



The President's Dispatch

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

July - September 2023



July started out with a bang!—from the July 1st Freedom Fireworks at Washington, Georgia, to the NSSAR annual highpoint of the National Congress in mid-July in Orlando, Florida, that included a blast from Space X!

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The center of the fight for Independence in Wilkes County, Georgia, became known as "the hornet's nest"

Liberty Trees

With the emphasis growing stronger in recognizing the 250th Anniversary of our nation, (1776 – 2026), many communities are turning to planting, or replanting Liberty Trees. Most everyone associates the original as "The" Boston Liberty Tree, the Elm, in the center of the rebellion within Boston. Liberty Poles were also popular, especially after the elm was cut down by the British. Poles are replaceable. But was it the first Liberty tree or pole?

The Romans erected what is believed to be the first liberty pole after assassinating Julius Caesar. The murder plot's leaders met at the Roman Forum, where someone placed a Phrygian cap from a freed slave on top of a pole to show the Romans won their freedom from Caesar's tyranny.

Since at least the 14th century, the tree Gernikako Arbola, in the Basque town of Gernika acted as a meeting place for citizens of the province. The tree represents the traditional freedoms of the people from Biscay, one of the provinces of the Basque Country of Spain. Nowadays the president of the Basque Country known as the Lehendakari swears his charge there.

The White Pine, or Pinus Strobus, also has important points of symbolism. It has long been regarded as the "monarch of the forest". For many Native Americans, it is considered the "Tree of Peace".

Legend of the Peace Maker and the Piece Tree: [https://](https://www.onondaganation.org/history/)

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Large trees make for great meeting places, especially if within or near the town's limits. Many towns designated their own Liberty Trees. Randolph, New Jersey claims a white oak Liberty Tree dating to 1720.

John Adams recorded the planting of a new buttonwood (American sycamore) in Quincy, Massachusetts, on May 4, 1766, noting in his diary with an inscription that marked the tree as "a tree of liberty."



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In 1766, Newport's patriots assembled under the liberty tree on a triangular piece of land at the corner of Thames and Farewell streets. William Read had donated that land to William Ellery and other Sons of Liberty shortly after the repeal of the Stamp Act. Under a suitable buttonwood tree, the patriots held mock funerals for liberty and hanged unpopular Loyalists in effigy. They also put up a liberty pole at a distance from the tree and put their colors on both whenever appropriate. When the British occupied Newport, they cut down the liberty tree.

The pride of New Hampshire was in the Pine Tree Riot of 1772. The pine tree, in particular, became a symbol of liberty, independence and strength in the New England colonies, and was used on flags, banners and even coins. I doubt they met under any other tree. The Bucks of America, a unit of free black soldiers from Massachusetts who used liberty trees on their regimental flags and pins, also chose a pine tree as a representation of liberty. Yet most liberty trees were shade trees, not pine trees.



Origin by E. Benjamin Andrews (1844–1917) - Taken from *The Project Gutenberg EBook of History of the United States, Volume 2 (of 6)*, by E. Benjamin Andrews, c.1894



Archive.org - A Reverence For Wood by Eric Sloane
<https://archive.org/details/a-reverence-for-wood/page/76/mode/2up>



Thomas Crane Public Library
The Quincy Room
Lantern Slides 1801-1850. Missing 1801.
Dup 1821

Charleston's Liberty Tree, a grand Live Oak, remained standing until British military forces overwhelmed the American defenders in the summer of 1780. Sometime after capturing the colonial capital of South Carolina on May 12th, General Henry Clinton ordered his troops to chop down the majestic live oak and burn it into oblivion.

The Boston Liberty Tree, an elm, remained a gathering point during the decade leading up to the Revolutionary War. The ground surrounding it became known as Liberty Hall. The Liberty Tree was felled in August 1775 by Loyalists led by Nathaniel Coffin Jr. or by Job Williams. Reportedly, it made for 14 cords of firewood. For many years, the tree stump was used as a reference point by local citizens, similar to the Boston Stone. During an 1825 tour of Boston, the Marquis de Lafayette declared, "The world should never forget the spot where once stood Liberty Tree, so famous in your annals."

While there was technically a Liberty Tree in each of the 13 original colonies, some of the "trees" were actually poles, such as Georgia's original "tree" in Savannah. The liberty pole sprang up in response to specific events, where perhaps a tree was either not a common gathering place, or otherwise unavailable.

One of the best-known poles was erected by the Sons of Liberty at Golden Hill in New York City in 1765. It was a location where the Sons and their supporters could meet to agitate for repeal of the Stamp Act. The pole was located just across from, and in plain view of, an abandoned building that served as one of the city's largest army barracks.

The Bostonians Paying the Excise Man, 1774 British print by Philip Dawe that depicts the tarring and feathering of Boston Commissioner of Customs John Malcolm. This was the second time that Malcolm had been tarred and feathered.

By Philip Dawe - John Carter Brown Library, Public Domain,

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=242263>



The BOSTONIANS Paying the EXCISE-MAN, or TARRING & FEATHERING.
Plate I

The Sons were so outraged when a group of off-duty soldiers sawed down the liberty pole on 16 January 1766 that a two-day riot ensued. A replaceable pole proved useful. This began an almost yearly ritual where soldiers would cut down the pole and instigate a fight with the Sons of Liberty. Once tempers cooled, the Sons of Liberty would defiantly raise a new pole in the same spot. Despite the colonists' addition of protective devices like iron rings to the pole, the soldiers found ever more innovative ways to fell the offensive post. There was a mention of trying to blow up the pole with a powder charge.

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On May 19, 1774, 1,000 residents of Farmington, Conn., erected a liberty pole, burned an effigy of Gov. Thomas Hutchinson and a copy of the Boston Port Act. Shutesbury, Mass., erected a liberty pole on Sept. 5, 1774, the day the Continental Congress first met. By October 1774, Connecticut newspapers reported, "Liberty-poles from 100 to 170 feet high, are erected and erecting in most of the towns of Connecticut."

In Machias, Maine, a Liberty Pole erected in 1775 by the O'Brien brothers (for whom an entire class of US warships would eventually be named) sparked a fight with British Sea Captain James Moore who was bringing the town news of Lexington's "Shot heard around the world". When Moore saw the Pole, he demanded they take it down, but the townfolk wouldn't hear of it and their resistance to the King's tyranny led to one of the first naval battles of the American Revolution.

In Georgia the "Sons of Liberty" were known as "Liberty Boys." "*Liberty, property, and no stamps!*" was their cry. August 10, 1774, thirty men plotted at Tondee's Tavern in Savannah. This is considered Georgia's first participation in what would become the American Revolution.

The first physical response of the Liberty Boys in Savannah was to seize ammunition stored in the magazine on May 11, 1775. It was planned and carried out by members of the Council of Safety. About six hundred pounds of powder fell into the hands of the Liberty Boys. Some was sent to South Carolina, the rest was hidden in the garrets and cellars of the patriots who had seized it. Tradition says some of this powder was sent to Massachusetts, where it was used by the patriots who drove the British before them at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Other events occurred that showed the temper of the Liberty Boys. On the 4th of June, when Governor Wright came to fire salutes in honor of King George's birthday, he found the cannon had been spiked, dismounted, and rolled to the bottom of the bluff. On June 5th, the first liberty pole in the Colony was set up in Savannah. A young man named Hopkins, who spoke contemptuously of the members of the Committee of Public Safety, was seized by a mob, tarred and feathered, placed in an illuminated cart, and paraded up and down the streets of Savannah.

Liberty trees today, as in the leadup to the Revolutionary War, may be of any species. Maryland's Liberty Tree was a tulip poplar that was used as a rally point for the Maryland colony during the Revolutionary War. The 400-year-old tulip poplar stood on the grounds of St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland until 1999, when it was felled after Hurricane Floyd caused irreparable damage to it. Seedlings were started to perpetuate the importance of the Liberty Tree's place in history. *You can acquire a "DNA" offspring from this tree through the Allegany County Forestry Board, c/o Maryland Forest Service.*

Native or other types of trees are available from local nurseries, or online. It is recommended that any tree being planted be researched for its "thrive-ability" in the location it is planted. One wants to ensure that the tree grows and lasts for years to come.

Since many meetings occurred around a mug of ale, perhaps we should think about a few Liberty Taverns as well?

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The President's Dispatch (Cont.) In between, I participated in July 4th "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony on the grounds of the Old Fayette County Courthouse in Fayetteville, Georgia, where I rang, rang, rang that bell, during the ceremony. Members of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter joined local DAR members for that event.

On July 14th, the 133rd National Congress of the NSSAR began down in Orlando, Florida. On the 15th, we experienced a great tour of the Kennedy Space Center with many fascinating demonstrations and gigantic rockets and even the last Space Shuttle! When our four-year old grandson saw the photos, he asked, "Did Grandma and Grampa go to the Moon??"

The next morning was the Memorial Service, honoring all those beloved compatriots we have lost over the past year. And, of course, one of the first losses was that of our former state president, Joseph Vancura. When the National Chaplain came to Joe's name, he choked up, honoring our departed president as well he should, from the depths of his heart.

Other Congress events I attended were Council of State President Breakfasts, Youth Awards luncheon, as well as the PG Banquet, Installation Banquet, and various other meetings and get-togethers. As well, I scheduled and chaired an "Executive Committee" Zoom planning session on July 25th since our Georgia Society BOM Meeting was only a few days away.

As Georgia Society President, I conducted our Summer 2023 BOM Meeting in Barnesville, Georgia, on July 29th, beginning at 10 AM. After the "Call to Order" and "Opening Ceremonies," I welcomed the Georgia Society BOM members, verified attendance, and explained rules and procedures. Next, contributions were recognized, as were major awards received at the recent NSSAR Congress in Orlando: K Scott Collins was presented the Roger Sherman Medal (Gold) and the Henry Knox Achievement Medal (Gold). Allen Greenly and David Jessell both won the Minutemen Medal, and Brenda Davison Jessell was awarded the SAR Appreciation Medal. As State President, I brought back several other awards presented at the Orlando Congress: several Certificate Awards and Streamers, all presented to State Historian William Edelen. Next, numerous Certificates of Appreciation were awarded for creation of the Branding and Engagement Guide, Social Media/Online Communication Guide, and Social Media Roll Out Plan and Marketing Plan. I also noted that Compatriot Scott Collins was installed as our new National Society Color Guard Commander. A quorum was declared and we continued the regular business of the BOM, including the submission and discussion of Reports. All Old Business and New Business was completed, including a presentation by Compatriot Ron Redner and others on the America 250 Liberty Tree Program. We proceeded with Closing Ceremonies, after which we enjoyed socializing over a good lunch.

August began with a profoundly sad Grave-Marking for an old friend from the first SAR chapter I belonged to in Georgia: Compatriot Curtis McWaters on Saturday, August 5th, of the Captain John Collins Chapter. The ceremony for Curtis began at 11:00 AM at the Georgia Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia. There was a wonderful turn-out, even though it was a very hot morning.

The next day, on August 6th, it was pouring rain, yet we met for the Marquis de Lafayette Picnic and chapter meeting at Compatriot Banks Glover's residence in Newnan, Georgia. I was pleased to meet the local sheriff and several of his deputies, one of whom we honored for their heroic actions, in the line of duty. Then I spent the rest of the day on readying several Membership packets so I could mail them out before I left for a 55th High School Reunion at the end of the week.

It was with great pleasure that the next week, on August 17th, I drove down to Grovetown, Georgia, to spend a couple days with my good compatriots of the Little River Chapter. At the gracious invitation of the State Secretary, I drove directly down to his and his lovely wife's house and dropped off my suitcase, where I was invited to spend the night. We then drove over to pick up Compatriot Bill Tankersley, Chapter President, and continued on to El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant in Lincolnton, for a delicious meal. Afterwards, we drove to the County Historical Society Groves-May House, Lincolnton, for the 6:30 chapter meeting, where I presented my "Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works" lecture/discussion. It was a great crowd, with much to add to the discussion. (If you haven't invited me to give my presentation to your chapter yet, I encourage you to do so.)

The next Monday, August 21, I started out the week with a 7 PM Zoom meeting of the South Atlantic District Presidents. Our new leader of S.A.D. was James Wyrosdick. It was an informative meeting. Near the end of the week, on Saturday, the 26th, I joined the Robert Forsyth, Button Gwinnett, Blue Ridge Mountains chapters, as well as the New Mexico Society representative, to honor Patriots James Dysart and William Dysart with two Grave Markings. The commemoration began at 10:30AM at Pine Log UMC Cemetery and Campground Pavilion, in Rydal, Georgia. I made comments to those in attendance and presented a wreath. The following Tuesday, the 29th, I chaired an important ExCOM Meeting, with the Chancellor and other relevant advisors also in attendance and we were involved in significant discussions.

