

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

# The Hornet's Nest



October - December 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

My Compatriots,

It is an honor and privilege to represent the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. The fourth quarter of the year is the beginning of a wrap-up of my time in office, signing the last certificates of membership for new members with my name as president, encouraging chapters to start early with dues collections, and wishing I could do something to expedite applications at National.

I would like to be able, before my time runs out for me to bring greetings, saying, "From our 35 chapters and 2500 or even 3000 members." We are beginning to "gray out" or become bald. The life blood of our Society is bringing in new members. This is not new; we all know this. The other part is retaining the members we have. I have visited many chapters over the last 12 months, we are blessed to have an outstanding Membership. One of the keys to retention is to Keep current members active and get new members involved. This is not an easy task! Don't just put them in a job without knowing where their interest lies.

As President of the Mt. Vernon chapter, I made it a point to go around and welcome all the members and visitors. As the President visiting a chapter, I also make it a point to personally greet every member and introduce myself if I have not met them before. This is something every Chapter President needs to do. Thank your members who are doing a good job more than once a year. If you have a good treasurer, give him a helping hand contacting members and asking them to pay their dues. This is a tough time for a treasurer without help. I know from having been a treasurer it is easier to ask members to pay in October and November rather than waiting until 2 December when money may be short during the Christmas season and when most organizations are asking for donations.

Those we choose to lead us in a local chapter or a state office should be humbled to be elected to serve our Society because it is a great honor. There are so many accomplishments we can be proud of. The Sons of the American Revolution is dedicated to education, remembering and supporting our veterans, supporting the youth through C.A.R., Scouting, and scholarships. We remember our patriot ancestors through grave markings and identifying those buried in unmarked graves in battlefields. If we don't learn from our past and the sacrifices made by those who went before us, how can we appreciate the freedoms we enjoy today?

Wishing all of you God's blessings and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*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 January - March, 2010 edition, Bill Ramsaur (deceased) wrote about the original counties of Georgia, named for figures of prominence when the state was formed.

## "GEORGIA COUNTIES NAMED FOR PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

### GEORGIA COUNTIES NAMED FOR PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The American Revolution greatly affected the hearts and minds of Georgians who sought to memorialize the Patriots by naming 64 counties for numerous figures evocative of these historic times. Similar to Georgia's uneven performance during the war, the Patriots demonstrated strengths and shortcomings; achieved some victories but experienced many more defeats. The Georgia Patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes until more powerful support under the leadership of General Nathanael Greene could come to their assistance to remove the British from Georgia.

On February 5, 1777, the Constitution of Georgia created eight counties from the colonial parishes and named seven for British champions of American Independence and the eighth county, Liberty. In the years following the Revolutionary War, Georgia legislators named 56 additional counties for Patriots — exemplars of Georgia's efforts during the American Revolution. Georgia has more counties named for Patriots of the American Revolution than any other state.

With this rich inheritance, we demonstrate honor for the named Patriots, as well as the many other men and women who fought and supported the American Revolution. During the next several issues of the Hornet's Nest, we will list a group of counties and describe the actions of the Patriot for whom the county was named.

Following are the eight Original Counties created during the Revolutionary War listed in geographical sequence from north to south. A summary description is provided for the seven British citizens who had never even visited America and were considered Georgia's first acknowledged Patriots. A more detailed study of these men would reveal their significant impact on both English and American 18th century political philosophy, and especially the American Revolution.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST (CONT.)

**WILKES** County honors John Wilkes, known for his arguments of freedom of the press. Wilkes edited a weekly publication, The North Briton. In 1763, the king felt insulted by Wilkes' publications and had general warrants issued for his arrest. Parliament expelled Wilkes, but he gained re-election and continued to oppose the war with the American colonies. Wilkes also supported the Association Movement and religious tolerance.

**RICHMOND** County honors Charles Lennox, 3rd Duke of Richmond, a colonel in the 33rd Regiment of Foot. In 1765, he received appointment as ambassador extraordinary in Paris. In the policy debates that led to the American Revolution, Richmond was a firm supporter of the colonists. In 1778, he initiated a debate in the House of Lords calling for the removal of British troops from America.

**BURKE** County honors Edmund Burke, who took a leading role in the debate over constitutional limits to the executive authority of the King, arguing strongly against unrestrained royal power.. Burke frequently expressed support for grievances of the American colonists in the House of Commons.

**EFFINGHAM** County honors Thomas Howard, Lord Effingham, 3rd Earl of Effingham. 1775, he resigned his military commission as captain rather than fight in America, which he considered incompatible with his obligations of a citizen. He became known as "The Earl of Effingham, who did not forget the Citizen in the Soldier." In addition to Effingham County, Commodore John Barry's warship was named the Effingham in his honor.

**CHATHAM** County honors William, Lord Pitt, 1st Earl of Chatham. In 1775, the House of Lords rejected his bill for reconciliation with the American colonies. After the war broke out, Chatham warned that America could not be conquered. **LIBERTY** County honors the early zeal for independence of the settlers of St. John's Parish, dominated by the most implacable citizens who significantly influenced Revolutionary Georgia. Its citizens elected Dr. Lyman Hall to represent them at the Continental Congress, Georgia's only representative in 1775.

**GLYNN** County honors John Glynn, a lawyer known for his pleading skills, who engaged in numerous celebrated cases. Elected to Parliament for Middlesex in 1768, Glynn's speeches supporting the cause of American Independence received wide notoriety.

**CAMDEN** County honors Charles Pratt, 1st Earl of Camden. In 1761, as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, he earned wide popularity based on his ruling against the general warrant under which John Wilkes was prosecuted. Camden became Lord Chancellor in 1766, but his constant denunciation of the government's policy toward the American colonists and opposition to the taxes imposed on them resulted in his dismissal in 1770.

*Additional details about the Patriots for whom Georgia counties are named can be found in Gordon Burns Smith's book, Morningstar's of Liberty: The Revolutionary War in Georgia 1775-1783. To obtain this book see website -- [http:// factorswalk.com/morningstar/morning1.htm](http://factorswalk.com/morningstar/morning1.htm)*

**Thanks to Bill Ramsaur**  
**Southeast Region Vice President**





## 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 [nccsar@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

Event	Location	Date	Status
Battle of Cowan's Ford	Cowan's Ford	Jan 31, 2026	National
Georgia Annual Conference	Hilton Atlanta NE, 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
Vann's Creek	Bobby Brown State Park	Feb 21, 2026	State
George Washington Birthday	Gainesville, GA	Feb 22, 2026 3:00	National
Brier Creek Battlefield Assoc.	Statesboro, GA	Feb 27, 2026 5:30 - 8:30	
247th Anniversary Battle of Brier Creek	Brier Creek Historic Preservation Site	Feb 28, 2026	State
Spring Leadership	The Galt Hotel Louisville, KY	Mar 5 - 7, 2026	National
Battle of Thomas Creek	Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park	Mar 28, 2026	National
Lyman Hall Birthday	Gainesville, GA	Apr 11, 2026 1 pm	State
Patriots Day	Various	Apr 19, 2026	National
Frederica Naval Engagement	St. Simons Island	Apr 18 - 19, 2026 (TBD)	National
Memorial Day	Various	May 25, 2026	National
Flag Retirement	Cumming, GA	Jun 13, 2026	National
Flag Day	Various	Jun 14, 2026	National
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2026	National
136th Congress	Greensboro, NC	July 10-16, 2026	National



## Kettle Creek Part. 11

Painting by Jeff Trexler

(Cont. from Jul - Sep 2025 edition, part 10)

A Few Facts:

Kettle Creek flows into the Little River near Tyrone community in Wilkes County. It likely takes its name from a local fish trap, called a kittle.

During the American Revolution (1775-83) several incidents occurred along its banks. The South Carolina militia established a station there in 1776; an Indian attack on Robert McNabb's Fort in November 1778 resulted in McNabb's death; and in the last days of the Revolution, rebel partisan and horse thief Josiah Dunn met his death in a skirmish nearby.

In a council held in Augusta on February 12, Campbell decided to abandon Augusta and began the withdrawal to Savannah on February 14 at 2AM, the morning of the battle; Campbell did not leave because of the battle's outcome. He did not learn of the battle until he had already left Augusta; his departure was prompted by the arrival of 1,200 of patriot General John Ashe's forces into Gen. Andrew Williamson's camp across the Savannah River, a shortage of provisions, and uncertainty over whether Boyd would be successful in his mission.

After the Revolutionary war, an estimated 20% of Loyalists moved to Canada, where they were compensated for their losses by the British government.

**NOTE:** I started this extensive look at Jeff Trexler's magnificent painting in the Jan - Mar 2023 edition of *The Hornet's Nest*.

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As I stated back then, "We hope to focus on various portions of the painting to give a better look at the battle and the fine quality of work artist Jeff Trexler is capable of creating. Jeff Trexler claims on his website that, "There are so many stories that need to be told, it's just a matter of getting them all on the canvas! I want to tell their story, bring it to life, for people to see and learn about. That is why I do this. I love to be able to think about how a scene may have looked and translate that to the canvas."

