



The President's Dispatch



It is an honor to be elected to serve as the Georgia Society SAR President for the 2024 term. The duties of the President, as outlined in the Source Book, are to "...preside at meetings of the State Society and of the Board of Managers.

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

January - March 2024

Let the SAR 250 - Celebrations Begin

Some of you know that 250th Anniversary Celebrations have already begun across this great nation. Many events leading up to the Revolutionary War played a part in the movement towards the actual fighting that would tear the Colonies into two groups of people, pitting Loyalists citizens against Patriot citizens.

Acts of Parliament, the king, and the reaction by the Sons of Liberty, and other spokesmen of Independence thinking preceded the actual fighting. Many of these events have already seen their 250th anniversary, such as the Boston Tea Party. A commemoration of that spectacle happened last December 16, 2023 in Boston Harbor.

Many opportunities lay ahead in the coming years as we celebrate events surrounding the fight for Independence. Your chapter can actively participate in making the rest of the United States aware of our great celebrations. Now is the time to step out and reacquaint the public with the SAR, and with our nation's great history. The real history.... Before it is too late!

The National America 250 SAR Programs Committee has worked hard to provide all members with some great resources that can help you as you interface with public and private schools, civic organizations, and local communities in our mission to honor patriots, educate youth, and promote our great nation.

<https://america250sar.org/> is the starting point for finding the resources you can utilize to accomplish our mission. Toolkits, forms, medals, recommendations, and resources are all at your fingertips.

Need SAR programs? There are **185+** available (and growing every day).
Want videos? **225+** Linked websites for organizations, historic sites, other chapters and Societies? **175+**

Lesson plans for Educational opportunities, Videos, PowerPoint presentations, Color Guard Drill Manuals. You have a ton of resources just waiting for you to check out. Surely something is there to inspire your chapter members to start planning today!

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2003, 2006, 2021

The center of the fight for Independence in Wilkes County, Georgia, became known as "the hornet's nest" because of the stinging attacks made from there by the Georgia Patriots against the British and Tories.

Our Programs Resource Library



SAR
 185+ Programs
 225+ Videos
 175+ Websites



Educational
 1900+ Lessons
 150+ Videos
 175+ Websites



Color Guard
 Programs
 Videos
 Drill Manuals

So, you want to know what events are current for this year, seeing as we can't go back to December for the Boston Tea Party? Who says you can't go back? Going back in history is what we do! (*It wouldn't be history otherwise*). While historic events can be discussed at any time, keying events to the historic 250th designation provides for special emphasis. That means we can publicize the heck out of them. Here is a general overview of the coming years we can take advantage of.

- 2023 Boston Tea Party**
- 2024 The First Continental Congress**
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.**
- 2026 Declaration of Independence**
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga**
- 2028 French Alliance 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Fort Sackville, Battle of Kettle Creek**
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain**
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown 2032 Battle of Blue Licks 2033 Treaty of Paris**

Obviously many of the other events we hold will be among the up-coming years, so take advantage of getting started in planning now.

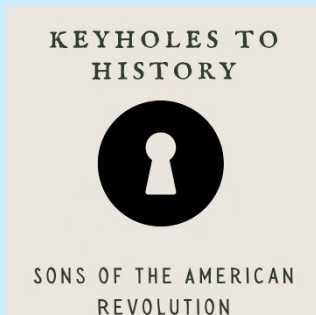
Have you heard or seen any of the **Revolutionary War Rarities** Podcasts or YouTube videos? These podcasts are from members of the Sons of the American Revolution, and are available on all major podcast applications or seen on YouTube. They focus on the rarely known, rarely taught aspects of the American Revolution, and a new episode is released every two weeks. How did blueberries figure into the rebellion? Or perhaps you are familiar with the *Notorious Offenders from Weare*, and how pine trees were involved.



- 1688-1739
- 1743-1752
- 1753-1767
- 1770-1771
- 1772
- 1773
- 1774
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- 1777
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- 1779
- 1780
- 1781
- 1782-1784
- 1785-1789
- 1790-1800
- 1804-1929

KEYHOLES TO HISTORY

Keyholes to History is an educational audio series about the American Revolution. Each short audio clip is combined with lesson units and aimed at students, teachers, and the general public. Approximately 60 seconds in length, each *Keyhole to History* is focused on providing background information to encourage further investigation. The dates listed on the website are linked to various personalities.



Did you know that John Fitch constructed and sailed the world's first steamboat along the waters of the Delaware River on August 22, 1787. This was twenty years before Fulton's Clermont steamed up the Hudson River. No credit for John, as he was unable to secure backers for his steamship. This is just a sample of what's available from Keyholes.... Take a peek, or rather, listen through a few of them. They only take a minute.

<https://education.sar.org/keyholes-to-history>

The President's Dispatch (Cont.)

He shall also perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to that office, including, without limitations, the submission of timely and pertinent information respecting the affairs of the State Society to the membership thereof in whatever manner and at whatever intervals he shall deem appropriate." Of course, anyone who has been a Chapter or State President knows there is much more to it than what is written down in the book...

The incoming President is thrown right into the fire, metaphorically speaking, as he has approximately two weeks to prepare for Revolutionary Days and the Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. Fortunately, through the efforts of Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Chair Bill Dobbs, the weekend went off nearly without a hitch. Nothing will ever go perfectly according to plan, but thanks to Bill's hard work, I received many compliments on the events of the weekend. Our Secretary General and his Lady were especially impressed, and I received a note after they returned home thanking the Georgia Society for our hospitality.

As we work to support the National Society's goals of celebrating the Decade of the American Revolution, I would encourage Chapters to consider preparing educational programs around the two signature America 250 events selected by the National Committee: The First Continental Congress and the Fairfax Resolves. Information on the Continental Congress may be found on the America 250 website at america250sar.org. The National Society will also be participating in a special three-day commemoration of the Fairfax Resolves in Virginia after the conclusion of the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA.

Speaking of Congress, I look forward to attending what is sure to be an outstanding event. Based on our year-end reporting, I have no doubt that we will live up to our well-deserved name of the "Award-Winning Georgia Society." Those wishing to attend are encouraged to make your host hotel reservations soon, as the main block is close to capacity and the National Congress Planning Committee may have to open an overflow block at a second hotel. Registration is on track to open in May on the National website.

I was happy to see the Secretary's Q1 report which included 22 reinstatements. He mentioned that this is more than we had at the same time last year, which is encouraging. At the State Meeting in January, I discussed how I hoped to bring back members who had dropped over the past few years. The list is still being organized for distribution, but I hope to have it out by the Board of Managers meeting at the end of April.

Chapters are encouraged to submit their quarterly reports, and I would request that any Chapter who would like a Presidential visit to coordinate that sooner rather than later, as the calendar fills up quickly.

Thank you for all you do to support the Georgia Society, its members, and the National Society SAR. I look forward to another outstanding year.

Edward P. Rigel, Jr. Georgia Society SAR President



Kettle Creek Part. 4
Painting by Jeff Trexler

British Lieutenant Colonel Boyd had ordered his men to seize livestock from a local farm near Kettle Creek that would supply the main course for a hot meal, something that his British unit had not had for a long time. As the British left the furious farm wife's home, Patriot Colonel Andrew Pickens' men arrived shortly thereafter, to receive the intelligence from the farmer's wife. The British were planning to stop at Kettle Creek to rest and have a meal. Boyd and his Loyalists marched two miles further and halted on the north side of Kettle Creek. Not suspecting any danger, the Loyalists left their horses to graze and began butchering the cattle.

Colonel Boyd was unaware that the Patriots were approaching his unit's encampment at Kettle Creek. For safety, Colonel Boyd had posted outlooks at the top of War Hill to fire warning shots, if necessary. As was the custom, the Loyalist sent scavengers out to find additional food. That morning, about 150 Loyalists were out searching for food when Pickens attacked.

To Be Continued



Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Dickerson Lumpkin Gravemarking	Wheelus-Woodall-Lumpkin Cemetery Talbotton, GA	Apr 13, 2024 11:00 am	State
Frederica Naval Action	Saint Simons Island, GA	Apr 20, 2024	National
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Apr 27, 2024	State
Midway Church Service / Dinner on the Grounds	Midway, GA	Apr 28, 2024 11:30 pm	State
Midway Grave Marking	Midway, GA	Apr 28, 2024 2:00 pm	State
Pine Tree Festival Parade	Swainsboro, GA	May 4, 2024 10:30 am	State
Silas Mercer Gravemarking	Philips Mill Baptist Church, Wilkes County, GA	May 11, 2024 1:00 pm	State
Bufford's Massacre	Bufford's Crossroad, SC	May 25, 2024 10:30 am	National
Memorial Day	Various	May 27, 2024	National
Flag Retirement Ceremony	Ingrams Funeral Home Chapel, Cumming, GA	Jun 8, 2024	State
Flag Day	Various	Jun 14, 2024	State
Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Jun 22, 2024 10:00 am	National
Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge	45383 Dixie Ave, Callahan, FL	Jun 29, 2024	State
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2024	National
National Congress	Lancaster, PA	Jul 10, 2024	National

134th NSSAR National Congress

Lancaster, PA

July 11 - 16, 2024

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

Phone number is 1-717-239-1600

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&pp=resvlink>



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

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 of 2006, we find an article on the Haitian Monument now located in Franklin Square.

Haitian-American Society receives help from the Georgia Society to help erect the Savannah Monument.

SAR Donates Funds For Haitian Monument



David Dukes (left) presents checks totaling \$2,000 to Daniel Fils-Aime. Shown in the picture are (l to r) David Dukes, Wilfrid Belfort, Gabriel Dejoie Daniel Fils-Aime, and Bill Ramsaur.

In a presentation ceremony in Brunswick, GA, on February 19, 2006, the National Society and Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presented \$2,000 to the Haitian-American Society as a contribution for a proposed Haitian monument in Savannah, GA. One check for \$1,000 was from the Georgia Society, SAR, and a second check for \$1,000 was from national members of the SAR.

The Haitian-American Society is sponsoring a project to erect a monument to honor their Haitian ancestors, "Les Chasseurs Volontaires de St. Dominique", who fought alongside Americans at the Siege of Savannah, October 9, 1779, during the Revolutionary War.

Presentation of the checks was made by David Dukes, Sr., Southeast Regional Vice-

President and William Ramsaur, President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, SAR, to Mr. Daniel Fils-Aime, Chairman of the Board of the Haitian-American Society, and Board members Wilfrid Belfort and Gabriel Dejoie.

As members of the Georgia Society, SAR, Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, Mr. Dukes and Mr. Ramsaur have participated over the years in many celebrations of Revolutionary events on Georgia soil. They frequently encountered Mr. Fils-Aime and his friends who spoke of the contribution their ancestors made to Georgia Revolutionary War history.

They learned of a Haitian unit, little known to American history, much less the American public, called the "Chasseurs Volontaires".

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This unit, consisting of about 800 infantry volunteers from Haiti, fought alongside the French and Americans in the Siege of Savannah in 1779. The Americans and French tried a frontal assault on Savannah but were repelled and pursued by the British. The Allies lost the battle but recovered to fight another day due in large part to the cover provided for their withdrawal by the free blacks from Haiti.

The monument will consist of six life-size statues representing the "Chasseurs Volontaires" including a young drummer boy named Henri Christophe who later became King of Haiti. "This recognition is long overdue", said the Haitian Americans. "It's about Haitian pride and the black race around the world. It will help build our self-esteem, and particularly (that of) our youngsters."

In 2003, by resolution of the City Council, the City of Savannah reserved Franklin Square in the Savannah Historic District as a site for the Haitian-American Society to erect the monument. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1.5 million.

The seeds of freedom were planted in Haitian breasts in 1779, and they eventually



Artist Concept of Haitian Monument

won independence from French colonial rule. Bob Galer, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, Georgia Society of the SAR, notes that, "The Haitian linkage is worthy of recognition by all Georgians. It is an interesting part of our Revolutionary War history."

Bob Galer

Greetings Compatriots!

This is a reminder of several developments in your SAR.

You may have noticed the links on our SAR homepage to Spanish, African American and Women Patriots. We hope to build on these stories in the future. Please consider providing a 2 or 3 minute video if you have one of these Patriot Ancestors.

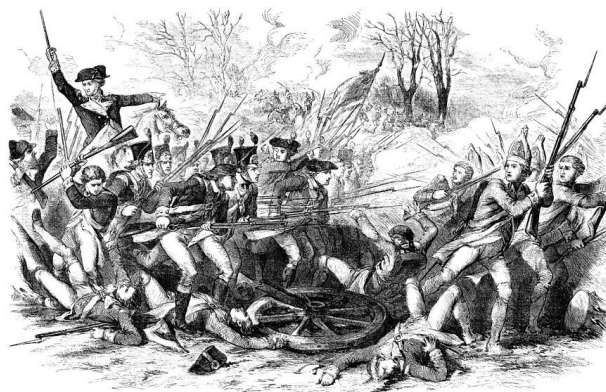
The Boston Tea Party edition of the Henry Rifle remains available through the end of 2024. Order yours today! We plan to have the Continental Congress edition available this summer.