Early in September, I made preparations for the upcoming Leadership Conference in Louisville, including researching and making reservations for the Georgia Society Dinner/Get together on the first Thursday night of the Conference. On September 16th, I was pleased to represent the Georgia Society SAR and bring Presidential Greetings to the 242nd Commemoration of the Second Siege of Augusta. I attended the Constitution Day activities at St. Paul's Church in Augusta, after which we gathered at the KROC Center Auditorium for a combined meeting of the Georgia and South Carolina Children of the American Revolution. Then we had a luncheon consisting of BBQ sandwiches and such in the KROC Center Lunchroom. From 1PM-1:45PM, we enjoyed commemorative ceremonies in the KROC Auditorium, along with wreath presentations. As State President, I went first. Finally, we were treated with a fine reenactment of the battle outside on the grounds of the Center, including cannon and musket fire.

On Tuesday, the 21st, we checked into the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, for the Fall 2023 NSSAR Leadership Conference and the first Welcome Reception! By 6PM, we joined many Georgia Society compatriots and their wives at Mi Casita on Fourth in Louisville, for a fun Get-together/Dinner. On Friday, from 10-12noon, my wife attended the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting on the 16th floor, while I participated in the America 250 National Committee on the third floor. In the afternoon, I participated in the History Committee Meeting from 3-5PM, after which was a Cocktail Hour, followed by the evening Banquet in the Crystal Ballroom.

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On Saturday, we got an early start, with the Donors' Breakfast from 7AM-8:30AM.

And the Germany Society meeting from 8:30-9:30AM, where I actually won a can of German beer. I attended the Trustees' Meeting from 10-12, while my wife attended the Ladies' Luncheon Meeting. I continued with the Trustees' Meeting from 1-3PM in the Crystal Ballroom. I participated in the Council of State Presidents from 3-5PM down in Citation A/B. We changed into our Black Tie Best for Cocktails at 6PM and the Formal Banquet from 7-10PM. The steaks were great.

On Wednesday, September 27, our Magnificent seventh grandchild was born to my daughter Marissa as we waited at Centennial Hospital in Nashville. What a way to bring the Fall Quarter to a close!

I am also writing the current Georgia Society Quarterly Report for the South Atlantic District Presidents Organization, because, just two weeks after Leadership, I will be meeting with them again during the King's Mountain Event. At King's Mountain, North Carolina, I will of course be involved in several events, on behalf of the Georgia and National Societies. (Not to mention, countless Zoom meetings.) All leading up to our next BOM Meeting on October 28th, and the glorious Ft. Morris "Come & Take It" NSSAR celebration on November 17th -18th, which will include PG John L. Dodd! Other events include Jacob Higginbotham's Grave-Marking, more of my Colonial and Revolutionary Art presentations, more Wreaths across America events, and even Christmas dinners—culminating in a busy January with our Annual Georgia Conference, during which I finally hang up my presidential spurs!

Libertas et Patria,

Dr. David A. Ludley

Georgia Society SAR President



Kettle Creek Pt. 2

Painting by Jeff Trexler

The Georgia banks of the Savannah near Augusta were controlled by Loyalist forces led by Colonel Daniel McGirth, while the South Carolina banks were controlled by Georgia Patriot militia led by Colonel John Dooly. A stockaded frontier post called Carr's Fort is where Pickens sent men, while the main body of his forces chased after the British in the area. The British made it into the fort, but were forced to abandon their horses and baggage outside its walls.

Pickens then besieged the fort until he learned that Boyd was passing through the Ninety Six district of South Carolina with seven hundred Loyalists. Pickens established a strong presence near the mouth of the Broad River, where he expected Boyd might try to cross. However, Boyd, his force grown by then to 800 men, chose to go to the north. He first tried Cherokee Ford, the southernmost fording of the Savannah River, where he was met with some resistance known as the Engagement at McGowen's Blockhouse. The encounter consisted of a detachment of eight Patriots commanded by Capt. Robert Anderson with two small swivel guns in an entrenched position. They thwarted Boyd's approach to Cherokee Ford.

Boyd moved north upstream about 5 miles (8.0 km) and crossed the Savannah River there, skirmishing with a small Patriot force that had shadowed his movements on the Georgia side. The fighting at Cherokee Ford and Vann's Creek (where Boyd ultimately crossed the Savannah) slowed the Loyalist march and somewhat reduced the size of their force. Boyd reported losing 100 men, killed, wounded, or deserted, in the encounter



To Be Continued



Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Victory at Yorktown	Yorktown, VA	Oct 19, 2023	National
Grave Marking Patriots (2) John Bagby and Philip Isley	Fairview Presbyterian Lawrenceville, GA	Oct 21, 2023 2:00 pm	State
Liberty Tree	Toccoa River Park, Veteran Memorial, McCaysville, GA	Oct. 25, 2023 11:00 am	National
BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct 28, 2023 10:00 a.m.	State
Grave Marking Patriot Capt. Jacob Higginbotham	Elberton, GA	Nov 4, 2023 11:00 a.m.	State
Veterans Day	Various	Nov 11, 2023	National
Grave Marking Patriot Colonel John McIntosh	Mallow Plantation Cemetery Pine Harbor, Georgia	Nov 17, 2023	State
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	Honor Guard at State Capitol for NSDAR	Dec 11, 2023 12:00 pm	State
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec 16, 2023	National
Georgia Society Annual Meeting	Sonesta Hotel Duluth, GA	Jan 26 - 27, 2024	State
Heroes of the Hornets Nest	Elijah Clark St. Park	Feb 9, 2024	State
Kettle Creek	Washington, GA War Hill	Feb 10, 2024	National

134th NSSAR National Congress

Lancaster, PA

July 11 - 16, 2024

Lancaster Marriott, Penn Square, 25 S. Queen St., Lancaster PA

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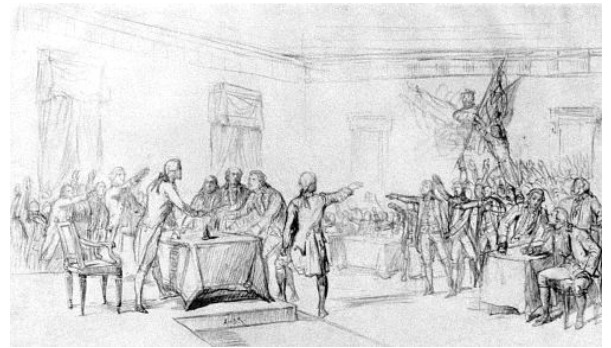
Give them the GROUP CODE of NSSAR

Rooms are \$149 plus tax per night with a 48 hour cancellation policy. These rates are good for the dates July 8 - 17, 2024

Room options are either a king or double. All suites have been allocated already.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1694032062042&key=GRP&app=resvlink>





INDEPENDENCE DAY

PATRIOTIC CHURCH SERVICE NEW HOPE UMC

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★ **JULY 2 • 10AM** ★

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Above: Compatriot Sid Hughes from Lyman Hall caught at the exact moment that best reminds us why we are so safety conscious about militia firings: Inspections, Equipment, Procedures, & Black Powder.... All together and we have great fun. Miss one little component and you could have an explosively tragic accident.



PATRIOTIC CHURCH SERVICE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF SWAINSBORO

"God Bless America, ...land that I love".

"Presentation of the U.S. Flag, the Christian Flag and the Holy Bible" by the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Compatriot Dess Smith III carrying the U.S. Flag, Compatriot Gary Mason carrying the Christian Flag and Compatriot Wilder Smith, Jr. carrying the Holy Bible. The altar flowers are in memory of and in honor of CW4 John B. Derden, who served 26 years in the U.S. Army; William Ralph Graves, Sr., who served in World War II; and 1LT William Ralph Graves, Jr., who was killed in Vietnam; and in honor of James Derden, who served in the U.S. Army for three years. The flowers were given by John and Carolyn Derden."



INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES

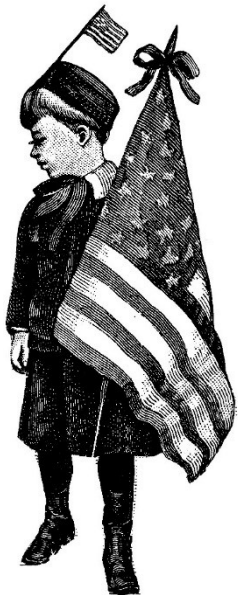
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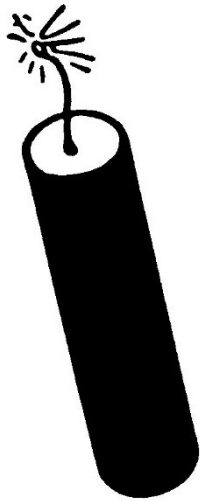
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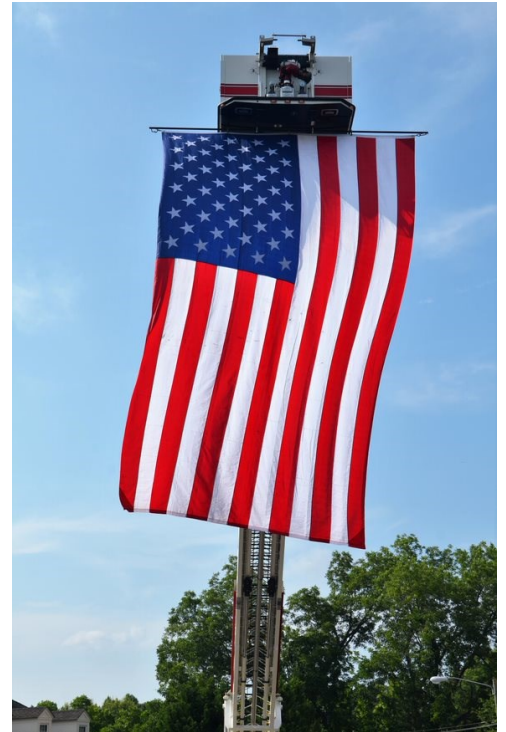
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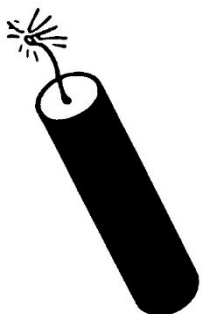
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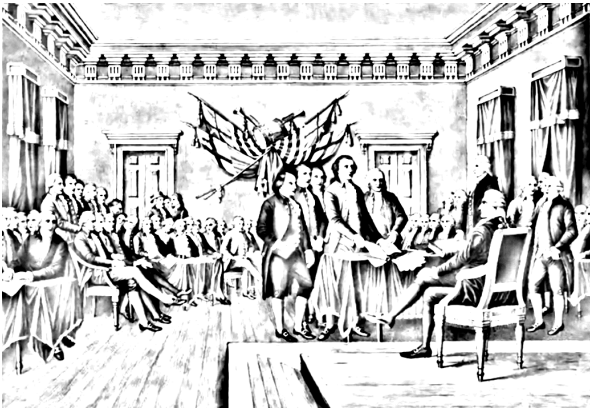
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HISTORIC WASHINGTON SQUARE

6:00P NATIONAL ANTHEM & EVENT KICKOFF
 6:30P TANNER DUCKWORTH BAND
 7:30P WATERMELON EATING CONTEST
 8:00P JOHN DUNN & THE JAZZMAN BAND
 9:15P FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

FOOD TRUCKS | LOCAL GRUB
 LIVE MUSIC | BOUTIQUE SHOPPING
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133RD ANNUAL CONGRESS

Compatriots, the pictures taken during the 133rd Annual Conference, many more than are included here, may be viewed, downloaded and shared using the link below. Thanks to Bill Edelen for his fine coverage.

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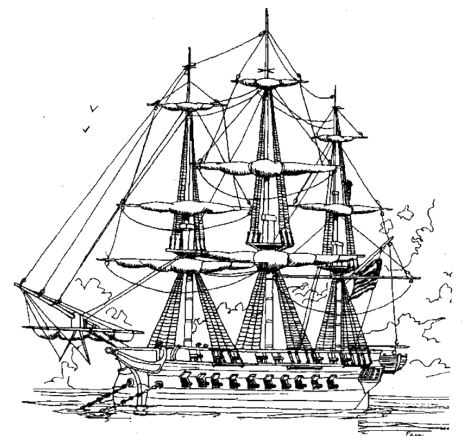














GASSAR Past President Allen Greenly, Robert Forsyth Founding member, Color Guardsman extraordinaire, National Registrar, Too many titles and honors to name, but let's add one more.

Color Guardsman of the Year



BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE



The Sons of the American Revolution returned once again to participate in the 2023 National Boy Scout Jamboree.

Right: L to R: Hank Voegtle (Dallas), Tim Brown (Louisville), Carter Wood, Elwin Spray (Ohio)



Dr Rigel pioneered our involvement with the first exhibit at Ft A. P. Hill in 2010.

By 2013 BSA had purchased and developed 10,000 acres of former coal strip mining land in southernmost West Virginia. Now known as Summit Bechtel Reserve, the facility is a year-round training center and seasonal program feature. 'SBR' has hosted National Jamborees in 2013, 2017 and 2023. It was also the site of the 2019 World Jamboree.

Our 2013 exhibit and activity was quite involved and constantly busy. Compatriot/Scouters from nearly a dozen states served. COVID cancelled the 2021 Jamboree. This year there was an intentionally downsized but yet very successful celebration of Scouting. Our Society was glad and proud to again be a part. We welcomed members and many potential applicants to our small booth.

