

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



July - September 2025

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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

This year is flying by, and I have finished three-fourths of my time in office serving as your president. Other than serving as pastor of a church, this has been one of the most rewarding jobs I have had the pleasure of holding.

Seems like I have done this before, but I would like to acknowledge the great team I have which helps me accomplish what it takes to be a good president. Many thanks to Bill Tankersley, my Senior VP, for filling in for me when I have a conflict, Past President Ed Rigel for answering the many phone calls asking for and getting good advice, Scott Collins and the Color Guard for making the many events we go to spectacular, State Secretary Chris Thomson for coming to my house with the certificates to be signed and mailed out, hosting Xcom meetings and much more. No one could ask for a better or more loyal team to work with. Over these last three months I have been invited to and attended many events. At each of these I have had a warm welcome and had the pleasure of spending time with many of our members. We have outstanding hard working regional VP's who are in touch with their chapters. I have visited many of our 35 chapters and still have more to go before my term of office is over.

The highlight of this third quarter was being able to represent the GA Society as State President at Congress this year. This was a wonderful experience being able to be with members from all over our nation. I was honored to carry the Georgia flag as the colors were presented at each banquet. It was an honor to be with members of the Mohegan tribe whose ancestors fought along side our ancestors in the fight for our freedom.

I have been a member of the Color Guard for the past 13 years. This year has not been much different as I have taken part in many events and presented colors with loyal members of the Guard. I was honored at the last BOM with a skunk hat and am honored to be number 40 of the skunk brigade.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as President of the GA Society SAR. If there is anything I can do to help you and your chapter grow, please give me a call or email me and I will do my best to be of service to you.



William N. Floyd Jr. 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. In the July - September, 2006 edition, Sarah Dickson makes the case for Alexander Hamilton's Federalist stance vs. his "state's right's" opposition

"Alexander Hamilton: Legitimately American"

By Sarah Dickson

"Learn to think continentally." Alexander Hamilton was more "American" than his state's rights contemporaries. While others thought of themselves as Georgian or from New York, Hamilton was a member of a nation, not a state. This principle, which formed his Federalist views, originated in his foreign birth and gave him an objective view when it came to the sectionalism and state's rights issues of the eighteenth century.

Alexander Hamilton was born in Nevis in the Bahamas around 1755, though the year is disputed. His mother, Rachael Lavien, had left her husband, John Lavien, and had not had the marriage annulled. Consequently, she was unable to marry Alexander's father, James Hamilton. Before Alexander turned twelve, he was left practically alone by the desertion of his father and the death of his mother. Industrious and talented, Hamilton went to work as a clerk on St. Croix at a young age and caught the eyes of Nicholas Cruger and Hugh Knox. They sent him, first, to a school in New Jersey then to King's College in New York.

"War" through journalism would be a reoccurring theme throughout Hamilton's life, and it began at King's. In two pamphlets signed "A Friend of America", he defended the First Continental Congress's embargo against England. Seabury, the "A. W. Farmer", argued that the colonies were too weak. Hamilton refuted him with fact and logic. Despite Hamilton's support of the embargo, he was adamantly against the riots, wanted to find a better way to help the revolutionary cause, and did.

At twelve years old, Hamilton wrote a letter to a friend saying, "I wish there was a War". He realized war would be the making of him. Hamilton began his military career as a Corsican. Hamilton's next post was as the captain of a New York artillery company. New York was lost, but Hamilton became one of those to cross the Delaware with Washington. Two months later, Hamilton got a promotion to a lieutenant colonel on Washington's staff of aides. Washington was demanding and his aides often did not last long. Hamilton served for four years.

BLAST FROM THE PAST (CONT.)

In December of 1780, Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler, a member of a powerful family in New York. Two months later, he left Washington's service and returned to the field and the battle at Yorktown. The Treaty of Paris would not be signed until April of 1783, but the war was drawing to a close. Two years after Yorktown, Hamilton's first son was born. Just when Hamilton seemed ready to settle into family life, however, he was elected to Congress where he realized the ineffectiveness of a government of separate states, especially in the area of taxes, and the nation's need of money to function.

In need of money himself, Hamilton entered the career of law in 1782. He charged exceptionally low fees and had a zeal for fighting the Trespass Act, an anti-Loyalist law, in his early career. These cases provided precedent for judicial review, a Federalist principle. He defended the former Loyalists both in court and as "Phonion" in the papers.

Hamilton was elected to the State Assembly after the war and was one of the few delegates to the Annapolis Convention. He was the only New York delegate to remain in Philadelphia for the Constitutional Convention, though he waived his right to vote. He thought the Constitution was still remarkably weak, but he labored to get it ratified. With the aide of John Jay and James Madison, Hamilton wrote a series of letters from "Publius" called *The Federalist*. The letters, published in the New York papers, defended the Constitution. One by one, states ratified. New York's ratification was celebrated with a parade led by the Hamilton, a twenty-seven-foot ship.

Upon Washington's unanimous election to the Presidency, Hamilton became Secretary of Treasury. His appointment began a mostly antagonistic relationship with Thomas Jefferson. Oddly enough, Washington's lack of knowledge in economics meant more trust in Hamilton. He set about solving the financial problems of the new country, looking often to Britain for answers.

In three reports, Hamilton revealed his plan for the United States economy. "The Report on Credit" advocated the assumption of state debt by the national government and suggested paying it off by taxing luxuries, such as alcohol. He used the location of the national capital as leverage to get assumption through Congress. Hamilton's second report called for a national bank, which would make available war loans. He defended the bank's constitutionality with the "elastic clause" from Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution. His third, a "Report on Manufacturers", was a plan for making the United States independent of other countries. The Paterson society, created to prove the self-sufficiency of a manufacturing economy, failed due to the depression. All Hamilton's plans were linked together. Each depended on the success of another. In 1792, Jefferson and Hamilton began a journalistic war, mostly over Hamilton's taxes, which not even Washington could stop.

The French Revolution was almost universally supported in America, but Hamilton disliked mobs as much then as during the American Revolution. At the same time, he dealt expertly with the consequences of his excise tax on whiskey, the Whiskey Rebellion. With a considerable show of force, Hamilton managed to avoid violence.

In 1795, Hamilton retired from Washington's Cabinet. America's economy was in good condition, he felt he had "accomplished enough". He also needed to support his family and returned to the practice of law, though he continued to give advice. Britain had become increasingly hostile, and the Jay Treaty proved unsatisfactory even if temporarily effective. Hamilton fully supported Washington's Neutrality Proclamation, and in "The Defense", Hamilton dissected and defended the Jay Treaty. Hamilton's last official act in Washington's service was drafting Washington's Farewell Address. John Adams was elected in 1796 and retained Washington's cabinet, in which Hamilton had immense influence.

Conflict with France now became imminent. The XYZ affair enraged the public and put pressure on Adams. The army was expanded, and Washington came out of retirement. Hamilton was appointed major general under Washington. Adams resented this, and the dissent between the two Federalists created a rift in the party. Peace with France did not bring peace between the two men. Nonetheless, Hamilton did endorse Adams in the next election.

In the Electoral College, Burr and Jefferson tied; Adams was out of the running. Hamilton supported Jefferson, the lesser of two evils, and provoked Burr. He convinced others to support Jefferson by persuading Jefferson to compromise. Jefferson's cooperation proved to be the downfall of the Federalist Party. It made it obsolete. Content, but wary, Hamilton prepared to do journalistic battle, if necessary, by founding the *New York Evening Post*.

In 1804, Hamilton once again stood in the way of Burr's bid for office. This time Burr was running for New York governor. In response to statements made by Hamilton, Burr challenged him to a duel. With a son and daughter dead, Hamilton seemed ready to join them and did on July 12, 1804.

Fundamentally, Hamilton's war was for a country. His particular forte was his country's economics, and he did his best to make it as perfect as he knew how. Though he was an illegitimate son and foreign born, Alexander Hamilton was the most legitimate American of his time.



Calendar of Events

**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 ncssar@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.

Event	Location	Date	Status
Fall Leadership	Louisville, KY	Oct 2-4, 2025	National
Grave Marking	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	State
250th Anniversary Navy and Marines	Philadelphia, PA	Oct 11-13	National
Liberty Tree Memorial: 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 Marking (5) Patriots	Sugar Hill Cemetery, Sugar Hill, GA	Nov 1, 2025 11:00 am	State
Grave Marking (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
Georgia Annual Conference	Hilton Atlanta NE, 5993 Peachtree Ind. Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA	Feb 6-7, 2026	State
Heroes of the Hornet's Nest	Elijah Clark St. Park	Feb. 13, 2026	State
Kettle Creek	Washington Square & War Hill Park	Feb 14, 2026	National
Spring Leadership	The Galt Hotel Louisville, KY	Mar 5 - 7, 2026	National





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While only twenty or so loyalists were captured at Kettle Creek, the group of prisoners were treated more like cattle than men. Many of the prisoners were suffering from battle wounds. The group was marched to Augusta, Georgia in chains and put in the bullpen of old fort Augusta. They were later joined by 78 Kettle Creek loyalists who had turned over to Williamson on the false promise that they would be released and posted bond if they were to come to his camp. Other loyalists joined and soon the number swelled to more than 150 prisoners.

Kettle Creek Part. 10

Painting by Jeff Trexler

The main distinction between the prisoners held at Augusta and other prisoners held during the war was that these men were not treated as prisoners of war, but instead as pure criminals. As criminals, these men were to be put on trial in the town of Ninety Six. Led by Colonel John Williams' regiment, the prisoners were marched from Augusta, Georgia to Ninety Six, arriving at the brick jail of ninety six by March 10th, 1779.

South Carolina Governor John Rutledge ordered the trials to start immediately. Sheriff of Ninety Six, William Moore, was charged with the task of selecting members of the jury. While the court proceedings have been lost to time, we do know basic facts and figures surrounding the trials. Approximately 75 men were released. According to the gazette of the state of South Carolina, another 50 men were given reprieves after being found guilty because... *"it appeared upon their trials, that most of them had been seduced and terrified into the fatal step, by Boyd, and a number of people who frequently came amongst them from North Carolina, under a variety of pretenses; and for want of proper information on the nature of our contest with Great Britain."*

One loyalist by the name of Zachariahs Gibbes described the treatment of these condemned prisoners as cruel, saying that the prisoners were forced to look at the holes that were to be their future graves as well as the gallows they were to be hanged from. While sentenced to die on April 19th, these loyalists received a writ of habeas corpus from Governor Rutledge on the very day halting the hangings. The loyalist prisoners on death row were then moved to Orangeburg, South Carolina, where they were kept in the town's blockhouse. There was an ongoing fear that residents would turn to the British cause.

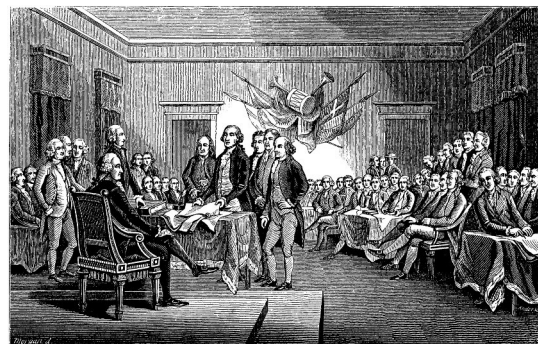
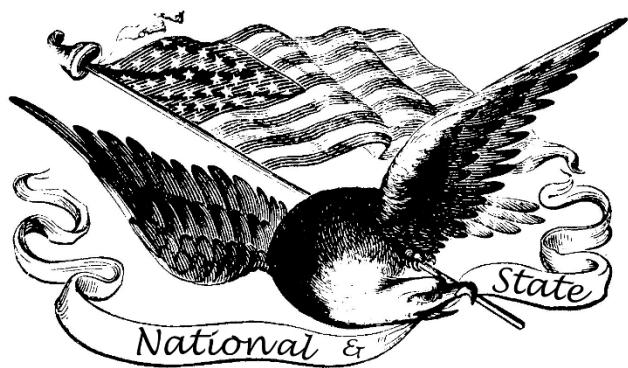


British Colonel James Mark Prevost wrote directly to Williamson to emphasize the consequences that would befall the American whigs if any harm was done to his majesties "faithful subjects..." General Moultrie and Major Thomas Pinckney also received fiery requests from British officials, but the Americans insisted that the prisoners were being held under the tenets of civil law. The British threat loomed on the minds of patriot authorities. All but 5 of the loyalist prisoners were granted reprieves. The last of the 5 prisoners were returned to Ninety Six where they were to receive their fatal punishment.

Sheriff William Moore oversaw the hangings of Charles Draper, John Anderson, James Lindley, Samuel Clegg, and Aquilla Hall. It was said that these men had committed cruel unforgivable acts against their patriot counterparts.

The men at the forefront of the trials and executions, Sheriff Moore and General Williamson, paid the consequences they so feared and ended up in British hands as the redcoats took control of South Carolina in 1780. Moore was held in the same jail in Ninety Six that the loyalist prisoners were held in during 1779. Williamson surrendered himself to the British and accepted parole. He claimed that he had been working with the British all along... giving him the debated title of "Arnold of the South."

