

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



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



The President's Dispatch

It is hard to believe I am at the mid point of my term as president. I have visited many hard working chapters filled with true patriots doing their best to sow the seeds of patriotism. I was recently at a patriotic concert celebrating the fourth of July presenting the colors with our Georgia Color Guard standing in the front holding one of the flags. I was reminded again we no longer live in a society that places their hand over their heart during the National Anthem or the pledge to our great flag, the symbol of our Republic.

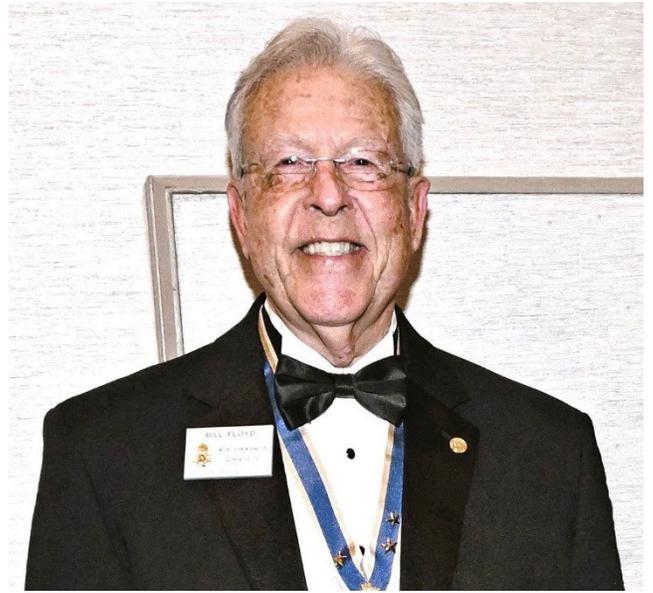
One of our most important tasks is to water those seeds of patriotism sown by our patriot ancestors with the education of our children, supporting our veterans, and being a visible part of our local communities. The flame of patriotism and love of country once burned brightly, and if we are going to last another two-hundred fifty years, that flame will have to be reignited. If not by us, who? If not now, when? Jesus changed the world with only 12 good men. There are nearly nineteen hundred of us in our society. Working together we can make a difference. Working together and growing our chapters is the key to success.

We not only need new members, we need to retain the members we have. The best way to lose a member is by not getting to know them, don't welcome them to chapter meetings, and most of all, ignore them. Don't ask them to serve on a committee or to take an office in the chapter. Most of the men we induct into our chapters are willing to volunteer. Our job is to find out what they are interested in and ask them to join a committee.

Haven't asked someone to join...thinking the process is too complicated? Each chapter has a registrar willing to help. We have two state registrars who are outstanding. Steve Henson, our registrar South, has a zoom meeting twice a month and everyone is invited. Need to know where your application is in the system? You can find out at this meeting. Steve will answer any of your questions about applications, whether it is how to fill one out or where to look for information and how you can access it from the national database. Harold Ford is our North registrar. He is also great source for help. You can find contact information for both of them on the GASSAR web site.

I am proud and honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with my brothers in the GASSAR as we work together to educate, communicate, and grow.

William Floyd, President, Georgia Society



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. Occasionally, I have the distinct pleasure of receiving an email with a personal glance back in time from Compatriot George Thurmond. These are often quite timely, and better than the item I had previously selected. I cannot ignore a good thing, so..... recently George commented on the creation of the Historic Sites Committee and the formation of National Sites & Events.

"National Sites and Events"

I attended the first joint meeting of Historic Sites and the NSSAR Color Guard at Fall Leadership in 1999 when the National Sites list was established. The purpose was to select 10 to improve publicity and attendance by the general membership. Kettle Creek was the 10th selected, ahead of Brier Creek.

Historic Sites carried \$700 in their budget to provide for a fresh flower wreath at each event for the President General and if not in attendance, by the Regional VPG. Larry Guzy soon introduced a "traveling wreath" and soon all others followed his example.

We kept the monies in the budget (*to be provided by GWEF*) but never paid any. We also carried funds to co-sponsor golf carts at Kings Mountain but the NPS soon took over this.

Ramsour's Mill was the 11th added a few years later and was on the cover of The SAR Magazine. Over time the original sites should be remembered, and they included Bunker Hill, Lexington/Concord, Guildford Courthouse, Saratoga, Yorktown, Kings Mountain, Cowpens and Kettle Creek. I don't remember the two missing. We never received much feedback for northern state observances.

Does anyone remember where the other two "original" National Sites were?



Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Georgia Society BOM	Barnesville, GA	Jul 26, 2025 10:00am	State
Patriot Stephen Day Grave marking	Evans, GA	Aug 2, 2025 10:00am	State
Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Aug 16, 2025 10:00am	National
Battle of Camden	Camden, SC	Aug 16, 2025 10:00am	National
Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutaw Springs, SC	Aug 30, 2025 10:00am	National
Vigil at Washington's Tomb	Mt. Vernon, VA	Sep 13, 2025 8:00-5:00	National
Constitution Day	Various	Sep 17, 2025	National
Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Sep 20, 2025	National
Grave Marker Dedication (5) Patriots	Lincolnton, GA	Sep 27, 2025 1:00 pm	State
Fall Leadership	Louisville, KY	Oct 2-4, 2025	National
Grave Marker Dedication	Fort Benning, GA	Oct 6, 2025 10:00	State
Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Oct 7, 2025 9:00 am	National
Siege of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Oct 9, 2025 8:00 am	State
250th Anniversary Navy and Marines	Philadelphia, PA	Oct 11-13	National
Liberty Tree Memorial for President James Carter	Carter Center, Atlanta, GA	Oct 16, 2025 2:30 pm	National
25th Anniversary Captain John Collins Chapter	Marietta, GA Country Club	Oct 17, 2025	State
GASSAR BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct 25, 2025 10:00 am	State
Grave Marker Dedication (5) Patriots	Sugar Hill, GA	Nov 1, 2025 11:00 am	State
Grave Marker Dedication (4) Patriots	Elberton, GA	Nov 8, 2025 10:00 am	State
Veterans Day	Various	Nov 11, 2025	National
Siege of Fort Morris – Come & Take it	Sunbury, GA	Nov 22, 2025 9:00 am	National
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec 13, 2025	National

**136th NSSAR
National Congress
Greensboro, NC
July 10 – 16, 2026**

Location:

**Sheraton Greensboro at
Four Seasons – Koury
Convention Center**

**Questions? Reach out to us
at nccsar@yahoo.com**

**Come walk in the footsteps of
Patriots such as Major
General Nathanael Greene
and Lt. Colonel “Lighthorse”
Harry Lee, where they stood
toe to toe against Major
General Charles Cornwallis.
We have tours scheduled
for Old Salem, Historic
Hillsborough, Guilford
Courthouse National Military
Park and Replacements, Ltd.**

**We are also planning five
Grave-Marking
opportunities marking
twenty Patriots.**





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On the Patriot side, Pickens's force lost about 32 men killed and wounded. However, 33 Patriot prisoners being held by Boyd were freed when their captors were scattered.

In addition 600 horses and a great deal of baggage were captured at Kettle Creek and Carr's Fort, which had preceded Kettle Creek. After the battle, Pickens met with Boyd, who was still conscious, but dying from his wounds. One account states that Boyd gave Pickens a letter and some small items to send his wife. Boyd died early that evening.

Kettle Creek Part. 9

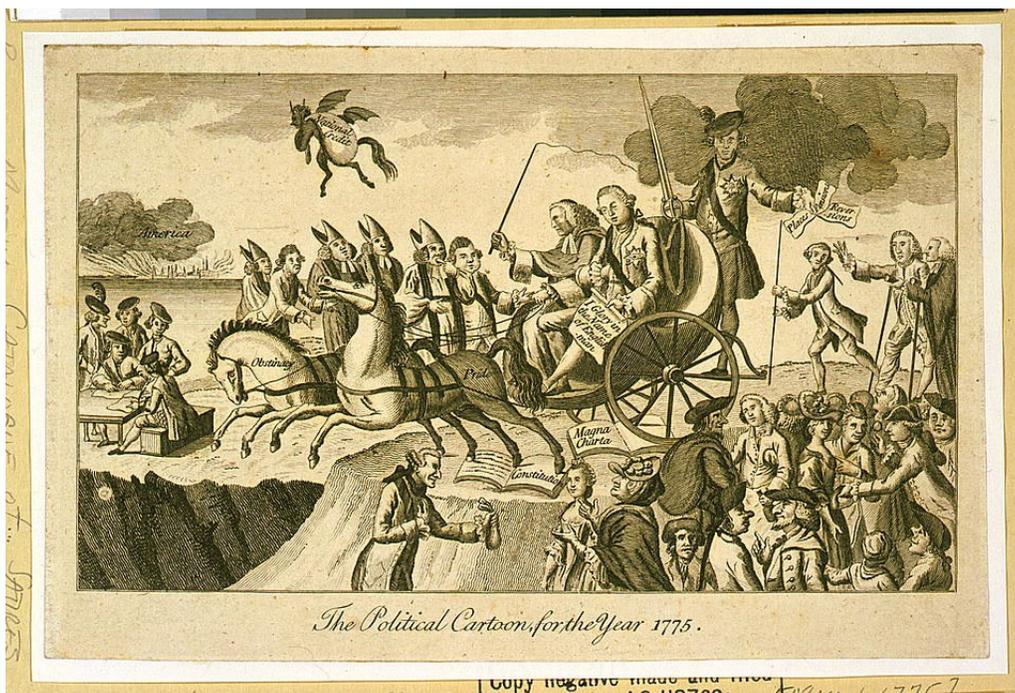
Painting by Jeff Trexler

In the aftermath of battle, a number of Loyalists were taken prisoner.

The victory demonstrated the inability of British forces to hold the interior of the state, or to protect even sizable numbers of Loyalist recruits outside their immediate area.

The British, who had already decided to abandon Augusta, recovered some prestige a few weeks later, surprising a Patriot force in the Battle of Brier Creek.

Georgia's back country would not come fully under British control until after the 1780 Siege of Charleston broke Patriot forces in the South.



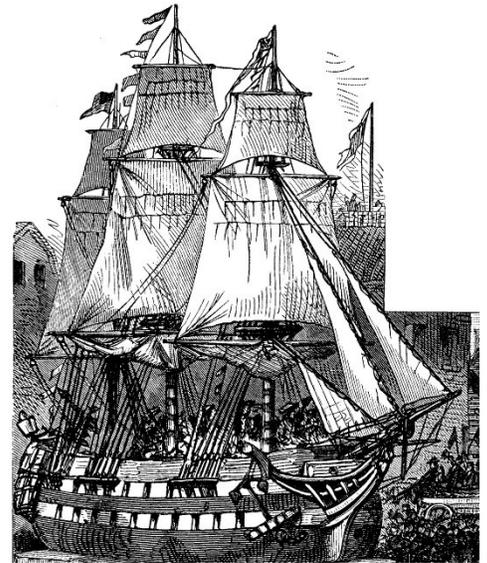
TITLE: The political cartoon for the year 1775

SUMMARY: Cartoon shows George III and Lord Mansfield, seated on an open chaise drawn by two horses labeled "Obstinance" and "Pride," about to lead Britain into an abyss represented by the war with the American colonies.

CREATED/PUBLISHED: [London : 1775 May 1] Illus. from: Westminster magazine, v. 3 (1775 May 1), opp. p. 209.

The Political Cartoon for the Year 1775.

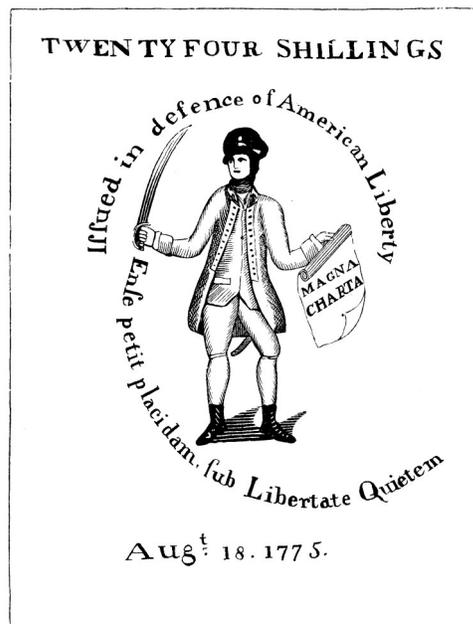
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FREDERICA NAVAL ACTION - PATRIOTS' DAY



PATRIOTS' DAY, LEXINGTON - CONCORD



REVERSE OF A MASSACHUSETTS TREASURY NOTE

SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

REVOLUTIONS EVE AND BATTLES OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD
250TH CELEBRATION BY STEPHEN WEAVER



Friday evening, April 18th kicked off the Battles of Lexington and Concord 250th celebration with Revolution's Edge and Paul Revere's Ride reenactment. Dress for the event was colonial militia attire or casual. Buses departed from the host Burlington Marriott Hotel at 4:00 PM. The weather included Intervals of clouds and sunshine into a cool evening at the PRADO or Paul Revere Mall. We entered the mall at Hanover Street entrance to see the statue of Paul Revere mounted on his horse. The mall was linear and aligned to visibly feature the North Church steeple in view at least a block way. Prior to the ceremony a fife and drum group of reenactors gave several musical and singing renditions of colonial and patriot songs. The theatrical presentation included a three-person (patriot son of liberty, minister, and his slave of North Church) depiction of the evening leading up signaling lanterns and to Paul Revere's actions. It concluded about 8:30 PM with two lanterns (two if by sea) showing visibly in the North Church steeple with a Paul Revere reenactor walking down Hanover Street to cheers of the public. The public was offered small lanterns and encouraged to follow the reenactor to the waterfront. He was rowed out across the river where he would pick up his horse for the famous ride. We returned from Boston at 9:00 PM.

Barb and I arose early April 19th to depart the hotel on bus again at 6:15 AM. I was in my Color Guard Militia attire and she in casual with both of

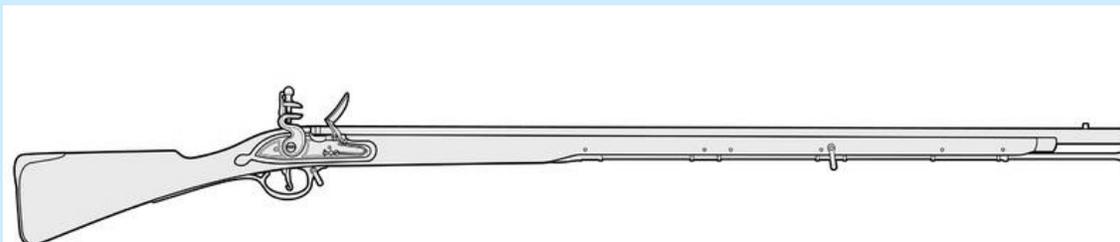
us in appropriate footwear to march in the parade route around and through Concord the expected 4.5 miles. Remember there were no national continental army uniforms existing yet.

We arrived in Concord at the site of the Old Burying ground and conducted a combined Color Guard ceremony and musket salute before joining the front of the parade, as NSSAR was a key sponsor of both days' events.

I was honored to carry the Georgia State Flag for the duration of the parade event. About halfway point in the parade, we stopped just short of the North Bridge (about 50 yds away) visibly bridging the Concord River. The formal ceremony was conducted just on the other side of the bridge including several speakers, among which included the Massachusetts State Governor, followed by a 21 Cannon (105mm Artillery shells) salute (air shock was impressive), an Air Force two jet and transport fly over and about 18 reenactors musket salute on the North Bridge. The parade culminated where it began, we were feted to a box lunch in a historic NG armory. Then following another "short" hike to our bus pick up, returning to hotel about 3:30 PM. Time for a short respite before the SAR evening banquet.