Finally, the NSSAR increasingly uses Facebook, Twitter/X and YouTube to provide interesting historical information and photos of events, not only to our members but also to students, educators, and the Nation. You can keep informed of the most recent information by visiting each of these platforms and "like" or "subscribe" to each of the three. Handy links are on the SAR's home page. This not only keeps you informed, but also boosts the visibility of these sites and will raise the SAR's internet profile, spreading our message beyond our society.

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalSocietySAR>
<https://twitter.com/SarHeadquarters>
<https://www.youtube.com/@nationalsocietysar>

Thank you for all you do for our Society. I look forward to seeing you at Congress in Lancaster.

John L. Dodd
President General 2023-2024



COWPENS



AMERICAN FORCES

BRIGADIER GENERAL DANIEL MORGAN, VIRGINIA, COMMANDANT
 MAJOR EDWARD GILES, MARYLAND, STATE REGIMENT, A. D. C.
 PARSON DE GLASBECH, VOLUNTEER, A. D. C.

<p>CONTINENTAL TROOPS</p> <p>THE LIGHT INFANTRY, MARYLAND LINE, CONTINENTAL ESTABLISHMENT 200 MEN</p> <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN EAGER HOWARD, MARYLAND, COMMANDANT</p> <p>BENJAMIN BROOKES, MARYLAND, CAPTAIN AND BRIGADE MAJOR</p> <p>CAPTAIN ROBERT KIRKWOOD, DELAWARE</p> <p>MARYLAND</p> <p>CAPT. RICHARD ANDERSON, MARYLAND</p> <p>CAPT. HENRY DOBSON, VIRGINIA</p> <p>LIEUT. JAMES EWING, VIRGINIA</p> <p>LIEUT. GASSAWAY WATKINS, VIRGINIA</p> <p>LIEUT. SAMUEL HANSON, VIRGINIA</p> <p>THIRD REGIMENT, LIGHT DRAGOONS</p> <p>LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA, COMMANDANT</p> <p>MAJOR RICHARD GALL, VIRGINIA</p> <p>CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARRET, NORTH CAROLINA</p> <p>LIEUTENANT HENRY BELLE, VIRGINIA</p> <p>CORNET JAMES S. SIMONS, SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>LIEUTENANT THOMAS ANDERSON, MARYLAND, VOLUNTEER</p>	<p>MILITIA TROOPS</p> <p>COLONEL ANDREW PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, COMMANDANT</p> <p>MAJOR JAMES JACKSON, GEORGIA, BRIGADE MAJOR</p> <p>VIRGINIA</p> <p>MAJOR GEORGE TRIPLETT, MARYLAND</p> <p>CAPTAIN TATE, VIRGINIA</p> <p>CAPTAIN BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA</p> <p>CAPTAIN GILMORE, VIRGINIA</p> <p>ENSIGN COMBS, VIRGINIA</p> <p>ENSIGN HOGGEBILL, VIRGINIA</p> <p>ENSIGN WILSON, VIRGINIA</p> <p>MAJ. JOSEPH MCDOWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>COLONEL THOMAS BRANDON, SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>COLONEL JOHN THOMAS, JR., SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>COLONEL JOSEPH HAYS, SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>SOUTH CAROLINA HORSEMEN</p> <p>COLONEL JAMES M'CALL, COMMANDANT</p>
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TOTAL AMERICANS 970 MEN

Right: Check out the poster next to our Cousins from across the Big Water.



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GA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For more photos, see previous edition which covered the Annual conference in more detail.





HEROES OF THE HORNET'S NEST





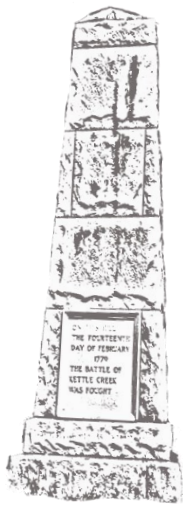
It's said everybody wanted a piece of Elijah Clarke.











KETTLE CREEK



Please enjoy the opening ceremony, musket salute, and parade around the town square in Washington, GA to begin the annual Revolutionary Days celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek in 2024.

This drone video was arranged for by Georgia Color member Craig Benton of the Piedmont Chapter SAR.



Click on this link to view the video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/u5d4lra8gpe317oman0qb/SONS-AMER-REV-MOVIE.mp4?rlkey=yv6d0r114eoq9h55dz0105vj&e=2&dl=0>







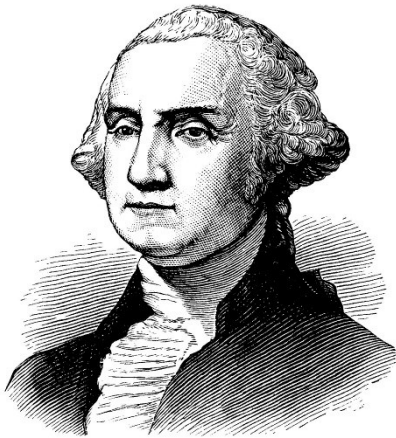


A request from George Thurmond: “For those attending Kettle Creek, please visit Marty's bench about 30 yards on the left as you go up War Hill. She loved Kettle Creek and when she died in 2012, several made memorial donations to KCBA who warehoused the contributions and later placed this bench in her memory. Since I can not longer participate in this ceremony, please have a seat and enjoy it for me. I would greatly appreciate it.”









WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY



Above: George Washington Birthday banquet, Athens Chapter.



Left: General George Washington's 292nd Birthday Celebration in Gainesville, Georgia on Thursday February 22, 2024 was attended by Button Gwinnett members: L-R Ralph Galpin, Don McCarty, Jack Martin, Ray Kyle, Marty Bush, Don Loudermilk (dual member) and Karl Fitch. First VP Ray Kyle Presented the Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath.

Below: GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr. gave greetings at the Gainesville monument before rushing off to attend the Piedmont evening event.



Below: The crowd at the Washington Birthday Event in Gainesville is once again crowded by the faithful. So many in such a small area.



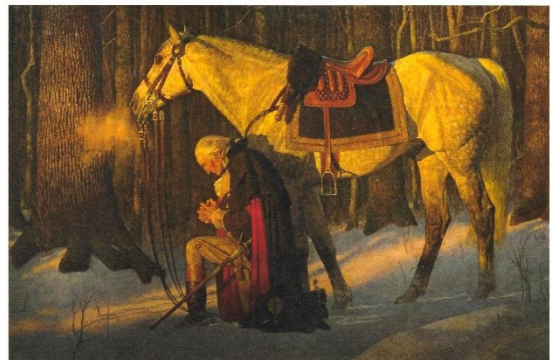


Left and Above: Not only did the Piedmont Chapter observe Washington's Birthday, but they also celebrated their 30th Anniversary on Feb. 22, 2024. Past President Mark Anthony presented the toast to our Continental Army Commander, President of the Constitutional Convention, and our First President of these United States.

See more in the Piedmont Chapter section on their 30th Anniv.

*George Washington
Dinner*

Right and Below: Dalton Chapter celebrated the President's Birthday as well, with a sizable crowd as well as inducting new officers for the coming year.



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*The Dalton Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution*

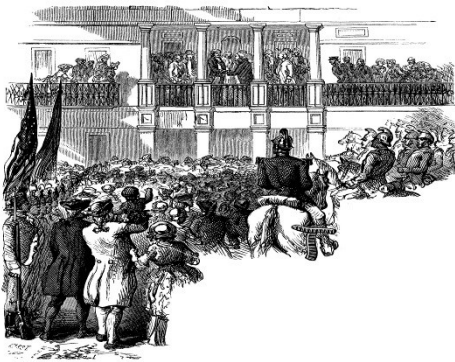
February 22, 2024



THE HERMITAGE







SPRING LEADERSHIP



Leadership meetings in Louisville, KY yield information, decisions, and some honors for all members of the Sons of the American Revolution. Attending Leadership Conference is one way you can have your input into policies and procedures of the SAR at large.





"The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. held its annual Banquet, Friday night, March 1, 2024, at the Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro, GA. With President Stephen Hammond presiding, we had 51 in attendance. After President Stephen Hammond called the meeting to order, Commander Steve Burke of the Brier Creek Militia Color Guard presented the Colors and after the Pledge of Allegiance was given, Commander Steve gave the order to Post the Colors. President Stephen welcomed everyone and then called on the Rev. William N. Floyd, Jr Senior Vice President of the GASSAR and Helen Robertson Powell First Vice Regent, Georgia Society, NSDAR to both bring greetings. The Blessing was then given by Bernard Martin, Sr. Chaplain, Brier Creek Chapter GASSAR. After the meal, President Stephen held the Annual Meeting of the BCRWBA, Inc. The introduction of the speaker, Larry Stephens, was done by the East Fall Line Regional Vice President Dess Smith. Larry's presentation was on "General John Ashe: Scapegoat or Scoundrel". After the Colors were



retrieved, Chaplain Bernard Martin, Sr. said the benediction. Next year's Annual Banquet will be held on Friday night, March 7, 2025."



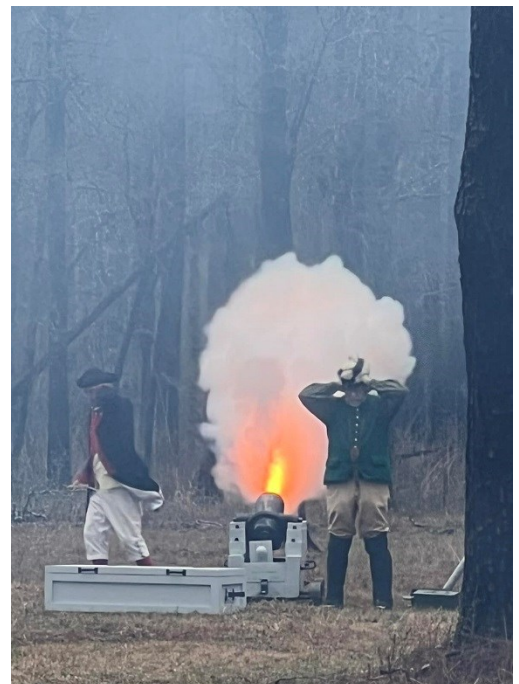
The Brier Creek Chapter and the Wiregrass Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held their annual "Education Day" at the Brier Creek Battlefield in Screven County, GA. Each year both Chapters invite students from schools within 60 miles of the Brier Creek Battlefield to attend one of the 4 sessions held at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm or 1:30 pm. Each session has three 20-minute stations including station 1, Dr John Derden telling the story of the revolutionary war battle that happened on March 3, 1779; station 2, Compatriots Steve Burke, Bernard Martin, and Alton McCloud demonstrating 4 tables of items that were used by the American Patriots; station 3, Compatriots Ted Walker and Allen Mincey showing the different weapons used by the American Patriots. At the end of each session, the Brier Creek Artillery fired their four 6-pounder cannons and Compatriot Don Bazemore played taps on his bugle. This year we had a total of 370 students attend 3 sessions of the day's events. Next years "Education Day" will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025."



Right: Brier Creek Artillery

The Brier Creek Battlefield Association Website.

<https://briercreekbattlefield.org/>





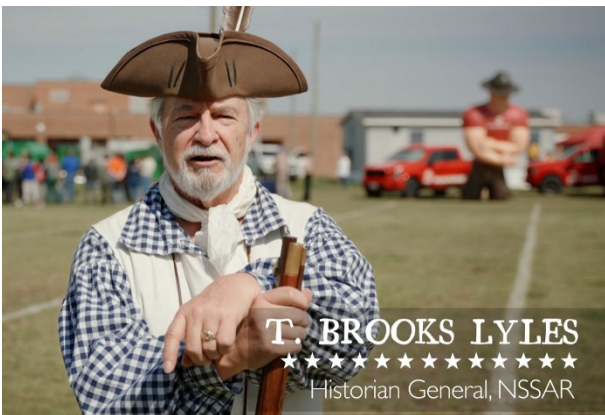
"245th Anniversary Celebration held at Brier Creek Battlefield."

"The Brier Creek, Wiregrass and Mill Creek Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held the 245th Anniversary Brier Creek Battlefield Celebration on Saturday morning, March 2, 2024. With the Master of Ceremonies Tommy Christopher presiding, we had over 150 attendees. After the invocation, Commander Bill Palmer gave the command to Present the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was done, and the National Anthem was sung. MC Tommy then recognized the Honored Guests and called on William N. Floyd, Jr., Senior Vice President GASSAR and Helen Robertson Powell, First Vice Regent Georgia State Society NSDAR to bring greetings. Then the East Fall Line Region Vice President Dess D. Smith III introduced the speaker, Compatriot Dan McMichael as President George Washington. Compatriot Dan spoke on "Reflections of My Southern Tour, 1791". MC Tommy then called on Betsy Sternau, Descendent of General Samuel Elbert, to Dedicate the Flagpole by raising the 13-star Betsy Ross Flag with assistance of Compatriots Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Bernard Martin, Sr. and Don Bazemore. MC Tommy then called out the names of the "wreath presenters". There were 50 wreaths presented. After the 3 round volleys by the 5 cannons of the Brier Creek Artillery and the Brier Creek Militia's flintlocks, taps were played by Compatriot Don Bazemore on his bugle. Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer then gave the command to Retire the Colors. The Benediction was given by the Brier Creek Chapter Chaplain Bernard Martin, Sr. Next year's 246th Anniversary Celebration will be held on March 8, 2025."