Jeff has done an excellent job on this painting, as well as so many others, including our "Washington Arrives in Savannah". I would recommend a copy of this print if you are looking for one to hang on your wall at home. I hope you have enjoyed my delving into various scenes within the entire painting, the deep dive into the single most important battle that occurred in the Colony of Georgia, and have a greater understanding of why we call our Newsletter, "The Hornet's Nest". **The Editor.**



## Kettle Creek Battlefield Improvements

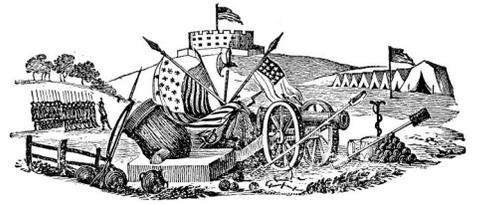
by Walker Chewning

Since the inception of the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association in 2011, it has been working to improve and preserve the Kettle Creek Battlefield. In 2013, the KCBA raised \$120,000 for the purchase of 60 acres of the core area of the battlefield from Plum Creek Timber Company. In 2017, with help from the American Battlefield Trust and the Watson Brown Foundation, the KCBA bought an additional 180 acres from Weyerhaeuser Corporation. Then, in 2024, the KCBA applied for a grant from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) to further develop the battlefield park for the enjoyment of the visiting public. Under the GOSP grant, the KCBA was able to purchase an additional 147 acres of historic land and recreational area. All this land was donated to Wilkes County, forming a 400-acre park that preserves the core of the Kettle Creek Battlefield (February 14, 1779) and offers recreation opportunities for visitors.

In addition to the land acquisition, the new pavilion and restroom are part of the GOSP grant received in 2023. In October 2025, Wilkes County began clearing the land for the construction of an open-air pavilion and restrooms for visitors. This pavilion will serve as a focus for educational events within the park. **The pavilion is expected to be completed by January 2026.** Mr. Chewning, Chairman of KCBA, stated that these improvements would not be possible without the support of Sam Moore, Chairman of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners, and Anne Floyd, Planner for the CSRA Regional Commission.



In addition to these new improvements, the grant will include extension of road access within the park, new informational signage, markers for the fallen Revolutionary War Soldiers who died here, and additional items to improve visitor appreciation of this historic battlefield.



### FALL LEADERSHIP

At the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY At NSSAR Fall Leadership & Trustees meetings, we could not help but notice one of the meeting rooms was named Collins. Scott is famous in Louisville already?



So many Veterans attended the Fall Leadership 2025, that it called for a photo.



### KINGS MOUNTAIN

Since the National Park was closed due to a government shutdown, the Kings Mountain event was held in a park in Gafney, S.C. It was held in a bowl shaped area with an amphitheater, so I guess it was a Kings Ravine Event.





## SIEGE OF SAVANNAH

The parade, from the History Center Museum to the Georgia Railway Museum's Roundhouse where the wreath ceremony was held (next to the redoubts in Savannah), was short, but sweet. During the parade, it was my honor to carry the Pulaski's Legion flag.



Pulaski's Legion Standard - Double sided - Possibly Moravian Single Sisters - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania - ca. 1778 - Silk, Silver.

<https://www.amrevmuseum.org/virtualexhibits/banners-of-liberty/pages/pulaski-s-legion>

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One of the most ethnically diverse units of the Continental Army carried this small flag, or standard.

Pulaski's Legion, named for its Polish commanding officer Casimir Pulaski, included American, British, Irish, French, Polish, and Hungarian men in its ranks. Pulaski was one of the few foreign volunteers, out of dozens who offered their services to the United States, who received a commission in the Continental Army. By 1778, Pulaski was regarded as one of the best cavalry leaders in the army. That year, Pulaski received permission from Congress to raise his own legion, a mix of cavalry and infantry.

According to tradition, the Moravian Single Sisters (a community of unmarried women) of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, made this standard. Double sided, this flag features a large "US" surrounded by the Latin phrase "Unita Virtus Forcior" (United Valor is Greater). Four flaming bombs mark each corner. The reverse carries an all-seeing eye (representing God) encased by the words Latin words "Non Alius Regit" (No Other Governs).

Under Pulaski's command, the regiment's top officers were Hungarian and French. Hungarian cavalryman Mihály Kováts de Fabriczy was Pulaski's

second in command. Kováts, however, was killed in a battle near Charleston, South Carolina, in 1779. Frenchman Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouërie, replaced Pulaski as the commander of the legion following the latter's death at the Battle of Savannah in 1779.

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2024/12/the-forgotten-hungarian-origins-of-the-pulaski-banner/>

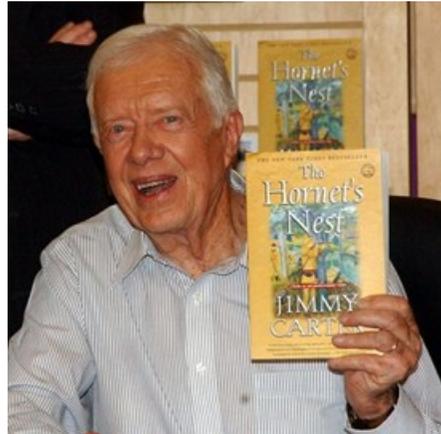


The silk flag features the triangle with the all-seeing eye and the wreath of thirteen stars surrounding this symbol, representing the thirteen states, as well as the motto *Non Alius Regit* ("No Other Rules" or "No Other Governs," meaning no allegiance to the King). The phrase *Unita Virtus Forcior* ("United in Virtue and Force" or "Union Makes Valor Stronger")



## LIBERTY TREE

*The Hornet's Nest* is a historical novel written by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, published in 2003, focusing on the Revolutionary War in the South. It follows fictional Ethan Pratt set among historic figures, blending family history with accounts of the battle.



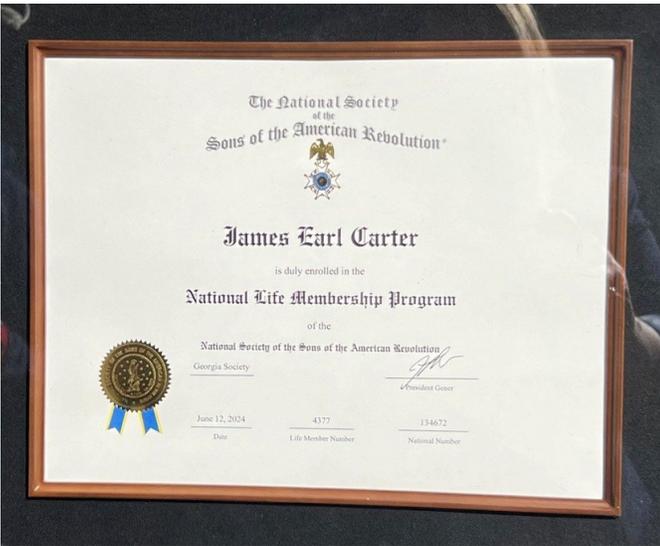
According to the National website of the Sons of the American Revolution, Three U.S. presidents, George Washington, James Monroe, and Andrew Jackson, actually served during the Revolutionary War.

Six U.S. presidents were real sons of Revolutionary War patriots. These men included John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, and Franklin Pierce. Five U.S. presidents were grandsons of Revolutionary War patriots, including James Knox Polk, Millard Fillmore, Abraham Lincoln, Chester A. Arthur, and Grover Cleveland. President James A. Garfield was the great-grandson of a Revolutionary War patriot, while President Richard M. Nixon was the great-great-grandson of a patriot.

To date, there have been sixteen presidents of the United States who were also SAR members. The Winter 2001 issue of the SAR Magazine featured these U.S. presidents with details of their backgrounds, including information about their Revolutionary War ancestors. [https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/XCV-NO.-3\\_WINTER-2001.pdf](https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/XCV-NO.-3_WINTER-2001.pdf) page 4.

Georgia's own Jimmy Carter was a compatriot, whose membership was continued through the Button Gwinnett chapter until his death. His presidential library is located in Atlanta, GA. Recently a 250 Liberty Tree was planted on the library grounds.







As the Georgia C.A.R. Society's State President, (Noah Tindall) and a member of the Georgia Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard, I had the honor of participating in the dedication of the Liberty Tree at the Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 17, 2025. Dressed in Revolutionary War-era uniform, I brought greetings on behalf of C.A.R., emphasizing C.A.R.'s commitment to patriotism, service, and historical education. I joined with the Georgia SAR State President and DAR State Regent in the ceremony, standing together to commemorate this symbol of freedom.

My connection to President Jimmy Carter runs deep; in 2019, I attended his Sunday School lesson at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. While I didn't really understand what that meant then, I do now, and that was a huge demonstration of President Carter's character and beliefs. His teachings on faith, family, service, and American values left a lasting impression on me.

During his life, President Carter did practically everything he could to serve people. He founded the Carter Center, which focuses on human rights and eliminating human suffering by promoting democracy, resolving conflicts, and eradicating diseases in many countries. He served with Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, many local community organizations, and the Peace Corps. He was also a Life Member of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter, which I am also a member of.