The banquet was celebrated with 225 attendees. I participated in the Color Guard again, presenting and retiring the colors. Our speakers for the evening included two local historians well versed in two Patriots Joseph Warren and John Hancock of which interactively after their individual presentations of each, encouraged questions and then asked attendees to vote for their favorite patriot.

For us the event culminated with our NSSAR PG Chaplain conducting the morning Easter Sunday service celebrated with other Compatriots and family members.





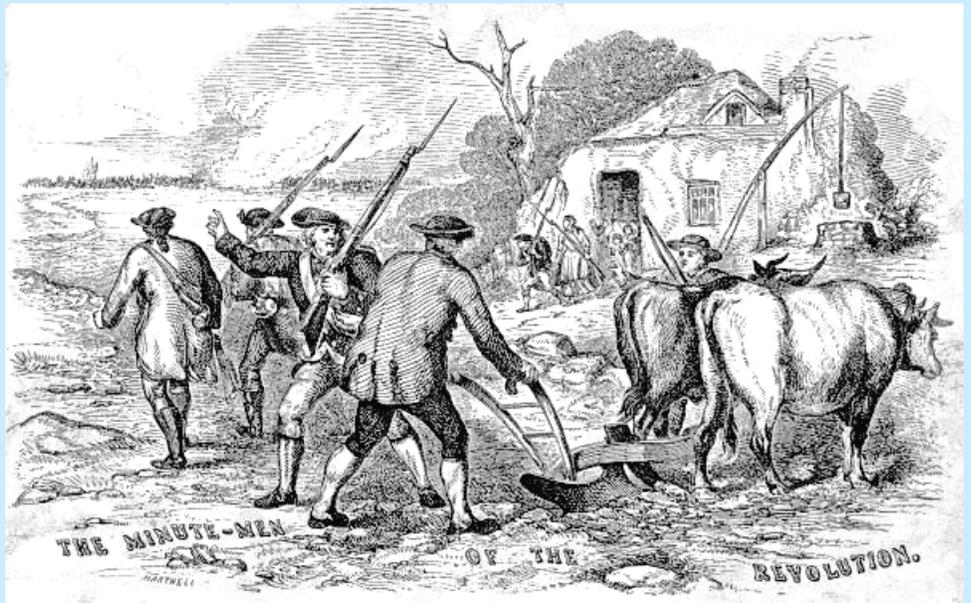
FIRST TO DIE

Who was the first to die in a given war? Do you date it from before war is declared, or from the first engagement? Or when? As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, who was the first to die? Some would say those massacred in Boston, but most believe those were unfortunate victims leading up to the revolution, but that it was at Concord and Lexington where the true war began.

According to many experts, the first soldier to die in the War of Independence on the Patriot side was Isaac Davis, the captain of a Minuteman company from Acton, Massachusetts. Davis commanded his company beginning in November 1774, and was known to train his men with an overwhelming enthusiasm in hopes of making them equal to the British Regulars. He placed great emphasis on each man having the proper equipment: In fact, his was one of the few companies where almost everyone had a bayonet, and had the men's powder horns replaced with cartridge boxes, which sped up reloading over the horns, which were better suited for hunting.

On the morning of April 19, 1775, as the Battle of Concord was unfolding, the Acton Minutemen gathered at Davis's home, making paper cartridges in preparation. Some were joking about getting shot at by the British and Davis, in a somber mood, admonished them and told them to consider that some of them may soon be killed. They moved out at 7 a.m., with Davis telling his wife to "take good care of the children."

The company reached Old North Bridge at 9 a.m., joining several other militia companies. Colonel James Barrett gathered 500 Patriots on a hill, looking at the 100 English soldiers guarding the bridge to Concord. When the militiamen saw smoke from the town's direction, they thought the English were burning it down. (The English, it was later found, were only burning some gun carriages they found.) Barrett decided to assault the bridge, and placed Davis's company in the front, mainly because they had bayonets and a higher rate of fire thanks to their paper cartridges.



The company got within 75 yards of the bridge when they received some warning shots, one of which wounded their fifer. A disorganized English volley followed. As disorganized as that volley was, Davis was shot through the heart and died instantly, along with Private Abner Hosmer. The colonist returned fire with their own volley, and the English were forced to immediately flee. Isaac Davis died only moments before he could witness his company's first victory.

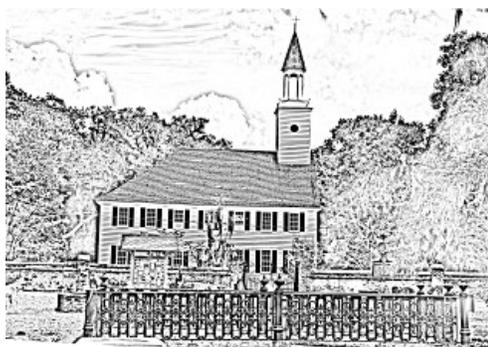


BOM

The video recording of the Spring Board of Managers meeting of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution in Barnesville on April 26, 2025 is available for viewing by clicking on the YouTube link below:

https://youtu.be/K_TWzspFWUg

Right: Compatriot Emil Decker Presents a frozen Box of "Little Stinker's PopSkunkles" to Craig Benton, who immediately passed it off to Steve Burke, famed hatter from Wiregrass.

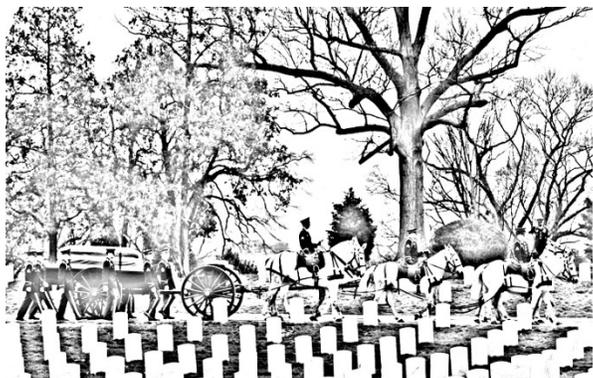


MIDWAY CHURCH





Swainsboro



MEMORIAL DAY

The 4th Annual Memorial Day Service was held May 26, 2025, at Harmon Park. Before the service an annual breakfast, sponsored by the Emanuel Medical Center, was held at the hospital cafeteria at 8:00. Over 51 veterans and Brier Creek Artillery members attended this annual breakfast. The "Memorial Day, A Day of Remembrance" event featured the Brier Creek Artillery (Wiregrass, Brier Creek, Little River Chapters). The attendance was approximately 150. The event was sponsored by the Veterans at the Library, SAR, DAR, VFW, The American Legion, and the Sons of the American Revolution. A special thanks to Shari Watt, Emanuel Medical Center, Damiun Scott, Swainsboro Fire Department (trucks), and Herman Middlebrooks.



Roswell Remembers

Woodstock



Marietta National Cemetery



Roswell



Brier Creek Battlefield

The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association held a Memorial Day and Dedication of the SAR Liberty Tree event at the Brier Creek Battlefield in Screven County, GA on Saturday, May 24, 2025.

Besides several members of the Association in attendance and guests, the Georgia House of Representatives Speaker Jon Burns and Georgia Senator Max Burns attended the event. Also, the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution were present with their cannons.

The event highlighted and dedicated the pavers that have been purchased and placed around the U.S. Flagpole and also the Liberty Tree in front of the monument. Speaker Burns then presented President Stephen with resolution 541 passed earlier in the year by the Georgia House of Representatives honoring the legacy of the Battle of Brier Creek. Lee Herron read a short document about the Liberty Tree while Steve Burke and Don Bazemore unveiled the marker.



Blue Ridge Mountains - Blairsville Parade



Restaurant in Route to an Event



Georgia National Cemetery - Canton



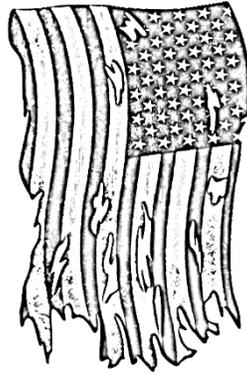


Columbus





FLAG DAY



FLAG RETIREMENT



US ARMY 250TH ANNIVERSARY



Robert Forsyth & Piedmont Chapters held their annual “Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14, Flag Day. This was the first time the event was held as a NSSAR National recognized event, and was also an event commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the US Army. The event had Scouts leading the Pledge to the Flag, DAR Ladies inspecting the flags for serviceability, and the C.A.R. contributing a 5 flag set of “Armed Forces Service Flags” to the flags being retired. With over three thousand flags collected each year at Collection drop boxes located in Home Depot stores around the area, we truly appreciate both Home Depot Corporation and Ingram Funeral Home’s participation in the collection and retiring of these American symbols. *Note: We get all kinds of donations placed in the boxes, but this year we received a \$1.00 donation to help defray the costs of the project. The money was forwarded to the C.A.R. for the State Project, “HUZZAH To Our PATRIOTS!”*







The video of the Georgia Society Sons the American Revolution Annual Flag Retirement ceremony is available for viewing by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/8o7OzisAwPQ>

Right: Flag Day Celebration at VFW Post & Army 250th Birthday.

The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter had 12 members participate in the Georgia SAR Color Guard for the Flag Day Celebration & United States Army 250th Birthday at VFW Post in Lawrenceville, GA. L-R Color Guard Commanded by Bruce Maney and Militia Commanded by Tom Jacques

Tom Jacques, Bruce Maney, Noah Tindall, Marty Bush, Jack Martin, Don McCarty, Nick Hamrick, Ralph Galpin, Harry Kitchings, Ray Kyle and David Sikes.



Below: Colors were presented – including five flags from the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter American Flag, Betsy Ross, Georgia, SAR, SAR America 250 and four flags of the Sons of the Revolution General Nathanel Greene Chapter – Don't Tread on Me (Gadsden Flag), American Liberty (created in Georgia), Fleur de Lis, Liberty Flag (Moultrie Flag). *Tom Jacques is the President of the GNGC SR and loaned the SR flags as SAR flags were being presented for the SAR National Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Army at Mount Vernon including a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for George and Martha Washington.*

The Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. provided a history of the Five Historical American Flags: Grand Union Flag (1775), Betsy Ross Flag (1777), Star-Spangled Banner (1795), 48-Star Flag (1912-1959). 50-Star Flag (1960-today) This five flags are part of the Button Gwinnett Inventory donated by Button Gwinnett SAR Compatriot Terry Manning



GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

MATTHEW BENNETT



**MIDWAY CHURCH
CEMETERY**

Patriot Matthew Bennett arrived in St. Johns Parish from Williamsburg, South Carolina with father, Matthew (d1785) during 1760s. Matthew served as a Refugee Soldier and fought in South Carolina. He returned to Liberty County after Revolutionary War.



SAMUEL BURNLEY

Patriot Samuel Burnley signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence in Liberty County, August 3, 1777, and was later certified as a Revolutionary War Soldier by Colonel John Baker.



MATTHEW BENNETT

Patriot John Jones was a Major in the Continental Army, an aide to General Lachlan McIntosh, and was in service at the siege of Savannah in the fall of 1779, where he died at the Spring Hill Redoubts.



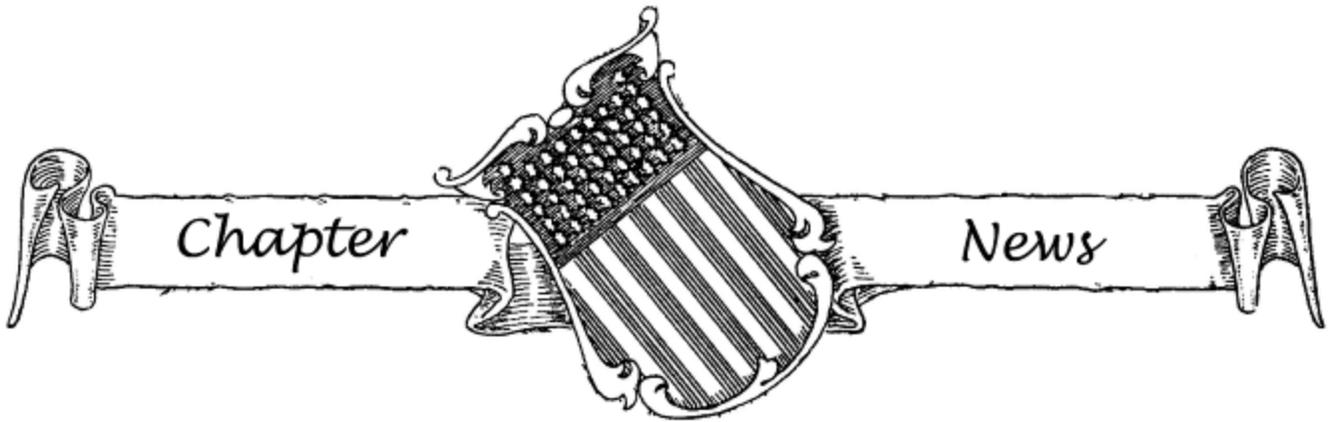
RICHARD QUARTERMAN

Patriot Richard Quarterman was a private in Georgia State Troops. His actual burial place is unknown, but it is believed that he is buried in the Midway Cemetery.

JOSEPH WINN

Patriot Joseph Winn served as a private in the South Carolina Militia and was at the fall of Charleston. In 1782, he served for 12 months in the South Carolina Cavalry commanded by Colonel Peter Horry. He was certified as a refugee soldier by Colonel John Baker of Liberty County and received bounty land in Camden County for his services.





Blue Ridge Mountains

Chapter members watch as the new County Commissioner signs a Patriot's Day Proclamation.



Jared Ogden and Stephen Weaver presented an abbreviated Traveling Trunk to a combined meeting between Captain James Kell and Old Unicoi Trail Chapters, NSDAR. At the meeting, held on May 15th in the Gilmer County Library in Ellijay, both Weaver and Ogden were awarded the Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction for cooperation and service to the National Society, DAR. Hannah White Arnett was a Revolutionary War heroine who provided New Jersey Patriots with the backbone needed to continue defying British authorities. Sid Turner was scheduled to participate, but an untimely medical appointment forced his cancellation.



After the meeting, the Daughters provided an elaborate lunch featuring an abundance of scrumptious food, accompanied by a beautiful table setting.

When President Ogden inquired whether or not the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter could provide such an extraordinary culinary experience, without pausing, but within keeping with our rugged patriot ancestors, Secretary/Treasurer Weaver, replied that if the BRM Chapter attempted a potluck banquet, we would probably be served roadkill.



Below: On June 21st, the compatriots of the Blue Ridge Mountains Color Guard hosted Black Powder Saturday, a flintlock weapons training event attended by 21 chapter members, DARs, family members, and friends.

The training included a safety briefing for flintlock weapons and black powder firearms, as well as basic drill procedures implemented by General Von Steuben. All attendees who wished to fire a flintlock were able to do so, provided they were physically capable. Several attendees were surprised by the weight of the weapons. Additionally, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter's signal cannon was fired.

Members of the BR Chapter Color Guard (L-R) Ted Gaudette, Jared Ogden, Mike Blair, and Stephen Weaver.



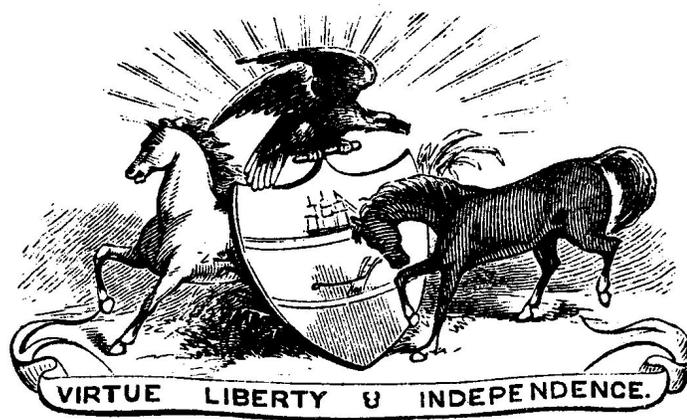


Left: Patriot's Day observed in Blairsville, Ga. L to R: Jared Ogden, David Kelsey, John Mays, Ted Gaudette, Suzanne Gaudette, Donni Folendorf, Ron Wilhide, Sid Turner, Doug Jamison, Sandy Bell.