Above: Multiple members of the East Fall Line Region and the Brier Creek Artillery joined our neighbors to the North East, in Aiken, SC for a Living History Day. The video can be seen at: <https://camloganphotography.pixieset.com/livinghistoryevent2024southaikenhigh/> Attached photos are samples from the video.







BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK



Georgia and Florida Societies commemorated the Battle of Thomas Creek. National Color Guard Scott Collins, GA President Ed Rigel Jr., Bill Edelen, and J.C. Hustis represented our Society.







VIETNAM VETERANS DAY



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MARCH 29, 2024 - 12:00 NOON
AT THE VIETNAM WALL IN NEWTOWN PARK



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Association
www.avvba.org

Right: About 75 people showed up to be a part of the ceremony honoring the brave men and women who served during the Vietnam War. The annual event was held at the Faces of War Memorial at Roswell's City Hall. Roswell High School band members played opening music and the America the Beautiful for the event.

Mount Vernon Chapter members Jack Dyer and Chuck Rann were there to hear a heartfelt tribute from Roswell Mayor Kurt Wilson. There was the laying of the wreath, followed by a moment of silence to honor those who gave their lives in service.



Roswell City Council members, David Johnson, Sarah Beeson, Christine Hall, Lee Hills, and William Morthland participated in the ceremony, offering gratitude and support. The National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony event aims to recognize and express gratitude to the veterans who sacrificed so much in service to our nation.

The Johns Creek Veterans Association with the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association sponsored a ceremony at the Johns Creek wall. The wall is a half scale replica of the memorial in Washington D.C. and was permanently installed in 2020.



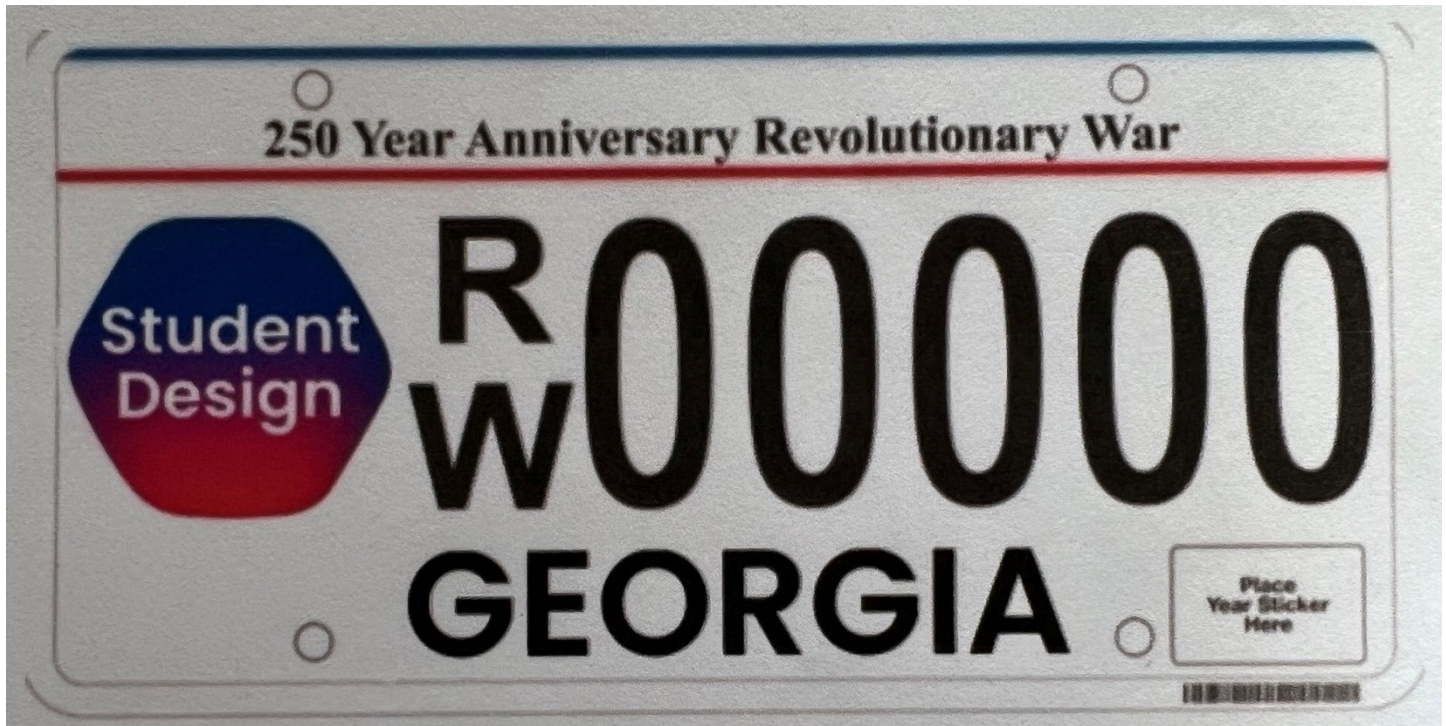
Attending: (R-L)
William Edelen
NW Region VP, along with Janet, Veterans Committee Chairman Gary Hoyt, Connie Jackson, and Dan and Brenda King, John and Mary Martin (not pictured)



Above: Also attending was the Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques.



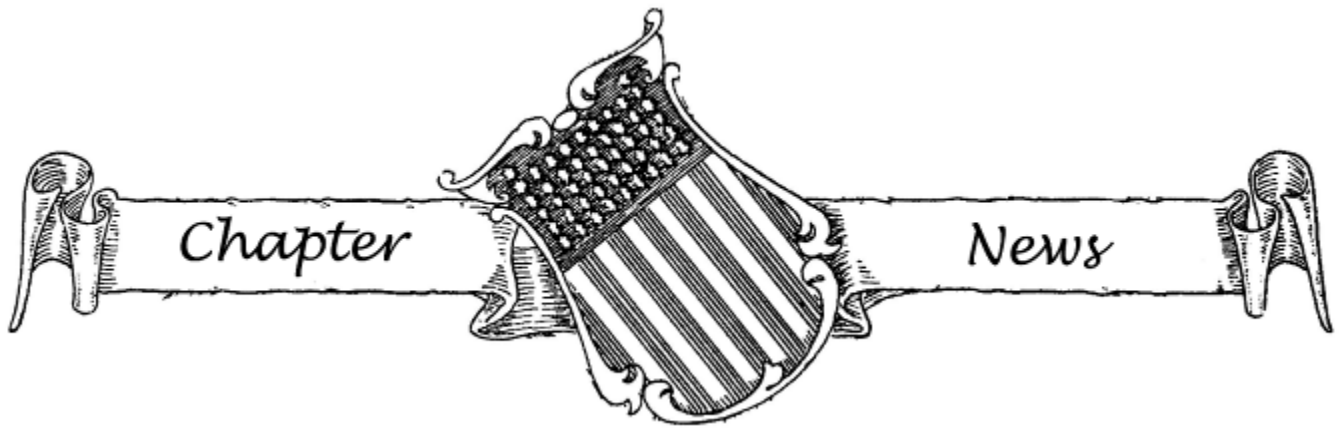
GEORGIA SENATE BILL 369 (250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR LICENSE PLATE) HAS PASSED



It is with great pleasure and a humble spirit to announce that Georgia Senate Bill 369 (250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War License Plate) has passed the House vote and is on its way to the Governor's desk!!! I, along with State Senator Max Burns have championed this project. Next step is the Georgia State Education Superintendent will work with his dept. to roll out the next phase of this project. Next phase is having the 6th-8th grade students, in the State of Georgia, draw a Rev War related design for the license plate. A committee will be formed and select the winning drawing that will eventually make its way onto the license plate and hopefully onto every single vehicle, trailer, camper, boat etc. in the State of Georgia!!! Thank you everyone for your support and Thank you Senator Max Burns for your unwavering support in pushing this bill through.

Richard L. Herron
Vice President, Brier Creek Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution





Athens



Athens was well represented at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest. Charlie Newcomer and Justin Reese, as well as the State Color Guard Commander Scott Collins.



Blue Ridge Mountains



Left: Jack Dugger representing BRM at Heroes of the Hornets Nest

Below: L-R: Steve Weaver, President; Jared Ogden, Treasurer; Bruce Maney, Genealogist; Richard Hoibraten, Chaplain; Jack Dugger, Registrar; Tommy Westbrook, Editor; Sid Turner, Vice President; William Dobbs, past GSSAR President performed the honors. Not pictured, Doug Jamison, Secretary.



Left: First Traveling Trunk Exhibit of 2024 at West Fannin Elementary School on January 18; Jared Ogden, Steve Weaver and Sid Turner.

Below: L-R: Blue Ridge Mountains SAR Vice President Sid Turner, UCFD Fire Captain Jeff Fortenberry and SAR Treasurer Jared Ogden pose for a Public Safety Award presentation also on January 18.



Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Fund Raiser.

Status Update on the SAR Quilt Fund Raising Raffle: Steve Weaver was at the Georgia State DAR Annual Conference in Marietta, GA on March 20 - 21.

We sold out all 74 tickets at noon (could have done more) today totaling \$310 with what Jared sold at our March Chapter meeting and \$295 at January GASSAR annual Conference. We are reaching our goal. The five tickets for \$20 was popular!

Sid has a few remaining tickets and hopefully few can finish at the April OUT DAR Chapter and GASSAR BOM meetings and - if any are left - a last chance at our May Chapter meeting before we draw the winner.



Above: March guest speaker, Everett Womack of Project Appleseed, gave an in-depth description of the skirmishes at the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

Below: The entries in our Americanism Poster Contest from our local 4th grades were judged. Sid announced the winners of the Americanism Poster Contest. First place “Battle of Bunker Hill” by Wesley Miller of Union County Elementary. Second place “Boston Tea Party” by Amelia Jones of Union County Elementary. Third place “Boston Tea Party” Bonnie Snider of West Fannin Elementary.



Right:
President Stephen Weaver at the Gilmer County Vietnam War Veteran Day event with Captain James Kell Chapter DAR



Brier Creek

Right: Mike Lisenby, a retired lawyer who lives with his wife Nancy in Swainsboro. Mike's February presentation was on "The U.S. Constitution".



Above and Below: Compatriots Tommy Christopher, Steve Burke and John Fitzner (not pictured) traveled to the Brier Creek Battlefield to receive the concrete for the Battlefield Entrance Sign and the Memorial U.S. Flagpole socket and then finish it. The front entrance sign should be erected by the 245th Anniversary Brier Creek Battlefield event on Saturday, March 2, 2024, and also the U.S. Flagpole should be installed. Pavers for the U.S. Flag site are still available. They are the 4" x 8" and 8" x 16" size. If you want to purchase a paver for you, your family, ancestor, business, veteran, or Revolutionary War Patriot, please contact the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association Treasurer Sherry Christopher at 229-315-0960 or 478-299-8135.



Right: At the March meeting, President Wayne Howard presented Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore with 3 Chapter Flag Streamers that the Chapter earned by presenting wreaths at Elijah Clarke Heroes of the Hornets' Nest, 245th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Kettle Creek and the 245th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Brier Creek.



Below: Julia Hardaway spoke on "The Nancy Hart Militia 1861-1865: Women of Uncommon Courage". Three of her ancestors were members of this all-female militia unit. The unit has ties back to the Revolutionary War Heroine Nancy Hart of Wilkes County, GA."



Button Gwinnett



Right: Color Guard Rookie of the Year, Ray Kyle.



Left: Don McCarty at Washington - Kettle Creek Ceremonies

Right: Ray Kyle at Heroes of the Hornet's Nest.



Below: Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in multiple activities in Washington, Georgia to celebrate the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. (Morning, Downtown Events):

- Don McCarty (Continental) - Color Guard, March
- Ralph Galpin (Continental) - Color Guard, March
- Harry Kitchings (Militia) - Color Guard, March
- Tom Jacques (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment
- Ray Kyle (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment
- David Sikes (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment
- Noah Tindall (Militia) - Carried Musket, March, Reenactment
- Warren Haire (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment
- (Not shown - Civilian attire Randy Tindall, Karl Fitch & Walker Chewning



Below Left, Center, and Right: The March meeting program was presented by Robert Forsyth Chapter VP Emil Decker. His topic was timely for the upcoming "Tour of the Marquis de Lafayette". Did you know the Marquis was also an American Citizen? Invite Emil to speak at your chapter and find out more about this fascinating Hero.