This was the second SAR Liberty Tree dedication that I have participated in where I knew the individual being honored and who displayed Revolutionary Valor in their lifetime. As we approach America250, SAR aims to plant 250 Liberty Trees nationwide by July 4, 2026, and revive the tradition of the original Liberty Trees that served as rallying points for colonists seeking liberty. I encourage every C.A.R. member to participate in a SAR Liberty Tree dedication! It is an amazing opportunity to demonstrate your own Revolutionary Valor!



**11 Alive YouTube  
Video: [America's  
250th anniversary  
honored by  
planting Liberty  
Trees at Carter Cen-  
ter](#)**



While at the Dedication of the Liberty Tree at the Carter Presidential Center, I began to think about the many similarities of Presidents Washington and Carter. Both were farmers. Both believed themselves to be outsiders to D.C. politics. Washington was wary of various political factions while Carter was distrustful of the establishment, which led to friction with the insider power brokers.

Both were known for having strong personal faith and both focused on moral principles to guide their decisions, viewing public service as a great duty. Both had close supportive relationships with their wives, Martha and Rosalynn, and made their families an important part of their public image.

Both men are widely admired for their conduct after leaving office. Washington set the precedent for a peaceful transition of power and limited terms, while Carter is celebrated for his extensive humanitarian work through Habitat for Humanity, and his commitment to public service through the Carter Center.

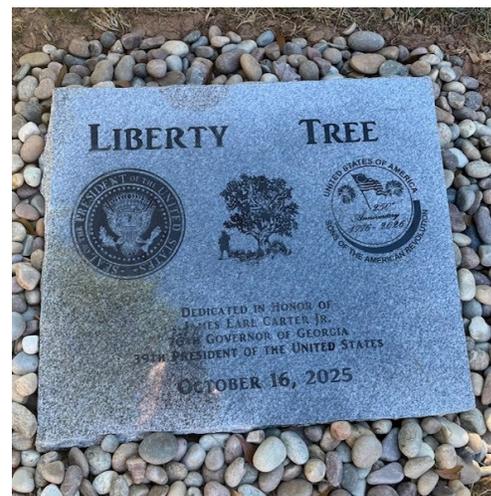


Washington was a military officer, became the Commander of the Continental Army, served during the Revolutionary War, and became the Commander-in-Chief again after becoming President. Carter was a military officer who served during the Vietnam War Era, and became the Commander-in-Chief when he became President.

Both administrations faced challenges with Islamic hostage-takers. Washington dealt with the Barbary Pirates who captured American sailors, while Carter's presidency was defined by the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis.

George Washington and Jimmy Carter are distant relatives; they are ninth cousins, six times removed.

A final distinction, both men were honored by the U.S. government with the rare distinction of lying in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda - Washington in 1799 and Carter in 2025.



# LIBERTY TREE AT McDANIEL-TICHENOR HOUSE





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Presentation of the President General's streamer for education.





# VETERANS DAY

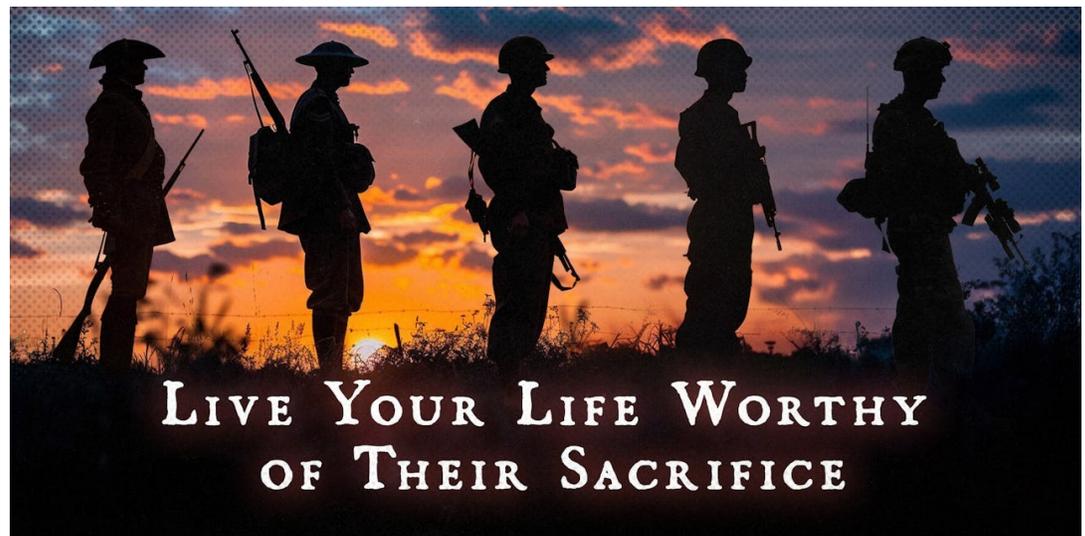
# OCONEE CO. VETERANS PARK



  
**HONOR OUR PATRIOTS**  
 2025 Veterans Day Program  
 Tuesday, November 11 • 11:00am  
 Oconee Veterans Park  
 3500 Hog Mountain Road • Watkinsville, GA

- Welcome and Introduction: James Alexander
- Presentation of Colors: Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard
- Prayer: Reverend Larry Davison
- Star Spangled Banner: Kate Healey and Blair Smith, OCHS
- Pledge of Allegiance: John Campbell, Lt Col, GA ANG, PA-C
- Recognition of Gold Star Families: Dave P. Durdin
- Recognition of Veterans: Dave P. Durdin, LTC, US Army (Ret)
- Introduce Guest Speaker: Jeff Chambers, Lt Col, USAF, GA ANG
- Guest Speaker: COL Lawrence Saul, US Army (Ret)
- Special Music: Kate Healey, Blair Smith, and Cobby Rupert
- Wall of Honor Update: John Campbell, Lt Col, GA ANG, PA-C
- Presentation of Wreaths: Mrs. Dorey Brown
- Musket Salute: Elijah Clarke Militia, Sons of the American Revolution
- Taps: Palmer Hartley, UGA Red Coat Band

"Freedom" Eagle Co-sponsor: Reverend John Andrew Chapter, NSDAR  
 Memorial Landscape Sponsored by Ruppert Landscape  
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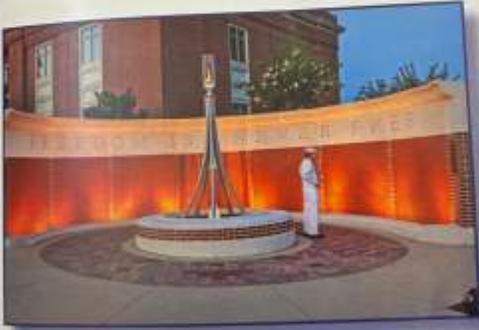


# SNELLVILLE CELEBRATION



*The Snellville  
Veterans' Day  
Celebration*

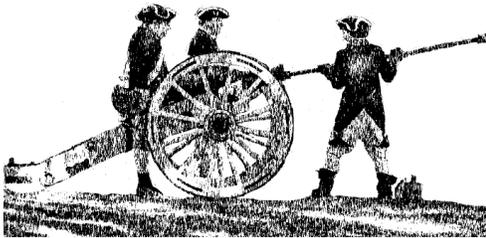
*November 11th, 2025  
3:00 pm*



*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."  
John F. Kennedy*



# HARMON PARK



**COME AND TAKE IT !**





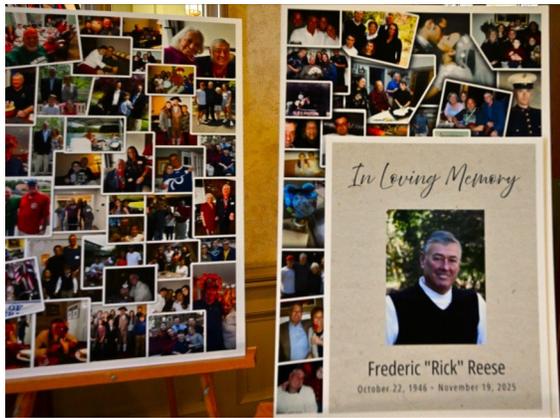
Right: The monument being studied by the young lady has text on all four sides, documenting this location as the first meeting place of the Masons in Georgia.



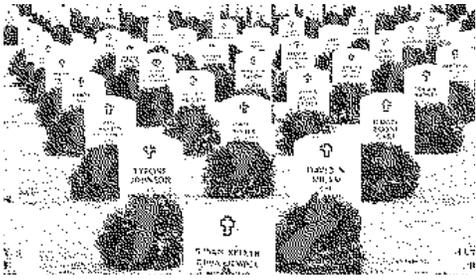




# MASS FOR FREDERIC MILLER REESE, JR.



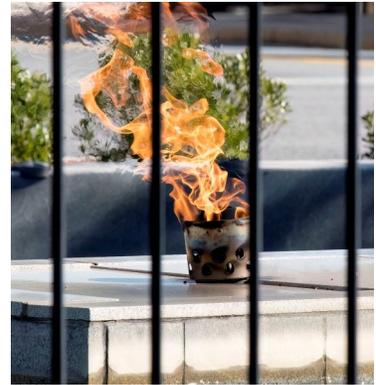




### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



### SUGAR HILL



### SHADOW LAWN





**BRIER CREEK**



**WILLIAM FEW**

**CANTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**



# GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

## CLAXTON

Trinity Church of the Nazarene, in Evans County was the site of the first three Patriot Grave Markings this quarter.