Georgia Society assisted by providing booth displays and serving as staff for the twelve-day activity.

Carter Wood gave a presentation on the BSA Jamboree to the Piedmont Chapter on September 16, 2023, which was recorded by Rick Reese Jr. You can get the full video on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNsnI2UQ8w8>



BOM

The Georgia Society held our Summer BOM meeting on July 29, 2023 at the Garden Patch inn Barnesville. The video of the meeting may be viewed by clicking on the YouTube link: [https://youtu.be/ QnURI7ivUQ](https://youtu.be/QnURI7ivUQ)

Pictures taken during the meeting by Rick Reese III may be viewed and/or downloaded by clicking on the Google drive link: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VPJE53E2D3o0E0gf6eZ2aQh6H1sskTXc?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VPJE53E2D3o0E0gf6eZ2aQh6H1sskTXc?usp=drive_link)





GATHERING AT SYCAMORE SHOALS

Below: (L - R) National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, Bill Edelen, Ray Kyle, John McAskill, and Dan McMichael (not shown) attended the Gathering.





Above: As National Commander, Scott Collins had the opportunity to award several Color Guard Medals to participants.



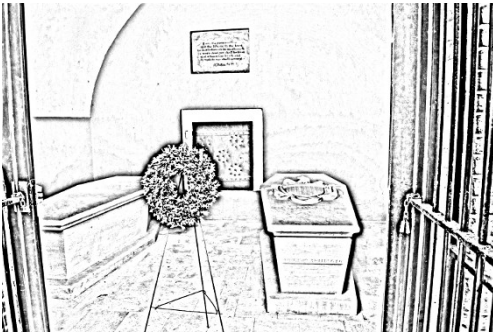
BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS

Below: Members of the GASSAR Color Guard attended the National event in Kentucky.





LEXINGTON CEMETERY GRAVE MARKINGS



**VIGIL AT
WASHINGTON'S TOMB**





The National Society SAR Guardsmen from 8 states honored our patriot commander at the annual George Washington Tomb Vigil, Saturday 16 September 2023. Under the direction of National Color Guard Commander Kenneth Scott Collins, twenty Guardsmen mustered at 7:45 outside the Pamela Cunningham Building for weapon check and safety inspection. They then marched in columns of two to the house for a photo at 8:30 and then proceeded to the Tomb for the day. A detachment of four - Color Guardsmen were posted for the initial fifteen - minute shift.

The remaining members of the unit, were marched down the hill and to the left of the tomb some eight hundred feet to await their turn in the changing of the guard, which happened every 15 minutes. From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM., shifts alternated between two and four members with the National Color Guard Commander participating in each of the twenty-eight shift changes.

At the posting of the Guard the following narrative was recited by the National Commander;

"Ladies and Gentlemen, we are the National Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution, a lineage society dedicated to the preservation of our American Colonial era history and the ideals of the founding of this great nation.

We are here today standing vigil at the tomb of General George Washington, the first President of our United States, and the father of our nation.

This is an Honor Guard and while you may speak to and have your pictures taken with the Tomb Guards, they will not respond to your questions or move from their post.

Feel free to come and speak to us about our organization and have pictures taken with our guards when they are off shift".

Seven additional Guardsmen joined the ranks to participate in the afternoon shifts. At 4:00 PM the Guard unit marched back to the Tomb and enjoined the last of the posted Guardsmen back into the ranks and proceeded to march back to the Mansion then on to the Cunningham building for final dismissal.







Nothing beats the look on the faces of the kids when they get to hold a musket, closely supervised by our talented SAR Compatriots.



During the daily Mount Vernon Wreath Laying Ceremony, a member of the SAR Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance while Commander Collins emceed the ceremony. The Tomb Vigil is timed to coincide with the annual Mount Vernon Colonial Faire and crowds were large.

There were many spectators during the 28 shift changes, and at the end of the day, each Guardsman that participate in the Tomb Vigil received a **“Washington Tomb Guard”** lapel pin as well as earned credit for their 250th Anniversary medals.



Northeast Georgia History Center hosted a homeschool day focusing on The American Revolution. Members from Lyman Hall, Robert Forsyth, Coweta Falls Chapter, as well as several DAR Chapters helped present Traveling Trunks, played games, demonstrated doll making, sipped tea, and shared many other aspects of the 18th century life; A live fire musket presentation, and yes, they did get to meet General George Washington, (*expertly played by none other than General Nathaniel Greene,oops, I mean Dan McMichael*). You should have him bring either persona to your chapter meeting. Or both! The kids had a field day !!! 244 of them with guardians.





Participants included: L-R Staff from the NE GA History Center, Lesley Watkins, Carter Wood, Dan McMichael, Emil Decker, J.C. Hustis, Clint Daniels, and more staff.



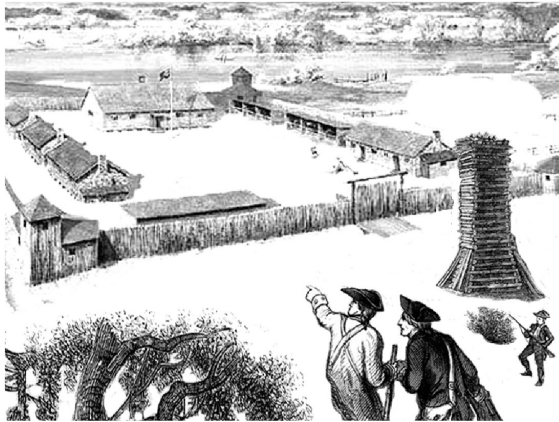
CONSTITUTION DAY

Right: Members of the Georgia & South Carolina Societies traveled to Augusta, GA on , September 16, 2023, to Celebrate Constitution Day at St. Paul's Episcopel Church. The Biography of Patriot William Few was presented by Mr. Erick Montgomery.





Above: No cannons this year at the request of the city, but musket salute goes off as usual.



SIEGE OF AUGUSTA



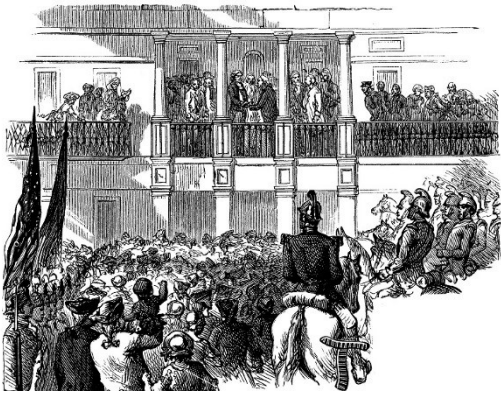
To siege an enemy, you need..... Well, an enemy. The Wiregrass Chapter has been raising funds to help these fellows recruit additional uniforms so others can represent the opposite side in the conflict.



The 242nd Anniversary Commemoration of the Second Siege of Augusta reenactment was preceded by a memorial ceremony in the Kroc Center auditorium, in which members of GASSAR, SCSSAR, Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution gathered for a seminar on the Second Siege by military historian Steven Rausch and the presentation of wreaths.







FALL LEADERSHIP

Right: Georgia Society doing what it does best.

Below: The hotel was evacuated briefly when a lot of smoke was discovered, but no person was in danger, and guests were eventually allowed back in to resume their activities.



Nobody knows who was responsible, but everyone probably has their list of suspects.



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 April - June 2006, The Hornet's Nest article below was a poem.



SECOND CAROLINA'S COLORS

A poem of Francis Marion, Sergeant William Jasper, the Second South Carolina Regiment, and the Colors that led them into battle. By Compatriot William O. Lewis, III

*Fifty British Men O' War assaulted Charleston's port;
Francis Marion's men defended, from a half completed fort.
And the people on the mainland knew their city would be saved,
As long as Second Carolina's Colors o'er Sullivan's Island waved.*

*Then a chance shot hit the flagstaff, and the flag began to fall;
Sergeant William Jasper saw it, and to Captain Marion called,
"I'll get them, Captain; cover me," he yelled o'er the battle
sound;
"Second Carolina's Colors must not lie upon the ground."*

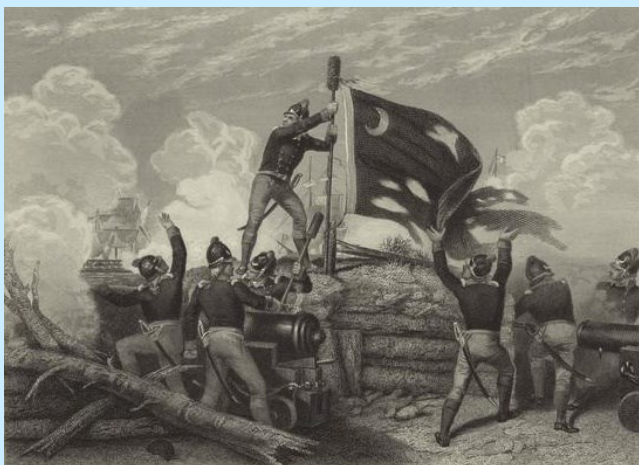
*He climbed upon the parapet and clambered down its length;
Then lifted up the flagpole using all his strength;
And tied the colors to a sponge staff and lifted them up high;
And Second Carolina's Colors, waved proudly 'gainst the sky.*

*He tipped his hat in mock salute, as he turned to face the ships;
"Hip, Hip, Huzzah," thrice repeated, roared from Jasper's lips;
Then he dropped behind the ramparts, to fire a round or two;
As o'er the fort, for all to see, Second Carolina's Colors flew.*

*The British ships came sailing by, firing broadsides stem to stern,
But each was receiving fire, from Sullivan's Island in return;
And when the Brits had turned to run, and set sail for friendlier
seas,
Second Carolina's Colors still flew defiantly in the breeze.*

*A hundred battles later, and a hundred miles away;
Marion and his men were near Savannah, come to save the day;
General Lincoln gave the briefing; attack Spring Hill Redoubt;
Five columns in assault; Second Carolina's Colors leading out.*

*Now Marion didn't like it; He could see a trap was laid;
But he'd obey his orders, though a price in blood be paid;
And his men would follow Marion, wherever he would lead,
And tales of Second Carolina's Colors could never match the
deed.*



New York Public Library:
<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/id?808620>

*Spring Hill was thrice defended, because their plan had
been betrayed;
Still, this was Second Carolina and the sacrifice was made;
They broke the British line, they gave a fearsome battle
shout, And planted Second Carolina's Colors on Spring Hill
Redoubt.*

*Just when it seemed they had the vict'ry; Brit defenses
they did quell;
Came Maitland's Seventy-first Highlanders, sounding
pipes from hell;
Fresh British reinforcements, attacking men half dead;
Second Carolina's Colors stood in puddles, of blood
already shed.*

*The cause was truly hopeless, and Marion had to call
retreat; His men were dead and dying but would ne'er
admit defeat; "You save the men; I'll get the Colors."
Jasper's final words and final hope;
As Second Carolina's Colors were made Holy, by blood
spilt on Spring Hill's slope.*

*Like a body in a casket, is not the person that we knew;
So the cloth in Scotland's trophy room, is not the flag we
flew; And as Jasper's spirit soared to heaven, for he'd
earned the martyr's fate;
He carried Second Carolina's Colors to fly o'er the Pearly
Gates.*

William O. Lewis, III



<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:British-attack-on-american-forces-in-savannah-georgia-in-the-revolutionary.jpg>

GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



James Dysart was born in 1727 New Londonderry, Ireland, and immigrated to the Colonies. While living in Chester County, Pennsylvania, sons John and William were born. John fought in and survived the war.

Early in the morning of February 1, 1781, the British moved down to "force a passage" at Cowan's Ford, a private ford, guarded only by Lieut. Thomas Davidson with twenty-five men. The battle took place about 12 miles from James and Margaret's home, where she and her other children, daughter Mary Elizabeth and son James Y. S. Dysart could hear the battle begin with small arms fire echoing in the distance. Both Father (James) and son (William) accounted for half of the patriot casualties that day.





COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



Compatriot Curtis Eugene McWaters became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the Captain John Collins Chapter in 2002. His Patriot Ancestor is Private William McWaters who served in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. Curtis served as Chapter Vice President, President, Chairman of the Flag Respect, Public Service & Heroism, & Veterans Committee, as well as Vice president of the NW Region. Curtis enjoyed attending SAR ceremonies and even with his mobility issues, one could count on Curtis being in attendance. Curtis was presented with the Patriot Medal, the highest award offered by the state.







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 Samuel Elbert Chapter GASSAR, The Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR and The Stephen Heard NSDAR Chapter invite the GASSAR, NSDAR, and family descendants to attend a Revolutionary War Grave Marking Ceremony on November 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Patriot Jacob Higginbotham.

(This will be #48 for the Samuel Elbert Chapter).

Information for the Higginbotham Ceremony.