Left and Right: President Tom Jacques & First VP Ray Kyle presented the SAR Traveling Trunk Program to Nesbit Elementary School in Tucker, Georgia February 26.





Left: Family history fair - at the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Flowery Branch.

Center: Ray Kyle attended the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Below: Georgia State Society NSDAR - State Conference

Below: David Sikes had a great day at the South Aiken High School Revolutionary War Education Day.



Below: The Elisha Winn Society and the Georgia Children were in force at the Georgia State Society NSDAR - State Conference.



Capt. John Collins

Right: Bill Edelen carries colors at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Commemoration.

Below: Edward P. Rigel Jr., president of the Georgia Society of Sons of the American Revolution, swore in the 2024-2025 officers of the Capt. John Collins Chapter of the Georgia Society of Son's of the American Revolution on Feb. 20 at the chapter's annual banquet at the Marietta County Club.

The newly elected officers are (R - L) William S. Edelen Jr., president and registrar; Jason M. Shepherd, vice president and chancellor; Wayne L. Brown, treasurer and webmaster; James C. Castle, historian; Bruce E. Wampler, sergeant-at-arms; Jami Marc A. Andrew, editor; Rodney C. Pritchett, chaplain; and J. Christopher Thompson, recording secretary.



Dalton

Right: Mary Katherine Schmidt provided the music for the Dalton Chapter's Washington Dinner.





**Sons of the American Revolution
Dalton Chapter Officers**

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| Robert Woodard | President |
| Michael Coulter | Vice President |
| Roger Bowman | Secretary |
| Ralph Stafford | Treasurer |
| Bryan Acree | Registrar |
| John Brinsfield | Chaplain |
| Doug Woodruff | Immediate Past President |
| Tom Phillips | Sergeant-at-Arms |

Fall Line

Right: Fall Line President Sandy Mercer (center) from Sandersville was awarded the "Lafayette Volunteer

Service Medal" in recognition of volunteer services on behalf of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution National Headquarters.

Below: Hu Daughtry of the Mill Creek Chapter, Statesboro, to present his program on "Who is Kemp Creech".

President Sandy then discussed with the Chapter how the Chapter can best help with the annual "Wreaths across American" being held this year on December 16, 2024. The Chapter is looking for any information on the burial sites of all Revolutionary War veterans buried in Washington County. There are over 80 buried here, but only a few with known burial sites."



Four Rivers Patriots

Right: At Four Rivers Patriots January meeting, Senior Regional Vice President Ed Rigel, Jr. installed President Steve DeWeil.

Below: George King received his past President's plaque from President Steve DeWeil.



Right: Four Rivers Patriots Officer Staff: Vice President Joel Keener, Secretary Al Johnson, Treasurer Dean Mills, Dan Brown, Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain Emory Fennel, Registrar Dean Mills, and Genealogist Dess Smith III.



Left: February meeting saw Bernard Martin and Steve Burke present their program on "Artillery through the Ages and Black Powder Production".

George Walton

Right: Past President, and George Walton Chapter member Bill Dobbs (R) installs Warren Haire (C) and Jimmy Norton (L) as Sergeant at Arms and Vice-President respectively. This induction was held at the January 2nd general meeting in Monroe Georgia.



Joseph Habersham

Below: The face of Joseph Habersham at most events is Dr. Edwin Hendricks. Ed also serves as the Vice President for the North East Region.



Little River



Left: Compatriot Bernard Martin of the Brier Creek Chapter and Compatriot Steve Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter were our January speakers. "Artillery Through The Ages" was the title of their program. Bernard and Steve have done a tremendous amount of research on artillery used in wars dating from Colonial to present times.

Right: Compatriot Lee Herron of the Brier Creek Chapter was our February meeting speaker. He gave a very informative and interesting talk on the topic of his Patriot Ancestor, Captain Jack Jouett, known as "The Paul Revere of the South."





Left: Compatriot Jim Blanchard received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at our March Meeting. Judge Blanchard served as a part time juvenile judge of Columbia County from May 1, 1980- January 1, 2002. He also served as volunteer representative of the Professional Law Enforcement Association for many years when police were involved in a shooting when it was questioned if any criminal action could be brought against the police officer in the Burke, Columbia and Richmond County area. Many times he was called out during the day or night when an agency was called to investigate the crime scenes. He served as Superior Court Judge in Burke, Columbia, and Richmond Counties for over 20 years and recently retired as Chief Superior Court Judge in Columbia County. He established Accountability Courts which include Drug Court, Behavior Court, and Veterans Court. He was appointed Senior Judge of Superior Courts of Georgia by Governor Kemp on January 2, 2024.

Right: Compatriot James "Jimmy" Chappell received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at our March meeting. Compatriot Chappell began with the DeKalb County GA Sheriff's Office in 1980. He began as a clerk in the warrant section and worked for one year, then became a detention officer working in the jail for 10 years. He became a deputy sheriff and was assigned to the court division and field for the next 20 years until retirement in 2008.



Below: Compatriot Gary Smith earned the silver oak leaf cluster for the Service to Veterans Medal at our March meeting. Compatriot Smith does a tremendous amount of volunteer work with veterans and serves as the chapter veterans committee chair. Pictured at left is President Alton McCloud presenting the Service to Veterans award certificate with a silver oak leaf cluster to Compatriot Smith.



Right: Compatriot Walker Norman received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at our March Meeting. Compatriot Norman has served as the Lincoln County Commission Chairman for many years and is an avid supporter of the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest ceremony at Elijah Clark State Park. He first served in politics at the age of 18 while still in high school, as a Lincoln City Councilman. Compatriot Norman has also served in scouting, business associations, and church leadership positions.





Left: Our March meeting speakers were Compatriot Don Thomas Sr. and his wife, Pat. Don and Pat spoke on their Traveling Trunk program and how they have developed it over the years. Together, the Thomases have presented Traveling Trunk to thousands of school age children and adults. Pictured at left is President Alton McCloud presenting a certificate of appreciation and challenge coin to Don and Pat.

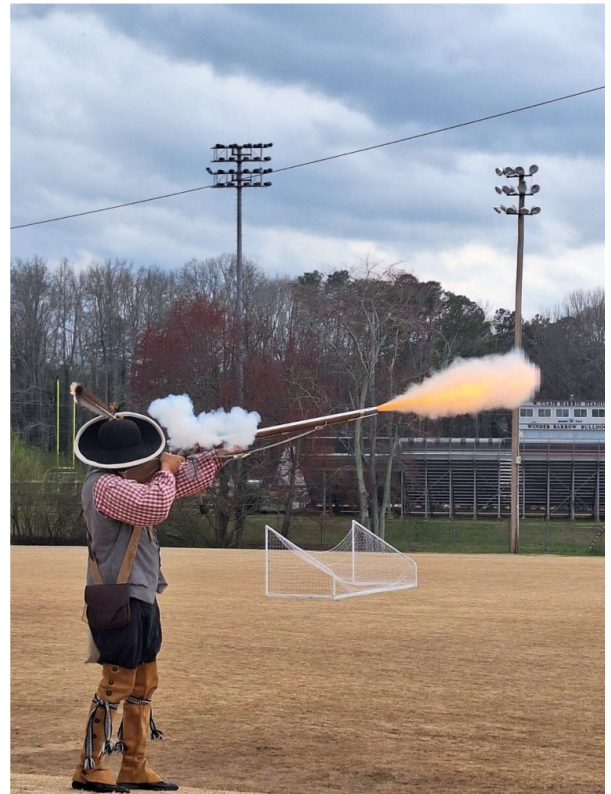
Lyman Hall

Right: Sid Hughes and others take refuge inside the Park building at Cowpens National Event in S.C.



Below: Dual member J.C. Hustis and DAR faithful Lesley Watkins present Traveling Trunk items for the Winder Barrow JROTC class in February.





Above and Right: Mike Watkins demonstrates musket fire and cartridge making techniques to interested students, allowing them to roll their own inert cartridge.



Above: Carter Wood and Thirteen Scouts, each with a parent - from three different Councils. All have completed their Genealogy Merit Badge.

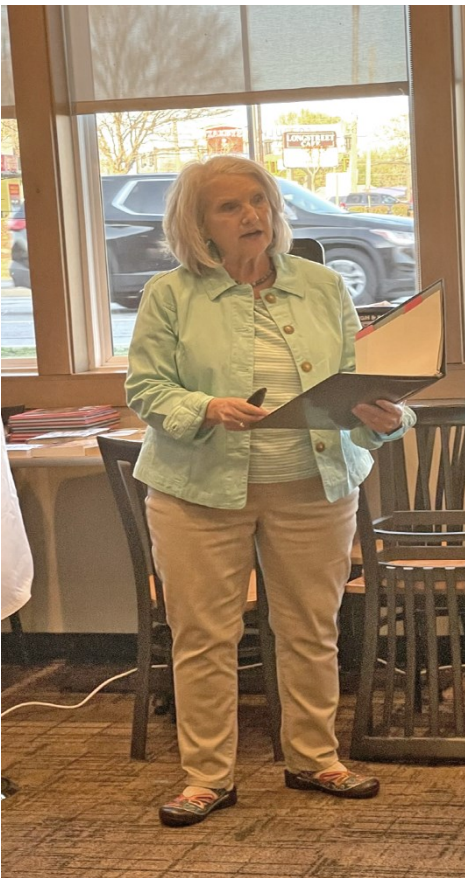


Above: President Rigel performed the induction of Lyman Hall's newest Compatriot, John Phillips. John's Patriot ancestor is Jacob Braselton who served in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812.



Lyman Hall's 300th Birthday & the 5th Anniversary of his Statue - April 12

Our Chapter has held a commemoration every year since Mr. Jack Frost of Memorial Gardens commissioned the white marble statue that stands at the Hall County Government Center. Come and Honor our Namesake.



Left: Leslie Watkins brought us her presentation entitled, "There's A Herb For That" at the March 28th meeting. She explained the many uses of indigenous plants and of some that Colonists brought with them. Uses of the herbs, roots and bark used as dyes for textiles. They had medicines to treat common ailments, culinary herbs for seasoning and preserving food, and many functional herbs for utilitarian purposes. Modern medical science has found that many Colonial era medicines were quite effective.

Right: State President Edward P Rigel, Jr made the belated presentation of the Nancy Hart Award to Leslie who had missed the State Conference in January due to illness. This award goes to a female who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to youth and adult education outreach programs.



Marquis de Lafayette

Right: Michael Sanderson US Army Ret, received Quilt of Valor from Quilts of Valor for his service to America. Several received awards for the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter . Thank you Jeff Bouchard, Commander of VFW Newnan for the information shared. Center is Michael Sanderson with Sarah Swab and wife Eleanor, left.



Mill Creek

Below: February speaker Ed DeVos presented his program on "Revenge at Kings Mountain. He 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, how all the participants were Americans (Loyalists and Patriots) except for one British Officer, Major Ferguson. Compatriot Dess then presented President Randy with 3 Chapter Flag Streamers, Fort Morris, Elijah Clarke Heroes of the Hornets' Nest, and Kettle Creek.



Mount Vernon

Left: Mount Vernon Veterans Chairman Hamilton (Ham) McDonald (right) regularly visits airport to greet and meet military soldiers going in and out of Atlanta's airport.



Below: Veterans Committee Chairman Benjamin H. (Ham) McDonald was our Compatriot speaker. He showed a PowerPoint slide show about his active duty in the US Army & Vietnam. Ham was active from 1963-1968 and has received his SAR War Service Medal for his dedication (4/13/21).



Below: January 10th - Color Guard at DAR Meeting
 Members of our Mount Vernon Color Guard displayed the colors at the Cherokee DAR meeting this day. Color Guard members Shep Hammack, Bill Floyd, David Wellons and Tom Hewett represented the chapter.



Below: On Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, Jacob O'Meara of Troop 463 in Sandy Springs was presented an Eagle Scout Certificate by Mount Vernon's Eagle Scout Chairman Chuck Olson. The Court of Honor started at 7:00 pm and was held in the Lower School Cafeteria of the Mount Vernon School in Sandy Springs, GA.

The other Eagle Scouts shown in the photo received their certificates in 2023.

(L to R), Eagle Scouts Graham MacDonald, Sean Hanse, Jacob O'Meara, Chuck Olson and Will Soteris.



2024 Member Awards & Certificates of Appreciation

- Certificate of Appreciation for Bill Floyd for service as Treasurer and Budget Development
- Certificate of Appreciation for Hamilton McDonald as Sgt at Arms
- Certificate of Appreciation for Warren McPhillips as Recording Secretary
- Certificate of Appreciation for Tom Hewett as Registrar
- Chapter Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze) - Shep Hammack for his service to the Chapter
- Lydia Darragh Medal- Jane Wellons for her support to the President
- Distinguished Service Medal – John Galt for his service as VP (Speaker Scheduling and Americanism Report)
- Joseph Plum Outstanding Youth Member Medal – Kevin Baker C.A.R. Liaison
- Henry Knox Achievement Medal – Chuck Rann (Website Admin and Bylaws Revision Chairman)



Above: February 3rd - Mount Vernon Annual Banquet & Officer Installation. The Mount Vernon Chapter held its Annual Banquet and Celebration of George Washington's Birthday at Olde Town Athletic Club. 2024 Officers were also installed at this meeting.