Henry Hollands was a native of Bertie County, North Carolina. He enlisted in 1779 in Duplin County. He served six months as a private in Captain King's Company, Colonel Kenan's North Carolina Regiment and fought at the Battle of Stono. He re-enlisted in 1781 for three months in Captain Toole's Company, Colonel Brown's Regiment. In 1781, he enlisted for six more months in Captain Coleman's Company, Colonel Murphy's Regiment and fought at the Battle of Eutaw Springs. Soon after the Revolution, he moved to Warren County, Georgia for four years, then to Washington County for eight years, and finally to Tattnall County where he applied for a pension for his services.





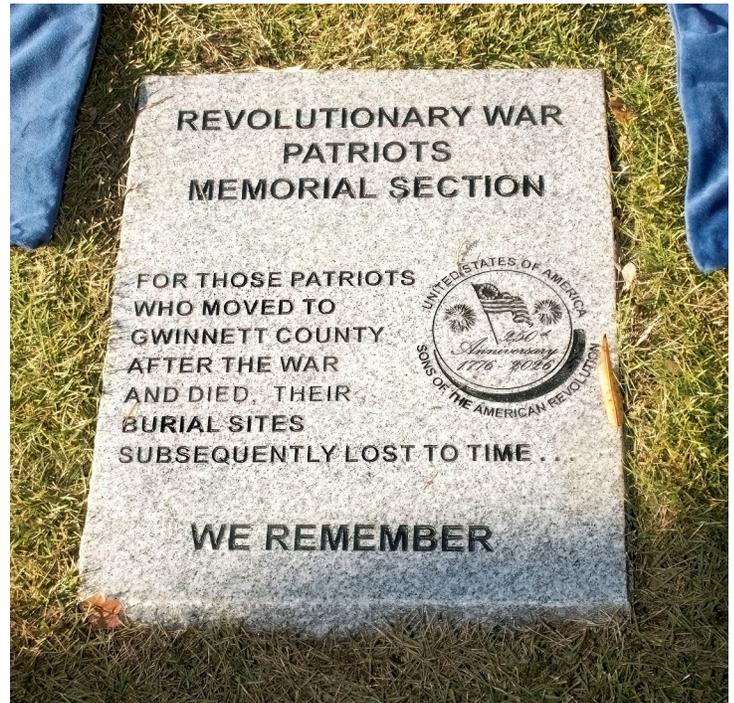
Solomon Yeomans enlisted in Craven County, North Carolina as a private in Captain William Speed's Company of the North Carolina Troops commanded by Colonel Benjamin Seawell. He was transferred to Captain Joseph Bryant's Company and fought in the Battle of John's River below Charleston. He served two years and six months and then re-enlisted and served until the close of the war.

Simon Smith served as a Sergeant in a Battalion of Minutemen under Colonel Elijah Clarke in the Georgia State Militia. He took an Oath of Allegiance to make land entry, Bladen Co, 1779.



# SUGAR HILL

Button Gwinnett Chapter, in cooperation with the Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, created a **Patriots Memorial Section** next to the grave of Patriot Isaac Horton. Horton and fellow patriot Enoch Benson were honored last year in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Enoch is buried elsewhere in Gwinnett County, and upon research, the chapter found there were many patriots buried somewhere in Gwinnett County, but exact locations are either not known or not available for marking. Like multiple grave markings in Historic Midway Cemetery, there will be a cenotaph placed over the next few years for those patriots who moved to Gwinnett county after the war. *(A cenotaph is a grave marker for an individual with an unknown burial site.)*



Jesse Herring was a Private from North Carolina under Captains Joseph Boone, Jesse Finnigan, David Jernigan, and Captain Benjamin Harrison under command of Colonel Richard Caswell and McKinney.





Patriot Stephen Harris first enlisted in Granville, North Carolina. He later served in the Georgia Troops and received a pension for his services as a resident of Gwinnett County





Patriot Lewis/Louis Deshon/Dishon was a Private in the Orange County, North Carolina Militia under Captains Hunter, Robards, and Colonel Williams. He later served as a Sailor under Captain Harrison on the Privateer 'Bellona'. At some point he was captured and was a Prisoner of War.





Thomas Cox was a Private who enlisted in 1780 in Washington County, VA with the Continental Line for 8 months in Captain Looney's Regiment. His Widow, Mary Smith Cox applied for a Land Warrant in 1856, and received 150 aces in Land







Patriot Joseph Curbow was a Private in the 4th North Carolina Regiment, Continental Line, under Colonel James Thackston as a replacement for his brother William Curbow due to William's illness. He served the remainder of William's term.



# ELBERTON

## THOMAS CARTER

Patriot Thomas Carter received bounty land in Georgia for his service as a private in the Virginia Continental Line and was certified as a Revolutionary War Soldier by Colonel Elijah Clarke.

## JOHN CUNNINGHAM

John Cunningham, born in Abbeyville, South Carolina, was a Captain of the 2nd Battalion, Major Commandant, Col Dooly, Major, LtCol., under Colonel Elijah Clarke, Colonial Militia.

Due to the inaccessibility of Carter, Hunt and Cunningham graves, the Patriot markers were placed and photos of them were presented at the Ceremony.



## MOSES HUNT

Patriot Moses Hunt served in Major Dobbs' Battalion of the Georgia Militia.



# JOHN JOHNSTON



Patriot John Johnston, born in Spotsylvania, Virginia is listed in Georgia Militia rolls, with Pension applications of John Huggins Johnson (Johnston) and Sarah Johnson. John is listed as serving as Captain in 1811 and Lieutenant in 1813 and 1816 as well.



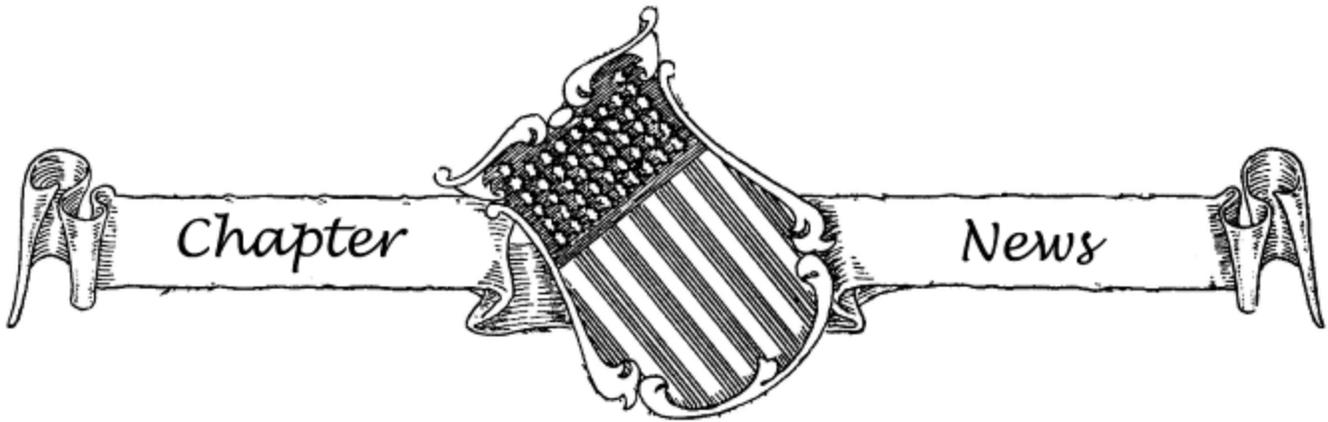


Above: Color Guard at the Elbert County Grave Marking Ceremony at Coldwater Methodist Church.



Left: Matthew Beasley and Sara Lesseur (aka Nancy Hart) With a photo of the Moses Hunt Gravesite and Marker.





## Blue Ridge Mountains

Right: BRM were 5 for 5. Five members attended the 5 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery.

Below: Jared Ogden presents Old Unicoi Trail Chapter NSDAR Regent Barbara Weaver her Partners in Patriotism 250th Anniversary Gold Medal at the November Chapter meeting.



Center and Left: President Ogden introduced our abbreviated Traveling Trunk program and topic speakers. The object was to encourage members to consider joining Chapter and State Color Guard and understand our Traveling Trunk program for Youth Education, emphasizing the 250th Anniversary efforts. Jared Ogden, Sid Turner, Stephen Weaver, Ted Gaudette, John Mays, Ron Willhide, and David Anderson were all dressed in either Continental or Militia attire with weapons. Each gave a short synopsis of their uniform and weapons.





Left and Right: John Mays, Steve Weaver and Mike Blair attended a four Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in Elbert County.