Two more prisoners were eventually executed by North Carolina authorities. Fears of retaliation would prove prophetic, as these executions helped drive an increasingly violent cycle of atrocities in the South.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

CUMMING PARADE



Members from the Robert Forsyth Chapter joined the Patriots of Liberty C.A.R. in the Cumming, GA "67th Annual Thomas-Mashburn Steam Engine Parade", held each Independence Day.

DUNWOODY PARADE

The Mount Vernon Chapter along with the Piedmont Chapter SAR, the Joseph Habersham Chapter DAR, and the Martha Bulloch Stewart Chapter C.A.R. participated in the 2025 Dunwoody 4th of July Parade.





BRASELTON PARADE

MEADOW GARDEN



Members from the Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapters of GASSAR and Henry Laurens Chapter SCSSAR made up the Skunk



Brigade at Meadow Garden. Meadow Garden is the home of George Walton, a Georgia Signer of the Declaration of Independence. This event, in celebration of the Signing of the Declaration, was held in Augusta, GA on July 4th. The Skunk



Brigade presented the colors and fired our cannons on the hour. Steve Burke had his survivalist display on hand. There were 431 registered attendees. We also inducted a new member to the Skunk Brigade, Stephen Rigg who is awaiting national approval to join the Brier Creek Chapter. HUZAZH!!



BRAVES GAME





The video recording of the Summer BOM in Barnesville, GA is now available for viewing when you click on the YouTube link below:

<https://youtu.be/Ckrs7J13z2U>

BOM

Center and Below: Members of the Skunk Brigade at the Garden Patch Restaurant with President Bill Floyd and Craig Benton, who were presented two new skunk hats. They were the 39th and 40th members of the skunk brigade."



Above: Compatriot Emil Decker receives a certificate and prize money on behalf of the Patriots of Liberty C.A.R. Society, Best Society in the United States Again!! Emil is wearing a "HUZZAH to our Patriots!" fundraising cap.



Right: Bill Tankersley represented the Georgia Society SAR as Senior VP and Little River Chapter at the 15th annual Signer's Monument Celebration in Augusta. The event is sponsored by the National Sojourners and celebrates Georgia's three Signers of the Declaration of Independence at the monument dedicated to them.



NATIONAL CONGRESS

15th Annual Signers Monument Celebration

Join the National Sojourners, Inc. as we celebrate our Nation's 249th Birthday and Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence

Button Gwinnett · Lyman Hall · George Walton

Friday, July 4, 2025 @ 9:00 am
500 Greene Street



The National Sojourners and Heroes of '76 are American Freemasons who serve or have served in the uniformed Armed Forces. Our purpose is to support each other and to promote patriotic and Masonic activities and values.

Daughters of the American Revolution will also host an open house at Meadow Garden, 1320 Independence Drive, the home of Signer George Walton, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

NSSAR Congress - Bylaw Amendments

Amendment Bylaw #14 - Change in definition of Chaplain - PASSED

Amendment Bylaw #21 - Change in method of electing Chairman of Council of State Presidents - PASSED

Amendment Bylaw #22 - Change in method of voting on and setting of fees and dues - FAILED

Amendment Bylaw #22 - Correction of wording of admission fee to application fee - PASSED

Amendment Bylaw #24 - Change in investment requirement for GWEF - PASSED but this also has to be sent to the state/other societies for passage of 75% of these bodies

Amendment to Article III(5) of Constitution and Bylaw #1 - Expansion of Memorial Memberships - PASSED

Amendment to Bylaw #1 - to add a "Provisional Member" - FAILED

Amendment to Bylaw #2 - to add national at-large membership - REFERRED back to Membership Committee

Amendment to Bylaw #7 - Changes to qualifications of Treasurer General - FAILED

Amendment to Bylaw #18 - Changes to makeup of National Executive committee - WITHDRAWN

Amendment to Bylaw 19 - to change role and purpose of Genealogy Committee - FAILED

Amendment to Bylaw 21 - to change role of Nominating Committee - REFERRED back to Bylaws Committee

Addition to Constitution and Bylaws - to add the position of Executive Vice President - FAILED

Other business

Fees and dues will remain the same as last year - No changes

Officers elected / installed

President General - Michael Elston

Secretary General - Allen Greenly

Treasurer General - Brooks Lyles

Chancellor General - Peter Davenport

Genealogist General - Gary Green

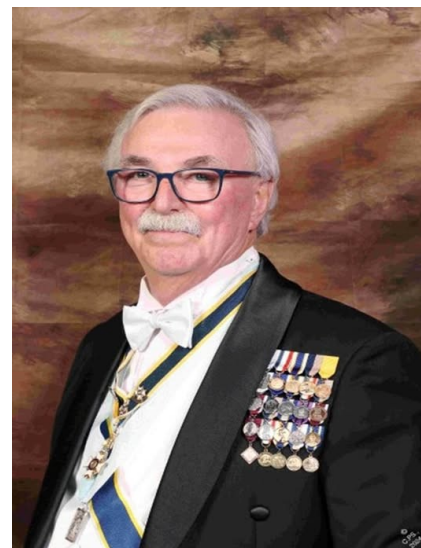
Registrar General - Keith Weissinger

Historian General - Jeff Thomas

Librarian General - James Osbourn

Surgeon General - Joe Hamill

GASSAR Past President Allen Greenly is our new Secretary General. Congrats Allen!



A letter to the Compatriots of Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, here-in shared with all. [Editor]

Dear Compatriots,

Stephen Weaver attended this year's SAR National Congress. He texted me last night, and this morning I woke up with his email stating that "...BRM Chapter wins both National first places PG [President Generals] Cup (again) and Liberty Bell Americanism Awards (2nd last year) and PG Educational Outreach Streamer Award. **Georgia Society recognized 18 times.**"

We are recognized as the best chapter in the Nation! Winning national recognition has been a tradition for the BRM Chapter since its founding 25 years ago.

HOW? Our members, especially our core members, are active.

How may I become a "core member"? Volunteer for activities that enhance the SAR mission.

What is the SAR mission? Honoring our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors and promoting patriotism, serving communities, and educating future generations about the founding principles of the United States.

What activities qualify? Just about all activities that honor our founding, educate our citizens and youth, and promote patriotism count. Talks/speeches to civic and church groups, working with youth or Veterans, serving in leadership roles in other civic organizations, participating in SAR functions...the list goes on.

Members of other chapters do this too, but the BRM Chapter's secret sauce is our superior record-keeping. The National Awards are based on points, and points are given for nearly everything one does toward accomplishing the SAR Mission.

To report your activities, please contact Steve Weaver at (828) 360-2476, me at (770) 855-0007, or Sid Turner at (706) 745-3410.

Stephen Weaver deserves three Huzzah!

Steve is following a long line of BRM Chapter compatriots who trained their replacements and collected, reviewed, and consolidated activities, then included them in the reports sent to the state and the National Society.

Huzzah!

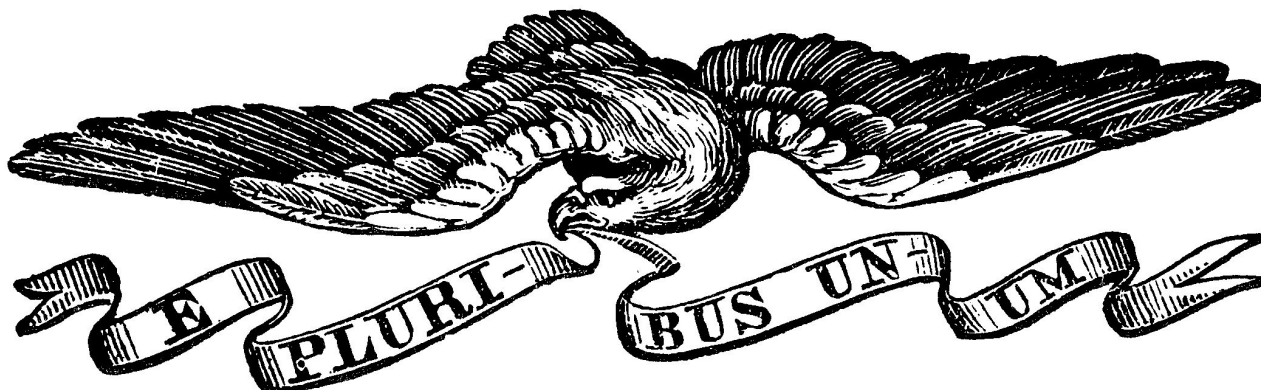
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Huzzah!

Yours in Patriotism,

Jared Ogden

President, BRM Chapter, SAR





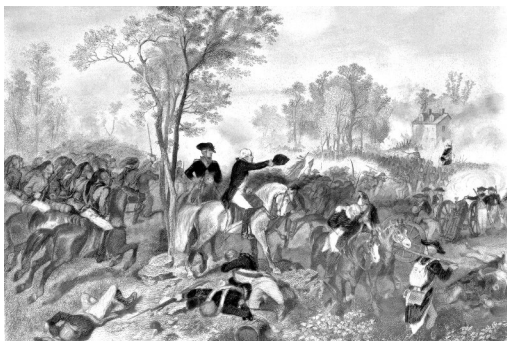
CAMDEN

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, the Camden community gathered to honor history and remembrance through two meaningful events: the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden and a Wreath Laying Ceremony for the Unknown Soldiers at Quaker Cemetery, known as the Camden -12.

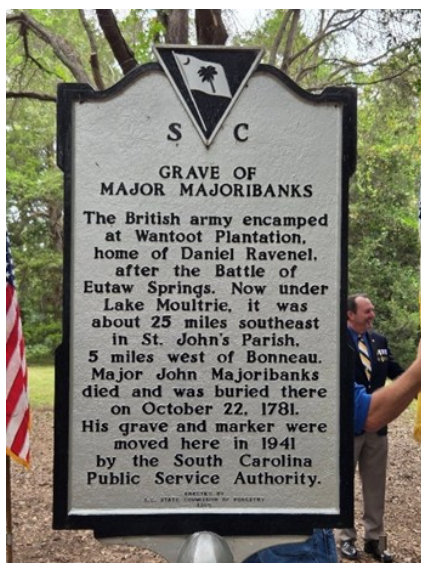
The events were jointly sponsored by the Hobkirk Hill Chapter NSDAR, Joseph Kershaw Chapter NSDAR, the Historic Camden Foundation, and the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSAR, reflecting the shared commitment of these organizations to preserve and honor the legacy of our nation's past.

Each ceremony was well attended, with over 70 participants present and 28 wreath presenters representing patriotic, civic, and heritage organizations.





EUTAW SPRINGS





Below: The Brier Creek Artillery, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to East Georgia State College on Thursday, September 11, 2025, to participate in the College's Annual 9/11 Commemoration. The Ceremony began at 8:30, attended by close to 200 people, including the 1st Responders, veterans, Brier Creek Artillery, Fire Trucks with U.S. Flag flying and school officials. When the siren sounded at 8:46 a.m., it signified the time when the Twin Towers were struck. Commander Steve Burke then gave the command for a 4-round volley by the Brier Creek Artillery's 4 six pounder cannons and then taps was played by Veteran Scotty Nasworthy on his bugle. The 4 artillery shots commemorated the two Towers, the Pentagon and the field in Pennsylvania. The four cannons were fired by Steve Burke, Dess Smith III of the Wiregrass Chapter, Lee Herron of the Brier Creek Chapter and Alton O'Neal McCloud of the Little River Chapter."

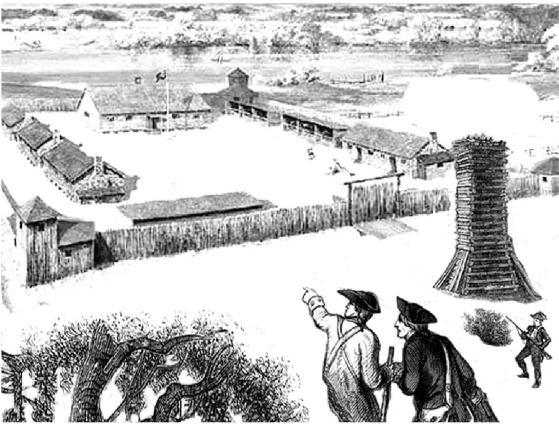
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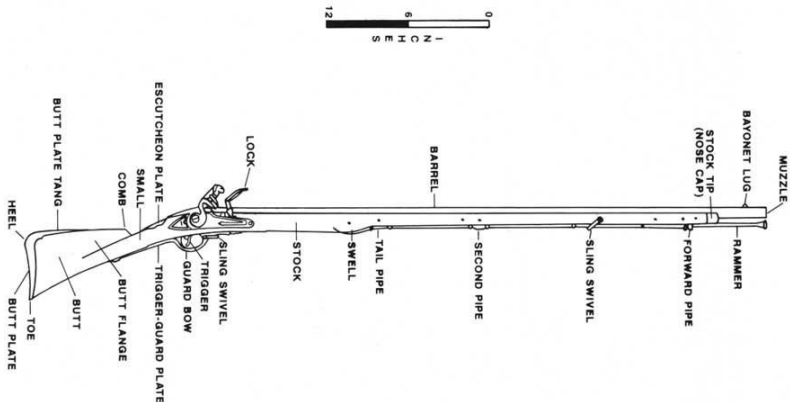
CONSTITUTION DAY

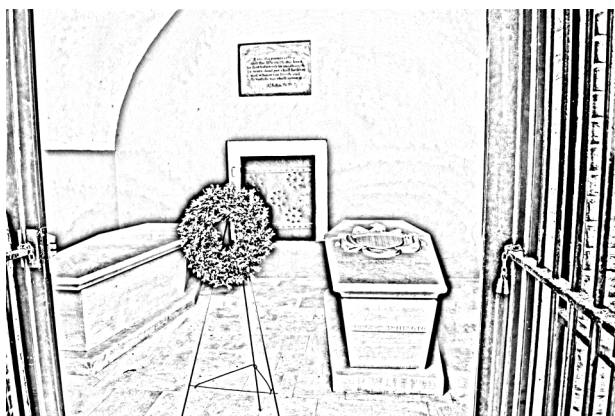
Right: Alton McCloud, Little River President, brought his traveling trunk and cannon to participate in the Aiken SC Constitution Day event on September 20.