Installation of 2024 Officers

2017 President General SAR Larry Guzy inducted the following. Note: Sergeant at Arms Sunny Lee was not present at this meeting and will be inducted at the next regular meeting.

- President – John S. Galt
- Vice President – Tom Hewett
- Treasurer – Bill Floyd
- Recording Secretary Kevin Baker
- Genealogist- Tom Chrisman
- Registrar – Warren McPhillips
- Chaplain – Gene Ray
- Historian – Shep Hammack
- Chancellor – Tom Pye
- Corresponding Secretary – Chuck Rann





Left: Induction of President John S. Galt. His wife Peggy does the honors.

Below: John & Peggy Galt with daughter Anna & son-in-law Eric.



Left: Our Chapter C.A.R. Liaison Kevin Baker spoke about the C.A.R. at the Atlanta DAR Meeting. Kevin Baker has been a member of the Children of the American Revolution since the age of 5 and at one time, a fourth generation family member affiliated with CAR/SAR/DAR. Kevin held various offices on the Local, State and National level, eventually becoming the first National President from the state of Georgia in the C.A.R.'s history at just 17 years old. He was installed as President on the historic grounds of Mount Vernon in New York state. Kevin's Speakers Bureau page is on the State website.

Right: VP Tom Hewett introduced guest speaker Compatriot Carter J. Wood, who talked about the 'Six Rebellions Before the Revolution'. There was more than just the Boston Tea Party! Carter Wood is a 9th generation Veteran of the US Army with 22 years of service in uniform. He is retired from both the corporate world and the Gwinnett County Public School system. He is currently serving as President of the Lyman Hall Chapter in Gainesville Georgia.



Ocmulgee

Right: The January meeting featured a talk by Tim Bollinger on the Manhattan Project that developed the atomic bomb in WW II. Specifically focus was on the "demon core" - the radioactive ball that was the heart of the device. Tim is pictured below with a model of the device that was used to transport the core.



Above: On a very cold day, January 20, 2024, the Ocmulgee Chapter, Georgia SAR , co- hosted with the Nathaniel Macon Chapter, DAR, the 16th annual Veterans Salute and Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fort Harkins, in Macon, Ga. Here a middle Georgia Boy Scout presents to Chuck Garnett, Ocmulgee Chapter, a USA flag for retirement, while John Trussell and Ed Trust offer support.

Below: Charles Garnett bearing Colors at Kettle Creek.



Below: At the George Washington Dinner, 16 February 2024, Dr. Jeffrey Wells of Georgia Military College focused on Washington's visit to Savannah in 1791. This was part of a 1900 mile tour of the United States. Prior to this point, Washington had never visited the Carolinas and Georgia. The tour itself was designed to increase national unity. While in Savannah, Washington attended various dinners, toured coastal defenses, and met with Georgia leaders such as Governor John Houstoun, General Lachlan McIntosh, as well as the Mayor and aldermen (city council) of Savannah.



New officers for 2024-25 were also sworn in at this event:

Roy Griffis - President
 Tim Bolinger - Secretary
 Michael Walters - Treasurer
 Rev. Matthew Harlow - Chaplain
 John Trussell - Historian

Right: The Sons of the American Revolution awarded Sheriff Cullen Talton the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Sheriff Talton received the award for his 51 years of service to the county. Sheriff Talton is the longest-serving sheriff in Georgia and the United States.



Below: Joy Frederick, State of Georgia President of the Children of the American Revolution, gave us an overview of this organization in March. CAR is the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization, and offers membership to anyone under the age of 22 who is lineally descended from someone who rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States. C.A.R. activities focus on patriotism, service, and education about our American heritage.



Right: The Lt. James Monroe Chapter DAR and the Ocmulgee Chapter SAR donated a dozen patriotic themed children's books to the Monroe County Library. Pictured are Ed Trust, Kim Trust, Amanda Garnett, and Chuck Garnett





Below: At a DAR grave marker dedication, you know where to find these two.



Left: John Trussell's grandson Jack will soon be a SAR member and wants to join the Color Guard. He's already got his uniform and should be able to join us for the grave marking of his g-g-g grandfather Dickerson Lumpkin on 4/13/24. He's 16, on the school football team and will soon have his Eagle Scout badge, and loves history!

Patrick Carr Rangers

Right: Compatriot Henry Tinley presented his program on the possible location of Gov. David Emanuel's burial in Burke County. Emanuel County is named after Gov. Emanuel and both the Patrick Carr Chapter, and the Wiregrass Chapter (Swainsboro) are trying to locate his burial site.

The East Fall Line Region VP Dess Smith III presented President David Hargrove with 5 Chapter Flag Streamers. Dual members of the Patrick Carr Chapter attended 5 different events and presented the Patrick Carr wreath to honor Patriot soldiers who fought there. Those events were: Siege of Augusta, Fort Morris, Come and Take it, Elijah Clarke Heroes of the Hornets' Nest, Battle at Kettle Creek and the Battle at Brier Creek events."



Piedmont

Right: Craig Benton received his Patriot Grave Marking Medal at the Annual Conference.

Piedmont Chapter 30th Anniversary Banquet

The Piedmont Chapter was chartered on the 17th of March 1994 in Roswell, Georgia. Instrumental in the forming of the chapter were Frank H. Darwin, Jr., Edgar B. Sterrett, Jr., Merrill Law and Aubrey R. Morris assisted by Col. Robert B. Vance and Lt. Col. Robert F. Galer. Both Vance and Galer are former Georgia Society Presidents, Col. Vance a Former President General of the National Society, SAR. Several names were suggested for the new chapter serving the Roswell-Alpharetta area. It was decided to let the location within the state determine the name. And so it was - Piedmont, *"at the foot of the mountains"*.

Piedmont has been instrumental in helping start new chapters within the Georgia Society. Below is a listing of those Chapters whose birth can be traced to the Piedmont Chapter.

- ☞ Button Gwinnett; April 10, 1999 (they will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary at their upcoming April 6 Annual Meeting)
- ☞ Captain John Collins; October 14, 2000
- ☞ Casimir Pulaski; October 13, 2001
- ☞ Marquis de Lafayette; July 13, 2002
- ☞ Cherokee; July 23, 2005
- ☞ Robert Forsyth; July 27, 2013
- ☞ Mount Vernon; 2016





Robert Forsyth

Gentlemen. For those who do not know, for the past few years I have researched and compiled a listing of uniform parts and pieces to help those wanting to assemble uniforms for militia or continental uniforms. Makes your shopping easier. Not a complete listing, nor, with prices changing daily, totally accurate, but I hope my research helps you in your search for the perfect suit. If you know of other sutlers, let me know, as I am always ready to add new sources.

I have updated "*The Well-Dressed Guardsman*" for 2024. Most items are the same. Some have been dropped by the Sutler, some added. Some price changes.....up a little, but most are still within reason. If you have anyone interested in searching the internet for uniforms, there are several vendors to choose from, and this booklet will help narrow their selection..... Well, at least maybe the time spent browsing. Enjoy.

<https://www.robertforsythsar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/The-Well-Dressed-Guardsman-2024.pdf>

The Well-Dressed Guardsman



Right: Byron Tindall as Color Guardsman at the Heroes of Hornets Nest.

A Quartermaster's purchasing guide to outfitting yourself as a Member of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard

By Emil Decker,

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Above: J.C. Hustis helping present the Skunk Brigade's Traveling Trunk to the Lincoln County students attending the morning session at Heroes of the Hornets Nest.

Right: J.C. and Emil Decker joined forces with Lyman Hall members Pres. Carter Wood, Michael Watkins, and DAR member Leslie Watkins to present the Winder-Barrow JROTC classes a lively exhibition of Traveling Trunk items, as well as discussion on military weapons of the period, including flintlock firing.





Left: J.C. Hustis and Emil Decker wanted to give a local Cub Scout Pack 133 an opportunity to participate in the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. A brown tarp was thrown over the counter in the church meeting room in the basement at Bethel United Methodist Church in Dawson County, and a blue tarp was placed on the floor to represent the bay. While the date of our visit was in January, we thought it was still appropriate, since the news that traveled to Charleston and other ports south of Chesapeake took time, and therefore it was an authentic delay.

The Scouts were informed of the circumstances surrounding the Revolt against the East India Company, their tea, and the actions taken by the Sons of Liberty in Boston. They created their Native American personas with face paint and making feathered headbands. They were then invited to "Toss the Tea" into the harbor.

I know, I know..... The original tea was not in tea bags. Neither was the tea in small crates that a person could pick up single handed, but let's not let the facts get in the way of the concept. *[Can you imagine the mess we would have made on the basement floor if we had attempted loose tea leaves?]*



TEA PARTY FACTS:

- ☞ The tea tax was only 3 pence to a pound of tea
- ☞ There were 342 chests of tea, each weighing 400 lbs
- ☞ The chests held more than 45 tons of tea
- ☞ 1 - 2 million \$\$ worth of tea in todays money was dumped
- ☞ No one was hurt, and aside from the destruction of the tea and a padlock, no property was damaged or looted
- ☞ The Sons of Liberty swept the ships' decks clean before they left.
- ☞ After Boston, there were at least 10 "tea parties" up and down the Eastern seaboard.

As each member of the Pack stepped forward to dump a crate of tea, members of the Local Boy Scouts Troop 109 helped re-package the tea bags tossed into the bay by raking them up into another crate and passed back onboard to help keep the simulation going.

A photographer was there to capture the moment, (just like the engravers and painters were there at the dock in Boston for the original setting).

After all the members helped in the civil disobedience, they were rewarded with a Certificate of Participation in the Tea Toss.







Left: February meeting hosted Compatriot Terry Manning, who presented a program on Boston's "Tea Party Tidbits". New president Chris Russo presents a Robert Forsyth Challenge coin and Certificate of Appreciation.

Below: Mrs. Teeny Gillespie's 100th birthday offered us an opportunity to both honor a WWII veteran, (SPAR - Women's Coast Guard Active Reserve) and also present a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to someone who has been a good citizen longer than most of us have been around.



Valdosta

Below: Michael Black, President of the Valdosta Chapter and member Steve Coleman, attended the service for Master Sergeant Roy Edward Barrow July 16, 1911 - December 12, 1950, Korean War veteran declared missing in action; Recovered September, 2023.



Washington - Wilkes



Left: Ed Anderson attended the Aiken SC Living History Day as both a Vietnam Veteran and sharing with the students that many African Descended Peoples participated in the American Revolution.

Wiregrass

Right: Jan 11, President Steve Burke installed by GASSAR President Elect Ed Rigel, Jr.

Below: Wiregrass Chapter President Steve Burke was awarded the John Dooly Education Outreach Award in recognition of significant contributed time and efforts in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach programs as a member of the SAR. This is a state award.



Below: Compatriot Lee Herron presented the February program on "Capt Jack Joyett, the Paul Revere of the South".



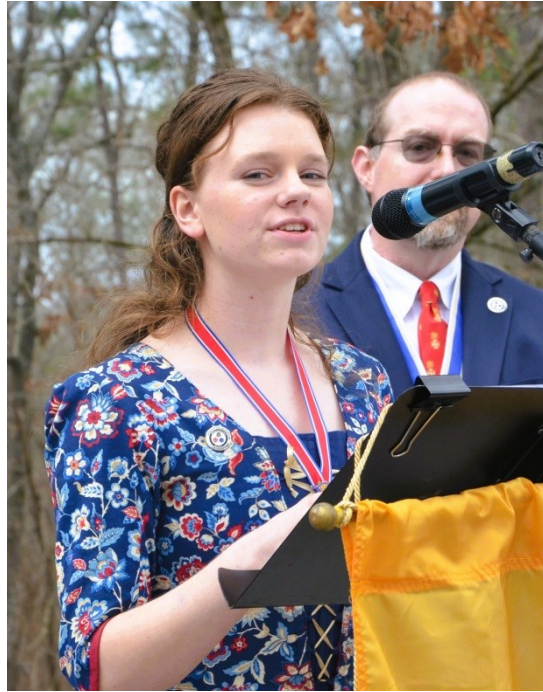
Below: Compatriot John Derden presents his program on "The Treaty of Paris, 1781" at the March meeting.



Above: Compatriot Dess presented Sgt-at-Arms Watson Mosley with the 245th Brier Creek Battlefield Anniversary Celebration Chapter Flag Streamer.

CAR

Children of the American Revolution



Left: President Joy Frederick brought greetings at Kettle Creek.

Right: Joy joined SAR President General Dodd, Georgia SAR President Ludley, and Georgia C.A.R. Liaison Moore in presenting the "C.A.R.

Distinguished Liaison Award 2023" and the "C.A.R. Liaison 2023" Blue Streamer to the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter and the "C.A.R. Liaison 2023" Red Streamer to the Coweta Falls SAR and Piedmont SAR chapters.