Below: Jared Ogden presents a certificate to Cecil Christopher, Chairman of the Board of Directors / 1st Vice President, Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. brought Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter's May meeting presentation. Christopher's interest in the preservation of the Brier Creek battlefield is fueled in part because his ancestor fought in the battle, was captured, and was held as a prisoner of war on a British ship, where he and over half of his fellow POWs died of disease, and starvation.

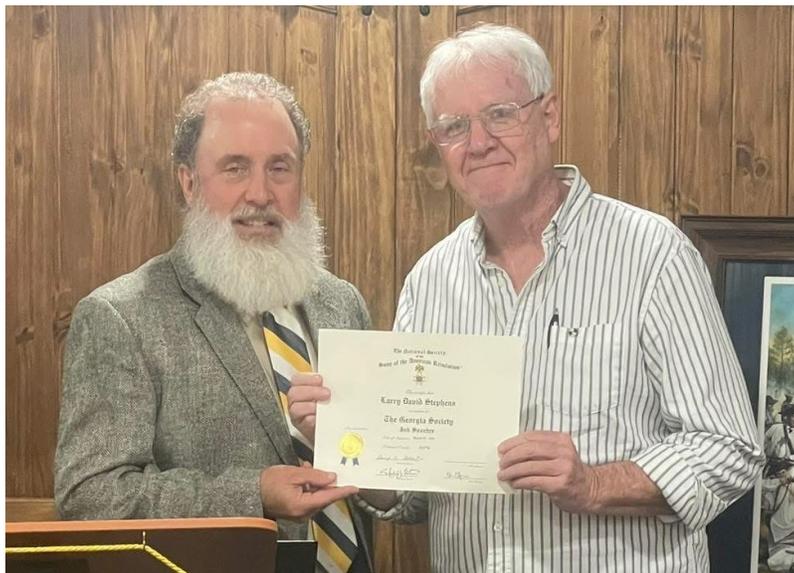


Above: Compatriot John Mays attended the Thomas Creek Battle Commemoration, where his Patriot, John Cutler Braddock was Captain of the row galley "Lee" which was under the command of Colonel Elberton, he grew up near there, his brother and two sisters-in-law came to the ceremony.



Brier Creek

Below: The Brier Creek Chapter held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, April 3, 2025. Our speaker for the evening, Hu Daughtry (L), presented his program on 48 Stars in the Trunk. Hu recently finished writing this book which is about his uncle, who was killed on his eighth day in Korea, during the Korean war. President Lee Herron also inducted our latest member, Larry Stephens (R).



Below: Allen Burton, presented his program on Benjamin Franklin for our May meeting. Allen is a retired LTC in the U.S. Army and is a history professor at Augusta University in Augusta.



Below Center: President Lee Herron inducted our latest member, Bob Good into the Chapter. Immediately afterwards, he introduced Compatriot Garrett McDaniel (Below Right) to the Chapter. Garrett transferred from a different Georgia Society Chapter.



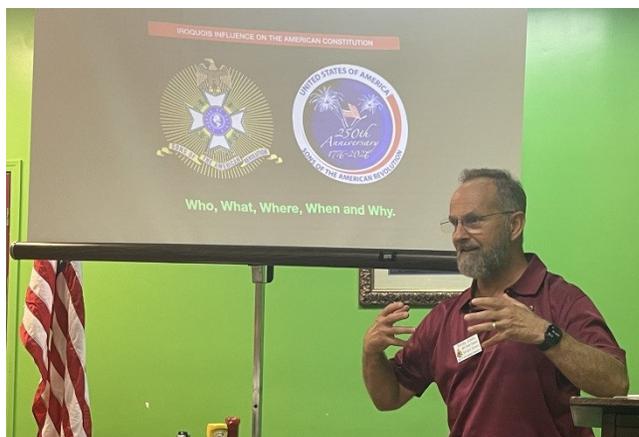


Above and Below: The Brier Creek Artillery traveled to Moore SC to participate in the 23 Revolutionary War Patriots event sponsored by the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR on Saturday May 10, 2025. The event was held at the Nazareth Presbyterian Church cemetery.

The Presentation of Colors was commanded by Scott Collins, Vice President General South Atlantic District of the Sons of the American Revolution. Several items were on the agenda and especially the Presentation of Wreaths by many organizations. Afterwards a 3-round volley was held by a flintlock salute and also the seven cannons of the Brier Creek Artillery.



Left: The Brier Creek Chapter held its monthly meeting, June 5, 2025. Our speaker for the evening was Randy Jones, who presented his program on the Iroquois Constitution.



Button Gwinnett

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter - 26th Anniversary meeting and an early Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World"!



Our April 5, 2025 Chapter Meeting and 26th Anniversary was held at the Sawyer/Heardon American Legion Post #232 in Snellville, GA. We had 34 members and 3 Prospective Members along with 47 other guests in attendance.

The usual proceedings of a meeting, Colors, Greetings, and general good conversations along with lunch, provided a great atmosphere. During lunch the 250th Shot Heard Round the World cakes were cut by Button Gwinnett Charter President Hubert Tucker and our youngest chapter member in attendance Nick Hamrick.



Many awards were handed out, beginning with America 250 medals. GASSAR President Bill Floyd & Chair Tom Jacques handed out these medals to the following recipients:

Below: Bronze 250 Medal:

Rose Horton (Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Treasurer)

Nick Hamrick (Elisha Winn CAR Society President)

Becca Hamrick (Elisha Winn CAR Society)

Center: Silver 250 Medal:

Randy Minor
(Philadelphia Winn
DAR Chapter Regent)



Gold 250 Medal:
 Right: Harry Kitchings (Button Gwinnett Chaplain)
 As well as Below:
 Eden Pethel (Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. First VP)
 Brandy Pethel (James Pittman DAR Chapter, Regent) [unable to attend]



Right: Recognition of All present Button Gwinnett Presidents included: L-R: Terry Manning, Hubert Tucker, Bruce Maney, Bob Leathers, Don McCarty, Bill Palmer, Mike Watkins, Bennie Koon, Gordon Woodard, Tom Jacques, & Ray Kyle

Below: New Member David Keith Wyatt was inducted.



Below: The SAR-C.A.R. Medal was presented to C.A.R. Elisha Winn Society President Nick Hamrick by Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Ray Kyle and GASCAR Sr. President Randy Tindall. Nick's term as Elisha Winn Society President will be ending in May. A check for \$325 was also presented to Nick for the Elisha Winn Society through a gift from David and Karen Sikes, combined with \$100 from the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter, for being the Outstanding SAR- C.A.R. Chapter for 2024 at the GASSAR State Conference on February 1, 2025.



Left: Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Medal was awarded to John Moale



Right: The SAR Medal of Appreciation was presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriot and GSSCAR President - Elect Noah Tindall to Philadelphia Winn Recording Secretary Beth Wolfe. Beth donated the Continental Uniform that Noah is wearing which belonged to her late husband, (Far Right: Compatriot Dennis Wolfe.)



Below: The SAR Military Service Medal was Presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle to Compatriot Bill Wood who served in the United States Coast Guard.



Right: The SAR War Service Medal was Presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle to Charter Member and Compatriot John Moale who served in the United States Army during the Korean War.



Member and Compatriot John Moale who served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Below: What event would be complete without a traditional three volley musket salute to end the day!





Left: At the May meeting, the Bronze America Anniversary 250 medal was awarded to Paulette Vallotton & Cricket Agee

Right: David Sikes was awarded the Gold 250 America Anniversary Medal



Left: SAR Medal of Appreciation (Presented by Lynn Baxter Jacques – President GA SAR Ladies Auxiliary) was given to Debbie Bush (1st VP Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary) For Service in 2024



Right: President Ray Kyle and Treasurer Don McCarty presented Compatriot James Walters with a check for \$250, for funds collected at our April 26 Anniversary meeting for Wreaths Across America.



Left: Compatriot Gary Page presented the evening program, “America’s First Diplomat”.



Left: At the June Meeting, a Silver 250th Anniversary Medal was presented to Philadelphia Winn DAR Member Karen Sikes

Right: Compatriots Stewart Woodard & Jack Martin received Gold 250th Anniversary Medals



Below Left: President Ray Kyle inducted our newest compatriot - Jacob Taylor Richardson.

Below Right: The Evening program was "The 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill" by Lynn Baxter Jacques.



Center: June 9, 2025, Chestatee River NSDAR America 250 Commemorative Marker Dedication.



Left: June 18, 2025 – American Revolutionary Patriot Nancy Hart Statue Dedication, Hartwell, GA. Three Members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter namely Tom Jacques, Karl Fitch and Ralph Galpin participated in Georgia SAR Color Guard to dedicate a statue to American Revolutionary Patriot Nancy Hart in downtown Hartwell at the Hart County Courthouse



Coweta Falls

Right: On April 18 the members of the Coweta Falls Chapter participated in the Columbus 250 Kick Off event hosted by Mayor Skip Henderson at the Citizen Service Center. The City of Columbus will conduct a series of events now through July 4, 2026 to mark the start of the Revolutionary War including Paul Revere's ride, "the Shot Heard Around the World" at Lexington and Concord, the Battle of Bunker Hill, etc. through the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence next year. Present were James Hall, Danny Ginter, Chuck Hall, Roger Buterbaugh, Norm Blankenbeckler, and Pete Barclay (not pictured).



Below: Proclamations From the Columbus Consolidated Government for the "Shot Heard Around the World"



Below: Roger Buterbaugh and Danny Ginter at the "Kick Off."





Above: 12 High School JROTC medal ceremony where the recipients were awarded their medals.



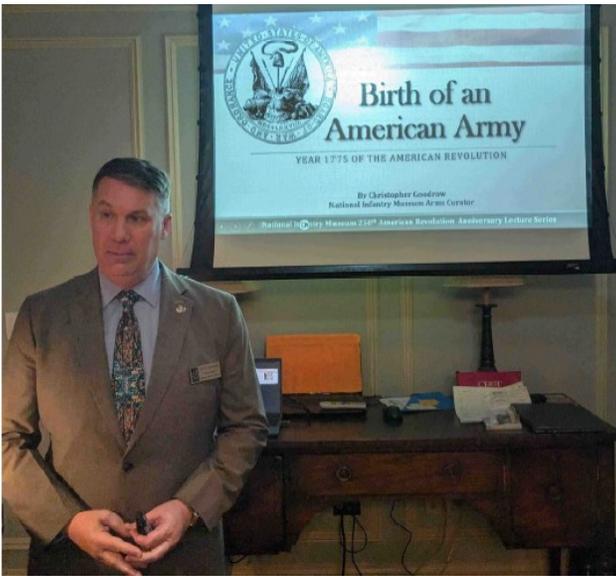
Right: At the ROTC banquet for Columbus State University, a Silver ROTC medal was also awarded.



Left: Danny Ginter Presented the Chapter's Traveling Trunk.

Right: President Robert Moore attended the Midway, GA church service and dedication of grave markers for 5 patriot soldiers.





Left: Christopher Goodrow, Arms Curator & Museum Specialist, spoke on the "Birth of an American Army: Year 1775 of American Revolution." for our April meeting.

Below: Our May meeting presentation was given by Elizabeth Walden, Executive Director Of Historic Columbus, speaking on the industrial history of Columbus, GA.



Left: Lewis Powell, Research Archivist at the Troup County Archives, was speaking about the History of the Springer Opera House at our June meeting.

Fall Line

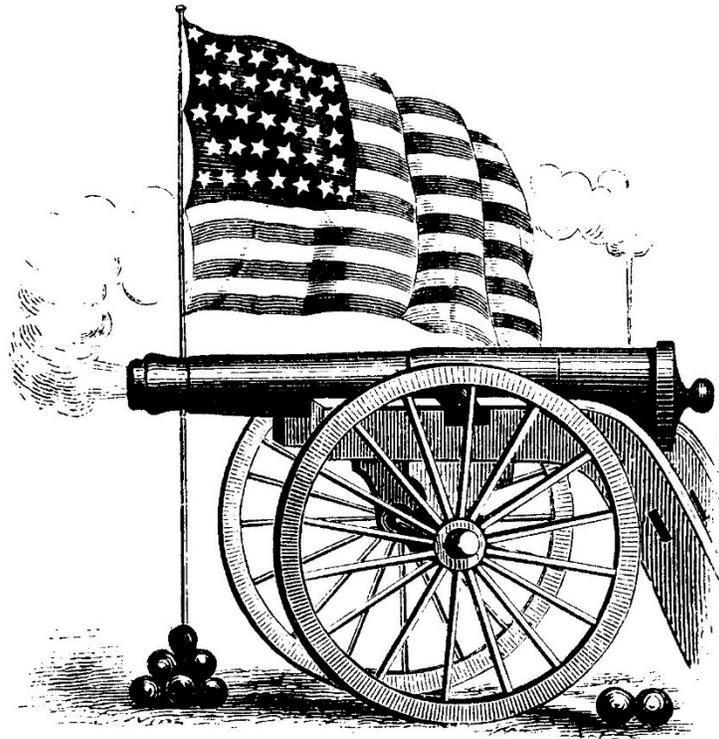
Right: Mike Lisenby presented the "Colonial, Revolutionary, Constitution and the Periods of America" at the Fall Line April Meeting.

Below: Compatriot John Derden presented his program on the "Tour of Lafayette in Georgia, 1825".



Below Right: Dess presented the Fall Line Chapter flag streamer of the Frederica Naval Battle event on April 19th where the Chapter wreath was presented.





Fall Line Region Continentals

"The Fall Line Region Continentals, GASSAR, consisting of SAR members from the Wiregrass, Brier Creek, Little River Chapters and the Henry Laurens Chapter, South Carolina Society with President Ted Walker traveled to Swainsboro on Saturday, May 3, 2025, to march in the 78th Annual Pine Tree Festival. Alton McCloud's 6-pounder Naval Cannon started the annual Knotty Pine 5K Race with Police Chief Ashley Riner firing it.



"The Veterans at the Library" held their 2nd Annual Veterans Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event was outstanding, thanks to the veterans, local businesses, team participants, Swainsboro Country Club, the Franklin Memorial Library, DAR, SAR, and many others. We had a full slate of teams with 21 teams, 3 per team.

Each team was given a bag of items such as event t-shirts and golf ball towels, sausage biscuits, orange juice and coffee for breakfast and for lunch, grilled chicken, beans and cold drinks prepared by Veteran Albert Hall using his secret recipes.

When Commander Steve Burke ordered Compatriot Dess Smith III to fire the 6 - pounder Field Gun cannon to start the Veterans Cup Golf Tournament at 8:00, the clouds **DID NOT** part this year, and the rain held off for a beautiful day of golf.

The 1st Place team were: Chris Seabolt, Charlie Chappell and Mark Jordan. Besides the \$624.00 for first place, second place was \$426.00 and third place was \$326.00. There were about 25 nice door prizes. Also, each golfer was given a bag of Vidalia Onions donated by G & R Farms in Glenville, GA.

There was also a special prize on Hole #3 for anyone with a hole in one: a cash prize of \$10,000.00..... Nobody won.

Chairman Johnny Tapley said that he could not wait until the 3rd Annual Veterans Cup Golf Tournament, it's going to be bigger and better than this one, outstanding."



Four Rivers Patriots

Right: Compatriot Hu Daughtry, a member of the Mill Creek Chapter in Statesboro, brought a presentation about the Parish Thain House, constructed in 1897 by Benjamin Ellis Parish, his wife's Great Grandfather at our April meeting.