SIEGE OF AUGUSTA





WASHINGTON TOMB VIGIL

Right and Below: Two GASSAR Colorguards-men attended the Tomb Vigil. Scott Collins of the Athens Chapter and Donald Loudermilk, from the Robert Forsyth Chapter.



While performing the Washington's Tomb Vigil, an interesting thing happened, and the new National Color Guard Commander, Robert Meyer from New Jersey, wrote about it on Facebook.



Sons of the American Revolution

Robert Meyer · September 14 at 12:51 PM · 🌐



Yesterday, during our color guard duties at the Tomb of George Washington, we were asked by the Secret Service to vacate the area due to an unannounced visit by the Secretary of Defense—now titled the Secretary of War—Mr. Pete Hegseth.

Rather than stepping aside, I approached the Secret Service detail and introduced us as members of the Sons of the American Revolution. I asked if we could form an honor guard for the Secretary. They agreed, and the Secretary was very pleased with our presence. He spent time talking with us, shook everyone's hand, and even took several photos. He even asked his family to join us for a photo.

He also thanked every one of us individually and shook our hands.

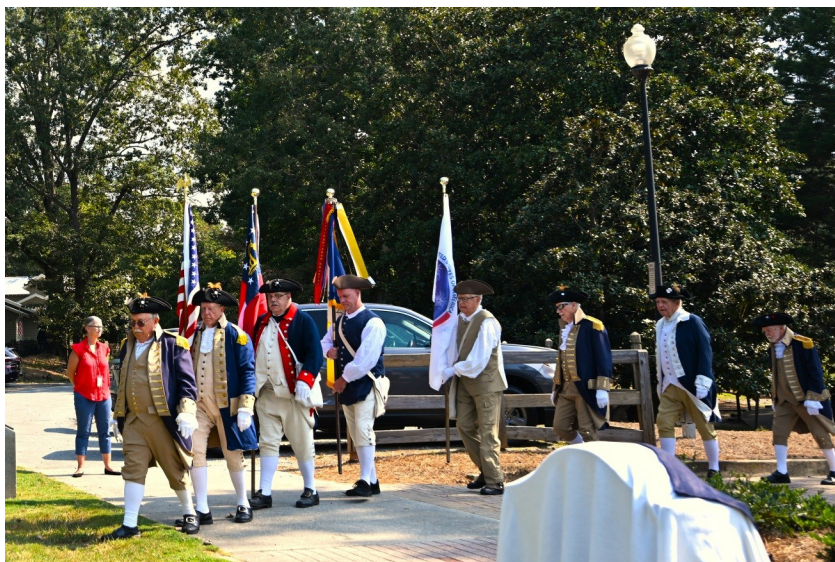
This experience reminded us that sometimes, instead of stepping back, we should step forward and offer our part in honoring our nation's leaders and heritage.

Robert Meyer.





ACWORTH MONUMENT DEDICATION



The John Collins Chapter and the City of Acworth dedicated a monument honoring the 250th Anniversary of the founding of a new American nation. Acworth Mayor Tommy Allegood expressed his pride. "We're standing here at Patriots Point," he said. "Twenty years ago, we built Patriots Point with the mission to make sure that we would celebrate our veterans, and we have done that."





GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



STEPHEN DAY

Stephen Day was born 1742 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He relocated to Georgia before the American Revolution and fought with the Georgia Troops during the war. He received a military warrant for his service. Day was subsequently awarded a 200-acre land grant in the portion of Richmond County that became Columbia County, near the present-day city of Grovetown. He died around 1825. His grave is located inside a fenced-in area off the Harlem-Grovetown Road in Columbia County.





Descendants from as far away as Florida and Virginia traveled to the Augusta area to honor their patriot ancestor.



JOHN O'QUINN

Patriot John O'Quinn received a military warrant, and was granted 200 acres of land in Columbia County GA (formerly part of Richmond County until 1790) by the Georgia Governor on 9 Dec/1784, He served as a Pvt. in the North Carolina Troops under Col James Moore, for 21 months (4 tours) and fought at the battle of Stone Mt. in Georgia. He is buried in the O'Quinn Family Burial Grounds on Fort Benning U.S. Army Reservation.





HEZEKIAH BUSSEY



Patriot Hezekiah Bussey was born about 1750 in Calvert County, Maryland, and died in 1796 in Lincoln County, GA. He served as a private in the Georgia Troops under General Elijah Clarke and received bounty land per the refugee land grant along Richland Creek in Washington County, GA for his services. Bussey Point at the Clarks Hill Lake is likely named for him or his descendants. A headstone for Bussey is located at St. Paul's Church in Lincoln County, near the intersection of GA Hwy 220 and GA Hwy 43.

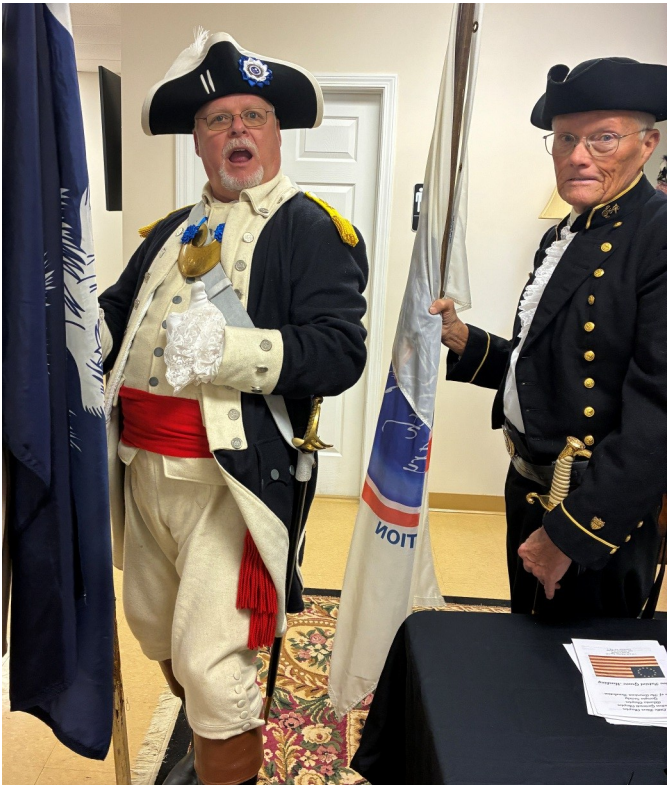
ISAAC CLIATT

Miss Caroline Murphy, Librarian of the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. in Gwinnett Co and descendant of Patriot Isaac Cliatt gave his Biography.



Patriot Isaac Cliatt was born sometime before 1760 and died in 1842 in Lincoln County, GA. He served as a Private under Captains William McIntosh and John Ducoins in the 3rd Company Georgia Battalion. Cliatt received a land grant in 1837 for his services. The Cliatt's Crossing area in Lincoln County GA, intersection of GA Hwy 220 and GA Hwy 47, is named for him and his descendants. He was buried in a family cemetery on property near this intersection.





MOSES JONES

Patriot Moses Jones was born in Virginia in 1765 and died on New Year's Day 1830 in Lincoln County, GA. He served as a Private in the American Revolution in Virginia and relocated to Georgia after the war. He was buried at the Toliver Jones Family Cemetery, a.k.a. Jones Chapel Cemetery.

ZACHARIAH SPIRES

Patriot Zachariah Spires was born about 1745 in South Carolina and rendered material aid during the Revolution. He died in Lincoln County, GA in 1806. A headstone for him is located at St. Paul's Church in Lincoln County.





WILLIAM NORMAN



Patriot William Norman was born about 1747 in Fauquier County, Virginia. In 1776, he enlisted in Northampton County, VA as a private in Captain Stubblefield's Company of the 5th Regiment of the VA Continental Line commanded by Colonel Josiah Parks. He was wounded in both knees at the Battle of Brandywine and later served in the 3rd Virginia Continental Regiment. Sometime after the war, he and his family moved to present day Lincoln County GA, where he and his son George were surveyors. According to family history, Norman farmed on the land on Mill Creek that he acquired and lived there until he died sometime after 1817. He was buried on his property, now owned by a timber company, in the northern part of the county. Descendants of William Norman still live and work in Lincoln County today. Current Lincoln County Commission Chairman and Little River Chapter SAR Compatriot Walker T. Norman is one such example.

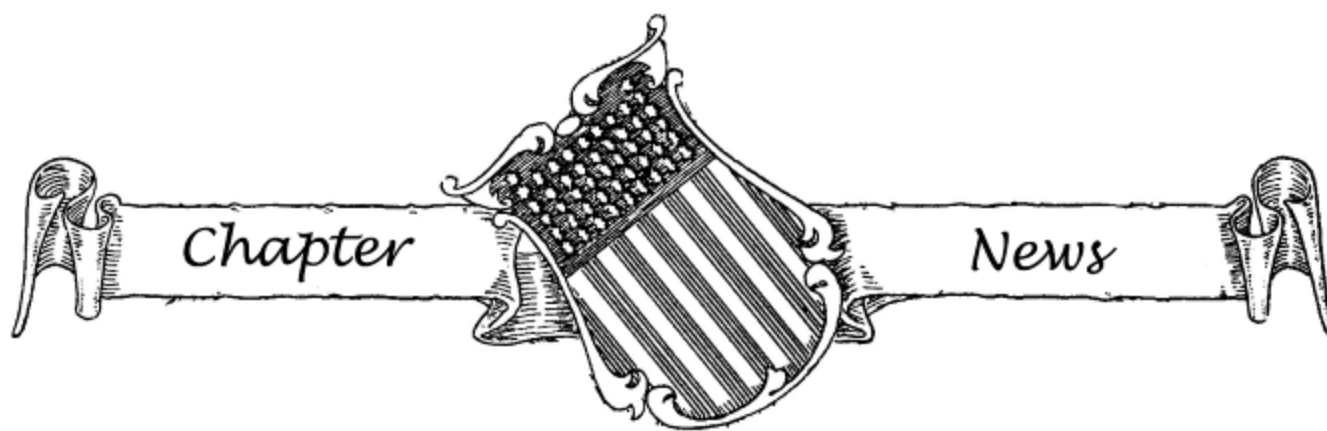




MICAH ROGERS

Patriot Micah Rogers served as a private under Colonel Brinckerhoff in the Dutchess County, NY Militia, during the time period 1779-1780. He lived in Fishkill, NY till his death on 16 Feb 1815. He was a member of the Hopewell Dutch Reformed Church and is buried in the Pilgrim's Rest cemetery there.





Atlanta



Left: Attending the Grave marking of Stephen Day were the Atlanta Chapter's DAR & SAR representatives Elizabeth Wysong and Gregory Smith.

Right: Gregory also attended the 5 Patriot grave markings in Lincolnton, GA.



Blue Ridge Mountains



Right: Steve Weaver, John Mays and David Jessel - GASSAR Past President, at Lebanon CT War Office dedication of an SAR Bench made from Georgia granite.



Below: L to R: Jared Ogden, Devon Turner, Mike Zink, John Mays, Steve and Barbara Weaver, Sid Turner at the Georgia Mountain Fair's 75th Annual Parade on Saturday, August 16th.



Below: President Ogden presented Mike Blair his Bronze 250th Anniversary Certificate.



Above: Trey Weinkle, Carl Radford, and William "Bill" Kolb were inducted by President Ogden. L to R: Sec/Treas Steve Weaver, New members Bill Kolb, Carl Radford, Trey Weinkle, Chapter Genealogist Jack Dugger, President Ogden.

Right: Newly inducted Compatriot Trey Weinkle then spoke on his thru-hike experience on the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. Trey described some of the necessary equipment needed to facilitate his trail hike.



Below: On Constitution Day, Sept 17, 2025, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter combined with the Captain James Kell Chapter, NSDAR to conduct a Liberty Tree planting ceremony. The ceremony was held at Clear Creek Elementary School in Gilmer County (Ellijay, GA). This is the sixth Liberty Tree planted by the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.

Overall attendance of 140 included 120 elementary school children.