Left: L to R: Tom Chamberlain, John Mays, Stephen Weaver, Barbara Weaver, Ted Gaudette at the Oconee Veterans Day Program.



Stephen Weaver and Sid Turner attended the funeral of Compatriot Rick Reese Jr.



## Brier Creek



Left: Allen Burton spoke about Benjamin Franklin to Brier Creek Chapter' during their October meeting. Allen is a member of the Washington/ Wilkes Chapter.

Below: President Lee Herron inducted Stephen Riggs into the Brier Creek Chapter."



Above: No caption needed.



Below: On Saturday, October 4, 2025, members of the Colby Smith family met at the Bethany Baptist Church 4 miles outside of Harrison, GA for their 45th reunion. In attendance were 5 members of the Skunk Brigade. The reunion President Dess Smith III welcomed everyone with Bernard Martin blessing the food and everyone enjoyed a great covered dish meal. Steve Burke presented a program on "Early Washington County History - Revolution forward". After a short business meeting everyone went outside for cannon volleys by the Brier Creek Artillery fired by Commander Steve Burke, Dess Smith III, Alton McCloud, Lee Herron, and Don Bazemore."



Above and Left: The Skunk Brigade traveled to Folkston, GA, Saturday, October 11, 2025, to attend the Annual Okefenokee Festival event. Those attending: Commander Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Don Bazemore, Dess Smith III, and Bernard Martin. We spent the night at the American Legion Post #130 in Folkston that night. HUZAZH!!!

Right: Brier Creek November meeting featured Bill Tankersley, who presented his program on "A Horse named Independence".



Left: After the presentation, President Lee Herron presented the National Society's President General's Education Outreach streamer and certificate to the Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore for the chapter. This award was given at the National Congress in Connecticut this summer, and is in recognition for the outstanding work with educating students, parents, teachers, and anyone interested in the life lived during the 18th century, the war, and the heroes and ancestors we hold dear.



Above: On November 15, the Brier Creek Artillery consisting of 6 cannons and 7 crew members, traveled to North Augusta, SC to attend the Charles Hammond House 250th Anniversary Celebration. Those Skunkers were Commander Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Don Bazemore, Alton McCloud, Bernard Martin, Tommy Chappell and Ted Walker. The Traveling Trunk Display was presented to over 300 visitors to the event and cannons fired to the delight of all. The Charles Hammond house is dated back to Revolutionary War period.



Left: Lee Herron and Steve Burke were at the Statesboro Library as part of the local Georgia Historical Society on Friday, December 5. Lee Herron presented on "Capt Jovett, Paul Revere of the South" and helped Steve Burke with the Traveling Trunk. LaPortia Mosley is the Community Engagement Officer for the Georgia Historical Society.

Below: Fort Morris participation is a regular event for the Skunk Brigade. Attending were Steve Burke, Dess Smith and Don Bazemore. While there Commander Steve Burke inducted a new member of the Skunk Brigade, SAR member, Kholson Lee Bull, of the Robert Forsyth Chapter.

Below: At our annual Christmas banquet, we awarded our 6<sup>th</sup> SGT John R McKinney Brier Creek Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to a compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the past year.

This year's recipient is Adam Bazemore.





Left: President Lee also presented Owen McDaniel with his NSSAR Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate.



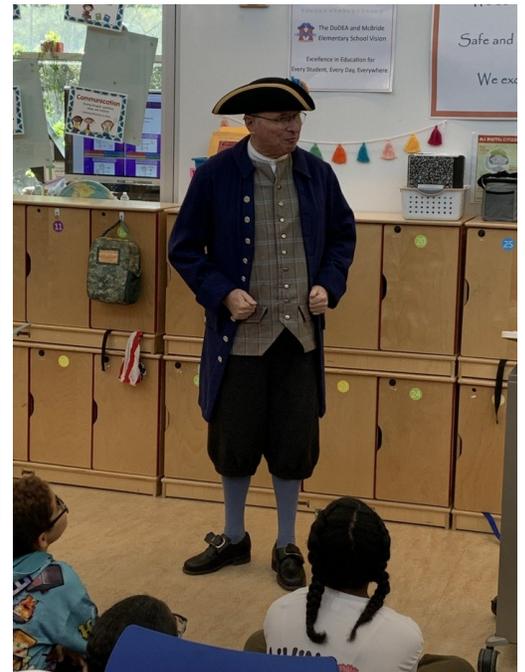
Right: Dan Hagan was inducted as the newest member of the Brier Creek Chapter.

## Coweta Falls

Left: Compatriot Moore participating in the Color Guard Presentation at the Morris Event.



Below: Compatriot Roger Buterbaugh went to McBride Elementary School on Fort Benning on December 9, 2025 and spoke with two 5th grade classes about Colonial garb, such as he was wearing, and on some of the events that occurred in Williamsburg, VA in 1775 (Gunpowder Incident, Dunsmore fleeing Williamsburg, Dunsmore Proclamation, etc.). His presentation was made to 48 students and their two teachers.



# Fall Line

Right: At the October Fall Line meeting, Compatriot Allen Burton presented his program on Benjamin Franklin. Allen is a member of the Washington/Wilkes Chapter.



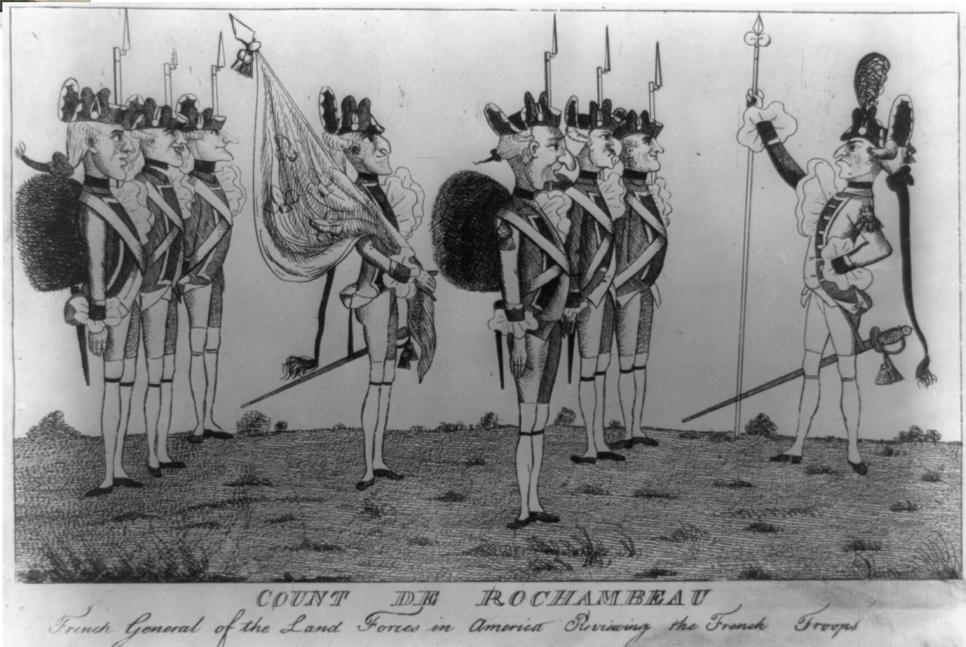
# Four Rivers Patriots



Left: Four Rivers Patriots presented to the Vidalia Fire Station #2 their 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Flag Certificate on December 22, 2025. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by President Joel Keener to the Vidalia Fire Station #2, Fire Chief Brian Sikes, Assistant Fire Chief Robert Tillman, Kris Owens, Tyler Page, Robert King, and Landon Titus, in recognition of exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way. They have been flying this large U.S. Flag since 9/11.

TITLE: Count de Rochambeau - French general of the land forces in America reviewing the French troops

CREATED/PUBLISHED: [1780]



COUNT DE ROCHAMBEAU  
*French General of the Land Forces in America Reviewing the French Troops*

# Little River

Below: October annual meeting and swearing in of officers. (L - R) – GASSAR Senior VP Bill Tankersley (Chapter Registrar, Secretary, Editor) conducts the ceremony, with Jimmy Chappell (Sergeant at Arms), David Donahoo (Chaplain), Mack Shealy (Treasurer), Lewis Smith (2nd VP), Jim Blanchard (President), Gary Smith Sr. (1st VP), Bob Gibson (Historian).



Left: Veterans Committee Chairman Gary Smith Sr. accepted a Wreaths Across America and Partners in Patriotism Award certificate for 2024, given by the NSSAR President General.



Below Left: Nov 10 – Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Gavin White received the SAR Heroism medal for an incident where he was badly wounded in the face by gunfire and rushed to the hospital by Deputy Andrew Brown (Lifesaving medal recipient). The incident resulted in the shooting death of his fellow deputy, Brandon Sikes, who was posthumously presented with the SAR Law Enforcement and Heroism medals. These awards were presented by Chapter Compatriot and Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Lane, a co-worker of all the recipients.

Below Right: On Nov 10, President Jim Blanchard (far left) and 1st VP Gary Smith (far right) attended the USMC 250th anniversary at VFW Post 12190 in Evans and awarded Landon Michael Perry with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate. Blanchard and Smith are dressed in their Marine Corps League outfits as they are members of the Lt Col Jimmie Dyess detachment 921 in Augusta.