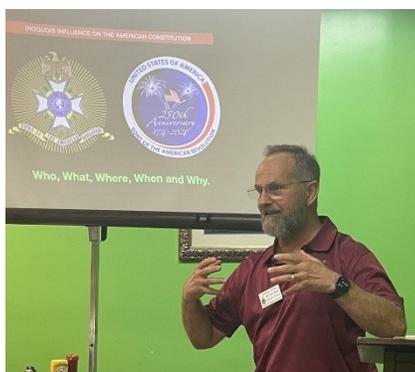
Below: President Joel Keener inducted our newest member, James Homer Harrell.



Below: Clarke Wright Johnson being inducted into the Four Rivers Chapter



Center: Compatriot Randy Jones spoke in May about the Iroquois Constitution.



Below: The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter's June meeting Sgt-at-Arms Dan Brown talked about all the Chapter flag Streamers the chapter has received over the last 14 years and what each one was for.

Left: William Sanders Received his Military Service Corps Certificate.



Joel Early

Below: In 2023, the city of Bainbridge, Ga. built a new park on the bank of the Flint River near the sight of Fort Hughes.



The Joel Early Chapter offered to place a marker for the public to view in the park that honors 24 patriot soldiers who served in the American Revolution and resided in the original county of Early.

On May 17, 2025, the Joel Early Chapter held a dedication to honor these soldiers. President Dale Macumber welcomed everyone to the program.

Honored guests consisted of officials from the city of Bainbridge and Decatur Co., Georgia, Gordon Woodard, (Ga. Society Color Guard) and chairman of the membership committee of the Georgia Society, Thomas Coleman, President of the Thigpen Trail Chapter of the Georgia Society and member Bill Jones and ladies from the Lower Muskogee Creek tribe and DAR from Bainbridge, Blakely, and Moultrie, Georgia along with ladies from the Tallahassee, Florida DAR.

The Colors were presented by the Tama Honor Guard of the Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe from Whigham, Georgia which included Rev. Stacy Williamson, George "Hawkeye" Pilling, and Terry Lambert along with Compatriot Gordon Woodard (Ga. Society).

Past President, Steve Peace gave a short summary of the creation of the monument.

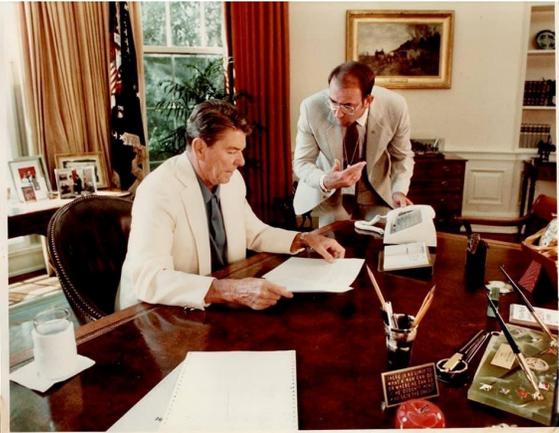
The Colors were retired and the meeting was dismissed.



Little River

On behalf of Little River Chapter President Alton McCloud, it is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Compatriot William H. "Bill" Colbert last night (05/28/2025). As some of you may know, Bill struggled with serious heart problems the past 4 years or so.

Bill was a trusted friend, compatriot, mentor, and advisor to many. He was a fine Christian man and joined SAR in 2010 through the William Few Chapter, where he served as chapter president 2013-15. He transferred to the Little River Chapter in 2020 and became Chaplain in October 2024. Bill gave many traveling trunk presentations to school children and adults, while also serving in the state and chapter color guard. One of his many joys in SAR was to coordinate and present the JROTC medal to deserving cadets in area high schools.



A highlight of his military career was serving in the Carter and Reagan administrations through the White House Communications Agency.

Right: The Grovetown High School JROTC Warrior Battalion held its annual awards night on April 23. Gary Smith presented the SAR Bronze JROTC medal and a U.S. Flag Display Certificate. Pictured are Gary with the Cadet and her family.



Below: The Thomson High School JROTC Bulldog Battalion held its annual awards night on April 23. Lewis Smith presented the SAR Bronze JROTC medal and a U.S. Flag Display Certificate.



Above: On May 7, President Alton McCloud presented a ROTC Bronze medal and U.S. Flag Display Certificate at the Jefferson County High School Warrior Company's awards ceremony.



Left: Gary Smith Sr. and Jim Blanchard presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal to Sgt David James, formerly of the Richmond County GA Sheriff's Office, on May 3rd.

Wounded in the line of duty on 2 March 1990, Sergeant James continues to this day his service in law enforcement after 30 years retired a Sergeant and Instructor with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. He now serves as a Peer Counselor for the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

The event was "Christian's Thin Blue Line Gala." It was a benefit for "Christian's Touch," an organization helping law enforcement families deal with tragic events. <https://www.christianstouch.org>

Below: On June 21, Gary Smith taught Close Order Drill and Map Reading Skills to the Columbia County Young Marines. He presented them with a US Flag Retirement Certificate.



Lyman Hall

Lower Right: Carter Wood received the

Antelope award from the National Scouting America. The Silver Antelope Award is a distinguished service award presented by Scouting America for outstanding service to young people within one of the organization's divisions. Since 2022, award has been presented for service to a Council Service Territory.

Recipients must be a registered adult member of Scouting America. Scouters may be nominated and selected for their efforts in the Council Service Territory or for service to the territory through a national committee, and is approved and issued by the National Court of Honor.

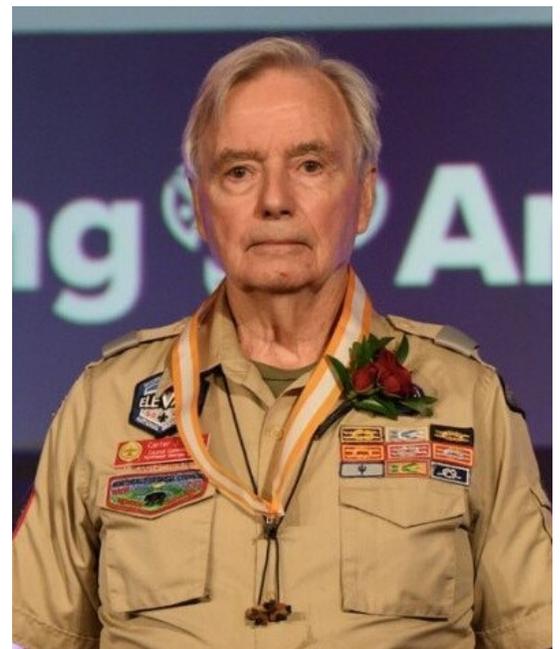
The award was created in 1942 and uses the United States Military as the model, where silver awards are the highest awards in Scouting America.

From 1942 to 2021, the Silver Antelope recognized service within one of the geographical regions of Scouting America. Beginning in 2022, after the administrative reorganization of Scouting America, it is presented for service in a Council Service Territory.

From the first awards in 1943 through 2025, there have been only 3,329 recipients of the Silver Antelope. Famous recipients include President Gerald R. Ford (1975), General William C. Westmoreland (1969), Ernie Banks (1969), Philip M. Condit, CEO of Boeing (2007), Ross Perot (1974), Admiral Arleigh Burke (1964), Sanford McDonnell, CEO of McDonnell Douglas (1983), and several state governors.

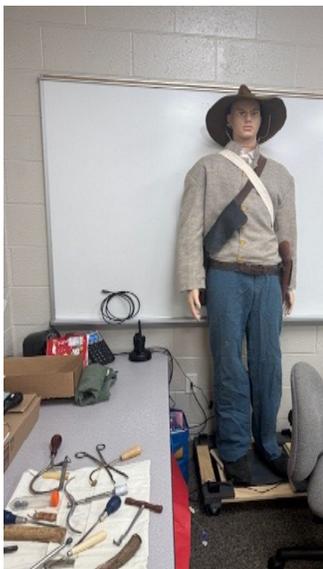
Carter stated, "It was indeed an honor to receive the Silver Antelope award at the 2025 National Annual Meeting of Scouting America in Orlando.

The announcement of award winners a few weeks before was the greatest surprise in my fifty-two years of Scouting at Unit, District, Council, Area and now Territory level."





Above: Gainesville First United Methodist Church held their Patriotic Service on June 29, with the Award Winning Georgia Society Color Guard presenting the Colors.



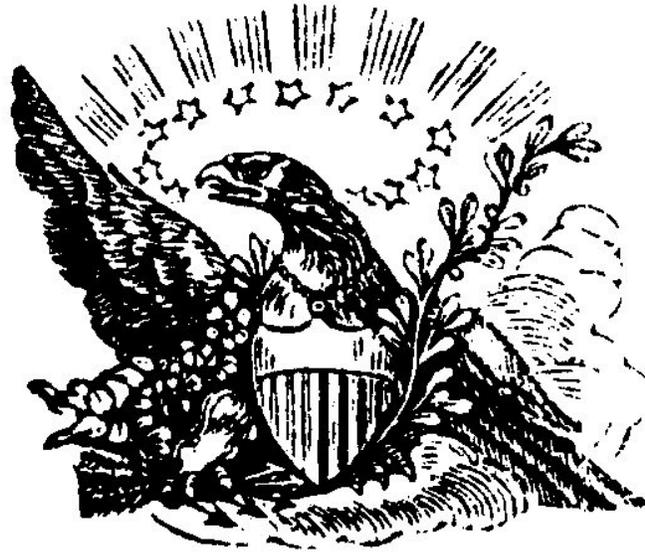
Left, Center, and Below: Carter Wood has obviously served a long distinguished career, spanning educational presentations on every war he has participated in, and then a few more. Here he entertains and educates Blackburn Elem. Students about the differences in the way the North and South were equipped, supplied, dressed, and viewed their own participation in the Civil War.



Marquis de Lafayette



Left: Past GASSAR President David Ludley presented the JROTC Medal to First Lt. Taylor Baker at Lovejoy High School.



Mount Vernon

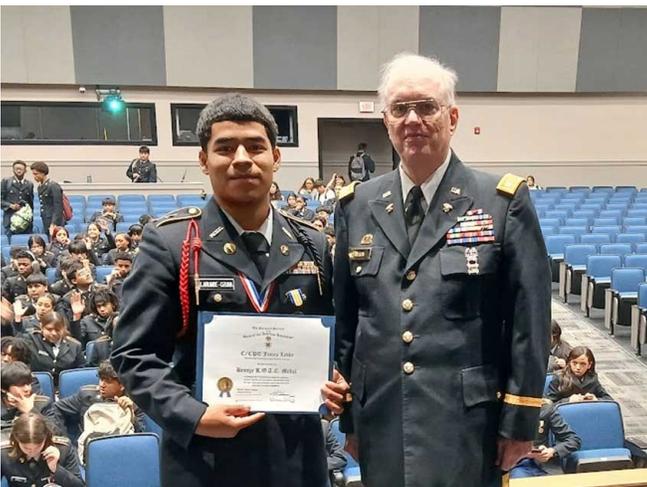
Right: The Mount Vernon Chapter awarded Eagle Narra with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition on April 1st, 2025.

Scouts Everett Lawrence, Aiden Lawrence and Rithik Narra with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition on April 1st, 2025.

The ceremony was held at a Court of Honor conducted by Troop 463 at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs, Georgia.



Below: JROTC Chairman Chuck Olson (LTC RET, QMC, GAARNG) presented the SAR's Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Captain David Larumbe at Riverwood High School.



Right: Chapter President Tom Hewett spoke to the Old Noontday Chapter of the DAR about the "Events leading up to the Revolutionary War".

The meeting was held at J. Christopher's, Johnson Ferry Road in East Cobb, where 24 members and two guests were present. A check received from the DAR chapter will be forwarded, in honorarium, to the Martha Bullock Society C.A.R.



Below: The Mount Vernon Chapter awarded Eagle Scouts Campbell Caldwell, Adam Dauby, Hudson Brookshire, Owen Mong, Warren Patterson, and Bennett Patterson with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition on April 28th, 2025.

The ceremony was held at a Court of Honor conducted by Troop 623 at Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Sandy Springs, Georgia.



Below: The Vietnam - American community honored the Fall of Saigon with members of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA) and several other veterans groups on this date in Dunwoody, GA. The monument features an American Infantry soldier and a soldier from the former republic of South Vietnam standing side by side.

Veterans Committee co-chair and Vietnam Veteran John S. Galt (US Army COL RET) attended the ceremony.







Left and Below: Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution President Noah Tindall presented his state project to raise funding for the society to our Mount Vernon members and guest. He has set a goal of raising \$12,500 to help the Georgia Society C.A.R. with promoting history, and other state activities like cleaning historical sites. *(They have already gone to the Kettle Creek Battlefield in east Georgia.)* His enthusiastic presentation resulted in a unanimous vote by the members to donate \$250 towards the project. Noah ended his talk with a resounding HUZZAH three times.

Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter C.A.R President Jack Stuart also spoke to the meeting group and was given a check for \$150 in support of his chapter.



Below: JROTC Chairman Chuck Olson (LTC RET, QMC, GAARNG), and Shep Hammack (in uniform) presented the SAR's Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Captain Jackson Holliman at Dunwoody High School.



Center: Past President David Wellons and Jane Wellons attended the Memorial Day ceremony in Woodstock GA.





Mount Vernon Chapter SAR was a co-sponsor of this event along with the Sandy Springs DAR, Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church and Scout Troop 463.



The ceremony was

revised to make multiple references to America 250. The Scouts replaced the worn out flag at Mount Vernon Village with a new U.S. flag and then respectfully disposed of the old flag as provided by law. Troop 463 conducted a formal flag retirement ceremony at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church and Mount Vernon Village. Assisting were representatives of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Sandy Springs Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mount Vernon members Shep Hammack, Scouting chairman Chuck Olson and Georgia Society President Bill Floyd attended.



Below: Past President John Galt attended the Memorial Day ceremony in Atlanta GA., where Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and other dignitaries spoke about Memorial Day.





Left: Sandy Springs Fire Station #3 was recognized with a Flag Certificate on June 2, 2025 for properly displaying the American Flag 24 hours a day with proper lighting at night.

Below: 2025 Georgia State Society SAR President Bill Floyd, Jr. spoke at the Mount Vernon monthly meeting about the Second Continental Congress. Bill is also a charter member of the Mount Vernon Chapter, which was chartered on September 24th, 2016. Mount Vernon President Tom Hewett presented Bill with a Certificate of Appreciation for the presentation.



Mill Creek

Below: At the April 15 Meeting, Compatriot Hu talked about his new book, "48 Stars in the Trunk". His presentation included stories about his dad and his uncle who was killed on his 8th day in the Korean War.



Above: Dess Smith presented President Randy Jones with the 246th Anniversary Brier Creek event chapter flag Streamer for presenting the Chapter wreath at the battlefield.

Right: Mike Lisenby, a retired lawyer, lives in Swainsboro, GA. Mike talked about Colonial, Revolution, Constitutional Periods of the Revolutionary War at our May meeting.



Ocmulgee

Compatriots - It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Joel Stair, the President of the John Milledge Chapter in Milledgeville who died of a heart attack. Joel followed in the patriotic service footsteps of his dad, Terry Stair, who also served as President of the John Milledge Chapter, who also died of a heart attack last summer.



Left: Joe Boyette - We were very happy to assist you on your quest to be a SAR member! Billie Trussell and President Roy Griffis did the honors to handle your induction and you were there by electronic phone magic! Welcome aboard and we GREATLY appreciate your support. Happy 90th birthday!



Right: Our guest speaker for April was Barbara Fischer who presented the life of "First Lady Dolley Madison". Dolley Payne Todd Madison (1768-1849) was a prominent American political figure and the wife of James Madison, the 4th President of the United States. She is widely recognized as one of the most influential First Ladies in U.S. history, known for her wit, warmth, and ability to bring people together in an often-divided political climate.



Below: The May meeting featured Will R. Jordan, Ph.D. Professor of Political Science at Mercer University. His presentation "The Spirit of '76 and the Spirit of '87: One Founding or Two?" He discussed the disagreement between "Antifederalist and Federalist". He discussed the beliefs and concerns of both sides. He completed the presentation by explaining that the Constitution met the needs of both the Antifederalist and the Federalist members.