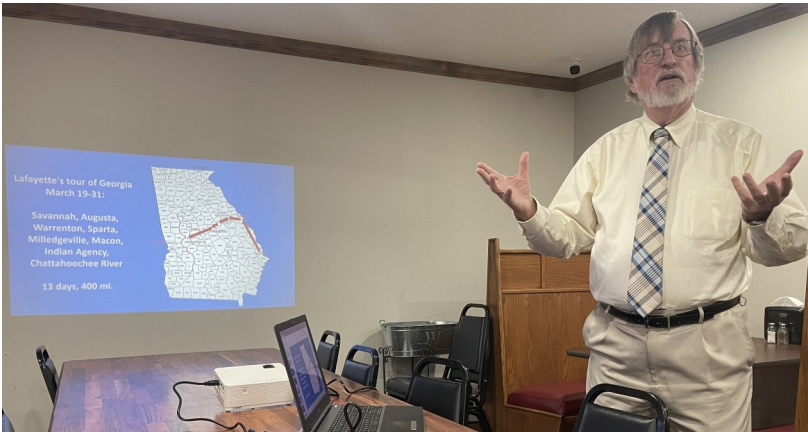
British Cartoon shows "America" receiving the surrender of Cornwallis in the background, while an emaciated cow representing "English commerce" is robbed of her milk by France, Spain, and Holland in the left foreground, on the right a frock-coated Englishman begs, as does the British lion, whose paw has been injured by a broken teapot.

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Brier Creek

Parish Thaine House.

Right: The Brier Creek Chapter held its July monthly meeting. With 18 in attendance, our speaker for the evening was Hu Daughtry, presenting his program on the



Above: The Brier Creek Chapter's August monthly meeting, featured John Derden, who presented his program on the Tour of Lafayette, 1825.

Right: President Lee presented Compatriot Robert Good with his Military Service Veterans Corps medal and certificate."



Below: Members of the Skunk Brigade and Militia L to R: Ted Walker, John Joyner, Steve Burke, Stephen Rigg, Judson LeViner, Alton McCloud, Lee Herron, Rick Morris, Neel Flannagan, and Briley Walker in the center making all of us old skunks look good. The event was a Dedication Ceremony for the American Revolution Monument in Edgefield, SC and was held on the Edgefield Court House Square. It was organized by the Edgefield County 250 Committee for the Celebration of the American Revolution 1775-1783 and was held on Saturday, August 2, 2025.



Right: The Brier Creek Skunk Brigade traveled to Excelsior, GA to participate in the Jones Family Reunion held at the Excelsior Baptist Church on Saturday August 9, 2025. The Jones Family invited the Skunk Brigade to attend their reunion because their family goes back to the American Revolution. Commander Steve Burke, Lee Herron and Dess Smith III attended their reunion.



Right and Below: "The Brier Creek Skunk Brigade traveled to Camden, SC to participate in the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden event sponsored by the SCSSAR, Joseph Kershew Chapter DAR & the Hobkirk Hill Chapter DAR, on August 16, 2025. There were about 245 in attendance at the event today.



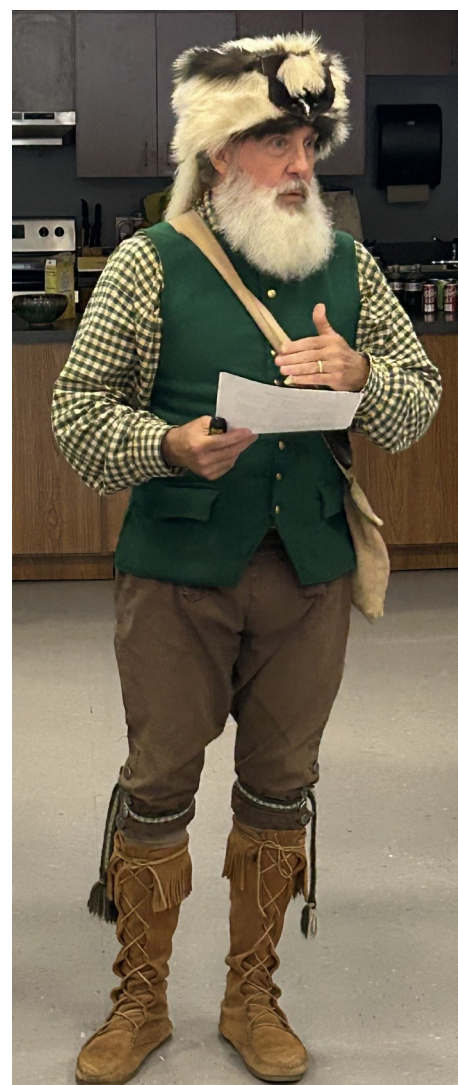
Right: The Skunk Brigade traveled to Eutawville, SC, Saturday, August 30, 2025, to attend the 244th Anniversary Battle of Eutaw Springs event. Those attending: Commander Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Don Bazemore, Dess Smith III, Alton McCloud and Ted Walker (SC). HUZAH!!!



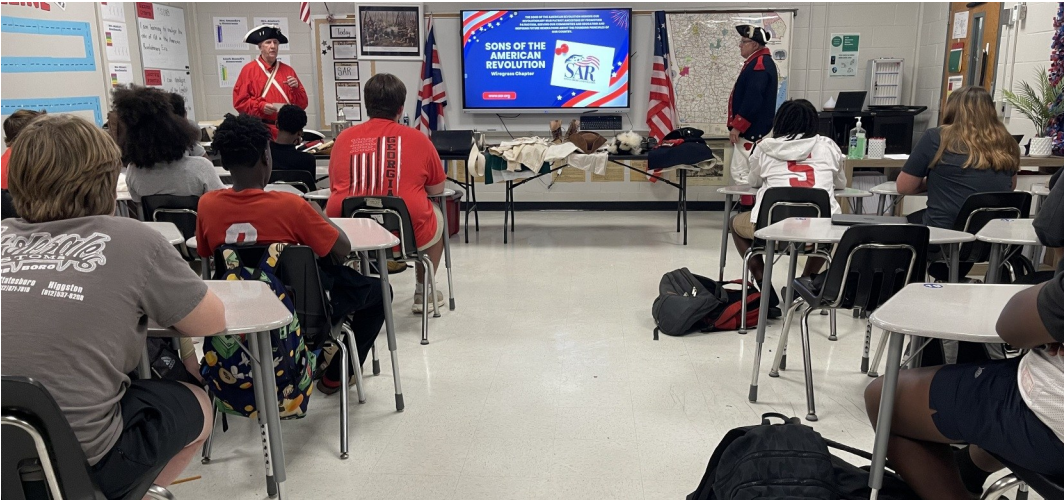
"The Brier Creek Artillery traveled to Ebenezer with 9 members of the Brier Creek, Wiregrass and Little River Chapters Georgia Society, and the Henry Laurens Chapter traveled to Ebenezer, GA for the Annual Ebenezer Heritage Day Festival on Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025. This event is held year with food, crafts, exhibits, demonstrations, activities and all are welcome with free admission. Our Revolutionary War Traveling Trunks demonstrated to over 500 visitors to the event. The Event is proudly presented by the Georgia Salzburger Society and the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rincon, GA.



Below: Lee Herron traveled to Reidsville, GA to present his Capt. Jack Jouett, the Paul Revere of the South program to the Josiah Tattnall Chapter DAR.



The Skunk Brigade traveled to Twin City, GA to present a living history Revolutionary War program to ECI's 8th Grade Class of Mrs. Amanda Reynolds, on September 24, 2025. Alton Reynolds and Gary Mason, both members of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro, talked to the class about what happened during America's Revolutionary War, the battles that were fought and demonstrated the uniforms, equipment and hardships that our Patriots endured. Students then were invited to try on some of the outfits of the collection. The students went outside watched while Gary Mason and Alton Reynolds, with the help of Steve Burke and Dess Smith, demonstrated and fired two of the Artillery group's cannons.



Button Gwinnett

Below: Our July 10, 2025 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA., we had 26 members and 22 guests in attendance.



Below: Past President Tom Jacques inducted our newest Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Compatriots - Barry Eugene Whitehead and his sons Ethan Riley Whitehead and James Garrett Whitehead.



Right: As a retired United States Army Ranger – Barry was presented with the SAR War Service Medal by Compatriot and former US Marine Chris Bradfield. Barry received service bars for Iraq, Afghanistan, and SW Asia



Right: Tom Jacques as Georgia State SAR-DAR Liaison Chairman presented Stacy Whitehead with the coveted SAR Medal of Appreciation that she earned for recruiting three new members into the Button Gwinnett Chapter; her husband Barry, and sons Ethan and James



Above: The evening program was "The Frontier" by Button Gwinnett Compatriot Eli Stancel.



Center: Our August 14, 2025 Chapter Meeting President Ray Kyle presented Mary Lieb Martin with her SAR 250 Gold Medal and Certificate. (Mary is the wife of Button Gwinnett 1st VP Jack Martin)



Left: The Evening program was "10 New Things You Didn't Know About George Washington" by Compatriot Terry Manning.

Below: On Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the invitation of Linda Richardson, President Ray Kyle attended the Sergeant Newton DAR Chapter Summer social meeting, at Shiloh Methodist Church, Covington, GA. At the meeting, President Kyle inducted Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter's new member, Zachary Richardson.



Below: Following Zach's induction, President Kyle gave a presentation on what a "Minutemen" would most likely carry on his person when he was called to duty.



Above: On August 16, 2025, Gordon Woodard, Ralph Galpin, Ray Kyle, and dual member Mike Watkins attended the Battle of Blue Licks Commemoration, in Carlisle, KY. Ralph got away from us before we took photos. David Loudon from Lyman Hall also attended, which rounded out the five total members from Georgia.

Right: The following day, August 17, 2025, Gordon Woodard, Ralph Galpin, Ray Kyle, and dual member Mike Watkins, attended five Patriot Grave Markings at The Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY.



Below: Aug 16 - Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia – General Nathanael Greene Chapter Six members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR were inducted into the General Nathanael Greene Chapter Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia.

They were Randy and Noah Tindall (Descendants of Patriot John Tindall), Frank and Chris Bradfield (Descendants of Patriot Jonathan Cone), John “Jack” Martin (Descendant of Patriot Martin Martin) and William Gray Jacques (Descendant of Minuteman Amaziah Hildreth). Additional SAR Members inducted were Adam Pethel of the Lyman Hall Chapter (Descendant of Patriot William Tate Sr.) and Ron Redner of the Piedmont Chapter (Descendant of Patriot John Ramsdell).





Above: Thursday August 21 thru Saturday August 23, Sid Hughes, Thomas Coleman, Adam Pethel and Tom Jacques set up Georgia SAR and SR Recruiting tables that included a few items from the Button Gwinnett Chapter American Revolution Traveling Trunk.

Below: Friday Aug 22 - Tom Jacques was the Color Guard Commander joined by Thirteen SAR Compatriots in the largest Presentation of Colors ever at a Georgia DAR Fall Forum or State Conference.



Right: Our September 10, 2025 Chapter Meeting program was "Georgia Military Hall of Fame" by U.S. Army retired Sergeant Major Sarita Dyer: As a Sergeant Major, Sarita has served in a multitude of leadership roles, including her time as the Officer in Charge of the Female Engagement Team during Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in 2013. Her illustrious career is decorated with numerous prestigious awards, such as the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2), Meritorious Service Medal (4), Army Commendation Medal (6), Army Achievement Award Medal (11), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with star, and many others. Her service was not only about duty but a commitment to excellence in every position she held, from Force Protection Sergeant Major to her leadership role in the 3rd Infantry Division as the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Senior Advisor. In 2022, Sarita Dyer, was inducted into the Georgia Military Veteran Hall of Fame.





Cherokee

Thanks to Cherokee Chapter compatriot [Dennis McIntire](#) for joining members of Hightower Trail Chapter, NSDAR to participate in "Bells Across America" at Cherokee Veterans Park on September 17, 2025. After a brief introduction, we rang the bells precisely at 4:00 PM. Thanks to Dwight Dover for the photos.

Below: Cherokee members Dwight Dover and Thomas Turner attended the Acworth Monument Dedication Ceremony.



Coweta Falls

Below: On September 6th, 2025, the Coweta Falls Chapter held the Grave Marking of Patriot John O'Quin SAR number P-263302 at Cemetery Number 33 in Fort Benning, GA. There were 9 SAR chapters, 9 DAR chapters and 2 C.A.R. societies present. A total of 60+ in attendance with 30 of them descendants from 4 different states. Three of the descendants have become members of 3 Chapters in Georgia. John O'Quin served as a Private serving in the North Carolina militia for 21 months (4 tours) and fought at the battle of Stone in Georgia. Patriot O'Quin moved several time following the revolutionary war ending in what was Indian territory where he died and was buried at what is now Fort Benning, Chattahoochee County, GA.



Fall Line

Right: The Fall Line Chapter's September meeting hosted Compatriot Steve Burke who presented his program on "Sharpshooters"

Four Rivers Patriots



Above: The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter, held its monthly meeting, July 17, 2025, Compatriot Steve Burke, President of the Wiregrass Chapter about General Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox of the Revolutionary War.



Left: Bernard Martin, a member of the Brier Creek Chapter in Screven County, talked about the USS Starke and the terrible tragedy that took place in 1989 in the Persian Gulf when an Iraqi Jet fired 2 Exocet missiles and struck the USS Starke, killing 37 sailors and injuring many others.