Below: The C.A.R. at Kettle Creek.





Left: Mike Watkins takes a knee to keep the C.A.R. members properly in frame.

C.A.R. elegantly dressed and presenting a wreath at the Battle of Thomas Creek.



The Elisha Winn Society and the Georgia Children were in force at the Georgia State Society NSDAR - State Conference (Cobb County) Mar 22 - Mar 23. The C.A.R. National Conference is coming April 17 - 19, 2024.





Above: President Rigel brought greetings to the C.A.R. 85th Georgia State Conference at Berry College, Rome, GA. He was able to witness the installation of 3 junior SAR members as 2024/25 C.A.R. State Officers; Noah Tindall, State 1VP, Hunter Newton, State 2VP, and Nick Hamrick, State Registrar. This was a great opportunity to recognize the 6 Junior SAR members present and their contributions to both SAR and C.A.R.

Right Center and Right: Georgia C.A.R. State Chaplain and Button Gwinnett Junior SAR member Noah Tindall was offered the unique opportunity of serving as Page for Georgia House Majority Leader Representative Chuck Efrstration. Serving at the Georgia Capitol is a great way to spread the impact of C.A.R./SAR relationship in growing future leaders.





Ladies of the DAR were well represented at the Heroes of the Hornets Nest Event at Elijah Clark State Park.





Above: DAR at Heroes of the Hornets Nest
Below: DAR at War Hill on Kettle Creek



Left: DAR members attended the Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek.

Right: Also they were well Represented at the Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek.



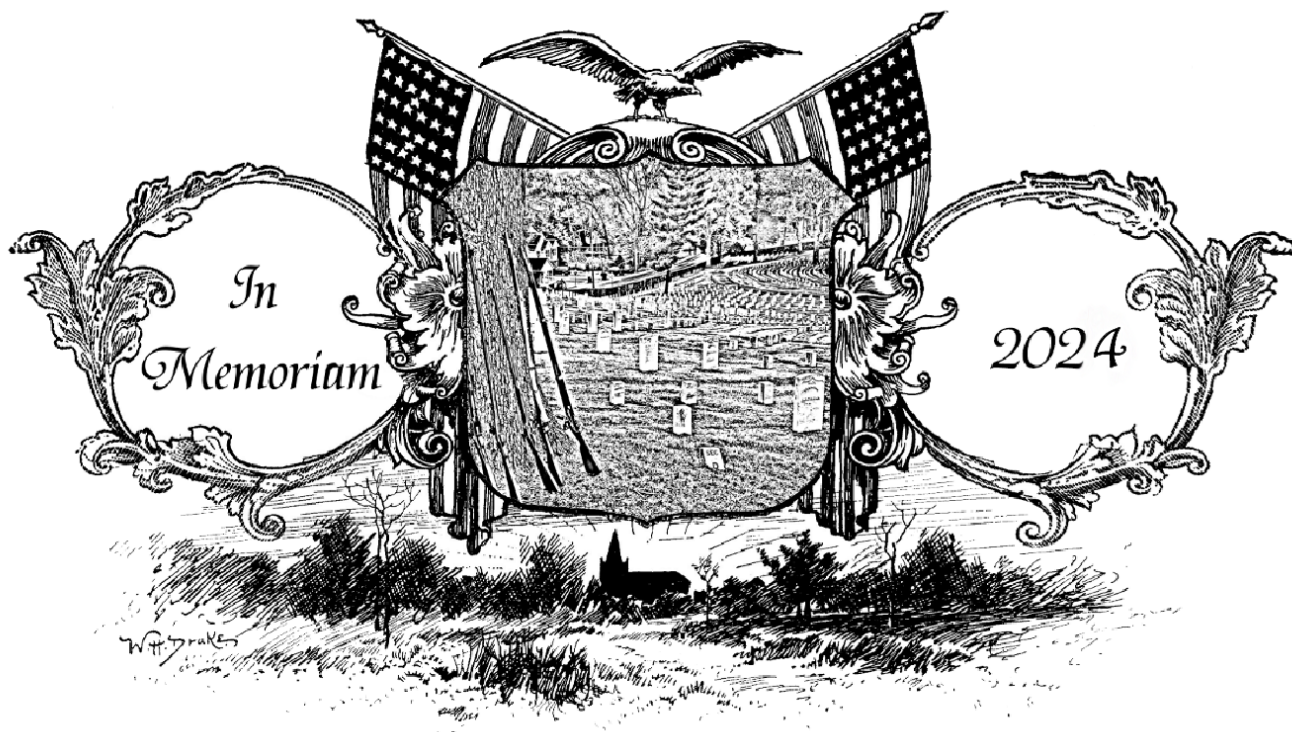
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MARKER DEDICATION HONORING JOHN AND SARAH PASCHALL GLOVER

Mount Paran Primitive Baptist Church, 10376 US 80, Lizella, Georgia on Sunday, 24 March 2024.

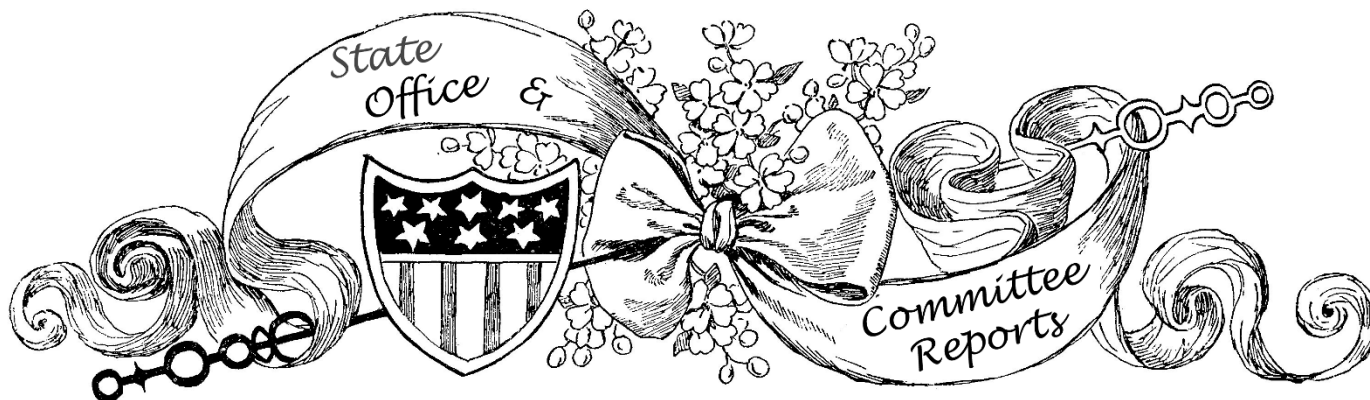
NSDAR President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright and Virginia Grace Lingelbach, Chaplain General in attendance.







Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	Deceased
Walter Byron REED, Sr.	159737	Marquis de Lafayette	16 Jan 2024
Robert Warren WEATHERSBY, II	169096	Dalton	19 Jan 2024
James Ansley GRANADE, Jr.	192908	Wash-Wilkes	29 Jan 2024
Robert Donald HILLIARD,	191442	Casimir Pulaski	29 Jan 2024
Richard Herbert SMITH,	192218	Coweta Falls	30 Jan 2024
William Hughes RAPER	147382	Jos. Habersham	30 Jan 2024
Steven Meers Hudgins,	161115	Jos. Habersham	02 Feb 2024
John Donald MORGAN, Jr.	169450	Marshes of Glynn	08 Feb 2024
David Donaldson HARVEY, Jr.	83161	Rome	09 Feb 2024
Chase Winston REDNER,	210339	Piedmont	20 Feb 2024
Charles Findlay COX,	187427	Robert Forsyth	26 Feb 2024
Eugene Albert GRASSER, Jr.	184826	Atlanta	05 Mar 2024
Carey Leer BROCK	168739	Marshes of Glynn	10 Mar 2024
Charles William FOLEY,	205916	Athens	19 Mar 2024
William David LANDRUM	153975	Marquis de Lafayette	19 Mar 2024



Secretary - Gary Smith

Georgia Society Compatriots:	1-Jan-24	1870
Additions as of:	31-Mar-24	
New Members		35
Reinstatements		22
Transfer ins		1
Reinstatement-Transfers		0
Total gains as of:	31-Mar-24	58
Losses as of:	31-Mar-24	
Transfer outs		1
Deceased		14
Dropped		0
Resignation		0
Total lost as of:	31-Mar-24	15
Active Membership as of:	31-Mar-24	1913
Year to date change:	31-Mar-24	43

New Members



Georgia Society New Members Since Monday, January 1, 2024

	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Altamaha	16 Feb 2024	Clifford Alton HOWARD	Edward MOBLEY	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Athens	15 Mar 2024	Peter Ray J. PAULSEN	William PAULSEN	Kenneth Scott COLLINS
Blue Ridge Mtns	23 Mar 2024	Michael Francis BLAIR	James REDFIELD	Jack Powell DUGGER
	29 Mar 2024	George Anthony GILSON	Nathaniel GILSON	Jack Powell DUGGER

	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Brier Creek	29 Mar 2024	Cortland Rice LOWE, Jr	Sarah OVERSTREET	Richard Lee HERRON
Button Gwinnett	02 Feb 2024	Daniel Stephen CZARNIAK	Jeremiah FRAZIER	Harold Douglas FORD
	02 Feb 2024	Hunter William NEWTON	Joshua WADE	Harold Douglas FORD
	01 Mar 2024	Bruce Dean CRAIG	Jacob BAILEY	Harold Douglas FORD
	01 Mar 2024	Steven Douglas WHITE	John WHITE	Harold Douglas FORD
	01 Mar 2024	Joshua Steven WHITE	John WHITE	Harold Douglas FORD
	23 Mar 2024	Alec Benjamin RAY	Joseph HARVEY	Harold Douglas FORD
	23 Mar 2024	Norman Ernest WOOD, IV	Matthew SINGLETON	Harold Douglas FORD
	29 Mar 2024	Reggie Earl VALLOTTON	David VALLOTTON	Milus Bruce MANEY
	29 Mar 2024	Mark William YORK	William GARRARD	Harold Douglas FORD
Casimir Pulaski	26 Jan 2024	Knox Ellington BRETCH	Moses MOSS	Jason Matthew BRETCH
	29 Mar 2024	James Frank SKELTON	Robert SKELTON	Jimmy Glynn SWINSON
Coweta Falls	16 Feb 2024	Oren Calvin BARCLAY	Hugh BARCLAY	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
Dalton	29 Mar 2024	Randall Sam JONES	Thomas TOWNSEND	John Wesley BRINSFIELD
Edward Telfair	23 Mar 2024	Stephen Anthony BULWINKLE	Wilson GLOVER	Roger Warren COURSEY
Joel Early	02 Feb 2024	Terry Lee LAMBERT	Zoeth SPOONER	David Neal SPOONER
	23 Mar 2024	Ronnie O LAMBERT	Zoeth SPOONER	David Neal SPOONER
John Collins	01 Mar 2024	Andrew Nathan NANNINGA	Jonathan SPENCER	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
	01 Mar 2024	Lewis David RAY, Jr.	Joseph HARVEY	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
	29 Mar 2024	Edward Charles O'BRIEN Jr	Moses DODD	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
John Milledge	29 Mar 2024	William Wayne SANDERS	William FEARS	Terry Lee Edward STAIR
Little River	01 Mar 2024	Ethan Brooks TANKERSLEY	John TANKERSLEY	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Lyman Hall	12 Jan 2024	Christopher Ross DONALD	Richard JUSTICE	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
	02 Feb 2024	Ronald Devone PATTON	Jacob BRUBECK	Sidney C HUGHES, Jr.
	16 Feb 2024	John William PHILLIPS Jr	Jacob BRASELTON	Sidney C HUGHES, Jr.
Marquis de Lafayette	29 Mar 2024	Gary Lee FLECK	Joseph MOORE	Vernon Dale BASSHAM
Marshes of Glynn	26 Jan 2024	Riley Bertram Nicholas SMITH	John COOMBS	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	02 Feb 2024	Albert Emory BISHOP	Samuel PERRY	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	01 Mar 2024	Steve Lansing GLENN	James SCREVEN	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	29 Mar 2024	David Layne SMITH	George UPTAIN	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Mount Vernon	23 Mar 2024	Matthew Alexander COHEN	John PIRKLE	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK

	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Piedmont	16 Feb 2024	Julius Dallas JOHNSON	Andrew HUGHES	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	23 Mar 2024	John Christopher STUNDA	West HARRIS	Glenn Franklin KIRK, Jr.
Robert Forsyth				
	02 Feb 2024	Charles Adams CALHOUN III	Joseph PENNOCK	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
Rome				
	29 Mar 2024	Joshua Barry CHILDERS	Job SOSEBEE	Mark Wilbur EASTERWOOD
Total:	39			



Fundraising - Gary Smith

Duties:

The Fund-Raising Committee shall seek ways of providing additional funding to the Georgia Society for purposes of addressing special or unique programs that may fall outside the normal budgeting process. The committee shall also provide advice to chapters on methods of raising funds at the chapter level. Upon approval of the Board of Managers it may establish special sub-committees for the purpose of sponsoring specific fund-raising events.