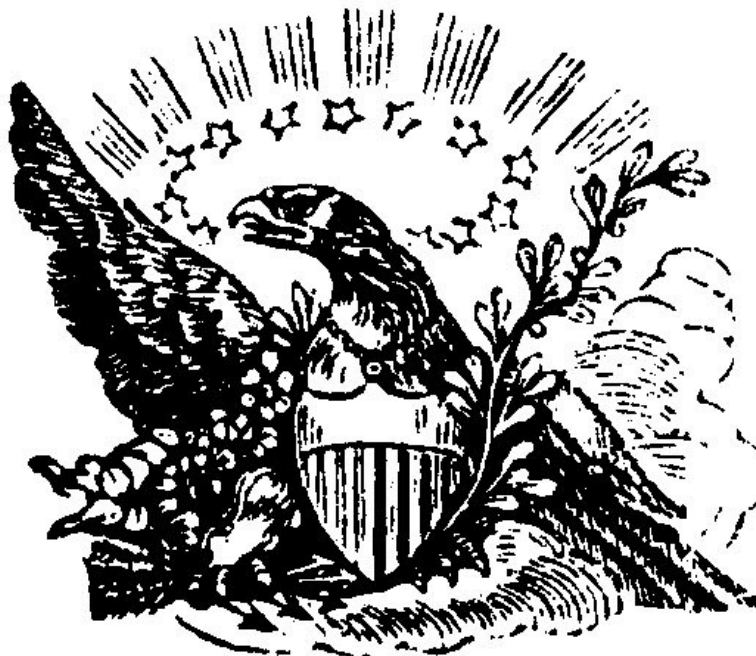
Directions from Downtown Elberton: (Intersection of Highway 17 aka College Avenue and Highway 77 aka N Oliver Street to the Jacob Higginbotham Grave) Go North on College Avenue / Highway 77 approx. 7.2 miles, turn left on Centerville Road, right beside Elbert Co. Fire Dept. Station 6. Centerville Rd. will change to Cunningham Rd. and the grave is approx.. 4/10 miles from the Fire Department. 911 address approx. is 2367 Cunningham Rd. Elberton, Ga. 30635. GPS 34.207224 / -82.898806. We will have SAR signs at Centerville Rd., Cunningham Rd and the cemetery.

Note: Send this reservation to Attention: Russell Terrell 706-491-2714 or rbterrell58@gmail.com

Please bring your own chair. The grave is in an open field.

Wreath Presenters & Descendants

Wreath Presenters Please Register by October 31, 2023, 2023 to be printed in the program. Descendants - RSVP your attendance to be recognized during the ceremony.





**GRAVE MARKING FOR
REVOLUTIONARY WAR
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN MCINTOSH**

St. Andrew's Parish Chapter, NSDAR
Marshes of Glynn Chapter, GASSAR and
The Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia invite you
to attend a Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War
Soldier and Patriot

Lieutenant Colonel John McIntosh

Commander of Fort Morris during the Siege of November 1778
who challenged the British to "Come and Take It!"

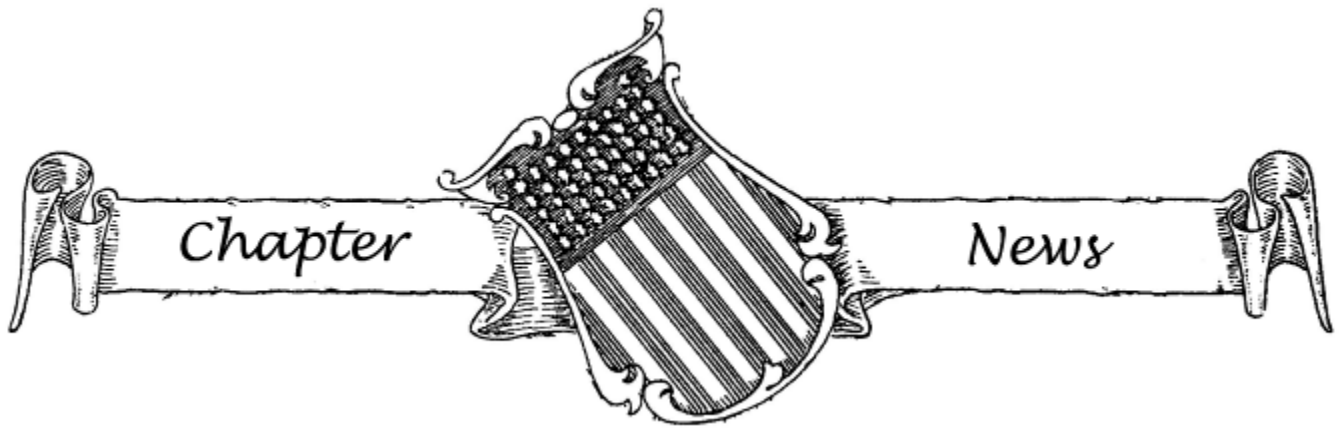
Friday, November 17, 2023 @ 3:00 pm

Mallow Plantation Cemetery in Pine Harbor, GA

Coordinates: 31.54601, -81.37621

To present a wreath or be included on the program, please RSVP by October 25 to
StAndrewsParishregent@gmail.com or mail Donna Howell, 1386 Sea Way NE, Townsend, GA 31331





Atlanta

Below: 102 year-old Atlanta Chapter Past President and member Albert 'Hank' Henley Sturgess Jr. is alive & well, Hank actually just turned 102 in May. Hank recently celebrated his 102nd birthday and remembers enlisting in the Navy before Pearl Harbor sent the U.S. fully into World War II. Gregory Smith visited him right before leaving for Congress! He was on a TV special report on this year's anniversary of D-Day. You can see it here:

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/video/1230789>

You can also find information about him in the oral history section of the Atlanta History Center Website:

<https://album.atlantahistorycenter.com/digital/collection/VHPohr/id/436>



Athens

Right: Scott Collins gets to lead many events as National Color Guard Commander. This time, however, Scott led the Colors carrying the National flag at the Kidwell Cemetery in TN, where 5 patriots were honored.



Blue Ridge Mountains

Right: Congrats to our newest member and BRM Chapter Color Guardsman and now at his first State event, John Mays, participated at this double patriot grave marking BRM cosponsored. He presented our chapter wreath with honors.



Below: Georgia Mountain Fair crew and float.





Left: The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter was invited to participate in a skit prepared by the Captain James Kell Chapter, DAR, in three Fannin County (Blue Ridge), GA elementary schools.

Two of the schools videoed the skit and later broadcast the skit to the entire student body. Overall, the skit touched a total of 944 students, plus the teachers and school administrators.

Daughters of the Captain James Kell Chapter, DAR dressed in period clothing and participated with the students, while Chapter President Stephen Weaver and Chapter Treasurer Jared Ogden served as moderators.



Left: Lamar Paris, Union County Commissioner, proclaimed September 17-23 as U. S. Constitution Week. The Commissioner's Proclamation calls upon citizens of Union County to read the Constitution, to reaffirm their support for its ideals, and to vigilantly protect the freedoms guaranteed through this document. Often called the 'Guardrails of Democracy', the U. S. Constitution ensures the freedoms central to our way of life in the United States of America.

Below: Compatriot Ron Hill was awarded the Dr. Joseph Warren Medal and Bronze Patron Bar by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution in July, for his outstanding support of our future leaders through the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest.



Ronald Guy Hill, Sr.

has been awarded the **Dr. Joseph Warren Medal and Bronze Patron Bar** by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution

for supporting our leaders of tomorrow through the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest
Excellent Communication Skills are Essential Leadership Skills



July 19, 2023

Bev Ricketts
President General, National Society Sons of the American Revolution
John H. Rumbaugh
Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest Chairman

Brier Creek

Right: The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, plus Brier Creek, Wiregrass, Mill Creek, and the Little River Chapter gathered on Saturday, June 17, 2023, for a major upgrade of the Brier Creek battlefield and memorial. Besides the workers shown in the photo, other members of the BCRWBA that brought heavy equipment were, Tommy Christopher, Stephen Hammond and John Fitzner.

Some 6 acres were mowed by 5 mowers consisting of regular riding mowers, push mowers, zero turn mowers and a tractor pulled bush-hog. While the mowing was going on, the backhoe and front-end loader were busy preparing the location on the south memorial wall to receive the large granite stones from the north wall. All this is in preparation for the new large flagpole that will later be installed, surrounded by pavers that are being purchased by families all over the State of Georgia. We have 2 sizes of pavers to choose from: 4" X 8" paver with 3 lines and 15 characters per line for \$250.00 and the 8" X 16" paver with 7 lines and 30 characters per line for \$750. Please contact Treasurer Sherry Christopher at 229-315-0950 or contact Tommy Christopher at 478-299-8135 or e-mail at cecil.t.christopher@gmail.com."

Below: Mike Lisenby presented "The Battle of Sullivan's Island", South Carolina to the Swainsboro Exchange Club in June.

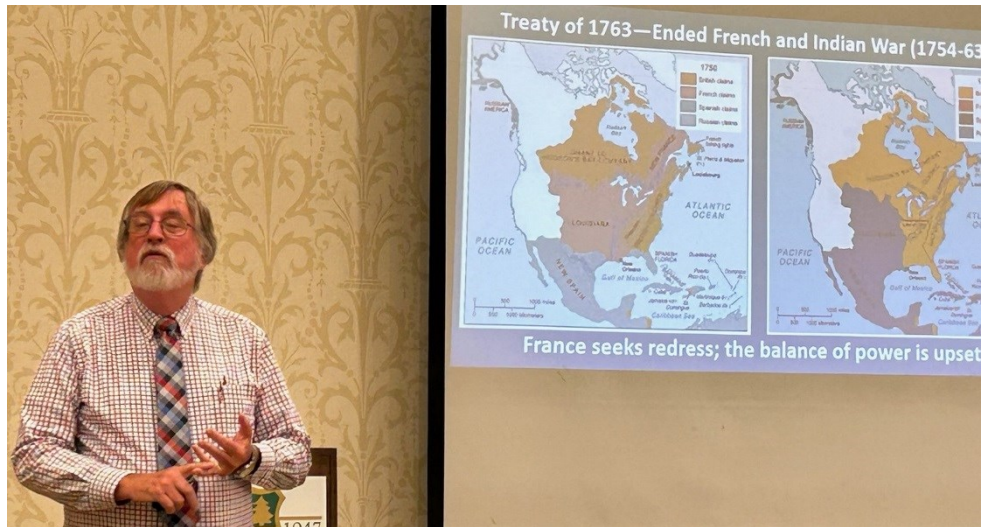


Above Right; On July 25, Brier Creek Chapter member Bernard Martin traveled to Thomson, GA to speak to the Thomson Guards, Camp 91. Bernard presented his program on "The Bible and the Constitution." After Bernard's presentation, Daughters of the American Revolution member Jeanie Joesby presented Bernard with the "DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award".



Left: The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. held its semi-annual Banquet on Thursday night, September 21, 2023, at the Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro. With President Stephen Hammond presiding, some dignitaries were introduced and then we were given an update on what was happening at the Brier Creek Battlefield.

Below: After the meal, Dr. John Derden presented his program on "The Treaty of Paris of 1781".



Below: 14 members of the Brier Creek, Wiregrass and Little River Chapters Georgia Society, along with the President of the South Carolina Society, traveled to Ebenezer, GA for the Annual Ebenezer Heritage Day Festival on Labor Day, September 4, 2023. This event is held yearly with food, crafts, exhibits, demonstrations, activities and all are welcome with free admission. The Event is proudly presented by the Georgia Salzburger Society and the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rincon, GA. Brier Creek militia (14 members) fired a 1 round volley with our flintlocks and the Brier Creek Artillery (5 cannons) fired a 1-round volley followed by Compatriot Don Bazemore playing taps on his bugle.





Left: The Brier Creek Chapter, held its monthly meeting at the newly remodeled Wall's Diner September 7. Ed Devos is an accomplished speaker and has written several books including *The Stain*, *The Chaplain's Cross*, *Revenge at Kings Mountain*, *Family of Warriors'* and *The Last 100 Yards*. All these books are available on Amazon.com. Ed's presentation was a review of the Battle at Kings Mountain, and how the "Over the Mountain Boys" got to the battle and how all the participants were Americans (Loyalists and Patriots) except for one British officer."

Button Gwinnett

Below: 1st Vice President Ray Kyle participated in several events outside of Georgia. Here he is presenting the Button Gwinnett wreath at the Elizabethton, TN commemoration of the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, where the Over Mountain Men started their journey to Kings Mountain.



Left: Button Gwinnett 1st Vice President Ray Kyle and Compatriot Ralph Galpin presented the Streamer they received on June 16, 2023, at the 243rd Anniversary event for the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC.



Right: Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Tom Jacques presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lawrenceville Frontera Mex-Mex Grill Manager Juan Pablo Duran and our Lead Server Samantha "Sam" Carrillo.

An additional certificate was provided to be given to Fernando Garcia – President Frontera Mex-Mex Grill.

Since our move to Frontera in January 2023 – they have done a wonderful job of meeting and exceeding our expectations of providing a facility for our chapter meetings. They have installed a new overhead projector and motorized screen, a new sound system and provided us with a podium.