Right: The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter held its monthly September meeting, where Compatriot Hu Daughtry presented a program.

Below: President Joel then inducted A. L. Wilkes into the Four Rivers Chapter as its newest member.

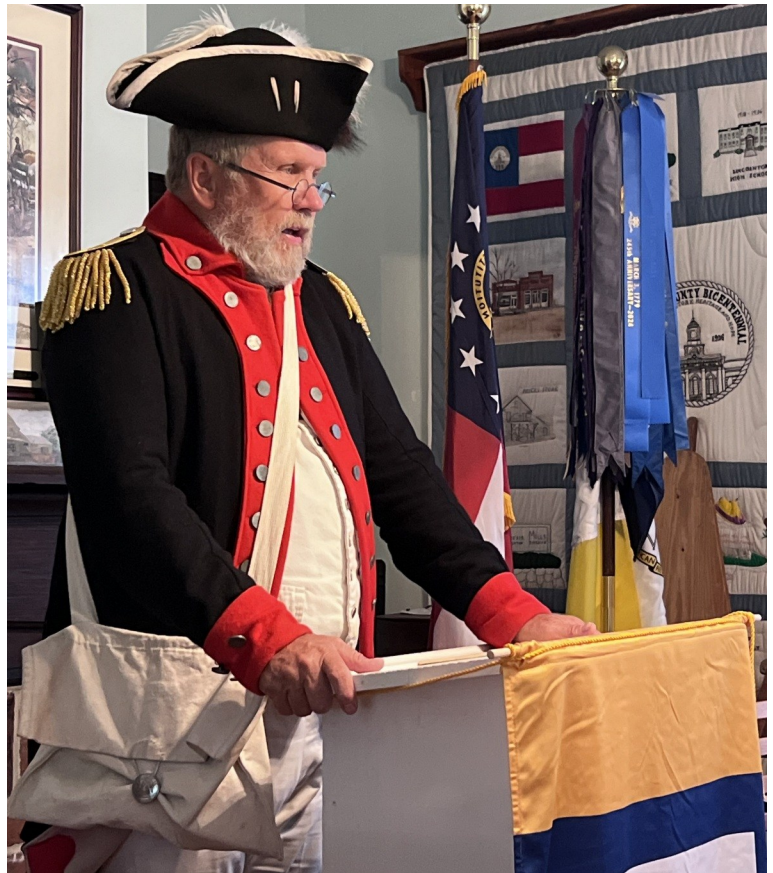


Little River

Right: Compatriot Steve Burke traveled to Lincolnton, GA, August 21, to present "Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox" to the Little Rivers Chapter. There were 22 in attendance.



Above: Compatriot Alton McCloud, attended an event to Dedicate a monument for the American Revolution in Edgefield, SC, held on the Edgefield Courthouse Square.



Right: Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Andrew Brown was one of several officers who received Public Service & Heroism rewards from the chapter. In a tragic incident earlier this year, Deputy Brandon Sikes was killed and Deputy Gavin White suffered serious injuries from a gunshot wound. Deputy Brown rushed White to the hospital in the midst of gunfire and saved his life. Chapter Compatriot and fellow deputy Chris Lane presented the SAR Life Saving award to Brown, pictured.



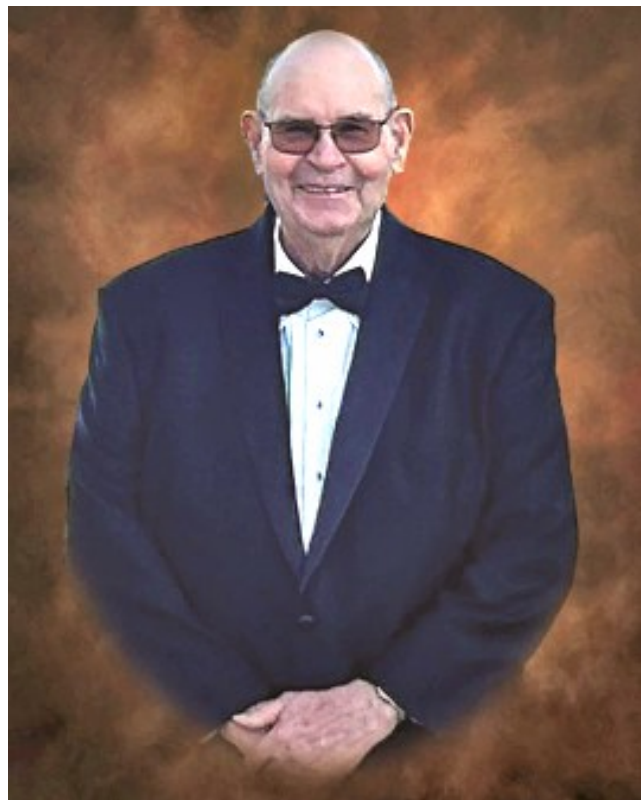
Left: The Little River, Button Gwinnett, and Atlanta Chapters sponsored a 5-patriot grave marking at St. Paul's Church in Lincoln County on September 27. The event was well attended

with about 80 SAR, DAR, and CAR members total. We honored the Revolutionary War Service of Patriots Hezekiah Bussey, Isaac Cliatt, Moses Jones, William Norman, and Zachariah Spires. Pictured is Society President Bill Floyd bringing greetings and sharing a laugh with Little River Chapter President Alton McCloud and the audience.



Left: Compatriot Jim Blanchard, our 1st VP, was the meeting speaker on July 17. His topic was Accountability Courts and how they affect the community. Jim is a Senior Judge of Georgia State Superior Courts and a very highly respected member of the legal community.

Below: Compatriot Terry Johnson died on July 28. Terry loved his country and was very patriotic. He served in the Georgia Army National Guard and as a commissioner of his native Warren County, GA.



Above: Tommy Chappell, Ben Creech, Bill Tankersley, and Don Thomas participated in the Patriot Stephen Day Grave Marking on August 2nd in Evans. Pictured is Little River Chapter member and Central East Fall Line Region VP Don Thomas with color guard in the background.

Right: Alton McCloud participated with The Skunk Brigade at the Battle of Eutaw Springs SC commemoration on August 30. Pictured is Alton with Ted Walker.





Left: LTC Edward Shelor USMC (Ret) spoke on US Military History with a focus on what led to the War of 1812 and the American Revolution at our Chapter Meeting on September 18.

Marshes of Glynn

Certificate and Medal to the New Eagle Scout Jimmy Lowrey of Boy Scout Troop 248 on St. Simons Island. Eagle Scout Lowrey is one of the 100 plus Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 248 through its years.

Recently the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented an Eagle Scout



Right: (L-R) New Member certificates were presented to Todd Porter, whose Patriot is Private Abel Bliss of MA, Taylor Cooper, whose Patriot is Private John Tillman of NC; Albert Bishop and Charles P. Lewis were awarded the Military Service Medal; Edward Reynolds awarded the Certificate of Appreciation. Not pictured is Fred Cooper, whose Patriot is Private John Tillman of NC.



Mount Vernon

Below: The Mount Vernon Chapter along with the Piedmont Chapter SAR, the Joseph Habersham Chapter DAR, and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter C.A.R. participated in the 2025 Dunwoody 4th of July Parade.



Attending Mount Vernon members were: GASSAR President Bill Floyd (uniform), Shep Hammack (uniform), President Tom Hewett, VP Kevin Baker, Tony Crowe, Michael Long, Daniel Morgan (uniform), Chuck Olson, Chuck Rann, and David Wellons (uniform). (10 other chapter members).



Above and Right: Our Annual Picnic was held at a Nature Preserve in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

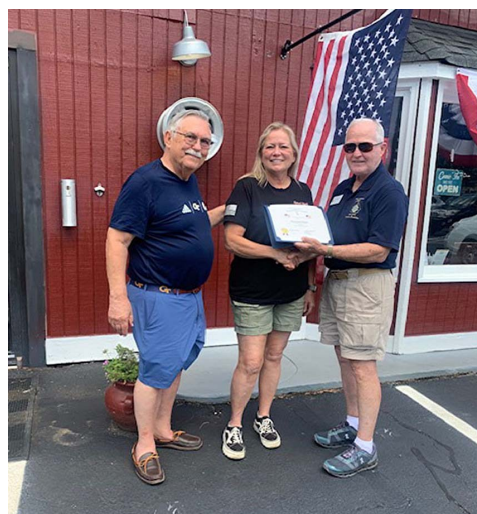


Left: On July 16, 2025, Chuck Olson had the privilege of presenting the incredible flag retirement team at Woodruff Scout Camp with a Flag Retirement Certificate from the Mount Vernon Chapter SAR recognizing the impressive and respectful flag retirement ceremonies they have performed every Wednesday evening during seven weeks of Summer Camp."

Right: Presenting the SAR Flag Certificate to Charlotte Holloway, owner of Spiced Right BBQ were Chapter President Tom Hewett and Shep Hammack. Spiced Right is located at 635 Atlanta Street in Roswell, GA.



Left: John Galt attended the dedication of a monument to Vietnam Helicopter Pilots in Alabama. It marked the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam conflict.



Right: The Mount Vernon Chapter's Charles C. Olson presented a wreath at the SAR's 2025 Siege of Augusta Ceremony.

Below: Carey Floyd received the 250th Anniversary Medal.



Below: Tom Hewett spoke about 'Francis Marion - the Father of Guerrilla Warfare' at the September monthly meeting.



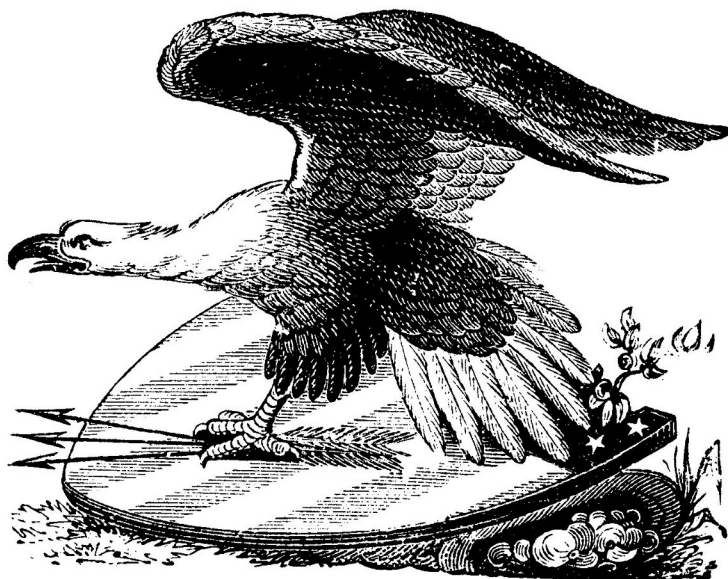
Ocmulgee

Marion Sullivan, right, receives a Sons of the American Revolution Flag certificate for the proper display of the American flag. Marion, a Vietnam War veteran, and his wife Barbara, live near Langston Road. Presenting the Certificate is John Trussell



Patrick Carr Rangers

Dess presented President David Hargrove with a Chapter Flag Streamer for the Patrick Carr Rangers chapter wreath presented at the 244 Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs in Eutawville, SC on August 30, 2025. President David then called on Treasurer Bill Tinley for a special report on the Revolutionary War.



Piedmont

The Piedmont Chapter SAR held Annual

Picnic on July 19, 2025 at the Roswell Area Park on Woodstock Road with 45 members and guests attending.





August meeting in the usual place. Breakfast, fellowship, honors, and planning.



Above Left: Braves Pregame saw Craig Benton ready to fire as part of the Militia line.



Above Right: Craig receives a new hat, fresh off a road in Dawson County, with a side trip to the Wiregrass Chapter's hatter.



Left: Ron Redner attended the Acworth 250 Monument dedication.

Robert Forsyth

Below Left and Right: July was too hot for a picnic, so we moved inside a local tavern to fellowship and regale each other with the successful parade a few days earlier. It was also a perfect opportunity to award Beth Ann Hustis her Bronze 250 Anniversary Medal.



Left and Right: August Meeting back to the Golden Corral, where the Georgia C.A.R. President, and SAR member, Noah Tindall was a guest. HUZZAH!!

Noah was joined by Chris's nephew Brayden Sule was in attendance.



Below Left: Brayden helping Chris collect flags from our Home Depot bin.

Below Right: At the meeting, Brayden displayed a wooden wall art rendition of a Betsy Ross he created. It is going to be a part of an upcoming raffle for the chapter. Stay tuned.





Left: Anticipating the August program to be about The Purple Heart, Donna Loudermilk brought a photo of her father, with members of his unit. She also shared one of two purple hearts that he earned through injuries during his service.



Above: Occasionally we get some odd things in our flag collection boxes. No, the sampler box did not contain chocolates, but a flag. One often wonders about the stories behind some of the flags dropped in for our retirement.

