three chapters that participated in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest: The state competition was held on April 29, 2023 after the spring BOM meeting at Pam's Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville, Ga. Orators Jacob Wang from the Athens Chapter, Brynn Scott from the Ocmulgee Chapter and Vania Munjar from the Robert Forsyth Chapter competed at the state level. Brynn Scott won 1st place, Jacob Wang won 2nd place and Vania Munjar won 3rd place in the state competition. Six finalists are chosen from all state entries to compete at National Congress each year and unfortunately we did not make the top six. Congratulations to Brynn Scott for winning the state competition and to all the orators that participated this year. I would like to thank several people that helped to make our state competition a success: Committee Members Joe

Bishop and Greg Smith; Contest Judges Wayne Brown, Paul Lester and Greg Smith; Time Keeper Carter Wood and Photographer Bill Edelen. This contest would not have been possible without their help and with the support of the local chapters. I encourage all chapters to promote the Rumbaugh Orations Contest and if you have any questions please reach out to me.

Veterans - Gary Hoyt



On May 29, I attended the funeral ceremony for Posthumous Medal of Honor recipient Luther Herschel Story, whose remains were recently identified using DNA analysis. The funeral at Andersonville National Cemetery was led by Major General Thomas Cardin, Jr., Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard, and Major David Burris, State Chaplain of the Georgia National Guard. Eight surviving family members were in attendance, as was Georgia Governor Brian P. Kemp. CPL Story's niece, Judy Wade, received his Medal of Honor Commendation, his Medal of Honor, and the folded American flag that National Guard members held open to shelter his coffin during the funeral service.



Luther Herschel Story was born on July 20, 1932, in the rural community of Buena Vista, Georgia to Mark H. and Florence (Holloman) Story. It was the Great Depression, and Luther was the youngest of three children after "They were extremely poor sharecroppers," said Judy Wade, Gwendolyn's daughter, born four years after her uncle went missing in action. "They didn't call them that then. But they were. They lived in a house on somebody else's farm. Part of the way they paid them was sharing the cotton they raised. Sweet potatoes often served as their only food, three meals a day.

He never did graduate high school because when he was 16 he wanted to join the military, So his mom signed the papers. The teenage soldier ended up in Korea in 1950 with A Company of the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division of the U.S.

Army. On Sept. 1, 1950, near the village of Agok on the Naktong River, Story's unit came under attack by three divisions of North Korean troops that moved to surround the Americans and cut off their escape.



Photo courtesy Judy Wade/Story Family)

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:LutherHStory.jpg>

It proved the turning point of the Korean War. A savage daylight attack by elements of three enemy divisions penetrated the thinly held lines of the 9th Infantry. The company commander ordered the unit to withdraw against overwhelming odds. Story, however, unleashed a barrage of hand grenades on an enemy troop truck towing an ammunition trailer. Out of grenades he crawled to his squad, gathered up additional grenades and again attacked the vehicle. Story seized a machine gun and fired on enemy soldiers crossing the river, killing or wounding about 100. PFC Story was wounded in this action, but, disregarding his wounds, rallied the men about him and repelled the attack. Realizing that his wounds would hamper his comrades, he refused to retire to the next position but remained to cover the company's withdrawal. When last seen, he was firing every weapon available and fighting off another hostile assault.

Cpl. Story was listed as missing in action. In 1951, his father received Story's Medal of Honor at a Pentagon ceremony. Story was also posthumously promoted to corporal.

About a month after Story went missing in Korea, the U.S. military recovered a body in the area where he was last seen fighting, but they could not be identified with the forensic techniques available at the time. His remains were buried among other unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, commonly called the Punch Bowl.

Story's parents died without knowing his fate. So, too, did his siblings. Judy's mother, Luther's sister, Gwendolyn, made the decision on her deathbed in 2017 to give a DNA sample to the Department of Defense. So, too, did Judy Wade. They were compared to a set of remains at the Punch Bowl, and they were a near-perfect match," Wade said.

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, more than 7,500 Americans who served in the Korean War remain missing or their remains have not been identified. That's roughly 20% of the nearly 37,000 U.S. service members who died in the war.



Historian - Bill Edelen



The Fourth of July is a time when we come together as a nation to celebrate the values of freedom, independence, and unity. And on this occasion, I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Georgia Society for the continued support and assistance.

As we have entered the second half of 2023, several of the Chapters have hosted and attended numerous events this year and I would like to obtain copies of the event materials whether hard copy or digitized. While I know there are events that have occurred or are planned for 2023, I have little or few items of coverage. If you are aware of my participation in the event, I would have a copy in my possession. I encourage you to share copies of proclamations, event flyer's and other documentation you wish to archive. At the end of 2023, I will turnover the archive material, for the Georgia Sons of the

American Revolution, to the Atlanta History Center.