Specific Responsibilities:

The committee will generally be responsible for the following:

- ☞ Monitoring the budget for the committee and recommending increases and/or decreases in its budget line items as needed to the Finance Committee.
- ☞ Providing to the Information Technology Committee information needed to maintain on a current basis a web page or link on the Georgia Society website on programs of the committee.
- ☞ Submitting a quarterly Board of Managers report about 2 weeks prior to the end of each quarter using the general format prescribed for committee chairmen.

Web Site Information National Society SAR: <https://www.sar.org/committees/fundraising-committee/>

Donations: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E343554&id=7>

Georgia Society SAR Web Site: <https://gasocietysar.org/committees/>

Donations: <https://gasocietysar.org/shop/>

Budget Data: Georgia Society SAR 2024 Approved Budget

4004 - Fund Raising Projects

4004a - Miscellaneous Revenue - \$500, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$500

4004d - Congress Medal Sets - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

4004m - Kettle Creek Prints - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

4005 - Donations Received

4005a - Color Guard Appearances - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

4005b - Individual Donations - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

4005c - Chapter Donations - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

4005e - Georgia Fellow Donations - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

4005f - Other Organizations - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

5025 - Fundraising

5026d - Kettle Creek Prints - \$0, Expenditures \$0, Balance \$0

Contests None. Background Statistics None.

2024 1st Quarter This Committee was restaffed with a Committee Chairman and 2 Members on 7 February 2024.

The Fund Raising Committee of the Georgia Society should consider projects to benefit increasing the Georgia Society Endowment Trust Fund as needed.

2024 2nd Quarter Plans As needed add additional Fundraising Committee Members and support the Society and Chapters in fundraising activities.

Americanism - Gary Page



The GASSAR State Americanism Report and the individual Chapter Americanism reports were emailed to Mr. James Engler on March 14th. Mr. Engler responded saying that he had received the reports and they were uploaded to the Americanism Sharefile folder for review. **For 2023, only 21 chapters out of our 36 statewide chapters submitted Americanism Reports.** Below you find the GASSAR totals submitted for the National Competition:

The following chapter reports were received:

Athens	Coweta Falls	Edward Telfair	Marshes Of Glynn	Mill Creek
Button Gwinnett	Capt. John Collins	Ocmulgee	Piedmont	William Few
Four Rivers Patriots	Robert Forsyth	Marquis De Lafayette	Cherokee	Patrick Carr Rangers
		Mount Vernon	Brier Creek	Little River
				Fall Line.
				Wiregrass

15 chapters did not submitted Americanism Reports or failed to meet the deadline for 2023:

Chapter Name:		Chapter President:	
State Society Name:	Georgia	State President:	David Ludley
Contest Year:	2023	Date Entry Submitted:	3/14/2024
Membership as of:	January-01	1,914	December-31
			2,067
Submitter's Name:	Gary Page	Contact Email:	garypage39@comcast.net
Telephone (Home):		Telephone (Work):	770-329-0847
State or Chapter Entry:	State		

Category	Category Title	Americanism	President General's Streamer
1	Media Publicity	19,750	
2	SAR Speakers Bureau	6,250	
3	Support of the C.A.R. and DAR		5,205
4	Youth Programs	15,495	
5	Public Service Programs	10,380	
6	Historic Sites & Celebrations	3,715	
7	Grave Markings	9,010	
8	Color Guard Activity	8,710	
9A	SAR Medals & Certificates Awarded to Non-Members	2,250	
9B	SAR Medals & Certificates Awarded to SAR Members		2,250
10	National Society Service		8,171
11	Membership, Reinstatements, Supplementals, Dues & Secretarial Returns		22,745
12	Attendance at State, District, and National Meetings		2,600
TOTAL POINTS:		75,560	40,971
Determination of potential eligibility for PG Cup		100.0% Eligible for PG Cup Consideration	100.0% Eligible for PG Cup Consideration

Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett



2024 1st Quarter Activity:

Our State Rumbaugh Oration Contest will be on Saturday, April 27th at Pam's Garden Patch Restaurant following the spring BOM and lunch. Please have your entry packet emailed to me by April 10th. We currently have entries from the Athens Chapter and the Ocmulgee Chapter. I hope we have some more last minute entries. We need 3 volunteers to be judges and 1 to be the time keeper-please contact me if you can help. I look forward to seeing everyone at BOM and encourage you to stay and watch the amazing job these young men and women do with their orations. If you have any questions or comments please email or call me.



Flag Respect - Craig Benton

Contests

NSSAR Admiral William R. Furlong Award is due 15 April of each year. If 50% of State Chapters present a Flag Display Certificate (GASSAR receives the red, white and blue Furlong Streamer), 100% (GASSAR receives Furlong Streamer and Certificate of Excellence)

NSSAR U. S. Flag Retirement Award is due 1 March of each year If over 50% of the chapters in the state, as well as the state society, present at least one U. S. Flag Retirement certificate each; the state will receive the U. S. Flag Retirement Award. The first time a state society receives the U. S. S. Flag Retirement Award, it will be presented a streamer and a certificate. Each additional time a state society receives the U. S. Flag Retirement Award, it will receive a certificate and white star to attach to the streamer. If 100% of the chapters in your state, as well as the state society, present at least one U. S. Flag Retirement certificate each, then the state society will receive the U. S. Flag Retirement Award and a Certificate of Excellence.

Background Statistic

Percentage of Chapters currently reporting first quarter 2024:

Admiral Furlong Award: 3% (Award Criteria of 50% is not met)
 Flag Retirement Award: 0% (Award Criteria of 50% is not met)

2023 4th Quarter

25 Chapters reported at least one Flag Display Certificate presentation **exceeding** the Admiral Furlong Award 50% requirement. 7 Chapters reported at least one Flag Retirement Certificate presentation with **11 more reports needed** to earn U.S. Flag Retirement Award.

2024 1st Quarter

Craig Benton was appointed Flag Respect Committee Chair by President Rigel.

A report was filed and received by the NSSAR Flag Respect Chairman on February 27, 2024 noting the 2023 efforts that earned the Georgia Society the NSSAR Admiral William R. Furlong Award of the red, white and blue Furlong Streamer.

2024 Plans

Chapters are encouraged to obtain and present flag display and retirement certificates that can be purchased for \$4.00 through the SAR Merchandise Department at (502) 589-1779 and on web at:

<https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=flag%20certificate>

Flag Respect Committee Members are always sought and appreciated. Regional Vice Presidents can contact Craig Benton for certificate assistance.



Lafayette's Itinerary Brochure, soon to be available.

Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
Lafayette's Itinerary
1825 in Georgia



Lafayette waves to Georgians from the balcony of Mrs. Maxwell's balcony where he resided during his Savannah visit.
Artist Preston Russell.

Savannah Mar. 19-21, 1825
 Arrives by steamship at Yamocraw bluff. Honored with speeches and parade. Overights at Mrs. Maxwell's House. March 21 parade to Johnson Square. Lays cornerstone for Nathaniel Greene monument, then to Chippewa Square. Lays cornerstone for Casimir Pulaski. Meets with the Masons, departs for Augusta on steamship Altamaha.

Augusta Mar. 23-24, 1825
 Welcoming parade, greeting ceremony and dinner. Ball at City Hall, retires to Planter Hotel. March 24 attends a banquet, visits the Masonic Hall, attends Ball at Planters Hotel

Warrenton & Sparta Mar. 25-26, 1825
 In Warrenton, stays at the home of Jacob Burkhalter, attends celebration at the Allen House. In Sparta, attends a ball and reception at the Eagle Hotel.

Milledgeville Mar. 26 - 28, 1825
 Arrives at Old State House. March 27 attends services at Methodist Chapel. March 28 visits Masonic hall. Attends non-dancing Ball at State House. Dinner under an arbor at State House Square. Attends Ball in evening in the Capitol Chambers.

Macon & Indian Agency Mar. 29, 1825
 Crosses Bridge St. into Macon. Walks in on foot. Meel at Macon Hotel. Speeches by Mayor and Lafayette. Travels to Benjamin Hawkins Indian Agency, where he spends the night.

Creek Nation Mar. 30-31, 1825
 March 30 travels Federal Road to Spain's Tavern & Inn. Spends the night at Gaffrey's Stand (presently on Fort Moore Military base.) Meets with Creek Indian Chief Chilly McIntosh. Indians escort him across the Chattoohocsee River.



Lafayette Statue in Lafayette Square LaGrange, Georgia



The United States government had a custom carriage made for Lafayette while he traversed the 24 states during his visit in America.



There were many souvenirs created to welcome Lafayette to America. Among them, ribands, gloves, fans, clothing and many other items. Most of them contained a likeness of Lafayette, and many times George Washington as well.



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- Present a Proclamation
- Plan a Concert. (Music has been especially formatted for school bands, orchestra, piano etc.)
- Plan Educational activities for adults and children
- Ask local actors and Drama Students in Middle and High Schools to participate in "pop up" plays around their city.

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GEORGIA SPONSORS

Members of The Georgia Committee, John Trussell, Billie Trussell, Lynne Tate, and Bev Baker thanks the following organizations for their donations:

THE NATION'S GUEST LEVEL (\$2,000)

- The Georgia Committee - AFL
- The Huguenot Society of Georgia

MARQUIS LEVEL (\$1,000)

- Georgia Society Daughters of Indian Wars
- Georgia Branch Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims
- Georgia Society Colonial Dames 17th Century

MAJOR GENERAL LEVEL (\$500)

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- Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
- State of Georgia Society United States Daughters of 1812

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Veterans - Gary Hoyt



01/10/2024 Attended the virtual Quarterly Meeting of the Atlanta VA Health Care System Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). Reported to the CDCE and NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner that Compatriot Rob Ufford would be standing down as an NSSAR Deputy Representative to the CDCE.

01/15/2024 Attended the funeral of U.S. Army PFC Hood E. Cole at the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA. PFC Cole was killed in action in WWII and his unidentified remains were buried at the Ardennes American Cemetery near Neupre, Belgium. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) disinterred PFC Cole's remains in April 2018, and he was later identified using DNA and forensic analysis. PFC Cole was returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Many of the people

attending his funeral wore WWII military issue or replica uniforms and he was transported to the committal shelter on a WWII flat-bed trailer towed by a WWII Jeep.

01/26/2024 GASSAR Annual Conference.

02/01/2024 Submitted the GASSAR's 2023 USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet to NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner. Collectively, the GASSAR's 19 reporting Chapters earned a total of 178,250 Stark points.

02/06/2024 Attended the quarterly NSSAR Veterans Committee Meeting via Zoom. The importance of supporting the DPAA's program to identify and return the remains of previously unknown soldiers was discussed. GASSAR members have attended the funerals of all four service members returned to Georgia thus far.

Chairman Giltner asked that the membership take all necessary steps to avoid duplication of Americanism and Veterans scorekeeping. The Stark Scoring Sheet and Stark Points Tracker provide detailed guidelines for what constitutes a veterans-related activity. Updated versions of both forms are available for download from the NSSAR Veterans Committee webpage.

02/10/2024 Attended a twilight to dark Flag Retirement Ceremony sponsored by the Captain John Collins Chapter.

03/01/2024 Attended the funeral service of Compatriot Charles Cox at the McDonald & Son Chapel in Cumming, GA. At the family's request a Color Guard commanded by Emil Decker presented the colors and recited the pledges at the beginning of the service and recovered the colors at the end.

03-25-2024 Attended the NSSAR Stark Training Session via Zoom.

03-29-2024 Attended the National Vietnam Veterans Day observance at the Vietnam Wall erected in Newtown Park at Johns Creek, GA. The event was sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association and Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. This was a Partners in Patriotism activity attended by the event sponsors as well as members of the United States Armed Forces, the NSSAR and NSDAR, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. Members of the Captain John Collins, Button Gwinnett, and Piedmont Chapters participated in the observance.

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
					
Little River	James Blanchard James Chappell				
Ocmulgee	Cullen Talton				

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

Medals - Wayne Brown



During the Annual Conference held on January 26th & 27th, the Medals and Awards Committee worked with State Officers and Committee Chairman to process 125 awards for our members, chapters, contest winners and the ladies who provide much support to the Georgia Society. This Committee considered it a privilege to have processed these awards and to have participated in recognizing those who have given of their resources and worked tirelessly to make the Georgia SAR the great Society it is today.

Liberty Tree - Ron Redner



Thank you for showing interest in our SAR Liberty Tree project in your state and area!

We have completed a Liberty Tree Project website page that has the current Liberty Tree planting count and other Liberty Tree information like locations and dates planted and is now available on: AMERICA 250- Liberty Tree Program (piedmontchapter.org).