Right: Deputy Jared Mason was with Deputies White, Sikes, and Brown during the event resulting in Sikes' death and White's gunshot wound, returning fire to help protect the others.

Below: Central East Region VP and Little River Chapter member Don Thomas Sr. gave an excellent featured presentation at the Nov 20 monthly chapter meeting on "Louisiana in the American Revolution." Don is a native of Louisiana and is very knowledgeable on the subject.



Right: Outgoing President Alton McCloud (L) chose Compatriot Tommy Chappell for the annual Chapter Distinguished Service Award. Tommy is a faithful color guard and militia member.



Below: Nov 22 – Alton McCloud and Ted Walker (SC) gave flintlock and Revolutionary War demonstrations to the general public at the annual Lincoln County Historical Society's "Pioneer Day" event.



Right: The new Col. John Dooley monument before any lettering or the SAR grave marking emblem were added by its creator, Mr. Ron Clamp of *Cornerstone Dimensional Stone* and his staff. The monument was completed and is in place at Elijah Clark State Park. Please join us on Feb. 13, 2026, for the annual "**Heroes of the Hornet's Nest**" commemoration where we will have a grave marking ceremony for Col. Dooley of the Wilkes Co. GA Militia, and dedicate this new monument beside the existing Gen. Elijah Clark monument.





Left: Dec 12 – Col John T.Y. Smith (center) of Gold Cross EMS received the SAR EMS award for his long and faithful career as an EMT, paramedic, and administrator.

Below: Dec 17 – Lt David Bullard (2nd from right) with Columbia County Fire Rescue and City of Grovetown Fire Department received the SAR Fire Safety Commendation award for his long and faithful career as a Firefighter and state level trainer in many areas.



## Lyman Hall



Left: (L-R) Adam Pethel, President Mike Watkins and Sid Hughes at the Sugar Hill Grave Marking Ceremony.

Right: Sid participated at the Elberton County Grave Marking Ceremony as well.



# Marshes of Glynn



Above: Eagle Scout Certificates awarded by The Marshes of Glynn Eagle Scout Holden Barak is with Steven Hinson (L) and Otis "Skip" Putnam III.



Left: Eagle Scout Duke Barlow is with Otis "Skip" Putnam III



Above: The Patriot Grave Marking of John Brooks, Soldier of the War of 1812 was attended by (L-R) Herb Hucks, Skip Putnam, Steven Hinson, Taylor Cooper, and Preston Lewis.



Compatriot Blaine Jenkins spoke on Elijah Clarke at the October Meeting.



# Mill Creek

Right: Mike Lisenby, a retired lawyer, talked about the Revolutionary War and the battles leading up to the Battle of Yorktown at the November meeting. His presentation included stories about his dad and his uncle who was killed on his 8th day in the Korean War.



# Mount Vernon



Left: John Lyon installed solar lights on his flag pole in Powder Springs, where he proudly displays the US flag every day. Picture taken at the HQ for the Atlanta Area Council, Scouting America.

Right: Mount Vernon chapter member Gene Ray spoke to the Sandy Springs Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution during the 4th week of October. His presentation on 'The Life & History of Daniel Boone' at their luncheon meeting was well received.



Right: October Meeting - Guest Speaker Cynthia Simmons spoke about the American Revolution in the Georgia Colony. President Hewett presents guest speaker Cynthia with a certificate of Speaker Appreciation.



Above: On November 1, 2025, Chapter President Tom Hewett and Scouting Chairman Chuck Olson presented Eagle Scout certificates to 4 Scouts from Troop 463. The ceremony took place at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.



Above: Shep Hammack and GASSAR President Bill Floyd presented their Traveling Trunk to the membership at the November meeting. The Traveling Trunk is normally presented to elementary schoolers to inform them about life during the colonial days. Both presenters were in Continental uniforms.

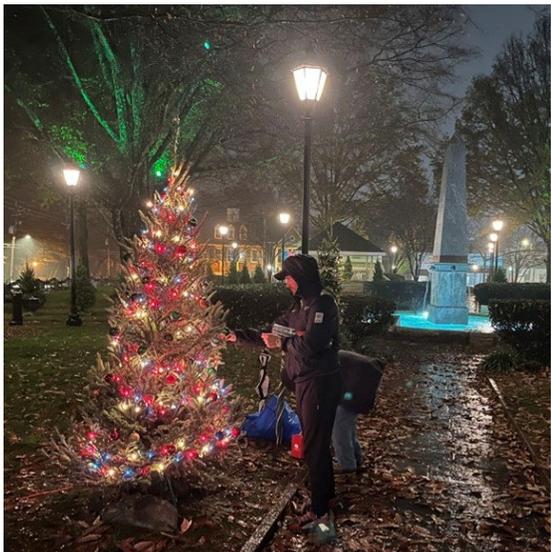
Below: President Tom Hewett asked 2024 President John Galt to accept a 'Partners in Patriotism Award' for our Chapter participation in patriotic activities in 2024.



Right: The Mount Vernon Chapter President Tom Hewett presented a wreath from the chapter at the SAR's 2025 Fort Morris Ceremony.



Left: Chapter President Tom Hewett, VP Kevin Baker and Chuck Rann decorated a Christmas Tree in Roswell Square. President Hewett also placed a laminated sign next to the tree stating that it was from the Mount Vernon Chapter, SAR.



Left and Right: President Tom Hewett attended the WAA ceremony at Marietta National. Chapter member Mike Long attended the ceremony at Georgia National in Canton.



Left: Our December Speaker was VP Kevin Baker, who spoke about a 'Colonial Christmas'



## Oakfuskee Trail

Below: At the Pine Mountain Christmas Parade, we marched right behind the Grand Marshal.



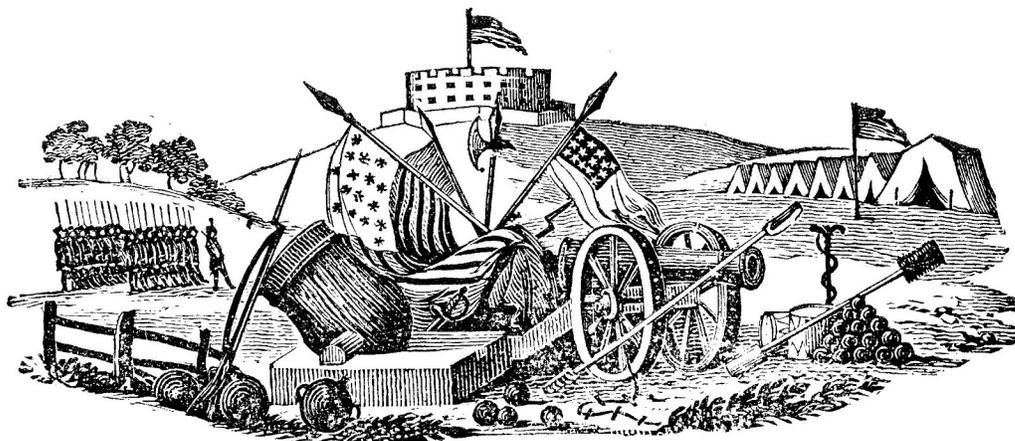


## Patrick Carr Rangers

Below: The Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter held its monthly meeting at President David Hargrove's home in Waynesboro on December 8, 2025.



Left: Dess Smith presented President David Hargrove a Chapter Flag Streamer for Dess presenting the Patrick Carr Rangers chapter wreath at the 247th Anniversary Battle at Fort Morris, "Come and Take it" on November 22. Dess then presented President Hargrove with the NSSAR Certificate for supporting Partners in Patriotism as part of their Patriotic Outreach in 2024.



# Piedmont

Representatives from the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), led by Veterans Committee Chairman Rob Ufford, met with volunteer staff at the Atlanta VA Medical Center on Friday, December 5, to present the results of the chapter's sixth annual veterans' fundraising drive. This year, the chapter raised \$18,200 to support Atlanta-area veterans, with a special focus this year on the city's growing population of women veterans.

According to Kathleen O'Loughlin, Atlanta VA Women Veteran Program Manager, Atlanta is home to more women veterans than any other U.S. city - approximately 29,000. Many of these women, who once proudly served our nation, now face significant challenges, including single parenthood, health concerns, housing instability, and disproportionately high rates of suicide.

The SAR's contribution helps provide timely assistance in crisis situations. Atlanta VA social workers may use the funds for urgent needs such as MARTA transit cards for medical appointments or short-term hotel stays for those escaping domestic violence. These resources serve as a bridge while veterans await the processing of formal support services.

This year's funding drive included a golf ball drop raffle at the Brookfield Country Club, supported by the Roswell Fire Department. Additional contributions came from community partners, including the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), VFW Post 12002, and the Eastminster Presbyterian Church.



Left: Ron Redner, Rick Reese III, and Rick Reese Jr. at the Apr. BOM mtg. with their award winning poster for the NSSAR Contest. This was the last time many of us saw Rick Jr. before he passed in November.