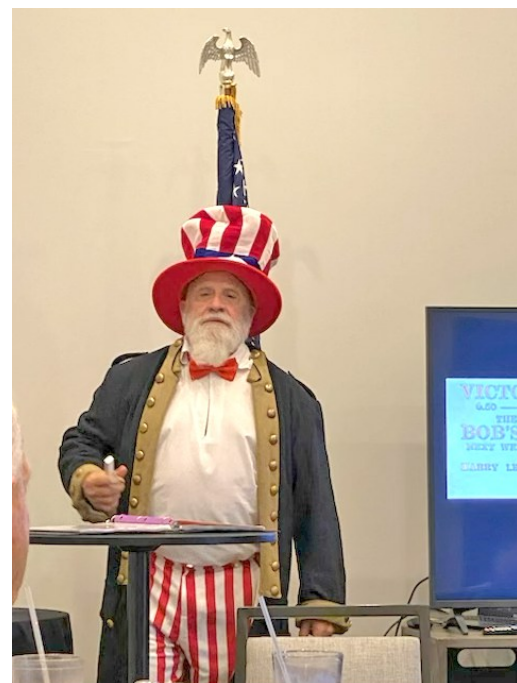


Left: While absent from our meeting, Chaplain Byron Tindall was off on a tour of European delights. He found some Turkish Sultan's jewel incrustated muskets (diamonds, rubies, emeralds) on display in a museum, but could not afford to bring one home....what a shame. At least he made it back safely.



Left and Right: September meeting brought a special guest, Uncle Sam ! We learned about his shady start and how he helped America pull together through the ages. I am sure he would love to come speak to your chapter.

Below Left: Members of the Robert Forsyth Chapter participated in a Forsyth Historical Society Work Day, helping to restore the Sherril House. The house dates to early 1900's, and is on the site of where one of the Vann Taverns was located. The site is where the Trail of Tears started on the Old Federal Road. The house will become a museum once fully restored.



Right and Below Left: One of a few who volunteer to travel to Mount Vernon once a year, to stand vigil at the tomb of General George Washington, and his wife Martha. This year, Robert Forsyth was honored to have Donald Loudermilk participating in the vigil. Interestingly, while there, he was able to stand with Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth when he made a surprise visit to the site.



In New York it was mandatory for the re-establishment of a Militia every few years, in keeping with tradition. In a June 1773 survey conducted of the Militia, Dutchess County consisted of four Regiments and forty-six infantry companies. After several years of disputes between Governor William Tryon and the General Assembly over Militia reform, The Militia Act expired in 1774 and the Regiments were thus disbanded.

J.C. Hustis' Ancestors

Dutchess County Militia, 2nd Regiment

Private Micah Rogers
Born 3-19-1773
Died 2-16-1815
10th Generation Grandfather

Sergeant George Van Nostrand
Born 4-21-1746
Died 1-24-1795
9th Generation Grandfather

Soldier George Jewell
Born 11-9-1740
Died 1810
8th Generation Grandfather



As one has come to expect, J.C. Hustis had a busy quarter. He went north to Fishkill, NY to participate in presenting a traveling trunk during the East Fishkill Colonial Days. While there, he visited several ancestor's graves, and placed a patriot marker at one there. We are processing the paperwork to make it officially a Robert Forsyth / GA sponsored grave marking.

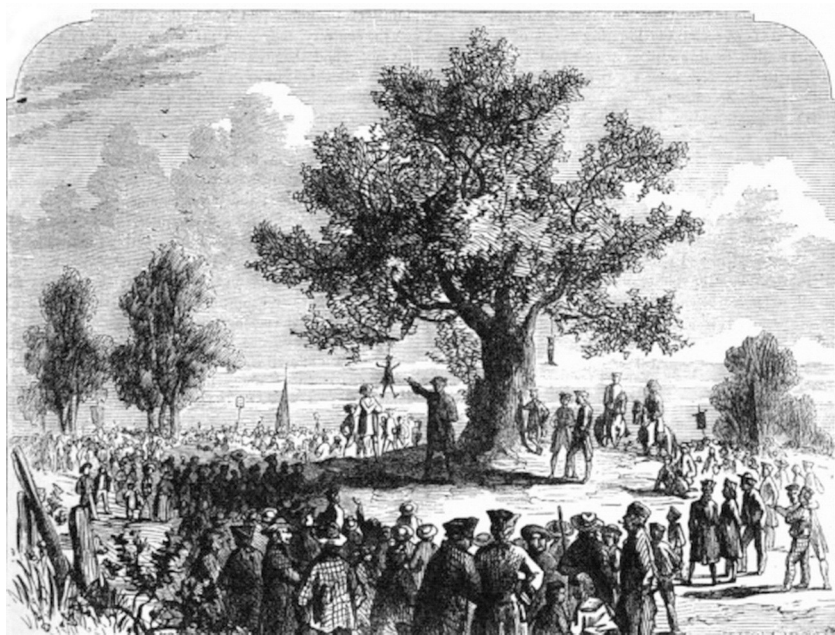




Above: Robert Forsyth supported the Milton Historical Society by presenting the Colors and demonstrating musket fire at their annual picnic in September. Carl Watkins brought a magnificent collection of what a militia man might have on his person when deployed.

Left and Right: Carl displayed an amazing hand cut and stitched cartridge box he made. The workmanship was exceptional.





William Few

Below Left: William Few President Thomas Miller presented an Eagle Scout Certificate of Achievement to Compatriot Hayden Miller at the chapter's 3rd quarterly meeting.



Above: On September 13, 2025 the William Few Chapter sponsored the Siege of Augusta Commemoration. Chapter President Thomas Miller welcomed attendees to the ceremony. Preceding the ceremony the State C.A.R. Societies of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama held a regional meetings.

Wiregrass

Below Left: "The First Methodist Church of Swainsboro held its weekly Sunday Service on July 6, 2025, at 11:00 am. The service was "God Bless America, ...land that I love". The Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard marched in with Compatriot Steve Burke carrying the U.S. Flag, Compatriot Gary Mason carrying the Christian Flag and Compatriot Alton Reynolds carrying the Holy Bible.

Counting the Color Guard, we had 6 members of our Wiregrass Chapter attending the service.



Above: Steve Burke & John Derden spoke to us about "Sharp Shooters from the Revolutionary war until today".

Left: President Steve called on Compatriot Alton Reynolds for a surprise presentation. Alton called up President Steve Burke, who is the Commander of the Skunk Brigade and the Brier Creek Artillery. Steve is the "go too man" in the SAR. Besides building the first cannon that started the Brier Creek Artillery, he built a second cannon. We now have 7 cannons in the Brier Creek Artillery and working on more. Steve also made the first "skunk hat" from roadkill and presented it to the late President Henry Wilder Smith, Jr. in 2014. Since then, Steve has made 41 skunk hats (and counting) with assistance from President Richard Lee Herron of the Brier Creek Chapter. It took 123 roadkill skunks to make those 41 hats. Steve is also the founder of the "Award - Winning Skunk Brigade" of the Brier Creek Artillery. Alton presented Steve with the Bill of Rights Amendment II Trophy, which reads *"A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. December 15, 1791."* Congratulations Commander Steve for all your hard work and your leadership."



Right: The Wiregrass Chapter's Sept. meeting at McKinney Pond Restaurant in Midville, Georgia September 11, had Hu Daughtry as our speaker. Hu, a member of the Mill Creek Chapter, spoke to us about the "Thain/Greene Family Connection".





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 -



HUZZAH! 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





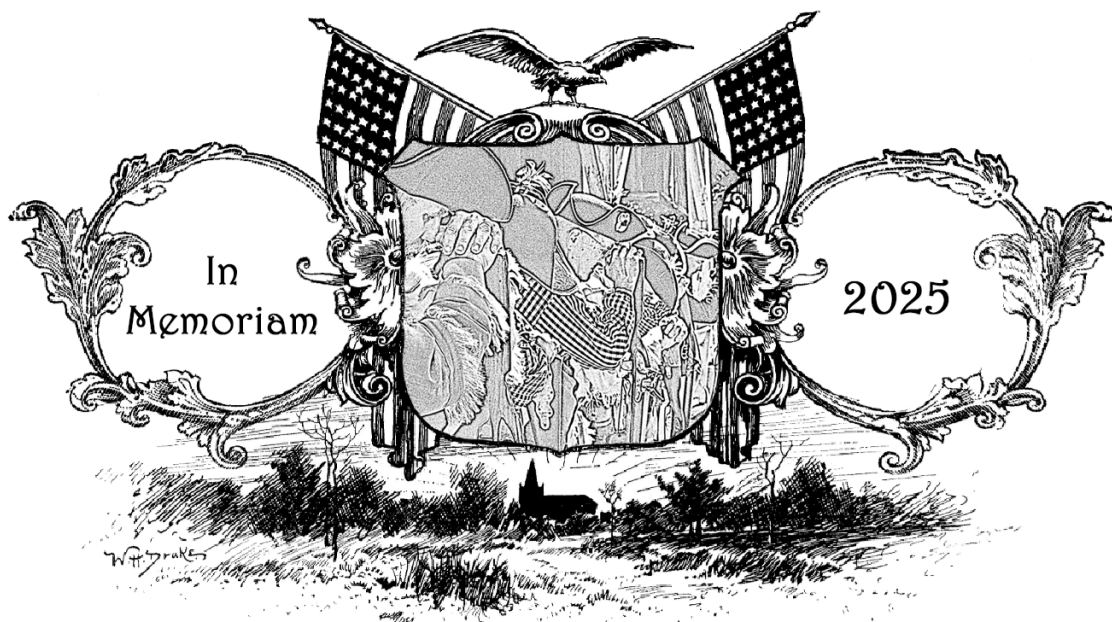
Members of the Georgia C.A.R. are always active and seen at most SAR events. Here participants gave greetings, served in the Color Guard, and presented wreaths some for the first time, (the little stinkers!)



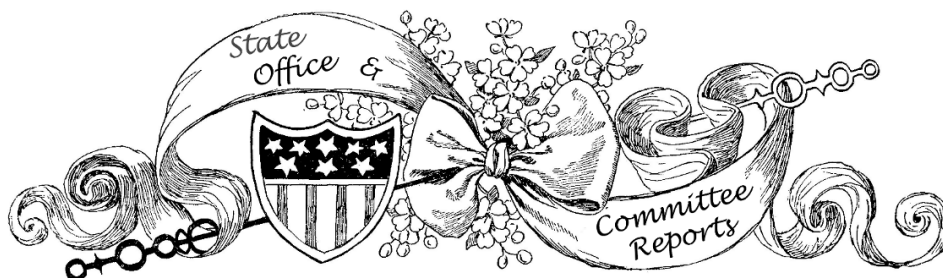
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Daughters of the American Revolution





Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	Deceased
Willie Alford Coleman	220611	Edward Telfair	7/21/2025
Terry Marvin Johnson	211686	Little River	7/28/2025
Leland Smith Hulsey Jr.	189479	Capt. John Collins	8/8/2025
Edward Wayne Reid	188928	Blue Ridge Mountains	9/4/2025
William Alfred Teasley	191865	Capt. John Collins	9/20/2025
Robert Forrester Waterman Jr.	191176	Edward Telfair	9/21/2025



[IT - Richard Marsh](#)

2026 Dues Collection

Online dues collection for 2026 is now live on the GASSAR website.

2026 Annual Meeting

Registration (both online and form for USPS) is now live on the GASSAR website



Secretary - Chris Thompson

The Current Membership Totals are:	Q3 2025	Q3 2024
GASSAR Compatriots Ending 31-Dec-24	1,999	
GASSAR Compatriots as of 1-Jan-25	1,779	1,867
GASSAR Compatriots as of 31-Mar-25	1,847	1,915
GASSAR Compatriots as of 30-Jun-25	1,892	1,940
GASSAR Compatriots as of 30-Sep-25	1,965	1,956
New Members	69	18
Reinstatements	9	0
Transfer ins	1	2
Reinstatement-Transfers	1	0
Total gains as of 30-Sep-25	80	20
Transfer outs	1	2
Deceased	6	4
Dropped	0	0
Resignation	0	0
Other	0	0
Total lost as of 30-Sep-25	7	6
Active Membership as of 30-Sep-25	1,965	1,954
Quarter to Date Membership Change	73	14
Year to Date Membership Change	186	87

Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens			
8/15/2025	Robert Sidney Ginn Jr.	Bobo, Sampson	Steven J. Wang
8/15/2025	Douglas E. Kaliher	Ball, John	Steven J. Wang
8/15/2025	Benjamin Scott Waugh	Apperson, Thompson	Michael Leonard Waugh
8/15/2025	William Neil Bender	Bender, John	Steven Wang
Atlanta			
7/25/2025	Allin Whitney Tallmadge	Talmage, Ezra	Joseph Blackmon
8/1/2025	William Blake Traynham	Ridgeway Jr., John	Joseph Blackmon
8/15/2025	William Allen Rice	Wylly, Thomas	Steven J. Wang
9/5/2025	Nathan Wadim Kelsey	Connor, Thomas	Gregory Smith
9/12/2025	David Wayne Lile	Witt, Caleb	Joseph Blackmon
9/19/2025	Timothy Stephen Cox	Springfield, Laodicea	Joseph Blackmon
Blue Ridge Mountains			
7/25/2025	Carl K. Radford	Coleman, Jonathan	Jack Powell Dugger
8/15/2025	William James Kolb	Schenck, John H.	Jack Powell Dugger
Brier Creek			
8/22/2025	Stephen Ralph Rigg	Roundtree, Jr., Job	Lee Herron
9/26/2025	Carlos Rafael Toriello	Bramlette, Reuben	Lee Herron

Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Button Gwinnett			
8/15/2025	Daniel Jerome McCarty	Cash, John	Donald McCarty Jr.
9/5/2025	Cody Mack Jackson	Loomis, Dan	Harold Ford
Capt John Collins			
8/15/2025	Thomas Walton Clayton	Floyd, Charles	William Edelen Jr.
9/19/2025	Jack S. Hopkins	Smith, Gabriel	William Edelen Jr.
Casimir Pulaski			
8/15/2025	James Alpha O'Quinn Jr.	Prosser, Otey	Jim Swinson
8/15/2025	Paul Douglas Smith	Smith, Sr., Gabriel D.	Jim Swinson
8/15/2025	Tyler Paul Smith	Smith, Sr., Gabriel D.	Jim Swinson
8/15/2025	Zachery Charles Smith	Smith, Sr., Gabriel D.	Jim Swinson
8/22/2025	Charles M. Campbell	Campbell, Sr., Aeneas	Mike Campbell
Coweta Falls			
9/5/2025	Shelby Lee Kelso	Mercer, Amos	Michael Kelso
Edward Telfair			
7/18/2025	David Morgan Derst	Whitfield, Luke	Roger Coursey
8/1/2025	Christopher Lynah Reavis	Heyward, Thomas	Roger Coursey
8/1/2025	Mark Alton Reavis Jr.	Heyward, Thomas	Roger Coursey
8/15/2025	Geoffrey Lamar Gress	Roberts, Reuben	Roger Coursey
8/15/2025	Peter Matthias Gress	Roberts, Reuben	Roger Coursey
8/15/2025	Thomas White Gress	Roberts, Reuben	Roger Coursey
Four Rivers Patriots			
8/15/2025	Abbie Leon "A.L." Wilkes Jr.	Wilks, Isaac	Dess Smith
General Nathanael Greene			
8/22/2025	Jeffry Taylor Vaughn	Greenleaf, John	Jeffry Taylor Vaughn
9/19/2025	Royal Edwin Stevens	Cregar/Kreager, Jacob	Bryan Acree
George Walton			
8/29/2025	Lane Conner Bridges	Reese, Sr., David	Ed Rigel Sr.
Marquis de Lafayette			
7/25/2025	Brian David Dannewitz	Westbrook, Leonard	John Britton Wells III
8/15/2025	Jason Walker Sutton	Askew, Thomas	John Britton Wells III
8/22/2025	Phillip Wayne Ivey II	Gordon, Alexander	John Britton Wells III
8/22/2025	Joel William O'Quinn	O'Quinn, John	John Britton Wells III
9/19/2025	Richard Paul Adelung	Stribling, William Derrick	John Britton Wells III
9/19/2025	David Riley Winkles Sr.	Thompson, James	John Britton Wells III
Marshes of Glynn			
8/1/2025	Frederick Oliver Cooper	Tillman, John	Otis F. Putnam III
8/1/2025	Taylor Frederick Cooper	Tillman, John	Otis F. Putnam III
8/1/2025	Owen Kay Youles III	Rushing, John	Steve Hinson
Piedmont			
8/22/2025	Larry Thomas Sabiston	Sabiston, David	Ron Redner
8/22/2025	Brian Jay Van Gundy	Neves, Daniel	James M. Ruff
9/26/2025	Bennett Frazier Eskew	Cox, Cary	James M. Ruff
9/26/2025	Evan Bishop Eskew	Cox, Cary	James M. Ruff
9/26/2025	Paul Warren Eskew	Cox, Cary	James M. Ruff

Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Robert Forsyth			
8/15/2025	Derek Scott Smith	Chastain, John	Charles Meagher
8/15/2025	Larry Anthony Smith	Chastain, John	Charles Meagher
8/15/2025	Luke Scott Smith	Chastain, John	Charles Meagher
8/19/2025	Herndon Hendricks Edgerton	Kivett, Peter	Charles Meagher
Thigpen Trail			
9/26/2025	Michael Vail Johnson	Johnson, Jacob	Thomas R. Coleman Jr.
Wiregrass			
8/15/2025	Elton Binion Turner Jr.	Lacy, Benjamin	Dess Smith
9/5/2025	Christopher Wade Denmark	Wise, William	Dess Smith
9/5/2025	Wade Franklin Denmark	Wise, William	Dess Smith

Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

During this quarter, I submitted several news items and photos to the SAR Magazine and we had two short captions and photos that appeared in the latest SAG Magazine. I also submitted several stories and photos that did not run, but space is limited, however I will continue to forward Georgia SAR news items as I receive them from our compatriots. Please continue to send me and Emil Decker all your news and photos so that we can document and preserve all the great work that is being done by our chapters across Georgia!

In September, I attended an honor flights event at the Macon Regional airport, which greeted a plane load of middle Georgia Veterans back home after spending the day in Washington, DC, visiting the many war memorials around the city. These free flights are a "Thank You" to our veterans who served in previous wars to defend American freedom, and the flight received great PR coverage from local TV stations and newspapers. I continue to support the Ocmulgee Chapter and all the great programs of the chapter.

As the chair for the SAR National 250 Bench program, I have continued to advise and assist numerous chapters across the USA as they work to place SAR 250 benches in their areas across the country. We started the SAR 250 bench program several years ago when Georgia SAR partnered with the Tennessee SAR in Nashville to place a SAR bench at the tomb of Andrew Jackson. Soon thereafter, we placed two SAR 250 benches in Savannah as a part of the SAR National Congress. One of those benches honors the soldiers who fought in the battle of Savannah and the other 250 bench was placed in Johnson Square, close to the historical marker that honors Georgia Washington's visit to Savannah in 1791. During the General Lafayette tour of Savannah in March of this year, we placed a Lafayette Historical marker within a few feet of the SAR 250 bench, so Savannah is well endowed with markers to honor the Revolutionary War. On the National level, we currently have 19 250 SAR benches in place and several more are in the planning stage. Please let me know if I can assist you in any Georgia SAR Publicity efforts!

Liberty Tree - Ron Redner

We received confirmation from the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia that we will be dedicating a Liberty Tree in honor of our 39th US President Jimmy Carter and for the 250th Anniversary of United States.

So far we have done 174 Liberty Tree dedications. We have planted them in 25 of the 50 states. The 25 states that have planted Liberty Trees are: Alaska, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Please let me know if you have planted a Liberty Tree already so that we can add it to the NSSAR Liberty Tree website and also let our SAR Magazine know too!



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				



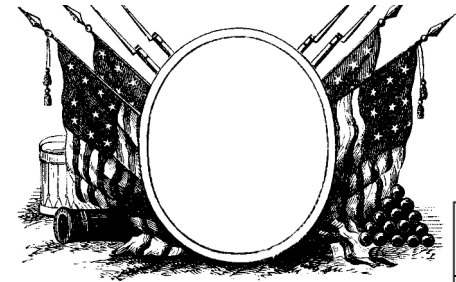
Graves - Don McCarty

While communicating with Georgia Society SAR Senior Vice President Bill Tankersley yesterday afternoon regarding the process to obtain Patriot Grave Marking Medals, we discovered that National SAR has produced and posted a New Patriot Grave Marking Medal Application.

Just know that National SAR has simplified the form by removing some of the information that was required on the previous application form. One **BIG** change is the requirement to enter the SAR Cemetery Number. The SAR Cemetery Number is found in the Patriot Research System (PRS) and specifically found under the Patriot's grave detail tab after the name of the cemetery.

We have not received any information or guidance from National SAR on the use of this new application nor discontinuing use of the previous application form. Since they have already posted the new application form on the National SAR website, it is evidently the form of preference.

We hope this helps you in your reporting of your Patriot Grave Marking Medal activity and I hope to see you at our events to honor our Revolutionary War Patriots.

Georgia Registrar South - Steven HinsonNorth - 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 18 weeks for New and 42 weeks for supplemental applications.

Current Issues include:

Use of old SAR & DAR Record Copies

More representatives from chapters to participate in the zoom meetings



NORTH	2025 Q3				2025 Q2				2025 Q1				2025 TOTAL
	MEM	NEW	SUPP	TOTAL	MEM	NEW	SUPP	TOTAL	MEM	NEW	SUPP	TOTAL	
Athens		4	4	8		6	4	10		7		7	25
Atlanta				0				0				0	0
Blue Ridge Mountains		1		1			1	1		1		1	3
Button Gwinnett		4		4		6		6		3	2	5	15
Captain John Collins		10	3	13		2		2				0	15
Casimir Pulaski		1	1	2		14	3	17		2		2	20
Cherokee		3	1	4		2		2				0	6
Coweta Falls		1		1		1		1		3		3	5
Dalton				0				0				0	0
General Nathanael Greene				0		2		2				0	2
George Walton		1		1				0				0	1
Joseph Habersham		3		3		1		1				0	4
LaGrange				0				0				0	0
Lyman Hall				0	1	2		3		1		1	4
Marquis de Lafayette		6		6		7		7		7		7	20
Mount Vernon		1	1	2		5		5		6		6	13
Piedmont				0				0				0	0
Rome				0				0				0	0
Robert Forsyth		1		1		7		7		2		2	10
Samuel Elbert				0				0				0	0
Grand Total	0	36	9	45	1	55	8	64	0	32	2	34	143

SOUTH	3rd Qtr				2nd Qtr				1st Qtr				2025 TOTAL
	New	Supp	Mem	Total	New	Supp	Mem	Total	New	Supp	Mem	Total	
Altamaha													0
Atlanta	3			3	3			3	2	1		3	9
Brier Creek	2	2		4	2			2				0	6
Button Gwinnett				0				0				0	0
Captain John Collins				0				0				0	0
Edward Telfair	5		2	7	7			7	6			6	20
Fall Line				0				0				0	0
Four Rivers Patriots				0	1			1	1			1	2
John Collins				0				0				0	0
John Milledge				0				0				0	0
Little River				0				0	1			1	1
Marshes of Glynn	2			2	1			1	4			4	7
Ocmulgee				0				0				0	0
Patrick Carr Rangers				0				0				0	0
Piedmont				0				0				0	0
Thigpen Trail	2			2	1			1				0	3
Washington-Wilkes				0				0				0	0
William Few				0				0				0	0
Wiregrass	2			2	1			1				0	3
TOTAL	16	2	2	20	16	0	0	16	14	1	0	15	51



Flag Respect - Craig Benton

***NSSAR U. S. Flag Retirement Award** If over 50% of the chapters in the state, as well as the state society.

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.

Percentage of Chapters currently reporting:

» Admiral Furlong Award: 46% 16/35
(Award Criteria of 50% IS NOT met)

» Flag Retirement Award: 34% 12/35
(Award Criteria of 50% IS NOT met)

We are very close to achieving 50% participation in the Admiral Furlong Award. We have a bit more work to do on the Flag Retirement Award. Regional Vice Presidents – please get involved with your chapters to help!

CHAPTER NAME	FLAG RESPECT	FLAG RETIREMENT	CHAPTER'S COMPATRIOT POC
Altamaha	0	0	Jason Deal
Athens	1	0	Donald Burdick
Atlanta	4	0	Barrett Hanson
Blue Ridge Mountains	1	0	Sid Turner
Brier Creek	2	0	Dess Smith
Button Gwinnett	8	2	Don McCarty
Captain John Collins	0	0	Wayne Brown
Casimir Pulaski	0	0	JG Swinson
Cherokee	0	0	Stan Lewis
Coweta Falls	18	0	Tommy Powell
Gen. Nathanael Greene	0	0	
Edward Telfair	1	0	Jeffrey Loomis
Fall Line	0	0	Sandy Mercer
Four Rivers	0	0	Dean Mills
George Walton	0	0	Tom Chamberlain
Georgia Society SAR*	1	1	Craig Benton
Joel Early	0	0	
John Milledge	0	0	Terry Stair
Joseph Habersham	0	1	Lynwood Cash
Oakfuskee	1	0	
Little River	5	1	Gary Smith 706-799-8180
Lyman Hall	0	0	Carter Wood
Marquis De Lafayette	2	3	Clark Perrin
Marshes of Glynn	1	1	Steven Hinson 912-258-2033
Mill Creek	0	0	Randy Jones
Mount Vernon	4	4	David Wellons
Ocmulgee	17	4	William Fuqua
Patrick Carr Rangers	0	0	Dess Smith
Piedmont	1	2	Craig Benton
Robert Forsyth	1	7	Emil Decker
Rome	0	0	
Samuel Elbert	0	0	
Thigpen Trail	2	5	Michael Black
Washington-Wilkes	1	0	Thad Broome
William Few	0	0	Albert Beveridge
Wiregrass	0	0	

America 250 - Ed Rigel Jr.



The National Society SAR celebrated the 250th Birthday of the US Navy and US Marines on Oct. 11-13, 2025, in Philadelphia. Events included a 250th Commemoration on Independence Square, Patriot Grave Markings for Commodore John Berry and Colonel Samuel Nichols, and participation in the Navy/Marines Homecoming 250 Parade. Challenge coins for the anniversaries of the US Army, US Navy, and US Marines are available from SAR Merchandise.

Plans are in progress for the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. The National Society has signed a contract with the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown for activities on July 2-6, 2026. Information on planned events can be found at <https://www.sar.org/app/uploads/SAR-Declaration-250-Flyer-with-Hotel.pdf>.