Left: The Service to Veterans Medal and Certificate was presented to Donald McCarty by Gary Hoyt, Georgia Society SAR Veterans Committee Chair. This medal is awarded to SAR members who have given long and exemplary service to veterans. The recipient of this medal is required to accrue 5000 USS Stark points.

Right: Five of the eight flags carried by the GASSAR Color Guard were held by Button Gwinnett members.





Above and Right: Gordon Woodard gave an outstanding presentation on "Ten Days with George Washington."

Below: Compatriots gather to prepare for the upcoming October Patriot Grave markings at Fairview Presbyterian. Wednesday, July 19 – the Veterans Administration Headstone for Philip Isley was installed by Bruce Maney, Don McCarty, Eldon Evans, and Eldon's grandsons Jacob & Stephen Smith. A special thank you for the Photos taken by Compatriot Stewart Woodard.

Previous Patriot Graves Marked at the Fairview Cemetery include Major John Alexander, Daniel Byrd and William Thompson.





Left: Ralph Galpin added two more Supplementals to his name. Patriots Joseph Hurd & Gilbert Townsend Vail

Below: Lydia Darragh Medal presented - Lynn Baxter Jacques



Below: NSSAR Life Membership Pins presented - Tom Jacques, Don & David McCarty, Ray Kyle Gordon Woodard (Not Pictured)



Left: Mary Hamilton Williams - Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter Immediate Past Regent Mary Williams is a storyteller with roots in public speaking.

Over 25 years ago, during a weekend storytelling retreat, she realized that she'd rather tell stories than give speeches.

She began her speaking journey by joining Toastmasters 36 years ago, earning her Distinguished Toastmaster certification in 1992. While serving Georgia's Toastmasters, she met her husband, Steve. Mary's presentation was on "Women from History".



Left: We presented a Fifth - year anniversary Certificate to the Elisha Winn Society along with a \$250 check from donations collected.



Center: David L. Wellons – Mount Vernon SAR President 2023, presented “God’s Hand on America” for the August meeting.

Capt. John Collins

Right: John McAskill, 2023 President of the Captain John Collins Chapter was in attendance at the Five Patriot Grave Markings at the Kidwell TN Cemetery. The very next day was the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals.





Left and below: Bill Edelen from Capt. John Collins joined John McAskill, also in attendance, as were several other Georgians. The next day was the 243rd anniversary of the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton, TN.



Coweta Falls

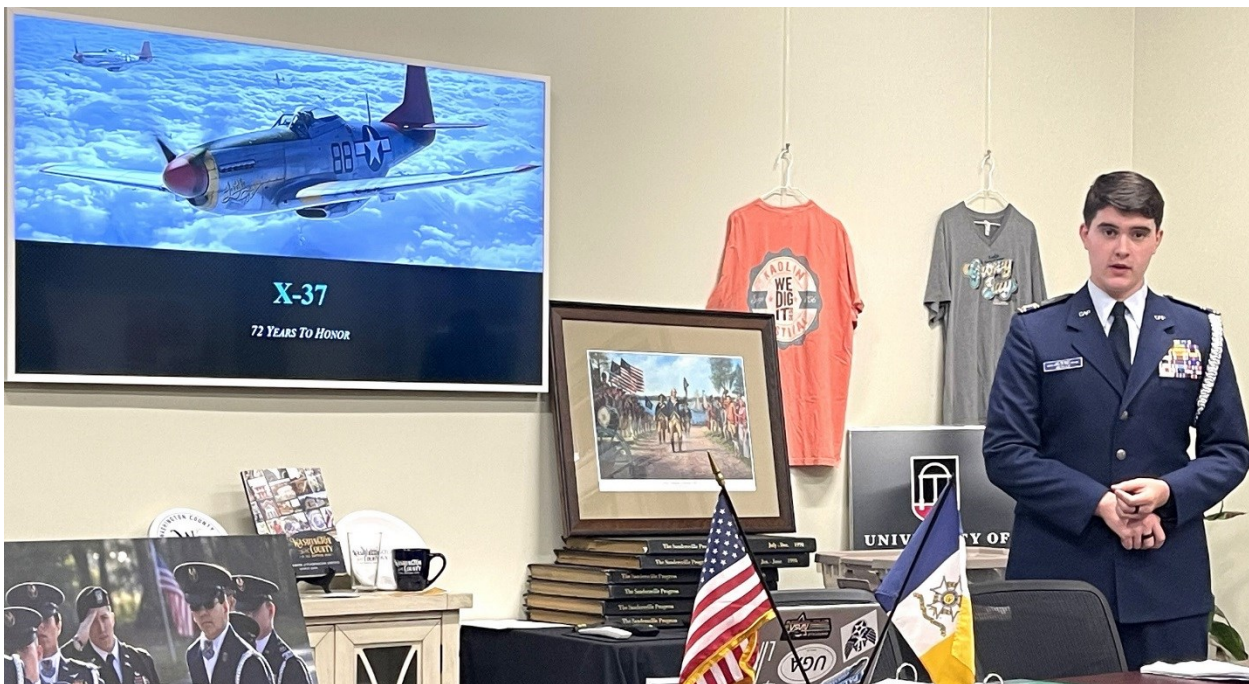
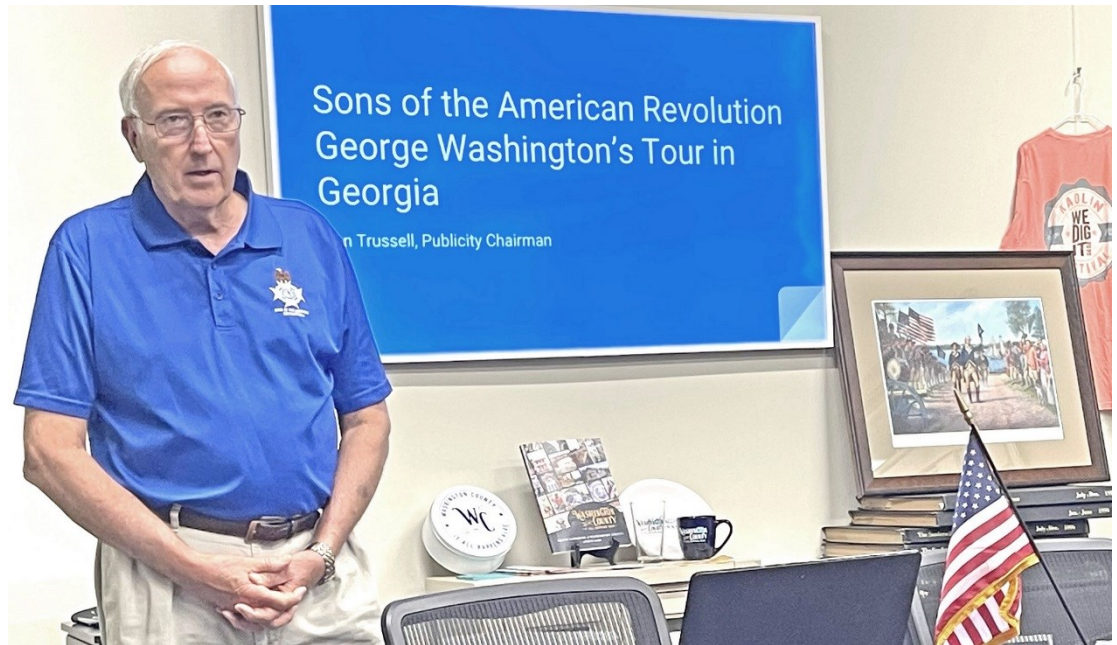


Left and below: One of those other Georgians who happened to be in the area and decided to drop in on the events was Dan McMichael, from Coweta Falls.



Fall Line

Below: The Fall Line Chapter held it's September meeting, where Compatriot John Trussell gave us his presentation about the "George Washington 1791 Tour, Savannah". He also showed the prints made of George Washington's landing in Savannah that he has for sale from the GASSAR.



Above: Our 2nd presentation for the evening was by Cadet Commander Nathan Mercer who is the grandson of President Sandy Mercer. Nathan is an active member of Civil Air Patrol, where he serves as Cadet Commander of a squadron and holds the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. He is a homeschooled senior. He is also a member of the Fall Line Chapter GASSAR. Nathan's spoke at our meeting tonight about WWII Flying Ace Captain Albert Schiegel and the role that forensic scientists played in identifying his remains 72 years after he was believed KIA in Strausburg, France.

Four Rivers Patriots



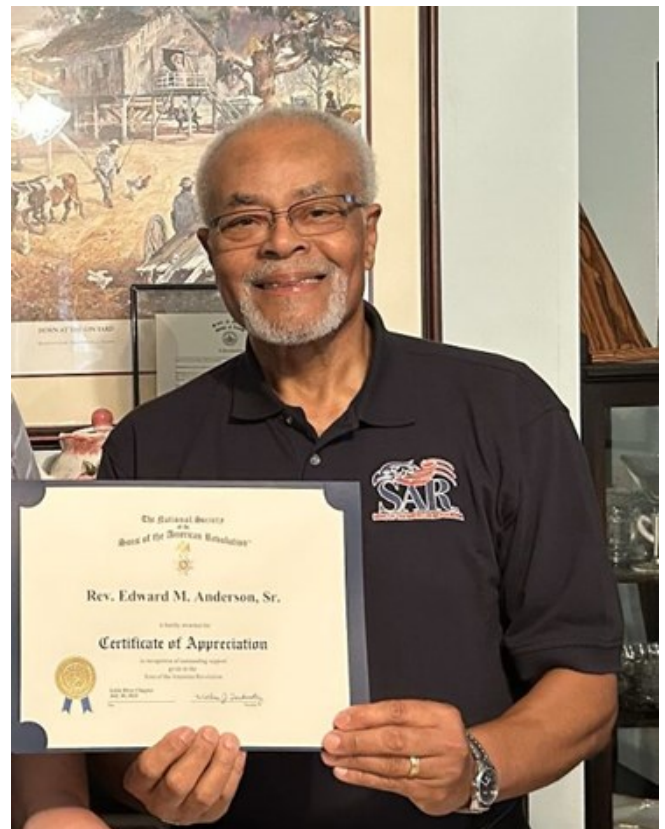
Left: The Four Rivers Chapter August meeting provided Larry Stephens, who for the last 2 years has been living in Savannah, an opportunity to bring his program "The Hornets' Nest, Wilkes County - 1700's". Larry talked about the difficulties of moving to the area between the Broad River, Savannah River and the Oconee River during the 1700's. Not only did they have to make do with what was available to them in the wild, but they had to defend themselves against the Creek and Cherokee Indians.



Right: The September program was presented by Dan Elliott of the Lamar Institute. He had a video and spoke on the "Arms of Ebenezer". Daniel was the speaker at the 2nd Annual Brier Creek Celebration that was held on March 11, 2017, on the Brier Creek Battlefield picket line on Andy Chisom's property.

Little River

Right: GA Society SAR Chaplain Rev. Ed Anderson, Sr. was our July meeting speaker. He gave an informative talk on the topic of "Cemetery Mapping." Reverend Anderson has worked hard to map cemeteries and has participated in several historic preservation efforts in his native Wilkes County, GA. We were blessed to have his wife Kathryn join us for the meeting.



Left: GA Society SAR President Dr. David Ludley was our August meeting speaker. He spoke on the topic of "Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works."



Savannah District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Chief Ranger Christina Alford was our September 21 meeting speaker. She covered several topics of interest to lake residents and recreation enthusiasts. The Savannah District USACE covers Lakes Hartwell, Russell, and Thurmond (aka Clarks Hill Lake for us "old timers.")



Above : GA Society SAR Secretary Gary Smith Sr. received the SAR Law Enforcement Medal. Gary served honorably as a Deputy Sheriff with the Richmond County GA Sheriff's Office for 8 years. During this time, he was assigned as Undercover Narcotics Agent, Road Patrol Officer and SWAT Team Member. He maintains his Georgia Peace Officer Certification and currently volunteers in the Columbia Judicial Circuit as the Chief Coordinator for the Veterans Treatment Court.

Below: Chapter Vice President Alton McCloud received the SAR Law Enforcement Medal. Alton served honorably as a Department of Justice Police Officer in Washington, D.C., Deputy Sheriff in Jackson County, AL, and patrolman, Captain, and Chief of Police in the City of Stevenson, AL. Pictured with Alton in his Department of Justice Uniform is his daughter, Madonna, circa 1972.



Lyman Hall

Right: Compatriot Eli Stancil of the Button Gwinnett Chapter brought a very good presentation, "North Georgia in the War of 1812: Forts, Boats, and the Peachtree Road" focusing on Georgia's part in the War of 1812. That conflict had many facets beyond the famous events at Washington DC, Baltimore and New Orleans.

Below Left: Compatriot Sid Hughes at the Dysart Grave Marking in Rydal, GA.



Below Right: Northeast Region Vice President Edwin Henderson, performed the induction ceremony to welcome our newest Compatriot Stewart Alan Hyde at the August chapter meeting.