Right: Asa Scott, was the winner of the Rumbaugh Historical Oration for the Georgia SAR. He is a junior at Tattnall Academy. He recited his oration on the topic of the Valley Forge experience of the soldiers there and how George Washington depended on his faith in God Almighty to successfully continue the pursuit of the war. It was divine intervention that allowed Washington to encourage his troop's morale, endurance, and strength. Asa was presented with the Rumbaugh award.



Life on Po- Biddy Road - By John Trussell

Life on Po-Biddy Road in Talbot County, Georgia was never easy. But the country folks who lived there had carved a living from the soil since pioneer times and always kept a sense of humor about their station in life. They also had a firm belief that God was looking out for them and blessed them every day, regardless of their hardships. In reality, most were dirt poor farmers, and all their work and money was poured into the next crop, and they prayed for rain to make the corn grow, and it did rain, eventually. The lord would provide!

Fortunately, they didn't consider themselves poor because they really had a roof over their heads, clothes on their back and food on the table. For recreation, they played games and went fishing and hunting, and the fish and game ended up on the dinner table. Rabbit and dumplings- hum! Their social life was going to church and a Sunday afternoon covered dish lunch spread under the big oaks next to the church and sharing stories and gossip.

Romance often just involved a young man "making eyes" at a neighbor's daughter. If she returned his attention, often it wasn't long before the church bell was ringing and the couple "would go to housekeeping". After some years, every family in the area was related, somehow, to every other family. Vacations often involved spending the night with an aunt in the next county and having a swim in the Flint River that would double as fun and a bath. Life was pretty good for 1855.

In lean times, and there were many poor crops over the years, the yard chickens were the last line of defense against starvation when the wild game was hunted out of the surrounding woodlands. Rebecca Kendrick Trussell would chase down one of the few remaining yard chickens and fry it up in hog lard.

Later at the dinner table, Rebecca and her husband Daniel (my grandparents a few generations back) would sit down to a plate of fried chicken, turnip greens, fried okra and potatoes, and cornbread with their 8 children. Rebecca made sure the kids got most of the groceries and often she would only eat one small piece of chicken to make sure the kids got enough to eat. To say she "cleaned her plate" would be an understatement because nothing digestible was left and there would only be a small pile of cracked chicken bones remaining on the plate. Rebecca had not only eaten her piece of chicken, but then she cracked open the bones to suck the bone marrow out of them. On one such occasion, Daniel looked over to her pile of bones and said, "My goodness, Rebecca, that's a poor biddy!" and they all laughed!

This little tale would sometimes be discussed at the country store where all the men often gathered to trade stories and solve all the world's problems. When it came time to officially name the dirt road on a county map, some local residents suggested Po Biddy Road and it has remained so to this day!

The Po -Biddy store was only about one mile from the log cabin where Daniel and Rebecca Trussell lived. Nothing remains of the log cabin that disappeared many years ago, but their tough spirit was passed down to their children and subsequent generations. Their children would become the main settlers of Centerville, Georgia, in Talbot County, that boasted a general store and Post Office, church, local school academy and cotton gin.

Henry Trussell ran the store and Post office, while Robert, Chris and Oliver Trussell, my grandfather, ran the cotton gin and farmed. Everything was humming along fine until the Civil War broke out and they were forced to answer the call to duty. They were reluctant warriors, wishing to fight no one, but they served with honor, only to return to overgrown farm fields and a devastated economy at home. They lived life the best they could, but comforts were few. They eventually joined their ancestors in Heaven, and they all rest peacefully in the Centerville cemetery, and nothing remains of the old community.

Many years into the future and not far away in Wilcox County, in the early 1960's, lived Eddie Tennessee Smith and Leila McDuffie Smith (my grandparents) and their children. Eddie was a part time police officer, sharecropper and sometimes gambler that played cards late into the night, so often he was missing around the house. Never once did I hear grandma complain about her station in life and she loved her family dearly.

Once, early in her marriage, after an argument, she tried to return to her childhood home, but her father said, "Leila, you are married now and you gotta work it out". So, she returned to her husband and, 11 children later, her fate was long ago sealed to be a hard - working mother who gave everything she had to her children. There was not a time in her young life that she was not pregnant or nursing a baby and baby formula was not to be found in the house.

They lived in a large two-story wood frame home that was sturdy but lacked modern comforts. They "barely" had electricity, meaning lighting was a single light bulb, dangling from the ceiling and a small refrigerator. The heat was a fireplace, and a gas heater was reserved for very cold nights. Summer cooling was a fan placed in the window. They had a water well and pump but no inside restroom. For this young boy who was solidly middle class, going to visit my mother's family was only about 60 miles in distance, but it sometimes seemed like I was going back 100 years in time.



The Po -Biddy store is on Po -Biddy road in Talbot County.

Putting food on the table was always a challenge for grandma and she would be sure to pass the plate around to make sure the family and all the grandkids had plenty to eat. She would go to the small town of Pineview and meet the seafood truck from the coast when it arrived with a fresh shipment of mullet that sold for the bargain price of 19 cents per pound. Fried mullet still has a special place in my heart!

But chicken, that eventually ended up on the plate more frequently than mullet, would come straight from the front yard to the frying pan. Grandma would walk out in the yard and toss out a few kernels of corn and the chickens would quickly rush up to grab a few. But grandma would reach down and grab a chicken by the legs while it was distracted, and its fate was sealed! But once the chicken was caught, it was a tough job to dispatch it, pluck all the feathers and clean it. Grandma was tough and she did what was required to put food on the table for her children. Today's shopper that goes to the grocery store and picks up a nice, prepared pack of fresh chicken has no idea the amount of work that our ancestors had to do to put food on the table.

Once the chicken was fried up and on the dinner plate, grandma would make sure all the kids had plenty to eat. As usual, she would take only one piece and there would be nothing left but a small pile of cracked chicken bones. She not only ate everything, but she had also sucked the bone marrow out of the bones. Once, Mozell Smith, her daughter and later my mother, would say, "mother, there isn't nothing left of that piece of chicken but a few cracked bones, so that's a real Po- Biddy", to which everyone would chuckle!

Later in life, we often took Grandma Smith on vacation with us to Fernandina beach, Florida, where she would stand in the surf for many hours with a fishing pole in her hand. She even caught a few fish, but mostly I think she was fishing without bait, as it really wasn't the fish she was after. After a lifetime of hard work and sacrifice, wondering where the food for the table and money for bills was coming from, was behind her now. Finally, now in the last years of her life, looking out into the surf and blue skies was therapeutic and brought her peace and tranquility. We tried not to bother Grandma when she was "Fishing".

Looking a little further back in time, there is another relative that was clearly in an economically challenged status, but he had quickly worked himself up the ladder of success. Dickerson Lumpkin, Sr, had a rough start in the USA because he came into the country as an indentured servant, bound to a cabinet maker for 7 years to pay for his ship passage in the mid 1700's. He came into this country with only the shirt on his back, pants and a pocket knife, according to ships records. Dickerson Lumpkin Sr. worked hard and soon he was donating beef to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War and his son, Dickerson Lumpkin Jr, joined the local army militia and both are recognized as SAR / DAR Patriots. Dickerson Lumpkin Jr was awarded a land grant in Jones County for his war service, but he soon sold that land and moved to Talbot County when it opened up to settlement.

Dickerson had been working in the fields, plowing behind a mule all day when he finally quit at sundown and came to the log cabin to eat whatever his wife Charlotte (my gg grandparents) could put together for the family. As they sat down to a meal of fried chicken, black eyed peas and cornbread, Dickerson gave a prayer to the lord for their good fortune to have food on the table.

Betsy was afraid the children wouldn't have enough to eat, so she only took a small piece of chicken and soon reduced it to a pile of small bones. Dickerson was amused that his darling wife could make a piece of chicken almost entirely disappear off the plate and said out loud, "now Charlotte, that's a Po- Biddy, there isn't nothing left of it" and the whole family started laughing. Dickerson was concerned that Charlotte wasn't getting enough to eat and encouraged her to eat the last piece of chicken, but she fibbed and said she was full and split the last piece between the kids. Always sacrificing and always giving to her family was just her way of showing love.

Dickerson could only make an "x" for his name and Betsy could barely read and write herself, but knew some verses from the bible and the family would gather around the fireplace at night before bedtime, under candle light, to read and share family and bible stories. A strong family and belief in Jesus gave the kids hope and hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things!

Dickerson and his wife would eventually pass away, which is the fate we all share, but they were faithful and knew they were heaven bound. They were laid to rest in the family plot in Talbot County. Today most of the graves are unmarked piles of rocks. I was able to determine Dickerson Lumpkins' exact grave because his will in the courthouse stated that he had a wooden shelter built over his grave with abundant nails that eventually fell onto the ground when the wood rotted away. Using a metal detector, I was able to determine his grave site and recently the SAR and DAR sponsored a Grave marking ceremony that was attended by many relatives and guests. I rejoiced in knowing that Dickerson and Betsy were now documented, recognized and appreciated for their service and sacrifices.

In this story, I'm reflecting on all the relatives in my past that sacrificed and made it possible for me to be here today as I'm truly standing on their shoulders. Like others, I also had some notable family members in the past, but this story isn't about them.

This is about the men behind the mule plows and the mothers who gave everything they had for the welfare of the children to give them a better future. Like the song by Randy Travis, "Three wooden Crosses" when he sings, "Guess it's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, but what you leave behind you when you go". Check the video on you tube, copy and paste into your browser- https://youtu.be/1ALtkB2j81A?si=JqM8J7Mna_sCqAmh



The grave marking ceremony for Dickerson Lumpkin Jr. in Talbot County. He left behind many grateful descendants, including Jack, Brandon and John Trussell.

This story is dedicated to my dear wife Billie, who didn't need to crack chicken bones due to the hard work of her parents and grand - parents to provide a good living for her but worked just as hard to work and sacrifice for her family and children.



The GASSAR Color guard, commanded by Scott Collins, performed a very professional and exciting musket salute. The Skunk Brigade also fired several rounds of cannon fire that shook the surrounding woodlands at the Dickerson Lumpkin Jr. Grave Marking Ceremony on April 13, 2024.

What stories do you have to share with other SAR members? These stories don't just fall out of trees, and you have to dig for them, so I invite you to pen your stories in future Hornets Nest newsletters. Thanks to Emil Decker for his excellent work on the Hornets Nest!



Left: Mr. Glenn Postell, along with his wife Denise, receives Credentials of membership.



Above: Mr. Joe Morgan, along with wife Judy, receives his Credentials.



Left: Mr. Carl Howk also joins the SAR and receives Credentials from President Roy Griffis.



Left: Janet Walker presented the June program entitled “Everyday Life in Early America”. She described the type of life that early immigrants from England and Europe had in the home countries before coming to America. Then she described the lives of the early settlers in the American Colonies. These settlers had to be self-sufficient and take care of their food, shelter, and clothing themselves. This helped lead to their desire for independence.

This year’s award cycle has been completed with great success. A total of eighteen schools were involved with 54 awards being presented.



Right: Roy Griffis presents Bronze JROTC Medal to Jace Lindsey.



Left: John Trussell makes the presentation at Houston County High School.

Below Right: Roy Griffis presents a Good Citizen Award to Havana Williamson.



Below Left: Trinity Butler is presented the Good Citizenship Award by Roy Griffis.



Below Center: Wake Conklin, Rocky Ferrara, Roy Griffis, and Chuck Garnett greet the April 26, 2025 Honor Flight.



Right: Roy Griffis gave a presentation to the Nathaniel Macon DAR Chapter on the Lexington and Concord Conflict on April 15, 2025.



Patrick Carr Rangers

Right: The Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its quarterly meeting, Monday night, June 9, 2025. The East Fall Line Region Vice President Dess Smith III presented President David with 4 Chapter Flag Streamers. They were the Frederica Naval Battle, 2025, 242nd Brier Creek Anniversary streamer, Georgia Society Membership 2024 streamer and the 246th Brier Creek Anniversary streamer. Henry Tinley talked about the burial site of David Emanuel in Burke County.



Piedmont

Middle Right: No Continental uniform for the Concord - Lexington Eventbut Craig Benton says nobody said you couldn't dress to the nines, complete with a skunk cockade!

Below: The Piedmont Chapter SAR held our June meeting with 32 members and guests at the Bill Johnson Community Activities building in the Roswell Area Park. We were fortunate to have GASSAR President Bill Floyd attend our meeting, and he inducted three new members in to our Piedmont Chapter at the meeting.



Robert Forsyth

Right: Our April Presentation was a look at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Lynn Jacques, the SAR Ladies Auxiliary President took the floor and gave a good accounting of the battle, and her ancestor who was there.

Below: Our meeting place was changed due to an emergency. We're back now, but.....



Forsyth County Fire Department

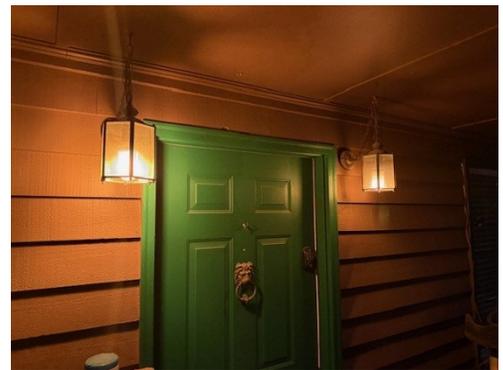
Units responded to a fire at Golden Corral on Market Place Blvd. earlier today that started while workers were doing roof repairs. The fire in the roof area was contained by the automatic sprinkler system and firefighters using hose lines. Although the fire damage was minimal, the building did suffer significant smoke and water damage, and the business will be closed for some time. No injuries to firefighters, roof workers, or business employees were reported.

#forsythfire #fireresponse

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Right: Patriot's Day multiple members had their exterior lanterns lit,.....two if by sea!

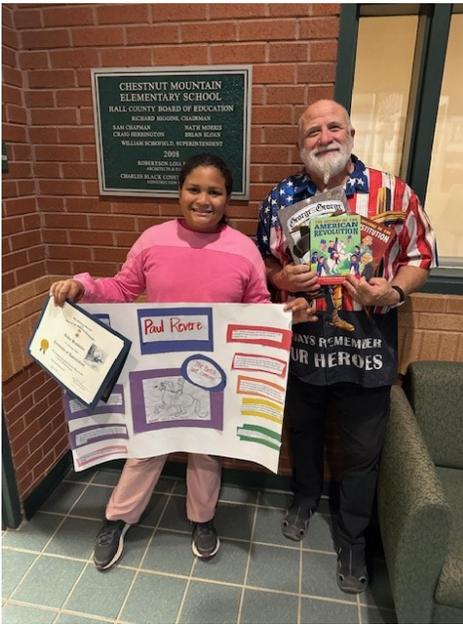


Below: Before Robert Forsyth Chapter was created, Piedmont placed a bronze marker on the only patriot buried in Forsyth County, John N. LeGrand. Unfortunately, the death date was wrong, and Mr. Watson, who grew up with the grave in his backyard, really wanted it fixed. A request to the VA for a new grave plate was approved, and was installed by the Chapter, to the great relief of Mr. Watson.



Left: JROTC Command Sgt. Major J.C. Ainsworth Received this year's medal. Interestingly, last year, a Sgt. Major Ainsworth received the same medal. Caden Ainsworth, J.C.'s older brother. Both cadets definitely were most deserving of their medals, and maybe the first set of back-to-back medals awarded to brothers.





The winners of the poster, brochure, essay, and oration competitions were all awarded their certificates, and checks during the final days of the school year.



Left: President Chris Russo, his daughter Eva, and others participated in the Memorial Day "Hill Climb" to benefit veteran organizations.