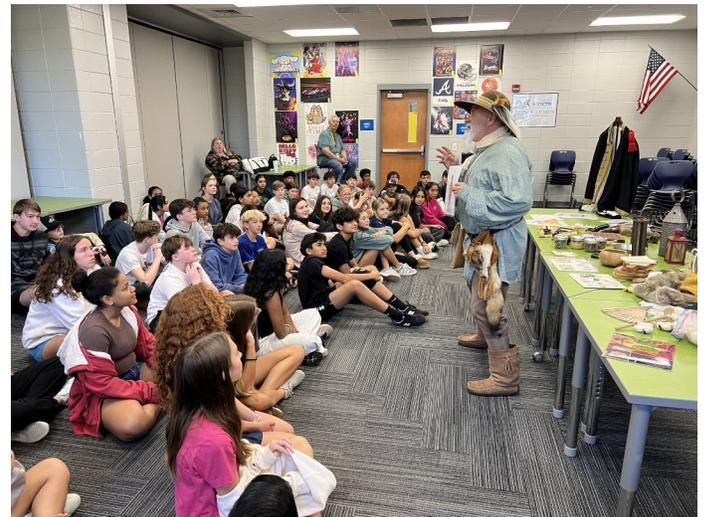
Frederic Miller Reese, Jr. Was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, Georgia Society in multiple offices, committees, and a good friend of all. Rick started the video contest under his chairmanship of the Education Committee, and pushed till it became a national competition. Many Georgia youth would have not entered and won the many contests available without Rick's persistent efforts, and the state society is mourning the loss of one of it's finest members.

# Robert Forsyth

Left and Right: The October meeting of the Robert Forsyth Chapter featured an old "Salt", Terry Manning, who spoke about "Sea Power in the American Revolution."



Below: Laura Cronan's family was installed as members. Anthony Smith, Scott Smith, and Luke Smith.



Above and Right: Compatriots Decker and Hustis presented their Traveling Trunk to Vickery Creek Middle School GA History Classes during October, when students study the Revolution Era.



Below Left: The November chapter meeting was well attended by both members and visitors. Compatriot Stephen Johnstone was our speaker and highlighted the goals and rewards of the Annual The Hero Hill Climb - Bike, Run, Ruck, or Walk for Veterans.



Johnstone has been spearheading this event for 4 years, with the chapter as a proud sponsor.

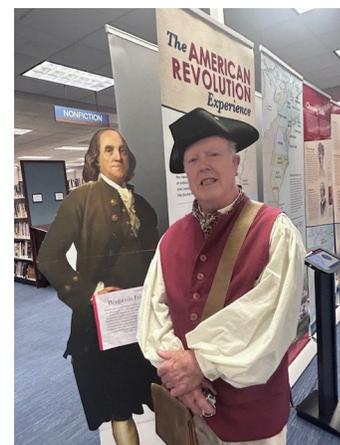
Right: Newest member Hendrick Edgerton was sworn in, with his lovely bride, Iris, pinning the rosette. Welcome Compatriot Edgerton!



Below Left: We helped sponsor 5 Grave Markings at Sugar Hill early in November. Participating were Four in Militia: John, Don, Byron and Emil, and two in Continental uniforms: Ed Jr. and J.C. This is the most participants from the chapter in uniforms yet!



Below Center and Right: Don Loudermilk and David Johnson Supported the DAR as they shared the **American Revolution Experience**, the Battlefield Trust traveling displays, while they were shown at the Cumming Main Library.



Below: We presented a Flag Respect Certificate as well as a Flag Retirement to the 2717 Trail Life Chapter from Murrayville, GA. Meeting at the Northlake Baptist Church, the group is responsible for maintaining the flagpole at the church, as well as holding regular Flag Retirement Ceremonies. This ceremony was conducted with the assistance of Compatriot Decker.





Compatriot Rick Reese's family requested Color Guard presence at his Mass during the first part of December. David Johnson and John Flikeid were there to honor him.

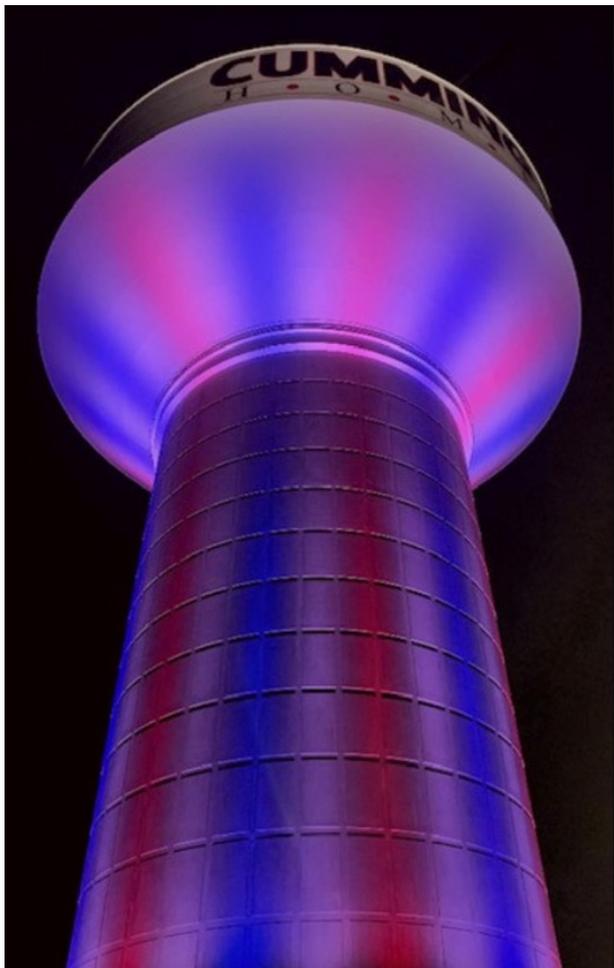
Below: December started with the Chapter Color Guard presenting Colors for the Patriots of Liberty DAR Annual Meeting.



Below Center and Right: Our December meeting had Robert Forsyth Compatriot Carl Watkins share his collection of a typical Militiaman's kit one would bring to a muster to march off to war. Many of the items in his kit were handmade and stitched with great care and precision. The craftsmanship was impressive. He also referenced the diary of Joseph Plum Martin during his presentation.



Left: It was with great acclaim and a bit of sadness at his moving out of state, that Compatriot J.C. Hustis received the first Henry Knox medal from the Robert Forsyth Chapter. J.C. has been an active member over the years as a Color Guardsman at Grave Markings, Historic Sites, State, Chapter, and National Events.



### "Keep an eye on the Cumming Home water tower in 2026 for red, white, and blue"

Robert Forsyth Chapter is 'sponsoring' the lights on the Cumming Home water tower a number of times in 2026. The water tower is located off GA 400, across from Northside Forsyth Hospital, just south of exit 14. Each year non-profit organizations submit requests to the City of Cumming to have the water tower lights represent a cause or event. Robert Forsyth has a number of events that will be recognized with the tower being lit up in red, white, and blue. The city has an America 250 category and we have signed up for the grand majority of those commemorations.

*250th Anniversary of Thomas Paine Publishing 'Common Sense', January 10th*

*Benjamin Franklin's Birthday & Battle of Cowpens, January 17th*

*Battle of Kettle Creek, February 14th*

*Battle of Brier Creek, March 3rd (we'll ensure our Compatriots in the Skunk Brigade and guardians of the battlefield are aware)*

*Patriots' Day / 250th Anniversary of the British troops evacuating Boston, March 17th*

*Passage of the Stamp Act (1st Direct Tax on Colonists), March 22nd*

*Anniversary of Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech, March 23rd*

*Anniversary of Paul Revere, William Dawes & Samuel Prescott's Ride, April 18th*

*Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17th*

*250th Anniversary of Independence Day, July 1-5*

*Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, ending the American Revolution in victory, September 3rd*

*United States Constitution Day, September 17th*

*Anniversary of the Boston Tea party, December 16th*

If you are in the area on any of these days, stop by the water tower and take a photo. Does your County light up it's water tower? Maybe your chapter can follow Robert Forsyth's lead and get into the 250<sup>th</sup> Spirit!

TITLE: The tea-tax-tempest, or the Anglo - American revolution

CREATED/PUBLISHED: [London] : Pubd. by M. Darly, Strand, 1778 May 11.

Print shows a satire expressing a Continental European view of the American Revolution, showing Father Time using a magic lantern to project the image of a teapot exploding among frightened British troops as American troops advance through the smoke. Figures representing world opinion look on: an Indian for America, a black woman representing Africa, a woman holding a lantern symbolizing Asia, and a woman bearing a shield for Europe.



*The Tea-Tax-Tempest, or the Anglo-American Revolution.*  
*Verhoogte uit den Oorlog in Amerika.*  
*Orage causé par l'Impôt sur le Thé en Amérique.*

# Wiregrass

Right: Bill Floyd, the Georgia Society President spoke to us at our October meeting. His presentation was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress.