Left and Below: Gainesville First UMC once again presented a Patriotic Concert, with the GASSAR Color Guard presenting the Colors and US branch ensigns during the military medley. Sid Hughes and Carter Wood were among the team.



Left and Below: As usual, after getting multiple members of the SAR and DAR onboard with participating in the Northeast Georgia History Center's homeschool day focusing on "The American Revolution", Carter just played with his toys and games. It was a seriously fun day.



Mount Vernon

Right: Mount Vernon Chapter member Bill Floyd attended the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at the Fulton County Courthouse and represented the Sons of the American Revolution this day. The Ceremony is held in the Atlanta Division at 11:00 am and is a function of the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, with the Honorable Timothy C. Batten Sr., Chief Justice presiding. Bill was joined by Stacy McCarver and Ron Redner from Piedmont Chapter.



Below: Mount Vernon Chapter Recording Secretary Warren McPhillips presented the SAR Certificate of Commendation to Richard Richards, Property Manager of Sunnyside Beach and Tennis Resort in Sunnyside, Fl. August 16th, 2023.

Below: Relaxing at the annual picnic.....inside....smart!





Left: Troop 372 at St. James United Methodist Church in Atlanta. On August 12, 2023, the Mount Vernon Chapter recognized three Scouts who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 372 at Saint James United Methodist Church. The Scouts are (L to R) Ava Boze, Katherine Davis and Sofia Graivier. They are the first female Eagle Scouts to receive the SAR Certificate of Recognition from the Mount Vernon Chapter. The certificates were presented by Compatriot Chuck Olson (GASSAR Chancellor), Chairman of the Mount Vernon Chapter Scout Committee. (Photo by Leslee Evans)

Right: Bill Floyd represented Mount Vernon Chapter at the Grave marking for Curtis McWaters.



Left: Our September chapter meeting speaker was Karin Guzy, whose topic was "Founding Gardeners – Gardening, Agriculture, and Botany". After careers as a journalist and in the advertising agency business, Karin retired and has pursued her plant addiction. Karin is a Master Flower Show Judge, accredited by the National Garden Club. She is the chairman of The Cobb Land Trust Inc., which oversees the operation of the 11.5 acre McFarlane Nature Park in East Cobb. Karin's talk brought to light the fact that many of our Founding Fathers were passionate about gardening and agriculture in general. In fact, the subject often served as a welcomed distraction during heated and frustrating debates.



Above and Below: Chapter President David Wellons presented Semper Fi Bar and Grille owner Ralph Roeger with the Sons of the American Revolution - Flag Certificate. Eight Mount Vernon Chapter members attended the ceremony in Woodstock, Georgia. 'Flags' Committee Chairman Shep Hammack and past President Bill Floyd were dressed in George Washington uniforms. Restaurant owner Ralph Roeger is a veteran of the US Marine Corps and flies the US flag on one pole and the Marine Corps flag along with the POW flag on another. The Semper Fi Bar & Grille is a hot spot for veterans and the public - Tuesdays thru Sundays, with military memorabilia filling each room within the restaurant. Roeger, who is franchising the restaurant, will change the name to Rally Point Grille in November. He currently has the Woodstock location and another in Evans, GA., with interest in other Georgia cities.





Left and Above: Mount Vernon Chapter members Bill Floyd, Shep Hammack and David Wellons acted as the Color Guard at this DAR event on Saturday September 16th.

State Regent Alice Benton, Regent of the Cherokee Chapter is pictured (right) with Compatriots Shep Hammack and David Wellons. Other DAR members attending were Betty Harrah, State Regent; Mary Williams, NW District Director; Alison Wise, Atlanta Regent; Milbrey Heard, Roswell King Regent; Patricia Bradford, Sandy Springs Regent; Debby Holcomb, Sandy Springs Chaplain; and Kathy Marsh, Roswell King Chaplain.

Right: An official groundbreaking ceremony for the Vietnam War Memorial in Dunwoody Georgia was held Tuesday, September 12th. Attending were Dunwoody Mayor Lynn Deutsch, members of Dunwoody's City Council (Stacey Harris, John Heneghan, Tom Lambert, Catherine Lautenbacher, Rob Price, Joe Seconder), State Representative Tran Long, & other local dignitaries, AVVBA members, members of Dunwoody VFW post 10822, and members of the AVVBA and the Vietnamese American Community of Georgia.



John Galt and Ham McDonald are members of AVVBA, Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association, and members of the Mount Vernon Chapter were at the ceremony. Both were Vietnam Veterans, John Galt US Army (1967-1971), and Hamilton McDonald US Army (1963-1968). Both are recipients of the SAR's War Service Medal.



Patrick Carr Rangers

Right: "Patrick Carr Rangers held its quarterly meeting, June 12, at President David Hargroves home. East Fall Line Region Vice President Dess Smith III presented the Chapter with 4 SAR event Streamers for their Chapter Flag: Elijah Clarke Heroes of the Hornet's Nest, the Kettle Creek Battlefield Celebration, the Brier Creek Battlefield Celebration and the Frederica Naval Battle Celebration.

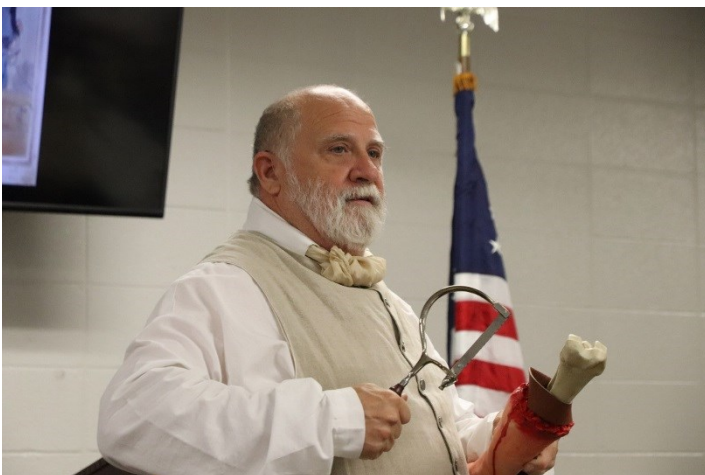


Piedmont

Below: The Piedmont Chapter monthly meeting in August with Compatriot Emil Decker entertaining us with the topic of "18th Century Medicine". IF the cure doesn't kill you, a trip to the hospital just might.



Famous surgeon and famous Piedmont member side by side. Which is which ???





Above: Piedmont members Craig Benton and President Stacey McCarver attend the Dysart Grave Marking Ceremony at Pine Log UMC in Rydal, GA.



Above: Rick Reese Jr. attended the Constitution Picnic with the Milton Historical Society, and presented select pieces of the Piedmont Traveling trunk. As senior member of the SAR presence, including the Robert Forsyth Color Guard, Rick was asked to command the Presentation of Colors. Rick did a superb job as one would expect.

Right: Craig Benton attended the Washington tomb vigil. Guards were rotated out regularly throughout the period, with 4 standing, two to each side of the gate into the new tomb.



Robert Forsyth

Below: First GASSAR V.P. Ed Rigel Jr., representing Robert Forsyth and the state society at the event in KY.



Above: Our Caricaturist Kenneth Baldowski renders Robert Forsyth President Emil Decker with a couple of quick strokes.



Left: Robert Forsyth members (missing a few in the picture) gathered for a group photo after the successful August dual grave marking ceremony for father and son James and William Dysart at the Pine Log UMC Cemetery - Campground.



Left: Nothing is finer than getting a new member and having him immediately join the militia in uniform. First from left is Carl Watkins, performing Mourn Muskets with the other members of the militia. At the far end is Gary Page, also a Robert Forsyth member. Not shown is Chaplain Byron Tindall. Byron fired with the militia, but had already stepped out to give the benediction.

Below Left: The Robert Forsyth Traveling Trunk and SAR information was shared with the attendees, along with the Piedmont and Patriots of Liberty DAR and C.A.R.



Below: Colors presented.



Right: Not present at the picnic was J.C. Hustis. J.C. had the honor of attending the Washington Tomb Vigil at Mount Vernon, VA.





Left: J.C. Hustis was joined by our all time favorite DAR representative Lesley Watkins, as well as several others not seen at the Gainesville location, the NE GA History Center for the Homeschool extravaganza. Photo taken just before the chaos broke out!

Below: September saw Bill Goodman tell us about "That Damned Presbyterian War: How the Irish and Scots won the American Revolution".



Left: Newest members Carl and son Benjamin Watkins were inducted in September. Carl has already joined the militia and participated in the August grave marking. We all need more members like Carl.

Below Left: Mrs. Watkins pins the rosette on Carl.

Below: Emil Decker and J.C. Hustis joined the Homeschool gang at the History Center in Gainesville.



Wiregrass

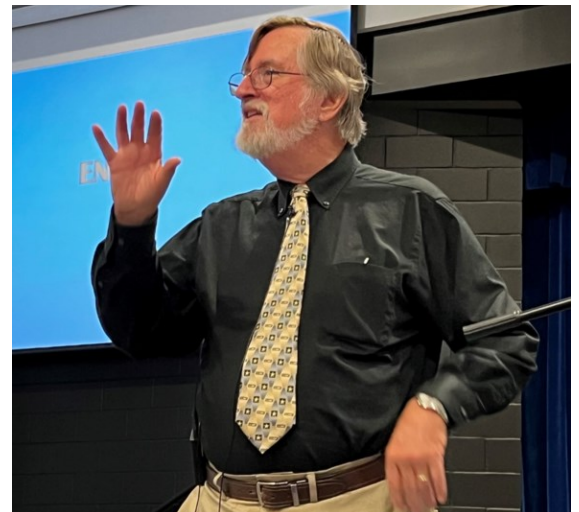
Below Right: President Wilder presented Compatriot Bobby Reeves with his Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for his 4 years serving in the U.S. Air Force.



Below Left: Compatriot John Derden presented his program, "Not a Man Hurt", about the Revolutionary War Naval Battle on the Frederica River off St. Simons Island, GA on April 19, 1778. Three galleys, the *Washington*, *Lee*, and *Bulloch* entered the Frederica River and anchored at Pikes Bluff, a mile and 1/2 above Fort Frederica on April 18th. On the morning of April 19th, Col Samuel Elbert took the 3 galleys down the Frederica River and attacked 3 of the British Ships, *Hinchinbrook*, *Rebecca* and *Hatter*. The American Galleys were lightly built craft that could be rowed whereas the British Ships were pure sailing ships. There was no wind that day, so the British had to anchor. The American galleys then anchored just out of range of the British 4 pounders. The galleys were armed with cannons, some 18 pounders that had a greater range. The battle was won by the Americans but was a small minor victory. It did however disable 2 British ships that had been capturing American merchant ships off the Georgia and South Carolina coast.



Below Right: On July 24, 2023, Wiregrass Chapter member Compatriot John Derden traveled to Statesboro to present his program to the Bulloch County Historical Society at their monthly luncheon held at the Pittman Park Church in their social hall. With over 100 in attendance, Compatriot John presented his program on the Battle at Brier Creek.



Below Left: At the Wiregrass Chapter September 14 meeting Compatriot Dess Smith III presented his program on the "Battle at Ninety-Six" a revolutionary War Battle. Even though Light Horse Harry Lee captured the "Stockade", General Nathaneal Greene decided to not continue the battle after 22 days because of the 2,000 British reinforcements soon to arrive at Ninety-Six. Soon after, the British abandoned the Fort.



Above: Compatriot James "Jim" Ivy Dekle was presented his Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate for his military service.



Left: DAR member Judy Womack, wife of Fred Darwin Womack, received her late husband's Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for his military service.

Below: Compatriot Joel Moring, Jr. was presented his Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for his military service.



Left: At the end of our Chapter meeting, Judy Womack drew the winning ticket for the Shotgun drawing. The proceeds will be used to purchase Revolutionary War British uniforms that will be loaned out during events so we will have British soldiers.

Glenn Briercheck of Swainsboro held the winning ticket."

Right: August 10 meeting saw Compatriot Steve Burke team up with Compatriot Benard Martin to bring us the program. Bernard discussed the making of "Black Powder" and the process by which he has made it. Then Compatriot Steve talked to us about the different Artillery pieces that have been invented and how they have been used since the early 1500's."

Below: Several members traveled to the "Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park" in Swainsboro on Saturday, August 26, to participate in the event held by the "Veterans at the Library" to Honor the 13 service members that were killed on August 26, 2021, in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Thirteen flags were erected to honor these fallen service members. Also, 1 U.S. Flag was erected in the memory of the National Guard soldier that drowned on the Rio Grande in Texas saving 2 illegal aliens that were smuggling drugs.

This year's event included the Remembering of the Service Members by saying each member's name with a bell being rung after each name. A banner with each service members name was carried to the fence for the "Hanging of the Banner" assisted by members of the "Glad Garden Club". Commander Steve Burke held a Flintlock and Cannon Salute fired by 6 cannons of the Brier Creek Artillery and Militia. Veteran Robert Nobles then played Taps on his bugle.



Below: The unfortunate passing of Wilder Smith prompted a Uniformed Musket and Cannon Send Off. Dess Smith commanded the muskets, and Steve Burke commanded the 5 cannons.