Left and Below: Sharing photos after the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton. Many Scouts, veteran organizations, and others participated. Musket Salute and Presentation of the colors was a first I believe for the GASSAR at the National Cemetery.



Left: the DAR dedication of the American Revolution War plaque at Lou Sobh Amphitheater at City Center, Cumming was attended by the SAR. President Chris Russo brought greetings.

Below: After a successful Flag Day/Flag Retirement/US Army Birthday Celebration, photos, as usual, after the event for Color Guard and members of the chapter.



Above: Past GASSAR President and Robert Forsyth member Ed Rigel Jr. brought the State greeting at the Retirement Ceremony.

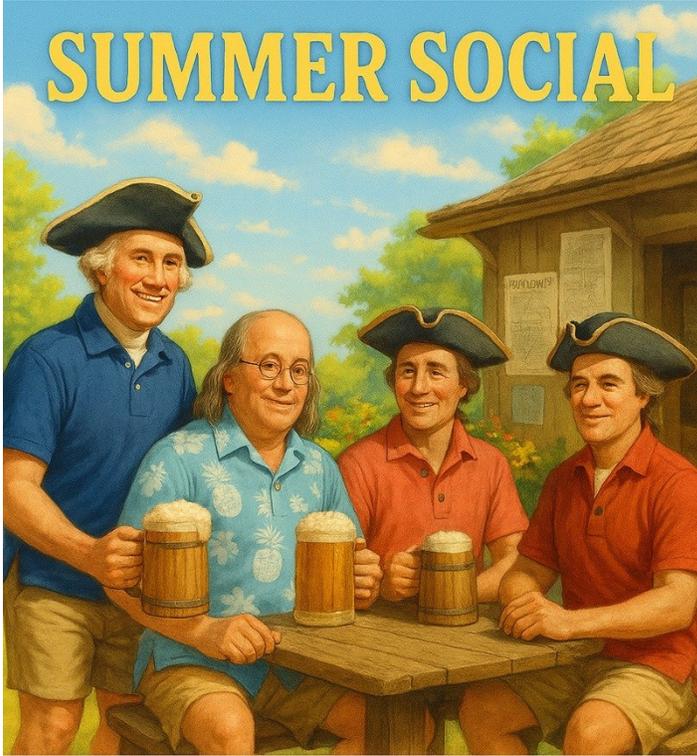


Right: Until our regular meeting place is restored to full function again, the chapter opted to have a Summer Social, and just fellowship with our fellow compatriots. It went too we, and I fear we may have problems getting everyone back to a "Regular" meeting with SAR agenda items!

Wiregrass

Below Left: Compatriots Steve Burke and Lee Herron traveled to Reidsville, GA to present Steve's "Traveling Trunk" to the Josiah Tatnall DAR in Reidsville, Ga.

Below Right: Allen Burton presented at the Wiregrass April meeting. Allen is a member of the Washington Wilkes Chapter in Washington, GA and lives with his wife Patricia in Washington, GA. Allen spoke to us about "Benjamin Franklin".



SUMMER SOCIAL

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SAR, DAR, OR CAR, BRING 'EM ALONG!

ROBERT FORSYTH CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONN

JULY 10, 2025 | **CUMMING, GA**
TACO MAC | **MARKETPLACE BOULEVARD**
6:00 PM



Right: Compatriot Hu Daughtry spoke to us about the "Parish Thain House" at our May meeting.



Above: John Derden spoke to us in June about the "Georgia Tour of Lafayette, 1825".

Right: Dess presented the Sgt-at-Arms Watson Mosley with 2 Chapter Flag Streamers, one for the event at Fort Morris and the other for the event at St. Simons Island, Frederica Naval Battle.



Left: Compatriot Steve Burke was invited by the Jenkins County Chamber of Commerce to present his program to some Jenkins County students. Steve presented his program to 95 students and fired his cannon 5 times in downtown Millen on Friday, May 9, 2025



Children of the American Revolution

Noah Tindall
2025-2026 State President
Georgia State Society,
N.S.C.A.R.



As we celebrate **AMERICA250**, families are traveling and exploring historical sites with the desire to learn more about the historical foundation of our great nation. There are not enough historians and docents to satisfy this emerging curiosity.

The Georgia State Project is an attempt to satisfy this desire for knowledge while also inspiring future patriots to raise up and be patriotic contributors to a brighter future.

Our goal is to raise **\$12,500** to acquire historical story boards to tell the story of Georgia patriots at historical sites. To meet this goal we need **250** compatriots to give **\$50.00** to keep the legacy of Georgia's patriots alive.

STATE PROJECT PINS!

Pin Symbolism

Poppy - Georgia icon by Moina Michael

Petals - hearts for our love for God, home, and country.

Star in the middle to honor our Patriots.

Filaments - fireworks, cannon balls, and bombs bursting in air!

C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. - an ALL STAR TEAM!

Last but certainly not least -



HUZAH! to our Patriots



RAFFLE Quilt

For \$20.00 receive 5 tickets, the drawing will be held after the 2026 Georgia State DAR Conference. Winners will be notified by phone call and email.

The Philadelphia Winn DAR American Heritage Committee designed and handcrafted this beautiful quilt. This exquisite quilt measures 65" X 53".

Huzzah Baseball Caps





Left: C.A.R. members supporting the dedication of the Revolutionary War plaque at Lou Sobh Amphitheater, Cumming, Ga.



Right: Haley and her brother Nolan are members of the Elisha Winn Society. Their mom Ana is the Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter.

A Note from Haley Hart of the Elisha Winn Society - Nancy Hart was a true patriot who exhibited Revolutionary Valor just like our star patriot of our national project, Dr. Joseph Warren! This heroine made it her mission to rid Georgia territories of British Loyalists. A big "Huzzah!" to Nancy Ann Morgan Hart!

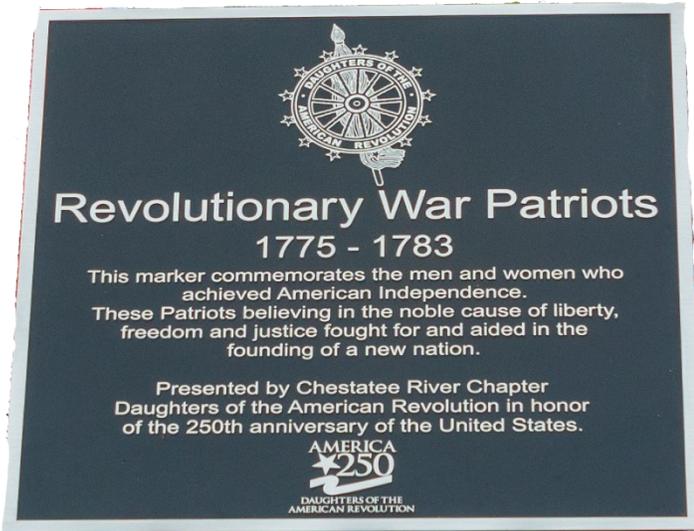
Below: (L-R) Noah Tindall, Georgia State C.A.R. President attended the 134th NSDAR Continental Congress and presented project pins to Outgoing NSDAR President General Pamela Wright and newly installed NSDAR President General Ginnie Sebastian Storage, NSSAR President General Darryl Addington, M.D. and GSSR President General Mark Jakobowski.





Cumming, Ga has had a Veterans Park for a while now. However, the city felt it needed to be moved and upgraded. Lou Sobh Amphitheater at City Center was the final destination for the bronze monuments, and bronze plaques dedicated and highlighting veterans of the various wars our nation has fought. These are displayed in a semi-circular path which winds along behind the amphitheater. Unfortunately, the city planners list of wars was missing one. The first one !! Don't ask me how, but the Revolutionary War was not included in the lineup.

Never Fear. The Chestatee River DAR went to work and tirelessly worked with the city planners until this issue was corrected. On June 9, the new Revolutionary War plaque was dedicated.









Left: DAR Ladies at the Canton Memorial Day Ceremony.



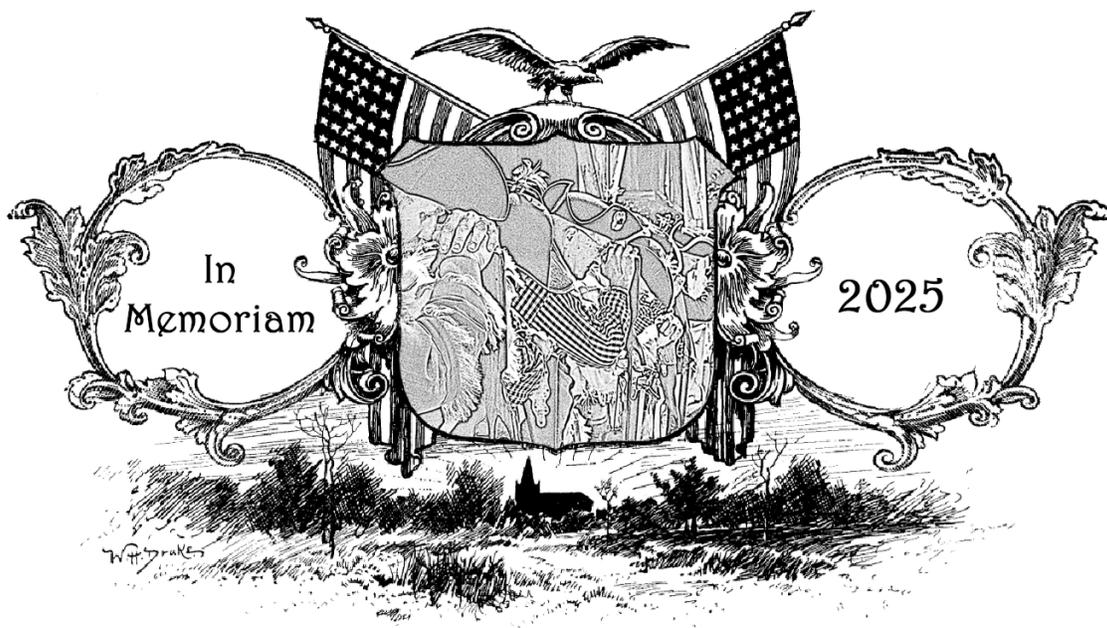
Above, Left and Below: DAR participants at the Flag Retirement Ceremony held at Ingram Chapel in Cumming, GA



Memorial Day in Columbus.



Above: John Benson DAR dedicated and revealed a statue honoring Nancy Hart. Sara Lesseur was part of the ceremony dressed as Nancy Hart. Hart County and Hartwell, Ga were named for this fearless lady. The event was held at the Hart County Courthouse.



Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	Deceased
Joel Andrew Stair	212012	John Milledge	4/28/2025
Ben Lane Moon	225392	Casimir Pulaski	5/04/2025
Paul Austin Whitlock Jr.	176678	Mill Creek	5/17/2025
William Howard Colbert USA (Ret)	177249	Little River	5/28/2025
Jett Van Warren Smith	180483	Ocmulgee	6/20/2025

Secretary - Chris Thompson

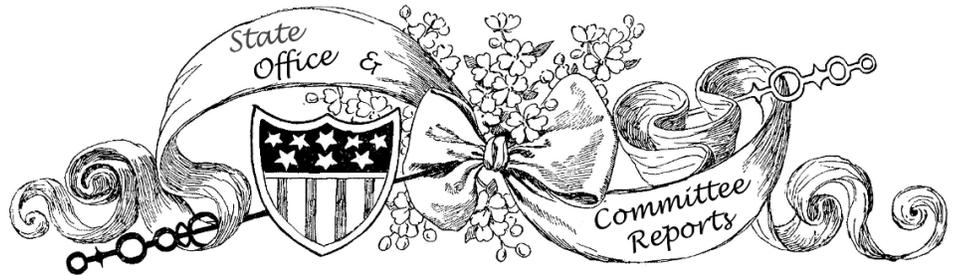


Compared to the 2nd quarter in 2024, we have a +75.8% gain in new members.

The Quarterly gain over Q2 is +80% and the YTD gain is +54.8%

GASSAR Compatriots Ending	31-Dec-24	1,999
GASSAR Compatriots as of:	31-Mar-25	1,847
Additions as of:	30-Jun-25	
New Members		45
Reinstatements		9
Transfer ins		9
Reinstatement-Transfers		2
Total gains as of	30-Jun-25	58
Losses as of:	30-Jun-25	
Transfer outs		2
Deceased		5
Dropped		0
Resignation		0
Total lost as of:	30-Jun-25	7
Active Membership as of:	30-Jun-25	1,892
Year to date Membership change	30-Jun-25	113

New Members



Georgia Society New Members Since Monday, March 31, 2025

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens			
5/9/2025	William Richard Clack	SMITH, David	Steven J. Wang
6/27/2025	Merle Laverne Gay	GAY, Simon	Steven J. Wang
Button Gwinnett			
6/13/2025	James Garrett Whitehead	WATERMAN, Joseph	Harold Ford
6/13/2025	Ethan Riley Whitehead	WATERMAN, Joseph	Harold Ford
6/13/2025	Barry Eugene Whitehead	WATERMAN, Joseph	Harold Ford
Casimir Pulaski			
6/6/2025	Alan Miles Griffith	JACKSON, Drury Wyche	Jim Swinson
6/27/2025	Derick Nelson Steed	SMITH, Gabriel	Jim Swinson
Coweta Falls			
5/16/2025	Fred Dewey Barlow Jr.	TYNER, Richard	David E. Fox
5/30/2025	Samuel Colt Flynn	GAILEY, James	Roger Butterbaugh
5/30/2025	Jerry Dwight Sanders	CRAVEY, Hugh	Mansfield Bias
Edward Telfair			
4/18/2025	Palmer Addison Walker	FILLEY, Mark	Roger Coursey
4/18/2025	David Bryan Odell	SMITH, George	Roger Coursey
4/18/2025	Michael Anthony Wheless	LUCAS, John	Roger Coursey
6/13/2025	Marvin Samuel Strode	SHEARHOUSE, John	Roger Coursey
6/13/2025	Campbell Lowrey Patterson II	GRIFFIN, James	Roger Coursey
Etowah Valley			
5/02/2025	Dennis Harold Lindemeier	LITTLE, Henry	Roger Coursey
Little River			
5/9/2025	Wyendell Steven Evans	TRIPLETT, Daniel	William Tankersley
6/13/2025	James Hardesty Hampton	CORBLY, John	James Lemley, MD

Georgia Society New Members Since Monday, March 31, 2025 (Cont.)

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Lyman Hall			
5/9/2025	Phillip Graham Smith Jr.	TOLLESON, John	Sidney Hughes Jr.
Marquis de Lafayette			
5/9/2025	Brett W. Allen	SANFORD, Roval	John Britton Wells III
6/13/2025	Kenneth E. Thomas	POWELL, Francis	John Britton Wells III
6/27/2025	Joseph G. W. Smith	CHILES Jr., James	John Britton Wells III
6/27/2025	Billy Maxwell Williams	SPIVEY, William	Robert Donald Bulloch
6/27/2025	Frank Gregg Pepper	BARNUM, Barnabus	John Britton Wells III
Ocmulgee			
4/18/2025	Clyde Edward Wilkins	WILKINS, William	Wayne Crow
4/18/2025	Robert Joseph Morgan	TIPTON Jr, Jonathan	Chuck Garnett
Piedmont			
5/9/2025	Robert Darrell Bogle	SANDERS, Solomon	James M. Ruff Jr.
5/30/2025	Alexei William Roof	CARPENTER, Jesse	James M. Ruff Jr.
5/30/2025	William Allison Roof	CARPENTER, Jesse	James M. Ruff Jr.
6/13/2025	Matthew Russell Hanley	BARTON, William	James M. Ruff Jr.
6/13/2025	Perry James Windsor	DAVIS, Arthur	Ronald Clinton Windsor
6/13/2025	Matthew Edward Windsor	DAVIS, Arthur	Ronald Clinton Windsor
Robert Forsyth			
5/2/2025	William S. Zawko	BOYER, George	Charles H. Meagher
5/2/2025	Marc D. Zawko	BOYER, George	Charles H. Meagher
Thigpen Trail			
4/18/2025	William Edward Jones	BARKER, Stephen	Thomas R. Coleman Jr.
William Few			
4/18/2025	Joseph Lynn Skinner	SKINNER, William	William Tankersley
5/9/2025	Charlie Tudor	AARON, William	Erick Dale Montgomery

**Flag Respect - Craig Benton****Percentage of Chapters currently reporting:**

- » Admiral Furlong Award: 31% 11/35 (Award Criteria of 50% IS NOT met)
- » Flag Retirement Award: 20% 7/35 (Award Criteria of 50% IS NOT met)

2025 1st Quarter

A report was filed and received by the NSSAR Flag Respect Chairman on February 11, 2025 noting the 2024 efforts that earned the Georgia Society the NASSAR Admiral William R. Furlong Award of the red, white and blue Furlong Streamer.