The 250th SAR Liberty Tree Program was rolled out at the Spring 2023 Leadership meeting by the NSSAR History 250 Committee the goal of planting 250 Liberty Trees for the 250th Anniversary with at least one tree in each state on or before July 4, 2026. We feel with by planting a Liberty Tree that it will help educate the public of the importance of the American Revolution and the sacrifices that were made to become our nation.

Trees are installed with a dedication plaque. It is recommended that the Liberty Trees be planted in counties or cities named after a Patriot or in a location that will serve as a tribute to veterans.

Good News on the Liberty Tree Program! When I was there at our 2024 Spring Leadership Meeting handing out information on the Liberty Tree, I met a SAR member from New Hampshire named Hans who told me that he and SAR Chapter planted eight Liberty Tree already in New Hampshire. I emailed him when I got home and he email me back with the locations and dates of each Liberty Tree. So adding his 8 to our 52 Liberty Trees planted so far we are at 60 trees to date.

Looking forward to hearing back you on your Liberty Tree planting progress!

Georgia Registrar South - Steven Hinson



Georgia Society Registrar Districts

****North Registrar District ****

Metro Region

Atlanta (Atlanta), Button Gwinnett (Lawrenceville), Mt Vernon (Dunwoody/Sandy Springs), Piedmont (Alpharetta); George Walton (Conyers)

Northeast Region

Athens (Athens), Joseph Habersham (Clarkesville/Cornelia), Lyman Hall (Gainesville),

Samuel Elbert (Elberton)

Northwest Region

Dalton (Dalton), John Collins (Marietta), Rome (Rome)

North Central Region

Robert Forsyth (Cumming), Cherokee (Canton), Blue Ridge Mountains (Blairsville)

West Region

Casimir Pulaski (Carrollton), Coweta Falls (Columbus), LaGrange (LaGrange), Marquis de Lafayette (Fayetteville)

****South Registrar District ****

Central East Region

Little River (Warrenton-Thomson- Lincolnnton-Harlem-Applying-Grovetown); Washington-Wilkes (Washington); William Few (Augusta-Martinez-Evans)

Central Fall Line Region

Ocmulgee (Macon/Warner Robins), John Milledge (Milledgeville), Fall Line (Sandersville)

East Fall Line

Patrick Carr Rangers (Waynesboro), Brier Creek (Sylvania), Wiregrass (Swainsboro), Four Rivers Patriots (Vidalia), Mill Creek (Statesboro)

Southeast Region

Altamaha (Jesup), Edward Telfair (Savannah), Marshes of Glynn (Brunswick/St. Simons Island)

Southwest Region

Joel Early (Blakely), Valdosta (Valdosta)

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The Georgia Registrar Log is on a shared file with the North, South Registrars, and the State Secretary. It is updated weekly. Notice that the Southern District has a low Application submission this quarter. This Log is also used to keep track of documents sent in to clear-up "pended" applications and communications. The log is downloaded and sent to the individuals who have been attending the Registrar Synchronization Zoom Meeting on every other Monday.

The Synchronization meeting has an average attendance of 15 Ga Society members and is open to all members. The link is sent to the BOM group page on Monday Mornings. The meeting starts at 8p.

Application Problems: -Gender not listed Birth Certificate
 -Formatting of the Application per SAR Guidelines
 -Outdated DAR/SAR Application

For the Good: -Communication is better between the Registrar and Chapters
 -No "new" Pended Applications in the Southern District this quarter

is the link to an excellent YouTube video on applications. Denise Hall Forum Video
 #7 <https://youtu.be/PGIFwNPs-Yo>

Link to other Application Training: Add to URL <https://www.sar.org/genealogy-resources/>

Year 2024	Submitted 2024	Approved Currently	Pended 2022	Pended 2023	Pended 2024
Altamaha	2	2			
Brier Creek	1	1			
Col Wm Few	0				
Edward Telfair	6	1			
Fall Line	0				
Four Rivers	0				
Joel Early	0	2	2	1	
John Milledge	0	0		3	
Little River	1	1			
Marshes of Glynn	4	4	4		
Mill Creek	0				
Ocmulgee	1	0		1	
Patrick Carr Rangers	0				
Piedmont	0				
Valdosta	3	0			
Washington-Wikes	0				
Wiregrass	0				
TOTALS	18	11	6	5	0

[DAR Liaison - Tom Jacques](#)



For those of you who do not know me – I am Tom Jacques President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. I was appointed in January as the Georgia SAR DAR Liaison Chair by President Rigel based on the recommendation of prior Georgia and Current National SAR – DAR Liaison Chair Shep Hammock.

My wife Lynn Baxter Jacques has been DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations State Chair under the Betty Harrah Administration (2022-2024) and the Cooperation of DAR with SAR/S.R. State Chair under the O.B. McCorkle administration (2020-2022).

The ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution are one of our most valuable resources in recruiting new members to the Sons of the American Revolution. It is the responsibility of every SAR Chapter to build relationships with their closest DAR Chapters through shared events such as Patriot Grave Markings, Patriotic Celebrations

such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America and by attending both SAR and DAR meetings whenever possible.

Lynn and I attended our first NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY at the Brown Hotel February 29 through March 2, 2024. The National SAR – DAR Liaison Committee meeting was chaired by Shep Hammock with approximately 50 SAR and DAR members in attendance.

National Chair Hammock shared the results of the DAR referral program for 2023 – where unfortunately Georgia finished in fourth place behind Florida. In 2022 Georgia was the 3rd place state for DAR Referrals to SAR. We hope to improve the number of referrals in 2024 by working with our Chapter Registrars and SAR/DAR Liaisons to assure that we include a DAR Referral Form with New SAR Member Applications whenever possible. As a result of DAR Referrals being submitted, DAR members may be eligible to receive the SAR Medal of Appreciation.

During the Georgia DAR State Conference March 21 - 23, 2024 - I worked the SAR Recruiting Table with Captain John Collins Chapter President Bill Edelen and Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter President Stephen Weaver. At our table we displayed all four SAR Medals presented to the DAR – Lydia Darrah, Medal of Appreciation, Martha Washington and the Daughters of Liberty. Many of the ladies were not aware of the medals – so we explained the precedence for receiving each of these Medals as well as the Oak Leaf Clusters. We also had my Bronze DAR Hannah White Arnett Medal which is presented to a Member of the SAR for long term service and support of the DAR – similar to the SAR Martha Washington Medal.

I am currently working with the Georgia SAR Executive Committee to review the SAR Medal of Appreciation requirements and presentation procedure.



[Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.](#)

Reminders:

GASSAR 2023-2024 school year Brochure Contest Guidelines.

Brochure theme:

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

The student should research one of these five foundational documents in the American Revolutionary War:

1. Articles of Confederation;
2. Declaration of Independence;
3. Constitution;
4. Federalist Papers
5. Bill of Rights.

See attachments:

- 27.5.0** Brochure Contest Rules
- 27.5.1** Sample Brochure

The contest judging will be held on April 27, 2024 before the start of the Spring BOM meeting in Barnesville.

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

See attachments:

- 27.4.0** Poster Contest Guidelines
- 27.4.1** Entry form for back of poster

The contest judging will be held on **April 27, 2024** before the start of the Spring BOM meeting in Barnesville.

The 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 **4/5/2024**, for judging by the selected judges. There will be a First, Second, and Third place award.

Submit Video entries to my Google Drive using:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qIjzdG5REJ7nDTa1s9zY0cnR4uyQAqxm?usp=sharing>

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.

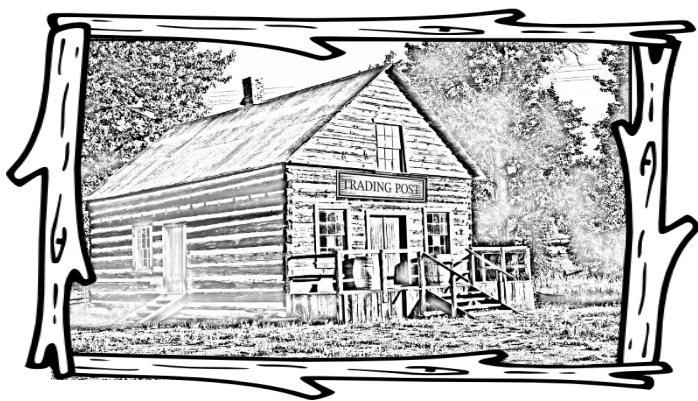
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I have continued to receive photos from Bill Edelen and his wife Janet, Rick Reese III, and their covering the many events we post about in the Hornet's Nest. I also receive regular updates from Des Smith and others regarding their chapter's activities. All are greatly appreciated. When I receive photos of individuals from chapters, I often do NOT know their names, or specifically their wives/girlfriend's names. This later might be wise, but I would like to publish names when I can.

The Trading Post section gets some use, but I would like to see members of the Georgia Society take more advantage of the offering.

I think it would be advantageous to offer the web links to the various chapter's sites, Facebook pages, etc. Unlike the National SAR Magazine, we do not charge for the publication since it is all online and there are no printing costs. If you would like to include your chapter's site to the newsletter, send me the link. Intercommunication is a great way to share good ideas and the Society's growth. (Don't forget the points for your Americanism Report)

As always, special articles are always appreciated.



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 it is not an avenue for communications between the parties. The editor reserves the right to reject any ad deemed unworthy of this publication.

Lost: 1 boot

It seems while on tour in your fair land, I managed to injure my leg and subsequently lost one of my boots. Should anyone find it, please contact me about its retrieval. B. Arnold, St. Mary's Church in Battersea, England.



Who was the first president inaugurated in long pants?

See answer on last page.

Various articles of used militia clothing that no longer fit. (They must have shrunk!) L & XL. Also items to boost or start a traveling trunk/patriots chest. Contact eldecker@weegrr.com for specifics on items.

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.)

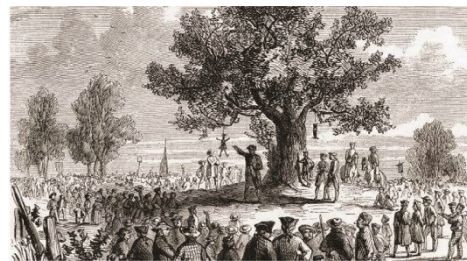
Plant a Princeton American Elm Tree

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 (.0.40) from www.buildesign.com Full Color with UV Protection \$30 each with Free Shipping





Compatriots, we still have a few "George Washington in Savannah 1791" prints left, so they will be available at the Annual SAR Conference at the Sonesta. These limited edition prints are signed and numbered by the artist, Jeff Trexler.

The medium prints are 18 x 22 in size, and sell for \$100 each. The small prints, 8x12, sell for \$30. All proceeds go to GASSAR. Once sold out they will only increase in value! We also have four Kettle Creek prints that were prepaid and not picked up. If you bought one please pick it up. If you have any questions, **Contact Compatriot John Trussell, jtrusswr@gmail.com or call 478-957-7411**

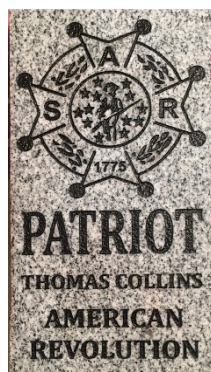
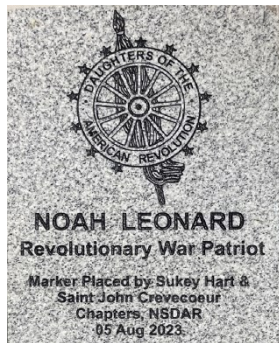
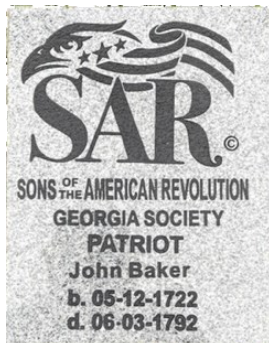
Chapters looking to expand or start a Patriots Chest/Traveling Trunk. **Post your needs here.** Someone may have multiple items or can get you connected to the proper source.



The GSU museum class is putting together a Brier Creek display to be put up this spring and continue to next spring. They are looking for items to place in the display. The items will, therefore, be on loan for twelve months. I, John Derden, will let them use my Charleville and an iron kettle. Other items they need include a Brown Bess, bullet mold, gunpowder flask or horn, and any camp equipment. Also, they want a British uniform and a Continental uniform. I think a militia outfit would be wise most of the Patriot forces at Brief Creek were militia. Whatever is loaned will be safeguarded and returned. **Contact Compatriot Dr John Derden, 912-667-5956** if you can help.

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

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Little River: <https://www.facebook.com/LRCGASSAR/>

Piedmont: <https://piedmontchapter.org/>

Robert Forsyth: <https://www.robertforsythsar.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/robertforsythsar/>

Who was the first president inaugurated in long pants?

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president, in 1825. The five presidents before him were inaugurated wearing knee breeches, in the 18th-century style. But by 1825, Adams found it acceptable to be sworn in wearing a homespun black suit with full-length trousers. He also refused to wear the old-fashioned powdered wig. It was a new day in America!