"On Saturday, September 23, 2023, Henry Wilder Smith, Jr.'s funeral was held at the First Methodist Church in Swainsboro, GA. Following the church service, Chapman's Funeral Home's Hearse brought Wilder into the cemetery with the street lined by his Sons of the American Revolution compatriots at "Present Arms". The U.S. Army Honor Guard from Fort Stewart was there to fold the U.S. Flag and play taps after the 3-round volley by the SAR Brier Creek Militia & Artillery Honor Guard. Traditional funerals have the military's 7 riflemen fire 3 rounds each which make a 21-gun salute. The SAR had 15 riflemen and 5 cannons firing a 3-round volley which totaled a 60-gun salute. This was fitting because of what Henry Wilder Smith, Jr. meant to all of us in the SAR, DAR, Veterans at the Library (red shirts), Exchange Club, First Methodist Church, Sunshine House, Emanuel Medical Center, BCRWBA, Inc., friends and his family. His SAR Skunk Brigade members came from many miles away to participate and pay tribute to Wilder, not only for his service to the SAR, but to his country during the Vietnam War. They are: Steve Burke (Millen), Don Bazemore (Sylvania), Cam Quick (Waynesboro), Walker Quick (Waynesboro), South Carolina SAR President Ted Walker (Graniteville, SC), Alton McCloud (Dearing), John Joyner (Waynesboro), Lee Herron (Sardis), Ruskin Powell (Gillis Springs), Bernard Martin (Waynesboro), Bernard Martin II (Waynesboro), Benjamin Martin (Waynesboro), Bill Carmichael (Swainsboro), Gary Mason (Swainsboro), William Woodard (Lincolnton), Thomas Miller (Grovetown), Al Smith (Gillis Springs), Dan McMichael (Pine Mountain Valley), Allen Mincey (Sylvania), Jerry Lawson (Swainsboro), Alton Reynolds (Swainsboro) and Dess Smith III (brother to Wilder). Rest in peace our brother in arms and we will see you again with the Lord."



Left: Wilder received the Patriot Medal from past President General Mike Tomme on January 27, 2023. The highest State Award that is given for long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and or chapter level.





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Patriots of Liberty C.A.R. Society at the Cumming, GA Independence Day Parade.



Patriots of Liberty Society supports the Georgia State C.A.R. Society President's Project: "America's Guardian Angels," by honoring our first responders! On July 4th, 5th, and 6th, certificates of appreciation and cookies were given to the Cumming Police Department, Forsyth County Fire Department Stations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15, as well as Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services Stations 23 and 29. Members told each one about C.A.R. and the GA State project. Members also told them how much they are appreciated and thanked them for their service to our community! Five more places were visited, including Forsyth County Sheriff's Dept. Headquarters, South Precinct, North Precinct, and Jail, as well as Fire Station #8.



Right: When Super Heroes call, Elisha Winn members show up to represent the best of America in the Braselton July 4th Parade. Joining forces with Lyman Hall, Athens, Button Gwinnett, and Robert Forsyth SAR chapters and the James Pittman DAR chapter. This was the first time our members marched in this hometown evening parade that followed up with fireworks.



Center & Below: SAR with C.A.R. State President Joy Frederick at the Georgia State Workshop. SAR/DAR/C.A.R. working together at Georgia State Conference





Left & Below: Elisha Winn Society IVP Nick H bringing greetings to the Button Gwinnet SAR compatriots.



Left: C.A.R. State Chaplain Noah Tindall with GASSAR Vice President - Central John Trussell bringing greetings and wreath presentation for Huguenot Bench presentation and commemoration



Left: Patriots of Liberty C.A.R. Society member Eva Russo helped present items from the Robert Forsyth Chapter's Traveling Trunk at the Constitution Day Picnic held on a farm in Milton, GA.



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies at the Fall Leadership Conference





Below: Four officers from the Lawrenceville-based Philadelphia Winn Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), participated in a public wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. on July 28 while DAR Daughters across the nation and abroad were in attendance for the 132 Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. At the ceremony were, on the front row Second Vice Regent Caitlen Green and Treasurer Kathy Schmidt while on the back row were Regent Lynn Jacques and First Vice Regent Randi Minor.



Below: Representing many DAR Chapters, the ladies gathered at the Dysart Grave Marking Ceremony at Pine Log UMC Campgrounds above the church and cemetery. Etowah Daughters co-sponsored the event.





Left: Ladies of the Patriots of Liberty Chapter, NSDAR, participated in a constitution day picnic organized by the Milton Historical Society.

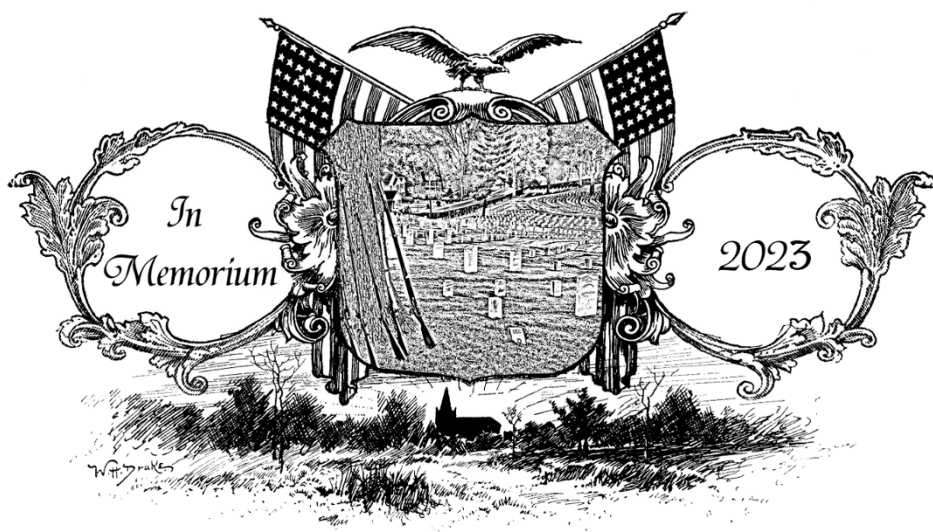
Below: Lesley Watkins demonstrates the little wooden Dancing Jack (Pinocchio's Brother?) to the homeschool crowd of kids attending the NE GA History Center's exhibition.

Below: Want to make the SAR and C.A.R. guys look better? Add Women from the C.A.R. and DAR at the Braselton Independence Day Parade.

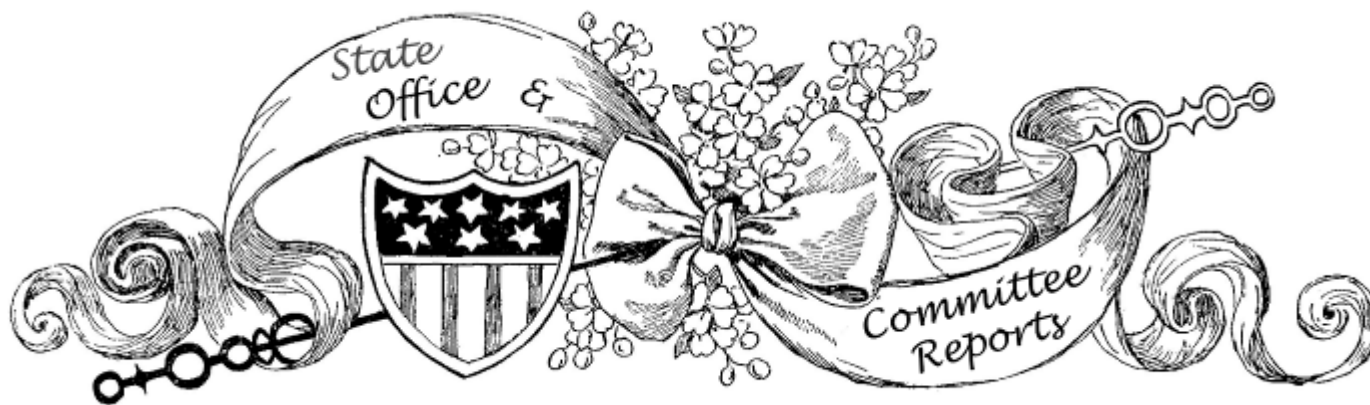




Above: DAR Fall Forum was well attended.



Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Arvin Francis SPELL, III	181999	George Walton	09 Jun 2023
Lionel YOUNG, Jr.	173751	Joel Early	20 Jul 2023
Harold Mayo MEADOWS	131252	Joel Early	24 Jul 2023
Jerry Robert WINSNESS	163870	Marshes of Glynn	25 Aug 2023
Franklin Dewey VEAL, Jr.	207535	Casimir Pulaski	10 Sep 2023
Henry Wilder SMITH, Jr.	178878	Wiregrass	19 Sep 2023
Robert Michael BRITTON	154543	Blue Ridge Mtns	19 Sep 2023



Secretary - Gary Smith



As of 30 September 2023, I recorded 288 Compatriots for proper payment of 2024 dues.

GASSAR Compatriots as of:	1-Jan-23	1921
Additions as of:	30-Sep-23	
New Members		111
Reinstatements		38
Transfer ins		4
Reinstatement-Transfers		4
Total gains as of:	30-Sep-23	157
Losses as of:	30-Sep-23	
Transfer outs		5
Deceased		31
Dropped		0
Resignation		0
Total lost as of:	30-Sep-23	36
Active Membership as of:	30-Sep-23	2042
Year to date Membership change	30-Sep-23	121

Georgia Trustee - Bill Dobbs



July 14th through 20th were the dates for the 133rd Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Congress was held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, FL. The Georgia Society had a fair number of attendees.

I mentioned in my Spring BOM Trustee's report, that the delegates would be voting (at Congress) on increasing membership dues from \$35 to \$50. Motion made by the Trustees and the voted on after 25 minutes of deliberation. The vote easily passed. The membership classes are for Regular Members, CAR Transfers and Reinstatements. Current members have until August 31st to purchase a Life Membership at current rates. Should you wish to do so, please get your form in to our State Secretary Gary Smith. For those attending the Summer BOM, forms will be available and Gary will be pleased to

take them. I have put off doing this for over 25 years but have decided to become a life member this coming Saturday.

Compatriots, this dues increase is about \$1.20 per month and it is the first increase since 2015. Membership growth has stalled during the past 5 years and we have been unable to keep up with inflation. Our dollar purchases only 76% of what it did in 2015. Had it not been for the Federal PPP programs during the pandemic the National Society would have been in trouble financially. We need a 3% plus growth rate to keep up with our current economy.

The other major vote came on a motion by the ExCom. Motion was: *“ExCom moves that the delegates to Congress to approve Office Re-Design Project as presented with funding for the project in the amount not to exceed \$420,000 from the principal of the Building and Outreach Education Fund.”* Per ExCom: *“While salary requirements are clearly important, environmental and cultural conditions are also of high priority. Our goal should be to provide the right environment to foster the kind of working conditions which enables our staff to work constructively, safely and one that we can be proud to call our Headquarters.”* Balance for the Building and Outreach Fund as of the end of 2022 was \$2,141,650.

There was considerable discussion. The Delegate's votes passed.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Georgia Society as National Trustee for 2022-2023. I thank each of you for allowing me to do so. On July 19, Scott Collins, our past state president and the current National Society Color Guard Commander took the oath of office to serve our Georgia Society as the 2023-2024 National Trustee.



Georgia Society New Members Since Saturday, July 1, 2022

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Atlanta			
15 Sep 2023	Michael David WILDENHAUS	Jacob SNIDER	Joseph Harrell BLACKMON
Blue Ridge Mtns			
01 Sep 2023	Jacob Michael MCCLURE	Matthew STEWART	Jack Powell DUGGER
Button Gwinnett			
01 Sep 2023	William Gray JACQUES	Joseph READ	Thomas Leo JACQUES
01 Sep 2023	Martin David BUSH	Daniel BENTLEY	Harold Douglas FORD
01 Sep 2023	Andrew Edward MCCONNEY	John HANCOCK	Harold Douglas FORD
Coweta Falls			
30 Jun 2023	Aldine Stephen JOHNSON, Jr.	Robert BUTLER	David Earl MILLER
Edward Telfair			
28 Jul 2023	Gordon Newton BAKER	Jacob WALDHAUSER	Roger Warren COURSEY
Four Rivers Patriots			
30 Jun 2023	Roger Drayton ADAMS	Stewart HAMILTON	Edward Dean MILLS, Sr.
John Collins			
14 Jul 2023	James Earl POOLE	William REAVES	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
Marquis de Lafayette			
08 Sep 2023	Timothy Jordan WHALEN	James CURETON	William David LANDRUM
Marshes of Glynn			
30 Jun 2023	James Wendell HARRELL	Simon WHITEHURST	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
28 Jul 2023	Michael Clarke KELLEY	William KELLEY	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
28 Jul 2023	Matthew Scott BASZTURA	Matthew GILCHRIST	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Rome			
04 Aug 2023	Charles Myatt STEELMAN	David HAZZARD	Mark Wilbur EASTERWOOD
Valdosta			
30 Jun 2023	Donald Payne SIMS	Thomas HIGHTOWER	Robert Hunter PARRISH, Jr.