2025 2nd Quarter

Committee offers the following thoughts for consideration. When presenting a flag display commendation certificate, offer to pick up the recipient's flag when it is worn, and find a way to properly retire the flag (most local Scout troops can help with this). Then you can give that person a flag retirement certificate. For flag display certificates, there is no specific time limit on when a new flag display certificate could be awarded to a recipient that continues to honor the flag. Committee suggests 5 to 10 years between certificates is reasonable.

Finally, create a list of potential candidates by soliciting help from your chapter members, family, friends, etc. Then verify the candidates are displaying the flag appropriately. Work through that list slowly. Only one certificate per year is needed for the award credit.



Historic Sites & Celebrations - Gary Smith

2025 2nd Quarter

Fredrica Naval Action ...the 2026 event was held on 18 April.

On 22 May 2025 a meeting of this committee took place to address a query from the Executive Committee. As a result the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee strongly encouraged recognition and participation during "Constitution Day" events in Augusta, Georgia as a Chapter or Regional event in the future. An email was sent to President Floyd with the EXCOM cc'd reporting this recommendation on 22 May 2025.

On 5 June 2025 the Samuel Elbert Chapter met and discussed plans for celebrations for the Battle of Vann's Creek that occurred on 11 February 1779. Chapter President Russell

Terrell reported that the members would be in favor of organizing the event locally in the weeks following the Kettle Creek Battle events.

After further discussion throughout this period a motion to the BOM was formulated: That the Georgia Society recognize "Constitution Day" events in Augusta, "The Battle of Vann's Creek" and "The Siege of Savannah" as Chapter or Regional events.

To be presented at the next Georgia Society BOM Meeting. This Committee awaits reports of expenses on line 5206 from the States's Treasurer. Please see the attached after action reports of Kettle Creek, Brier Creek and Fredrica Naval Action events in 2025.

5026b - Fort Morris - \$350, Expenditures \$?, Balance \$?

5026c - Fredrica Naval Action - \$800, Expenditures \$1,000, Balance **-\$200**

5026d - Kettle Creek - \$2150, Expenditures \$?, Balance \$?

5026d1- Inclement Weather Facilities \$350, Expenditures \$?, Balance \$?

5026d2 - General Expenses \$1300, Expenditures \$?, Balance \$?

5026d4 - Guest Lodging \$600, Expenditures \$?, Balance \$?

5026d5 - Memorial Service Flowers \$0, Expenditures \$?, Balance \$?

Dess Smith and Steve Hinson are welcomed as Members of this Committee .

2025 3rd Quarter

Plans Siege of Augusta 2025 4th Quarter Plans Siege of Savannah Siege of Fort Morris



Knight Essay - Stacey McCarver

A Zoom meeting of the National Knight Essay Committee was held on 28 May 2025 to disclose the judging results for the national contest and to discuss plans for the 2025-2026 school year contest.

For the 2024-2025 school year contest, there were 33 state society entries. Winners were:

1st Joel Healy Ohio \$6,000 ; 2nd Jillian Pedone Tennessee \$3,000 ; 3rd Sydney Bueno Lynn Massachusetts \$2,000 ; 4th Samatha Setzer Alabama \$500 ; 5th Julia Evelyn Lever Mississippi \$500

Award Amounts unchanged from the prior year*

The major changes planned for the upcoming 2025-2026 are to the national website for the contest to provide clearer information for the participants:

A redesign of the front page to better emphasize contact with the individual state societies to encourage participants to learn more about the contest due dates for each society. The Georgia Society due date to chapters, November 1 of each contest year, is the earliest in the country to meet our deadline for presentation of the Georgia Society awards at our GASSAR Annual Youth Banquet.

Complete removal from the Knight Essay front web page of any reference to the February 15 due date. This was always confusing to student participants as this is only the due date for state societies to submit society essay winners to the national contest and has no bearing on when the students must prepare and submit their essay entries to local chapters to begin the contest process.

No changes to the contest rules are planned.

It's time to start planning for our Georgia Society essay contest for 2025-2026. Key dates to keep in mind are:

1 November 2025; Essays due to chapters

15 November 2025; Chapter winning essays due to me for the GASSAR competition



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 Saving
Altamaha				Leon Davis	
Athens				Jeffrey Barnes David Dunn	Kayante Jackson Clay Cochran Ben Whitney Noah Doster Ravit Pab
Little River	David James Brandon Sikes			Jared Mason Brandon Sikes Gavin White	Andrew Brown
Ocmulgee	Christopher Sherrell				



Georgia Registrar South - Steven Hinson

Georgia Registrar North - Harold Ford

A lot of progress has been made in the Application Process in the Georgia Society. Quality of applications has gotten better.

The "Sync Zoom Meeting" that is held every 2 weeks has been a success, for those who attend. There is an average of 12 compatriots who attend. Periodically a National Society Officer and other out-of-state Registrars attend. There is quite a bit of knowledge that is provided during this meeting.

The national approval rate is approximately 6 weeks for New and 63 weeks for supplemental applications.

The April special pricing generated a significant number of new applications.

Current Issues include:

Use of old SAR & DAR Record Copies

More representatives from chapters to participate in the zoom meetings



America 250 - Ed Rigel Jr.

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

Allen Finley (Piedmont): Silver
 Paul Prescott (Piedmont): Silver
 Rick Reese, Jr. (Piedmont): Silver
 Bob Sapp (Piedmont): Silver
 John Wassell (Piedmont): Silver

Stacey McCarver (Piedmont): Silver
 Ron Redner (Piedmont): Silver
 Rick Reese III (Piedmont): Silver
 George Thurmond (Piedmont): Silver

Members of the Georgia Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution received the following America 250 Medals since the last report:

Terry Hughes (Col. William Candler Chapter): Bronze, Silver
 Lynn Baxter Jacques (Philadelphia Winn Chapter): Gold
 Randi Davis Minor (Philadelphia Winn Chapter) Bronze, Silver
 Brandy Pethel (James Pittman Chapter): Bronze, Silver, Gold
 Helen Robertson Powell (Col. William Candler Chapter): Gold

Members of the Georgia Society, National Society Children of the American Revolution received the following America 250 Medals since the last report:

Eden Pethel (Elisha Winn Society): Bronze, Silver, Gold



Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

Our committee received only 1 request for letters of commendation quarter-to-date (1st Q - 2025). That number is low historically, which only reflects the fact that fewer inquiries are coming through our national office. Many more inquiries are simply reaching our local chapters directly, which is a good thing.

The Georgia Society can approve up to four compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. We received and processed three requests in 2024 and one this quarter. This is an award for any SAR member who has distinguished himself over the years serving the Scouting program. I remind all chapters to consider a chapter member who you think deserves such recognition and forward the application to me. You may download the application from the National website (or contact me directly) and forward it along with a check for \$30 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennewick, WA 98502.

GA 30152.

We were recently informed by the National SAR Eagle Scout and King Scholarship Committee that our Georgia Society entry, Eagle Scout Noah Boynton, sponsored by the Capt. John Collins' chapter, placed within the top 15 scholarship entries nationwide. He will receive a certificate and check for \$200.00. Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs and we'll provide support and direction to help you begin and grow. As a reminder, the Georgia Society deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2025. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me by email at billcoffeen@gmail.com.

We maintain an Eagle Scout Recognition and Information webpage on our Georgia Society website that contains SAR chapter and Scouting America contact information by local Council and District. If any chapter has changed their Eagle Scout Recognition chair for 2025, please contact me as soon as possible so I can update the

Chancellor - Chuck Olson



An informal Legal Advisory Committee has been established. The committee will serve the same purpose as the Legal Advisory Committee at the National Level. The original intent was to have the committee composed of all the Chapter Chancellors who are active members of the Bar in the state in which they reside.

The following Chapter Chancellors have agreed to serve on the committee: Chuck Olson, State Chancellor, GASSAR

John Garcia, William Few, Raine (Chance) Miller, Oakfuskee Trail/Coweta Falls, Durwood (Tom) Pye, Mount Vernon, Jason Shepherd, Capt. John Collins,

Senior Superior Court Judge James Blanchford, Chancellor, Little River Chapter declined after consulting the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission and being advised not to participate.

One of the first tasks I plan to ask the committee to help with is the copyright for the print, "Washington in Savannah."



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

I am very pleased to announce the FIRST PLACE winner of the NSSAR Youth Video Contest, and the winner is... Our Georgia Society entry by Maddox Lewis from the Piedmont Chapter.

His video entitled "Threads of Freedom" may be viewed at the link below:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IwXYyxOG - CwUI5IH2LVSL0CHrEsLHhA/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IwXYyxOG-CwUI5IH2LVSL0CHrEsLHhA/view?usp=sharing)

First Prize is: \$3000.00 Plus a trip to: 135Th Annual SAR Congress at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, CT.

Maddox Jack Lewis is a graduating senior from Fellowship Christian School in Roswell, Georgia where he has maintained a weighted GPA of 4.67. During his senior year he has served as Student Body President while participating in numerous other academic, arts, and community service organizations.

Maddox has had a long relationship with the SAR, beginning with his second-place win in the National SAR Brochure Contest in 2021 as an eighth-grade student and with a first-place finish in the GASSAR Knight Essay Contest in 2022. Maddox was the second-place winner in the 2025 GASSAR Knight Essay Contest.

After graduation from Fellowship Christian School in May 2025, Maddox will attend Emory University and pursue a degree in Business Administration with future plans to pursue an MBA from Harvard.



Liberty Tree - Ron Redner

Here is the latest June 2025 Update on our Liberty Tree Project:

We had a meeting at the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia a week ago and they will be dedicating a Liberty Tree in honor of our 39th US President Jimmy Carter and for the 250th Anniversary of United States at the center this October.

So far we have done 139 Liberty Tree dedications, so there are only 111 to go to reach our goal of 250 by July 2026. We have planted them in 24 of the 50 states. The 24 states that have done Liberty Trees dedications are: Alaska, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South

Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

Because of the Liberty Tree Ad we placed in our SAR Magazine I have been receiving several calls and emails from a lot of other states that have not done dedications yet like: California Florida, Texas, New Jersey and Massachusetts so hopefully they do Liberty Tree planting in their states too.

Please visit the link for the Liberty Tree Project website which has all the current Liberty Tree planting information: AMERICA 250 - Liberty Tree Program (piedmontchapter.org)



Historian - Chris Thompson

Key Achievements

A. Historical Preservation

Continued efforts to collect chapter and state memorabilia for the GASSAR Archive at the Atlanta History Center.

Encouraged compatriots to submit materials during the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting.

B. Website Development and Social Media Updates

Confirmed that all information on the GASSAR website and Facebook Page remains current & Ensured updates were applied to the "About Us," "Events," and "Resources".

C. Speaker's Bureau Project

Collected biographies from compatriots interested in participating in the Speaker's Bureau.

Partnered with the IT Committee to begin developing a new online directory that will allow users to directly link to speakers. Shifted from the prior single-document format to a segmented, searchable directory to improve engagement and accessibility.

3. Goals for Next Quarter

Finalize and launch the updated Speaker's Bureau directory on the website.

Continue collecting archival materials for preservation at the Atlanta History Center.

Monitor website content to ensure accuracy and completeness.

Develop and promote additional content on the GASSAR website and Facebook page.

Identify and pursue new partnership opportunities with historical and genealogical organizations.

Graves - Don McCarty



GASSAR Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Ceremonies Conducted Calendar Year 2025
The Georgia Society has conducted the following five (5) Patriot Grave Markings, which were vetted by the Graves Committee in 2025.

Patriot Matthew Bennett, SAR P-113357; Patriot Samuel Burnley, SAR P-338458; SAR Patriot John Jones, SAR P-226407; Patriot Richard Quarterman, SAR P-274722; and Patriot Joseph Winn, SAR P-322568. These five (5) Patriots graves were marked on Sunday, April 27, 2025, Midway Church Cemetery Ceremony in Liberty County, GA. The following Georgia Society SAR Chapters co-sponsored this event, including Athens, Button Gwinnett, Blue Ridge Mountains, Captain John Collins, Marshes of Glynn, Piedmont, Robert Forsyth, and Wiregrass.

VETTED – GASSAR Chapter Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Ceremonies

The Graves Committee has been very active and has vetted forty-six (46) Revolutionary War Patriots for 2025 and future SAR Grave Marking events. Some have been scheduled, while some have not been scheduled.

Patriot James Tate, NSSAR Patriot ID: P-301943. Based on research, this Patriot was buried on now industrial property located at 3508 Old Dixie Hwy SE, Dalton, Whitfield County, GA. This was requested by Bryan Acree of the Dalton Chapter SAR. Scheduling has not been determined as of this date, as an alternate grave marking location will likely be utilized.

Patriot John Taliaferro, SAR Patriot ID: P-301599, Patriot David Clay, SAR Patriot ID: P-134407, and Patriot John Hatcher, SAR Patriot ID: P-177426. During the vetting of these three (3) Patriot's graves located in Wilkerson County, GA, the Graves Committee located and vetted another **Patriot, Robert Etheridge, SAR Patriot ID: P-327878.** It is likely upon scheduling this event that all four (4) Patriots will be honored for SAR grave marking at a single event at Mount Nebo Church Cemetery in McIntyre, Wilkinson County, GA. This was requested by Bill Schultz of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR. Scheduling has not been determined as of this date.

Patriot John Cash, SAR Patriot ID: P-130073. This Patriot died 13 Aug 1836 in Henry County, GA. This was requested by Don McCarty and Bruce Maney of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Scheduling has not been determined.

Patriot Edward Williams, SAR Patriot ID: P-320654. This Patriot died after 1840 and is buried in Chechero Baptist Church Cemetery, Clayton, Rabun County, GA, and a stone with the initials "E. W." is carved on it. There has been work done by the Graves Chairman, Don McCarty, in the South Carolina State Archives during 2023 to obtain the military records found in the South Carolina Militia Audited Accounts. Descendants have been identified by Lyn Cash, Past President of the Habersham Chapter SAR. Several Georgia Society SAR Chapters have expressed interest in co-sponsoring the SAR grave marking for this Patriot. Scheduling has not been determined as of this date.

Patriot Stephen Day, SAR Patriot ID: P-145426. This was requested by D. Alan Smith of William Few Chapter SAR. Based on The Revolutionary Records of the State of Georgia, Vol 2, by Allen D. Candler, 1908, The Franklin-Turner Company Publisher, Atlanta, Georgia, page 757, Patriot Stephen Day received a Land Warrant of 200 acres in Richmond County for his Revolutionary War service as a soldier. Stephen Day was born in 1742 in Lancaster County, PA and died on 5 Dec 1825 in Columbia County, GA. He is buried in the Stephen Day Family Cemetery in Grovetown, Columbia County, GA. This Patriot Grave Marking has been re-scheduled for August 10, 2025 at 10AM.