Flag Respect - Gary Smith



2023 Second Quarter

9 Chapters have reported at least one Flag Display Certificate presentation with 9 more needed to meet the Admiral Furlong Award 50% requirement.

1 Chapter has reported at least one Flag Retirement Certificate presentation with 17 more needed to earn U.S. Flag Retirement Award.

The Piedmont and Robert Forsyth SAR Chapters held their annual Flag Retirement ceremony at the Ingram Funeral Home and Crematory in Cumming, GA on 10 June 2023. The ceremony was well attended by SAR, DAR, C.A.R., as well as Boy Scout members. Flags which had become worn and unserviceable were properly and respectfully retired in this ceremony.

Percentage of Chapters currently reporting:

Admiral Furlong Award: 26% (Award Criteria of 50% is not met) - Flag Retirement Award: 3% (Award Criteria of 50% is not met)

Editor - Emil Decker



We are now half way through the year. Seems hard to believe. We've been running so hard we haven't seen how far we've gone, or what we've past in the last quarter. That's the reason for the Newsletter. To remind us of where we've been and where we're going.

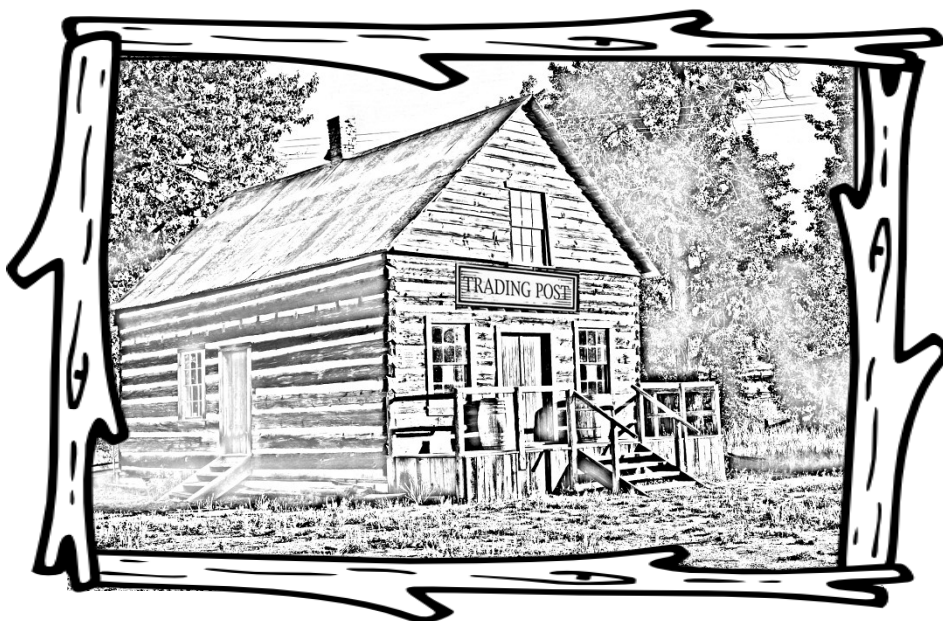
I continue to receive nothing from many chapters, while a few groups are well represented and shine. The regulars are at each event, but when they attend, they often don't have time to capture the event on camera. Those with cameras often forget to share their photos. Those they do share with, fail to forward to the editor. (Have I complained enough about the same ole same old?)

I am always grateful to those Compatriots who post large amounts of photos to choose from, making them available to all on the Internet. You know who you are. I am also grateful to Janet Edelen. Since I have seen Bill involved more and more, his camera would not look "authentic" dangling from his neck while presenting colors. She has been his steadfast camera operator while he is engaged, and we therefore continue to receive many photos we would not otherwise have access to.

One suggestion I received from a good friend and Compatriot is that the Georgia Society Chapters that have newsletters rarely share them with those outside their chapter. They may be accessible via Facebook or the web, but many folks don't know where to look, nor more specifically when. Especially for editors of chapter newsletters, seeing what another chapter editors are doing often helps form a better newsletter for your own group. New ideas shared, a perspective on format, so many things could make all our newsletters better if we shared. Maybe we can post links or at least notice on the Distribution lists?

If you send me photos, great. If you have processed a PDF, and reduced the quality of the photos to reduce the size, I have found that the pics are often too poor to post in The Hornet's Nest. I probably can use the Word version, or perhaps if you sent me the photos instead. Zipped files are ok.

Remember the Trading Post section and advertise your wants and trade / sale items.



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



The Friends of Fort Morris, are looking for help with their cannon and carriage. Donations can be made to Friends of Fort Morris at the address below.

Friends of Fort Morris
 Peter Winn Martin
 9858 E B Coover Hwy
 Riceboro, Georgia 31323

You can address any questions to him at doglegdoc@gmail.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.

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