The Chairman participated in discussions around the 250th Anniversary of Kettle Creek, which will be an SAR Signature Event in 2029. Due to the closure of the Fitzpatrick Hotel, alternate lodging arrangements are being made for visiting dignitaries.

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

Due to increased scrutiny from National, applications for the Gold 250 Medal should include a brief description of how an event or activity, particularly a Chapter meeting, relates to America 250. Please include some details, such as "America 250 Minute" or a description of a program on a Revolutionary War person or event.

The following America 250 Medals have been approved since the last report:

John Goodwin (Button Gwinnett): Bronze, Silver, Gold
 Carey Floyd: Bronze, Silver
 Mary Martin: Gold

David Jiminez (Piedmont): Gold
 Brenda Hewett: Bronze
 Barbara Weaver: Gold

M. Bruce Maney (Button Gwinnett): Gold

Graves - Don McCarty



New Patriot Grave Marking Medal Form: National SAR has initiated a new form to be submitted for approval of a Compatriot's qualifying events to obtain their Patriot Grave Marking Medal or an Oakleaf Cluster. While it is currently unknown how long the older form will be accepted by National, you are recommended to begin using the new form. If you have been using the older form, then you will see that this new form does not require as much information. What is new on the new form is the SAR Cemetery number must be included on your form now. You can find this SAR Cemetery number by logging into the National SAR website, then enter the Patriot Research System (PRS), then find the Patriot that you participated in the grave marking, then enter the Graves Tab for that Patriot, then you will find a number next to the name of

the cemetery, which is the SAR Cemetery Number.

National has initiated a Compatriot Registry System online at the following URL:

<https://www.sar.org/committees/patriot-record-committee/>

The information provided states the following: **"Compatriot Grave Marking"**

"The Compatriot Grave Marking Medal recognizes each Compatriot's contributions to the Sons of the American Revolution and honors our deceased Compatriots (while simultaneously honoring each Compatriot's Patriot Ancestor) while publicizing the value of membership to their descendants. This medal was initiated on 5 March 2017 **with a look back period to 1 January 2012**.

Since it is important for Compatriots who desire to earn a Compatriots Grave Marking Medal, each primary sponsoring Chapter needs to enter the required data into this new online Compatriot Grave Marking System for the Compatriot graves that your Chapter has marked. As more information is available, the Committee will provide guidance. If you have questions, please contact the Committee Chairman directly. The Graves Committee currently has no requests for Compatriot Grave Markings during 2025.

CONDUCTED – GASSAR Chapter Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Ceremonies Calendar Year 2025

The Georgia Society has conducted the following twelve (12) 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.

Patriot Stephen Day, SAR Patriot ID: P-145426; The Col. William Few, Washington-Wilkes and the Button Gwinnett Chapters Georgia Society SAR dedicated the grave marker commemorating the service of this Revolutionary War Soldier on Saturday August 2, 2025. The event was held at The Market at Columbia County Government Complex, 1005 Market Street, Evans, Ga 30809; next to the Performing Arts Center. The dedicated Granite SAR stone was placed in the Stephen Day Family Cemetery located at 3314 Grove Landing Circle, Grovetown, GA 30813 in Columbia County, GA.

Patriot John O'Quin, SAR Patriot ID: P-263302; On Saturday, September 6, 2025, the Coweta Falls Chapter SAR dedicated the SAR granite grave marker stone to honor Patriot John O'Quin. This event was held at Cemetery 33 Red on Diamond Road Fort Benning, GA.

Patriot Hezekiah Bussey, SAR Patriot ID: P-329339; **Patriot Zachariah Spiers/Spires**, SAR Patriot ID: P-295132; **Patriot Isaac Cliatt**, SAR Patriot ID: P-134839; **Patriot Moses Jones**, SAR Patriot ID: P-226394; **Patriot William Norman**, SAR Patriot ID: P-256787. On Saturday, September 27, 2025, these five (5) Patriots graves were marked by the Little River, the Button Gwinnett and the Atlanta Chapters SAR to commemorate the service of these Revolutionary War Soldiers. The service was held at St. Paul Church, 3235 Thomson Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817. These Patriot's graves are located at several cemeteries in Lincoln County, GA.

Patriot Micah Rogers, SAR P-281083; On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, this Patriot was honored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR with an SAR granite grave marker. This event was held at the Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery located at Hopewell Junction, East Fish Kill, Dutchess County, New York 12533.

The South Atlantic District of the National Society SAR and the Daniel Morgan Chapter of the South Carolina Society SAR conducted a Grave Dedication and Wreath Ceremony honoring 23 Revolutionary War Patriots on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM. This is considered a District Event. The event was held at the Nazareth Presbyterian Church, 680 Nazareth Church Road, Moore, SC 29869 – Spartanburg County, SC.

For the NSSAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal Application, you will only be able to count the dedication of five markers as listed below:

John Caldwell – SAR P-127293 – Birth 1727, Death 19 Jul 1807, GPS 34.897510, -82.030672, **John Collins** – SAR P-136668 – Birth 28 Nov 1754, Death 04 Apr 1841, GPS 34.897214, -82.030976, **Richard Harrison**, SAR P-176238 – Birth 18 Mar 1752, Death 22 Oct 1791, GPS 34.897357, -82.030850, **Patrick Crawford**, SAR P-140871 – Birth 1750, Death 1783, GPS 34.897518, -82.030699, **Michael Miller**, SAR P-249553, Birth 10 Dec 1757, Death 19 May 1815, GPS 34.897568, -82.030898



Knight Essay - Stacey McCarver

Please remember that the deadline for essay contest entries at the Chapter level is Monday, December 1, 2025.

Individual Chapters must submit their winning essay and application (two separate documents) to me no later than Monday, December 15, 2025.

As a reminder, this 2025-2026 school year contest is open to any United States citizen or legal resident enrolled in the 9th through 12th grades during the contest period. Students attending public schools and private schools are eligible as well as home-schooled students.

Questions about the rules and eligibility, not answered by the documents found in the GASSAR Source Book, may be directed to me at dawgpop@gmail.com.

Chancellor - Chuck Olson



Washington in Savannah 1791 Print: I am happy to report that, thanks to the efforts of John Trussell, the paperwork necessary to register the Georgia Society's copyright to the painting and prints of "Washington in Savannah 1791" have been completed and submitted to the State Treasurer so that a check can be prepared and submitted with the application to the U.S. Copyright Office at the Library of Congress.

The Board of Managers is scheduled to debate (and hopefully) approve the proposed revision of the GASSAR Source Book Policy 22-3, Records Retention and Destruction Policy during our meeting on October 26, 2025.

As a member of the NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee, I have suggested the Committee acquire technology that will allow us to conduct plagiarism checks and detect essays developed by artificial intelligence software for the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition starting in 2025. Bill Coffeen has also been alerted to this issue and is recommending that all Georgia Chapters "add an affirmation statement" to their materials shared with Eagle Scouts."

Other than as noted above, it was a quiet quarter as far as legal issues go.

Editor - Emil Decker

There is nothing like a good archive of saved information, when needing to look back on the past and get some clarification on a given issue. Chris Thompson has posted some archived materials just recently to our website. Thank you, sir!

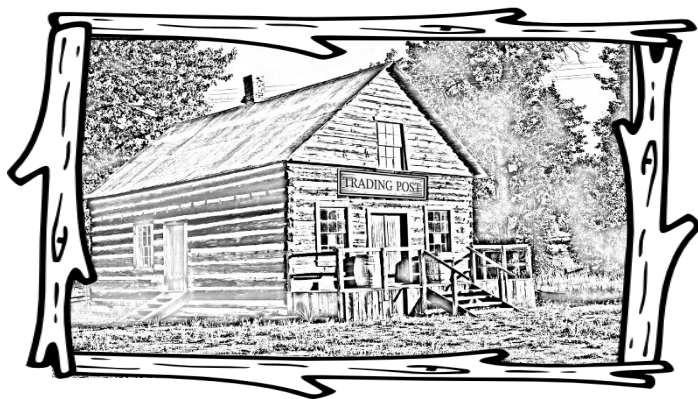
I recently received a phone call that reinforced the need and usefulness of such a library of information being available to the general population. A "Dues Dropped" (for reasons personal, medical, relocation, life, et. al. as most dropped memberships are,) Compatriot had just found out through some media somewhere, that the Georgia Society, Son of the American Revolution performed a Grave marking dedication for his patriot.

He wasn't happy that no one had contacted him regarding the event, but he knew the chapter that had sponsored the ceremony and wanted contact information, hoping to get more details, pictures, and clarity. His delinquency of dues notwithstanding, I asked for a little more info from him (date, chapter, ancestor's name), and directed him to the GASSAR website.

The event was in 2022, and we arrived at the quarterly edition that held the photos and account of the event. Further on the website, he was able to find and contact the current president of that chapter, where he requested any photos and details of the event that did not make it into The Hornet's Nest. We talked a bit more, and he confirmed his current residence, and I was able to use the website to direct him to the nearest chapters so that he might rejoin and once again become an active member.

None of this would have been possible without the GASSAR website, and a well-stocked archive of back issues and information. This led me to think: What help could I have given if not for the website? What help would it have been if the information found was either not updated, i.e. missing, or, a popular term these days, "disinformation"? How many people are looking for information, but can't find it? How easy is it to navigate a website and find something (let's not even get into using the National SAR website!)? Do our members even know of the latest updates on events in the calendar, The Hornet's Nest quarterly editions, etc. are available, or even the wealth of past resources that we hold accessible to their fingertips? So many are NOT on the Gaggle distribution list. Are they getting the info they need?

Now the self-reflection question ... If they don't, whose fault is that? I hope everyone who reads this missive takes heart and looks to see how they can further the mission of the Georgia Society to inform, educate, and celebrate, by getting the latest, best info into the public's eyes so they can be aware of our great organization.

**The Trading Post**

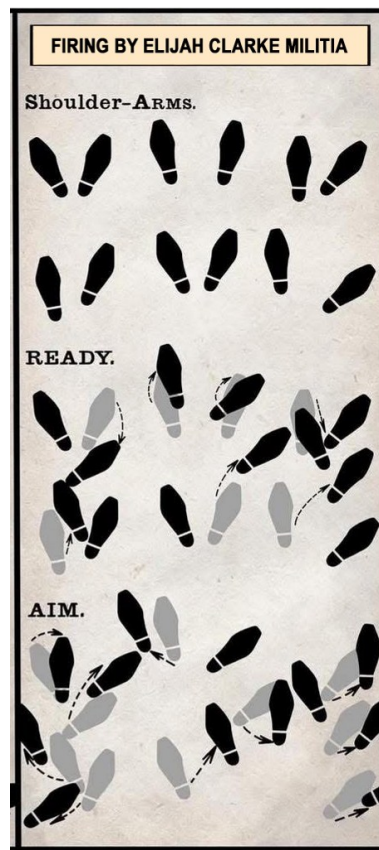
This section is for members to post items wanted, or for sale or trade. Items should be related to SAR: uniforms, muskets, accessories, etc. and fairly represented in description. Photos accepted. Items will run for one issue unless a request is made to repeat the item. Please provide enough contact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

How many bodies are still in the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor?

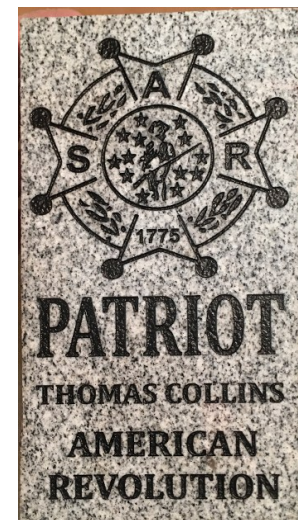
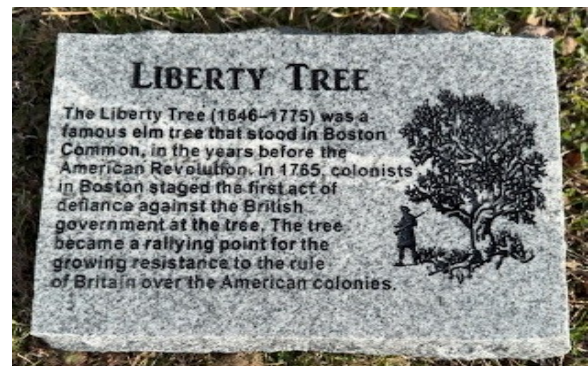
Answer on page 73.

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



Need a Liberty Tree, Patriot or Compatriot Grave Marker? Custom stones at competitive prices. Contact: [Sticks N Stones @ weegrr.com](mailto:SticksNStones@weegrr.com)



How many bodies are still in the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor?

Over 1000 bodies of sailors and Marines remain entombed within the wreckage of the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, according to the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (.mil). These are the remains of the crew members who perished during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and were not recovered due to the extent of the damage and the conditions within the ship.

One additional body was added recently. U.S. Navy divers gently carry the ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Harvey Milhorn, returning him to his fallen shipmates aboard USS Arizona (BB-39). More than eight decades after the attack, he comes home at last, resting forever in the steel tomb where 1,177 brothers still keep watch.



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