Patriot Thomas Bruford/Buford, SAR Patriot ID P-125075. This was requested by Anita Bianconi, Commander of the Georgia Brigade of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge (DVF). She has invited Georgia Society SAR to participate with DVF as they would like to have a joint Patriot Grave Marking for this Patriot who was at Valley Forge with George Washington's Army. Coordination is now underway with the Lymon Hall Chapter SAR to be the primary sponsor, since the Patriot is buried in the church cemetery of the Lanier Point Church. This Patriot's grave was reinterred to the current location due to the construction of Lake Lanier. Scheduling of the SAR Grave Marking has not been determined.

The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Graves Committee consisting of Bruce Maney, Chairman, Eldon Evans, and Don McCarty has completed a multi-year project to research and vetted thirteen (13) Revolutionary War Patriots, who moved to Gwinnett County, GA after the War and their graves have been lost to time. The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Graves Committee approached the City of Sugar Hill and requested a Memorial Section to be approved in their City of Sugar Hill Historical Cemetery for honoring these Patriots with a SAR Grave Marker. Approval by the City was granted and plans are in place to have SAR Grave Markings Ceremonies for five (5) Patriots in 2025 and 2026 and three (3) Patriots in 2027.

These thirteen (13) Patriots include the following:

Thomas Cox, b. 1762 d. 1 Oct 1853, VA Militia
Lewis Dishon, b. 1763 d. 21 May 1843, NC Militia
Jesse Herring, b. 1762 d. 7 Dec 1835, GA Militia
William Liddell, b. 1762 d. 23 Aug 1836, NC Militia
Mathew McRight, b. 2 Feb 1762 d. Nov 1832, SC Militia
George Thrasher, b. 1755 d. 13 July 1849, GA Militia
John Peavy, d. 1828, GA Militia

Joseph Curbow, b. 1755 d. 5 Oct 1850, NC Continental Line
Stephen Harris, b. 1754 d. 17 April 1841, NC Militia
Littleton Hunt, b. 23 Mar 1741 d. 11 Mar 1843, NC Militia
Christopher Kehela, b. 1758 d. 25 Mar 1837, NC Cont'l Line
William Morris, b. 1758 d. 8 Sept 1824, NC Militia
Charles Walls, b. 1763 d. 13 May 1838, VA Continental Line

Patriot Colonel John Dooly, SAR P- 149226. This Patriot was requested to be vetted by Bill Tankersley, Senior Vice President of Georgia Society SAR. Since the Graves Committee has vetted Patriot Dooly, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the United States Army Corp of Engineers have approved the Cenotaph for honoring John Dooly. Plans are to have the SAR Grave Marking in the Elijah Clark State Park in Lincoln County, GA in February of 2026.

President Alton McCloud, Little River Chapter SAR, requested the vetting of five (5) Revolutionary War Patriots including **Patriot Hezekiah Bussey, SAR P-329339; Isaac Cliatt, SAR P-134839; Moses Jones, SAR P-226394; William Norman, SAR P-256787; and Zachariah Spiers/Spires, SAR P-295132.** Plans are to have five (5) Patriot Grave Marking on Saturday, September 27, 2025. There are more details to follow.

Compatriot David Sikes, Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Genealogist, requested the vetting of three (3) Patriots, including **Henry Holland, SAR P-13527; Solomon Yeomans, SAR P-325917; and Simon Smith, SAR P-293098.** Plans are in the process to have a three (3) Patriot SAR Grave Marking for these Revolutionary War Patriots to be scheduled on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene located in Claxton, Evans County, GA.

Compatriot Sid Hughes of the Lyman Hall Chapter SAR requested the vetting of two (2) Patriots including **Beal Parker, SAR P-10702, and William Clark SAR P-134218.** Both Patriots are buried in Alta Vista Cemetery, Gainesville, GA. These Patriots are approved by the Committee. The Lyman Hall Chapter is planning a joint ceremony with the Colonel William Candler Chapter, DAR in Gainesville, GA. This event will likely be scheduled sometime in 2026.

Compatriot Robert Moore of the Coweta Falls Chapter SAR requested the vetting of **Patriot John O'Quin, SAR P-263302,** located in Cemetery #33 on Fort Benning. This Patriot was approved for a grave marking and is scheduled to be held Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 10AM.

Compatriot Russell B. Terrell of the Samuel Elbert Chapter SAR requested the vetting of four (4) Patriots, including **Patriot John Johnston, P-225768, Patriot Thomas Carter, P-129704, Patriot Moses Hunt, P-188254, and Patriot John Cunningham, P-142299.** All four Patriots were approved for Patriot Grave Markings. These grave markings are planned to be marked on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10AM in Elberton, GA.

Compatriot Reggie Vallotton (Patriot descendant) of the Button Gwinnett Chapter requested the vetting of **Patriot David Moses Vallotton, SAR P-309106.** This Patriot was in the Siege of Savannah in 1779 and a Prisoner of War during the Revolution. This Patriot has been approved by the Graves Committee. Coordination is being made with the Coastal Heritage Society and the Society of 1779 for a grave marking in October of 2026 for this Patriot at the Battlefield Memorial Park in Siege of Savannah event.

Compatriots Tony Beasley and Dennis Wiggins (Patriot descendant) of the Brier Creek Chapter SAR requested the vetting of **Patriot Onesimus Futch, SAR P-163317.** The Patriot's grave was lost over time due to activity by the US Army Corp of Engineers. This Patriot grave marking event has been approved by the Graves Committee. Planning is underway to obtain approval by an appropriate cemetery in the Bryan County, GA area to hold this event possibly in 2026.

Compatriot Steven Hinson of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter requested the vetting of **Patriot Captain John Cutler Braddock, P-119378.** He was a sea Captain during the Revolutionary War in Georgia and South Carolina. The Graves Committee has approved this Patriot for a grave marking. His grave has been lost over time and a suitable location will need to be approved for this event to be held likely in 2026.

Through June 30, 2025, the Graves Committee has had no additional requests for Patriots to Vet for Grave Markings.

REMAINING 2025 PATRIOT GRAVE MARKINGS SCHEDULED

The Graves Committee has been working with the Chapter sponsors for the planning of the following nineteen (19) Revolutionary War Patriots to be honored by the Georgia Society for the remainder the Year 2025.

Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 10AM

Patriot Stephen Day, Patriot ID: P-145426

The Col. William Few and Washington Wilkes Chapters Georgia Society SAR request the honor of your presence at the dedication of grave markers Commemorating the service of this Revolutionary War Soldier.

Please R.S.V.P. before July 30, 2025, if you plan to lay a wreath to (706) 294-3022 or Email: asmithserve@gmail.com

Location: The Market at Columbia County Government Complex, 1005 Market Street, Evans, Ga 30809; Next to the Performing Arts Center

Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 10AM

Patriot John O'Quin, Patriot ID: P-263302

The Coweta Falls Chapter SAR requesting the honor of your presence at the dedication of a grave marking event to honor John O'Quin Patriot.

Location: Cemetery 33 Red Diamond Road Fort Benning, GA

Directions from Columbus, GA Take I-185 south to the Fort Benning welcome center. All participants must have a valid up to date driver's license to obtain a pass to enter the post. Going south pass the guard station, turn left on First Division Road, turn right on to Old Cusseta Road, turn left onto Hourglass Road to Buffalo Road, turn right on the Red Diamond Road, go past Helment Trail, look for 2 trees on the left with yellow crosses.

Wreath registration by September 1, 2025, contact Robert Moore at CowetaFallsNSSAR@gmail.com or call his cell 706-681-3347, if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 1PM

5-Patriot Grave Marking

Patriot Hezekiah Bussey, Patriot ID: P-329339

Patriot Zachariah Spiers/Spires, Patriot ID: P-295132

Patriot Isaac Cliatt, Patriot ID: P-134839

Patriot Moses Jones, Patriot ID: P-226394

Patriot William Norman, Patriot ID: P-256787

The Little River Chapter, the Button Gwinnett Chapter and the Atlanta Chapter SAR request the honor of your presence at the dedication of grave markers Commemorating the service of this Revolutionary War Soldiers

Location: St. Paul Church, 3235 Thomson Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817

Please contact Alton McCloud at altonmcc@bellsouth.net, if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 1PM

3-Patriot Grave Marking

Patriot Henry Holland, SAR P-183527

Solomon Yeomans, SAR P-325917

Simon Smith, SAR P-293098

The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR requesting the honor of your presence at the dedication of a grave marking event to honor these 3 Patriots.

Location: Trinity Church of the Nazarene located at 3500 GA-169, Claxton (Evans County), Georgia 30417

The Smith Family Reunion is being held that Sunday afternoon with dinner on the grounds after the grave marking event.

By October 3, 2025, please contact Don McCarty at donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net or call his cell at (404) 218-6624, if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 11AM

5-Patriot Grave Marking

Patriot Thomas Cox, P-348804

Patriot Joseph Curbow, P-348805

Patriot Lewis Dishon, P-331778

Stephen Harris, P-176032

Patriot Jesse Herring, P-343664

Co-sponsors: Button Gwinnett Chapter, Blue Ridge Chapter, Joseph Habersham Chapter, Piedmont Chapter, Robert Forsyth Chapter, and Lyman Hall Chapter SAR requesting the honor of your presence at the dedication of grave marking event to honor these 5 Patriots.

Location: City of Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, which is across the street from the Sugar Hill City Hall at 5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

By October 25, 2025, please contact Don McCarty at donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net or call his cell at (404) 218-6624, if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10AM

4-Patriot Grave Marking

Patriot John Johnston, P-225768

Patriot Thomas Carter, P-129704

Patriot Moses Hunt, P-188254

Patriot John Cunningham, P-142299

The Samuel Elbert Chapter SAR requesting the honor of your presence at the dedication of grave marking event to honor these 4 Patriots.

Location: 1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635

Please contact Russell B. Terrell at rbterrell58@gmail.com, if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

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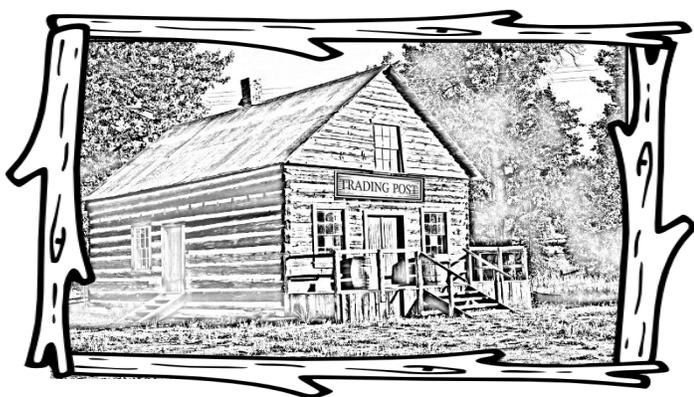


So many events! So little time! This is a glorious start to our 250th - "Years of Celebrations". Get out there and enjoy as many as you can.

While enjoying, I know you are taking photos. Some of you can't stop taking them. "Here I am with (insert the name) at the (insert the event) where we (insert the action) while viewing (insert the scene)..... And many of you, you know who you are, (insert your name here) are posting (insert number of photos here) like crazy to your Facebook, Instagram, or (insert other format here)..... What often happens is, you don't send copies to (insert The Hornet's Nest Editor's email address here).

I can't follow every one of your accounts, and download pictures, stories, and events and have time to live my own life. You, all of you, are doing too much for me to follow. Not

to tick anyone off, but I am not 24/7 Internet researcher looking for your photos. I am an editor, collating what you send to me to include in the Georgia society Newsletter. I don't have time or ability to go out and find you and what you are doing. I can only hope you are forwarding information to me to include in **YOUR** Newsletter. What you see is what you send.

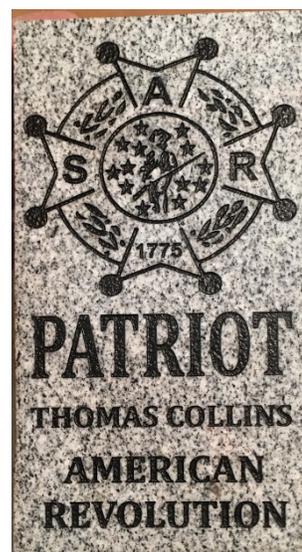
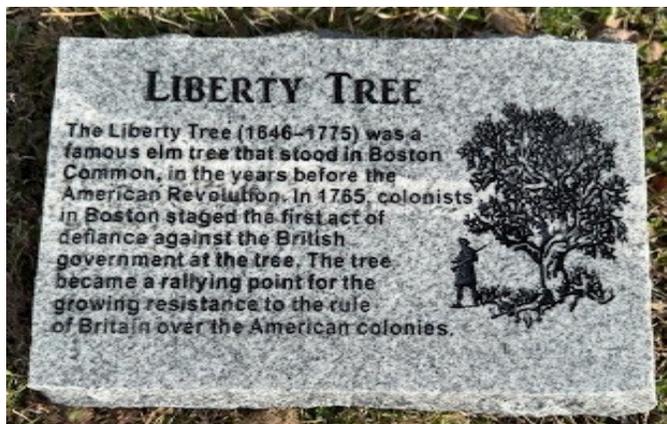


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This section is for members to post items wanted, or for sale or trade. Items should be related to SAR: uniforms, muskets, accessories, etc. and fairly represented in description. Photos accepted. Items will run for one issue unless a request is made 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.

**What 4 Cemeteries are authorized to fly the flag at half-staff continually?
See the answer on the following page.**

Need a Liberty Tree, Patriot or Compatriot Grave Marker? Custom stones at competitive prices. Contact: SticksnStones@weegrr.com



George Walton Chapter seeking donations of any period clothing/weaponry to support events.
Willing to arrange shipping or pick up. Contact: Jimmy Norton jrn2inc@gmail.com

What 4 Cemeteries are authorized to fly the flag at half-staff continually?

Cemeteries that continually fly the flag at half mast are: the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (the Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii, Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, and the National Cemetery at Gettysburg in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the Post Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Arlington, The Punchbowl, and Gettysburg may be obvious choices, but why The Mackinac Island one?

The Post Cemetery on Mackinac Island is honored to permanently fly the American flag at half staff. The cemetery is the final resting place for Fort Mackinac soldiers, their families, and local officials. The small cemetery on Mackinac Island is surrounded by a white picket fence with a wooden archway, and has a cannon from Fort Sumter South Carolina on display. Of the approximately 108 burials in Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery, 69 are unknown,. The origin of the cemetery is lost to poor record keeping in the early 1800's but local lore from the nineteenth century suggests that both American and British War of 1812 soldiers are buried here. Many early burials were marked with simple wooden crosses that have long since decayed and disappeared. As a result many of the burials are unknown.

I received a phone call from one of the interpretive rangers Zach McCrory from Wormsloe Plantation looking for members of the SAR who might be interested in participating in an upcoming event. This is an "In uniform" event and the details are below. I ask that if interested that you reach out to him directly.

August 3rd (Georgia's First Fourth)

We are in need of continentals to assist with fighting back against the British and to celebrate our independence from Britain! There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence as well as an "arrest" of the offending British officers. We will then march the tyrants to our colonial life area, where we will burn an effigy of the tyrant King George!

Email:

zach.mccrory@dnr.ga.gov

Jeffrey Franklin Loomis, VP, Edward Telfair Chapter

Need a Hat? Get in touch with the "Mad Hatter"

Whatever your needs, the Master Hatter from Wiregrass can fix you up. Want a Fox Cap? Just find a couple of dead-uns, or catch 'em live. He can fix you right up.



If you're a member of the Skunk Brigade, no problem there. Skunks are drawn to Steve Burke like you wouldn't believe. Folks with any of the critters nosing around their house in a 60 mile radius of Steve simply have to call out. In fact, I know there was one taking a nap along the side of the road outside of Bowman, (and that was way beyond the 60 mile radius), but BAM! Next thing that skunk knew, he was bagged, and tagged as the next size 7-1/2 !



I even found an alligator on the side of the Interstate. Scooped that rascal up and took it to Steve, who made me a dandy Chapeau. What do you think???

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