Total: 15



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

Introducing the New State-wide Youth Video Contest for the 2023-2024 school year:

The goal of the Georgia Society Youth Video Contest is to promote education, research, and creative expression regarding the American Revolution.

The entries and awards will be made at the GASSAR state level. However, individual chapters should select their best entry for submission to RickReese68@att.net for judging by the selected judges. There will be a First, Second, and Third place award.

Contest overview:

- Contestants will submit a video presentation five to ten minutes in length
- This contest is open to all high school students (9th through 12th grades) attending home schools, public schools, parochial schools, or private high schools.
- Entries may be submitted in the following formats: ◦ MP4 ◦ MOV ◦ WMV ◦ AVI
- Entries must contain **ORIGINAL** content. Content must be based on scholarly research of the presented topic. *Content may not violate copyright laws.*
- The subject of the entry should focus on an event, personality, document, or topic pertaining to the American Revolution. Emphasis on the 250th anniversary of the Revolution is recommended.
- The style, approach, and perspective are not limited. The entry may be in the form of a documentary, dramatization, interview, advertisement, etc. Creativity is encouraged.
- **Please see the contest materials posted online for full details and handouts:**

GASSAR 2023-2024 school year Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest:

Brochure theme:

Select: **One of the Nation's Five Foundational Documents:**

- a. Articles of Confederation
- b. Declaration of Independence
- c. Constitution
- d. Federalist Papers
- e. Bill of Rights
- f. The student should research information on-line, or in a library. (Do not just cut & paste!)
- g. Please see the contest materials posted online for full details and handouts:**

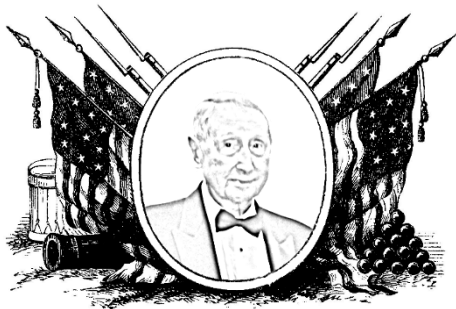
GASSAR 2023-2024 school year Elementary School Poster Contest:

The guidelines for the Poster Contest are set by the NSSAR, but the specific topics are determined at the state level by the GASSAR Education Committee. Consistent with the stated permanent themes of the SAR for this contest, "**Revolutionary War Events**" in school years ending in an even number will be the general topic. The specific options for topic selection for the GASSAR poster contest will be ONE of these:

**Boston Tea Party
Battle of Bunker Hill
Stamp Act**

For complete rules and guidelines for the Poster Contest, Please see the contest materials posted online for full details and handouts:

Library - Hugh Rodgers



A big "thank you" to those chapters of the Georgia Society who are steadily maintaining chapter-level membership in Friends of the Library. According to available information these chapters now are: Athens, Coweta Falls, Edward Telfair, Valdosta, and Wiregrass. (Due to differences in reporting and time-lags I may have missed some chapters.) Remember that dues are renewable annually.







As our activities pick up the pace after a long hot summer I to urge chapters to consider chapter-level membership in FOL. With over 30 chapters the Georgia Society number should be higher. The annual dues are \$25. Compatriots, if necessary, pass around the hat, collect \$25 and send your membership form to NSSAR in Louisville. By doing so you will support a fine research facility and thereby help SAR membership growth.



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
Blue Ridge Mountains					Mark Patrick Joshua Perigo
Button Gwinnett				Jeff Legg Thomas Rodriguez Coty Steward	
Capt John Collins	Jesse Evans				
Coweta Falls	Jane Edenfield				
Joseph Habersham					Jonathan Hughes Joey Newkirk
Little River	Alton McCloud Gary Smith, Sr.			Mason Aguilar Justin Gilstrap	
Marquis de Lafayette					Alexis Callaway Christian Spinks (Medal and OLC)

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

Veterans - Gary Hoyt



NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner has asked me to distribute the revised Stark Activities Tracker to the GASSAR membership. It is far better now that macros have been removed from the software. The clarifications regarding *Partners In Patriotism* scoring finalize that department's merger with the Veterans Committee. The GASSAR has done a wonderful job getting "out there" this year, and I expect to see significant growth in the Society's accrued USS Stark Memorial Award points. Many thanks for all you do.

Now is a good time for Compatriots and Chapters to begin their planning for Wreaths Across America observances. This year's slogan is "*Serve and Succeed*," and Wreaths Across America Day is December 16, 2023.

The GASSAR is again enrolled in the Three for Two Program -- order two wreaths and a free third wreath will be added to your shipment. The GASSAR discount code is GA0057. Wreath orders must be placed by November 28 to guarantee delivery prior to December 16.

To place orders -- or view a comprehensive list of Georgia cemeteries served by Wreaths Across America -- please use this link: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/GA0057

If you need additional information or customer service support please phone: 1 - 877 - 385 - 9504.

Many thanks for your support for Wreaths Across America, a program that seems to get bigger and better every year.

On 08-12-2023, I attended the funeral of CPL Dewey E. Rewis, Jr., who was killed in action in during the Korean War. His remains were identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency using DNA. Full military honors were rendered for this returning hero who now rests in Echols County, Georgia, next to his mother and father.



Valdosta Chapter President Michael Black and I attended the funeral service for Dewey Rewis on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. The funeral cortege drove roughly 35 miles from the Roundtree Funeral Home in Homerville,

GA to the Wayfare Church Cemetery in Echols County GA. Many people stood street side in Homerville to honor their returning veteran and many people parked their cars on the side of the road as a sign of respect as the Cortege passed by.

Dewey Rewis' brother longed for the day when his brother would return home to rest with his parents. Before he passed, he asked his sons to be prepared should Dewey someday come home. They were there to see their late uncle buried with Full Military Honors.



On 09-16-2023 I attended the funeral of Korean War Veteran SFC James L. Wilkinson who died while a prisoner of war. His remains were identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency using DNA. Full military honors were rendered for this returning hero, who now rests at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Bremen, Georgia.

Flag Respect - Gary Smith



2023 3rd Quarter

The 2022 year NSSAR Admiral William R. Furlong Award (a red, white and blue Furlong Streamer) was issued to the Georgia Society at the National Society SAR in Congress.

15 Chapters have reported at least one Flag Display Certificate presentation with 3 more needed to meet the Admiral Furlong Award 50% requirement.

5 Chapters have reported at least one Flag Retirement Certificate presentation with 13 more reports needed to earn U.S. Flag Retirement Award.

Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey



All nominations for recipients of the Patriot Medal are due to me no later than 31 Oct 2023.

Please make sure that if you are providing an application for someone, that it complies with the requirements as set forth for this award—"recognizes long, faithful, outstanding and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level". Also ensure that you provide a thorough and complete application package.

Treasurer - Scott Collins



As always please look at the email address or the person sending you an email.

I have been informed that some emails are going out in my name but not from my email address. I have also received an email from a National SAR Committee Chairman requesting money but the email did not come from his email address.

This latest batch is coming with the subject line "Maintenance Payment Transfer" and has been asking for \$1,200.00 and using an AOL email account.

Every year after Congress a rash of these attempts seem to happen.

No response is needed to this email. Delete and ignore these phishing emails.

Please stay vigilant and use common sense.

Editor - Emil Decker



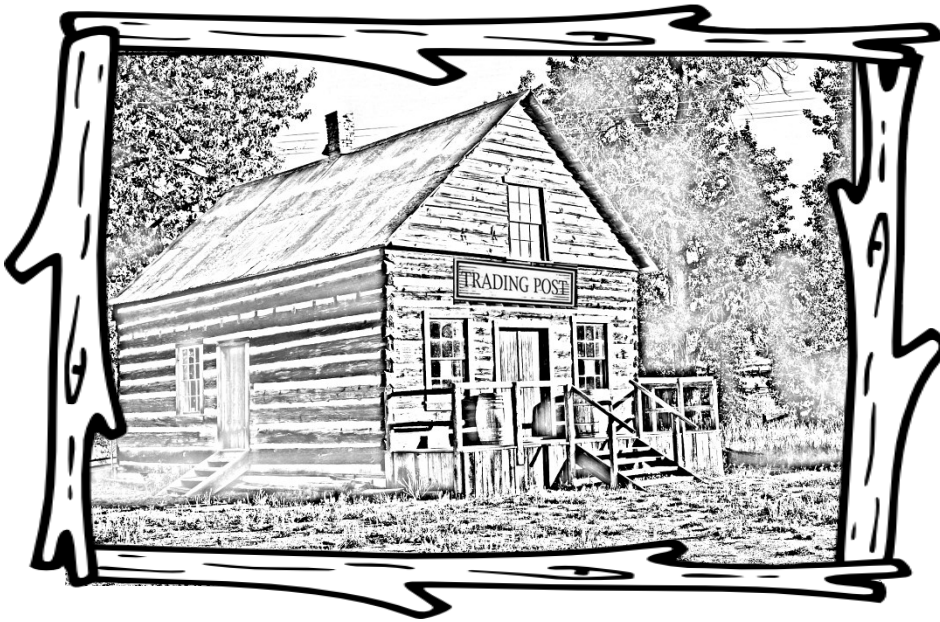
¾ of the way home now. Weather is cooling, and events are being scheduled almost every weekend. Get out there and try to enjoy one or five near you.

I appreciate the photos sent, as they are the bulk of what I print in the Hornet's Nest. I can simply use verbiage if it is suitably written, but the combo of the two is best. Have you considered submitting a complete article like the Kittle Rifle in our last edition?

Submissions gladly accepted.

Bill Edelen has been everywhere man..... yes, you can sing that song, and it would have a long list of events throughout the country he has attended this year. And thankfully, he and Janet have taken their camera with them. Check out the events in this and forthcoming *Hornet's Nest*.

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.

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.



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.

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.

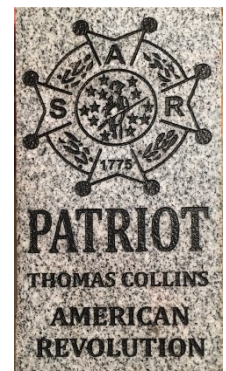
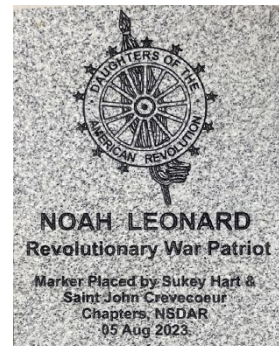
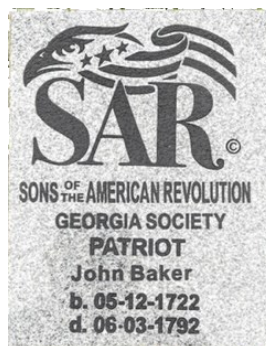
Friends of Fort Morris
Peter Winn Martin
9858 E B Cooer Hwy
Riceboro, Georgia 31323

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



Need a Patriot or Compatriot Grave Marker? Custom stones at competitive prices. SAR discounts. Contact:

SticksnStones@weegrr.com



This program is an exciting way for everyone to take part in this historic anniversary.

We want to throw your tea into the sea!

The year 2023 marks the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, a moment that forever changed the course of American history. In honor of this celebration, we're giving everyone around the world a chance to get involved. Everyone is invited to collect loose-leaf tea and mail it to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum. This tea will be used during the 250th Anniversary & Reenactment of the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 2023.

Each donation will receive a certificate of participation in the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party & Reenactment. Please be sure to include your name and mailing address so that this certificate can be mailed to you.

Got Tea? Mail It To Us!

ATTN TO:

Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary
Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum
306 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210

Tea must be dry and in loose-leaf form only. Please no tea bags!



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Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Fund Raiser.

Quilt "Freedom in Flight", 50" X 57" dimensions. Barbara Weaver, Vice Regent, Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, NSDAR has crafted the quilt for a BRM Chapter fund raising effort on display at the September Chapter meeting. If you want it now for \$500 it's yours, unless we get into a bidding war.

Barring any offers, we will conduct a raffle in the near future. We propose a raffle of 200 tickets, at \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Our sincere thanks to Barbara for her creative gifts and service to this Chapter.

See any Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter member for the latest on the purchase / raffle options.

SAR 250th Anniversary Liberty Tree Programs

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

The other program is the NEW National Sons of the American Revolution Program recently adopted: Partner with the DAR, C.A.R. 250 Liberty Trees for the 250th Meets SAR 5-Year Historical Program Goals 475 Counties in 40 States are named for a Patriot (64 Counties in Georgia named after an American Revolution Hero.)

Plant a Princeton American Elm Tree

Purchase Liberty Trees (6 ft Elm Trees) From www.FastGrowingTrees.com

Princeton Elm Trees \$99 each with Free Shipping *Add \$15 for 1 year Insurance*



Purchase Sign 9"x12" / Aluminum (.040)

from www.buildasign.com

Full Color with UV

Protection \$30 each with Free Shipping