Below: President Steve Burke then called on Compatriot Alton Reynolds for a special awards presentation. Alton presented Gary Mason and Jerry Lawson each with a plaque that read: "THUMPER"; to the fine cannon crew of the Continental Reynolds Battery, part of the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Artillery. SAR member Cam Quick also was to receive a plaque but was not in attendance



Below: "Lee Herron and Steve Burke traveled to Statesboro, GA to present a living history Revolutionary War program to students at the Statesboro Library on Tuesday, November, 2025. The program was presented by Lee Herron on "Captain Jovett, The Paul Revere of the South."



Above: GASSAR Senior Vice President Bill Tankersley spoke to us on the "The Horse named Independence" at our November meeting.

Right: President Steve Burke inducted Compatriot Frank Denmark into the Wiregrass Chapter.





Below: The Wiregrass Chapter held its monthly meeting along with the Governor David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter DAR, December 11, at the First Methodist Church Social Hall. We had 43 in attendance. The meal was provided by Annette McCray and Travis Smith from Metter.

(L - R) President Steve Burke, Dess Smith III, Annette McCray, Travis Smith, Lee Herren.



Above and Left: Wiregrass Chapter presented to the Georgia Equipment Company (owned by Adam Lane and his son Tyler) our 42<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Flag Certificate on December 15. They are both members of the Wiregrass Chapter, and just erected a 35 foot flag pole to display the U.S. Flag. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by Flag Chairman Gary Mason. The Wiregrass Chapter began presenting these certificates in June 2014. This is an ongoing project of the Wiregrass Chapter with the GASSAR and the NSSAR and we will be honoring others with this certificate.

## Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary



Continuing our mission in support of Georgia Society SAR chapters and Compatriots, the fourth quarter proved to be exceptionally busy and productive.

Membership in the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary currently stands at 230 members, with 26 new members added in 2025 —an average of one new member every other week. Our auxiliary members have done an outstanding job engaging with ladies across the state and encouraging participation in our organization. With a lifetime membership fee of just \$40, which includes the coveted Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary pin and membership in the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary, this opportunity is easy to promote to those who support our more than 2,000 Georgia Compatriots.

In addition to traveling across the state for grave markings and commemorations and regularly attending SAR chapter meetings, our members continue to take photographs for documentation and publicity, promote SAR activities through social media, provide articles to news outlets, edit chapter newsletters and reports, provide event programs, assist with registration tables, provide refreshments and centerpieces, and offer encouragement and a listening ear whenever needed.

As I pass the gavel to the 2026 GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary President on February 7, I reflect on what was a truly rewarding year. I have met many wonderful Compatriots and deeply appreciate their kindness and steadfast support of both our organizations and its members.

President Floyd, it has truly been an honor to work with you in this role. I hope that on the evening of February 7th you can put your feet up and take pride in all you have accomplished as GASSAR State President. You have represented your organization with the highest regard, and it has been a pleasure to serve alongside you as we advanced the mission of our organizations together.

Lynn Baxter Jacques



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

### Children of the American Revolution

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 rise 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

#### Parades + Patriotism = SAR 250th Anniversary Medal

By Eva Russo Patriots of Liberty Society, C.A.R.

This past October was a month I won't forget anytime soon. At the Robert Forsyth Chapter meeting, I had the honor of receiving the Sons of the American Revolution 250th Anniversary Bronze Medal.

For those who might not know, this medal is part of the celebration leading up to 2026 - the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States of America! To earn the Bronze Medal, you have to accumulate 25 points by participating in events that recognize the anniversary of the Revolutionary War and the men and women who fought for our independence from Parliament and the British Crown.



Some of the events and activities that I participated in this year include: Dr Joseph Warren's birthday celebration at Dairy Queen, Independence Day parade in Cumming, SAR Flag Retirement ceremony at Ingram Funeral Home, Liberty Tree dedication at Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Hero Hill Climb in Dahlonega - honoring my Patriot, Charles Word, visiting numerous sites in Savannah - including the graves of Button Gwinnett, Nathaniel Greene, and Lachlan McIntosh, and attending CAR and SAR meetings. Each of these activities earns 3 points. If you wear colonial attire, you earn 5 points.

The highlight of the night, however, wasn't just getting the medal - it was who gave it to me. It was a really special moment to have the Chapter President, Christopher Russo - better known to me as "Dad" - call my name and present the award.

I am proud to represent the Patriots of Liberty Society, C.A.R., often alongside the SAR. We have a big

anniversary coming up in 2026, and I'm already working toward the Silver Medal next!



Above: Grave Marking at Sugar Hill.  
Below: Fort Morris



Right and Below: The reveal of the cannon



**Come and Take It ! Cannon Dedication:**

**By President Noah Tindall, Georgia Society, C.A.R.**

Georgia's Sons & Daughters of Liberty, Patriots of Liberty, Martha Stewart Bulloch, and Elisha Winn societies joined with SAR and DAR the 247<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Fort Morris, a National SAR celebration of this event.

National Recording Secretary Will Tims and Georgia State President Noah Tindall brought greetings; Gregory Thompson, Sons & Daughters of Liberty Society, led the Pledge; Fort Morris Chair Will T, Martha Stewart Bulloch Society, led the "15 Flag Ceremony," while William D., Elisha Winn Society played taps.

There was a great turnout with well over 150 guests, SAR, DAR and CAR members and Living History interpreters celebrating the 1778 Siege of Fort Morris and the immortal reply of LtCol John McIntosh to the British Col Louis Fuller's demand for surrender, "Come and Take it!"

This year in celebration of America 250 the Georgia State Project HUZAH! to our Patriots dedicated a cannon that will enable boys and girls of today to learn about the Sunbury boys and girls who, after the Fall of Savannah and capture of Fort Morris, engaged in an incident in the sandy streets of Sunbury and triggered the composition of a poem against the brutality of the British occupation forces.

A nine-year-old boy, George Somersell, collected a little "Rebel Company" of children, - (as the British called them) - children of the prisoners he had taken. George assumed the rank of Captain with Polly Peacock as First Lieutenant, the other children, under the age of eight, completed the ranks down to Sergeants and Corporals. They created a fort, with batteries and redoubts in the street, and soon became quite adept with their collection of arms and warfare tactics.

The British Commandant, Major Robert Drummond, not liking this show of patriotism by the children, ordered a "Sergeant and six with fixed bayonets" to suppress the enthusiasm of the children. The British soldiers demolished the fort and batteries, captured the children's crudely made flag of thirteen stripes and stars, and carried it triumphantly through the town.

The dedication of the cannon memorializes the patriotism and defiance of the Sunbury children and allows future generations of patriots to pick up the torch of freedom.



Patriots of Liberty President Kholson Bull led the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Maxwell Cemetery in Alpharetta. Private John T. Maxwell, Patriot of the American Revolution is buried at Maxwell Cemetery.

The Patriots of Liberty Color Guard were assisted by the Robert Forsyth Chapter President at the Ceremony.





## GEORGIA'S AMERICA 250 LICENSE PLATE – AVAILABLE IN 2026 BY EDEN PETHEL

My name is Eden Pethel, I am 13 years old and in the 8th grade. I submitted the winning entry for the Georgia Department of Education contest to design a tag to commemorate America's 250th Anniversary. As an active member in the Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution, I have learned to love the history of our home and country. When I learned about this contest, I felt compelled to enter to teach Georgians about Georgia's role in the American Revolution.

Included in the design is an outline of Georgia because not all battles in the American Revolution happened in the northern colonies. The date in the center represents the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 - the first time the colonies came together as a united front. While there were many skirmishes in Georgia, seven of them were pivotal to the course of events of the American Revolution.

The stars on the design represent those seven events in Georgia. From north to south they are:

- ★ The Battle of Cherokee Ford/Van(n)'s Creek in Elbert County, Georgia
- ★ The Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia
- ★ The First and Second Sieges of Augusta in Augusta, Georgia
- ★ The Battle of Brier Creek in Sylvania, Georgia
- ★ The Battle of Riceboats, Capture of Savannah, and Siege of Savannah in Savannah, Georgia
- ★ Frederica Naval Action in St. Simons Island, Georgia

Senator Max Burns is making plans to recognize my work during the 2026 Legislative Session. I will do my best to keep everyone informed about that date. The tag will be available on January 1, 2026 but many Tag Offices are closed for New Years so my family will be getting their tags on January 2, 2026. Your current tag can be replaced with the commemorative plate. If it is not currently your renewal period, it will cost \$20. I have started a blog to share news and information about my tag design. I'll be adding posts about my visits to the historical markers, commemorations, and America 250 events at those locations. I want to thank the Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution, Georgia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Georgia State Society Sons of the American Revolution, and Sons of the Revolution in Georgia for your support. It's an honor to be a part of celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence and bring awareness to Georgia's role in the American Revolution.

**Eden Pethel**

### Press Release Link:

<https://dor.georgia.gov/press-releases/2025-12-29/georgia-launch-commemorative-license-plate-honoring-nations-250th>

### Blog Link:

<https://america250gaplate.blogspot.com/>



Right: The DAR had a great turnout for the Patriot Grave Markings at Sugar Hill.



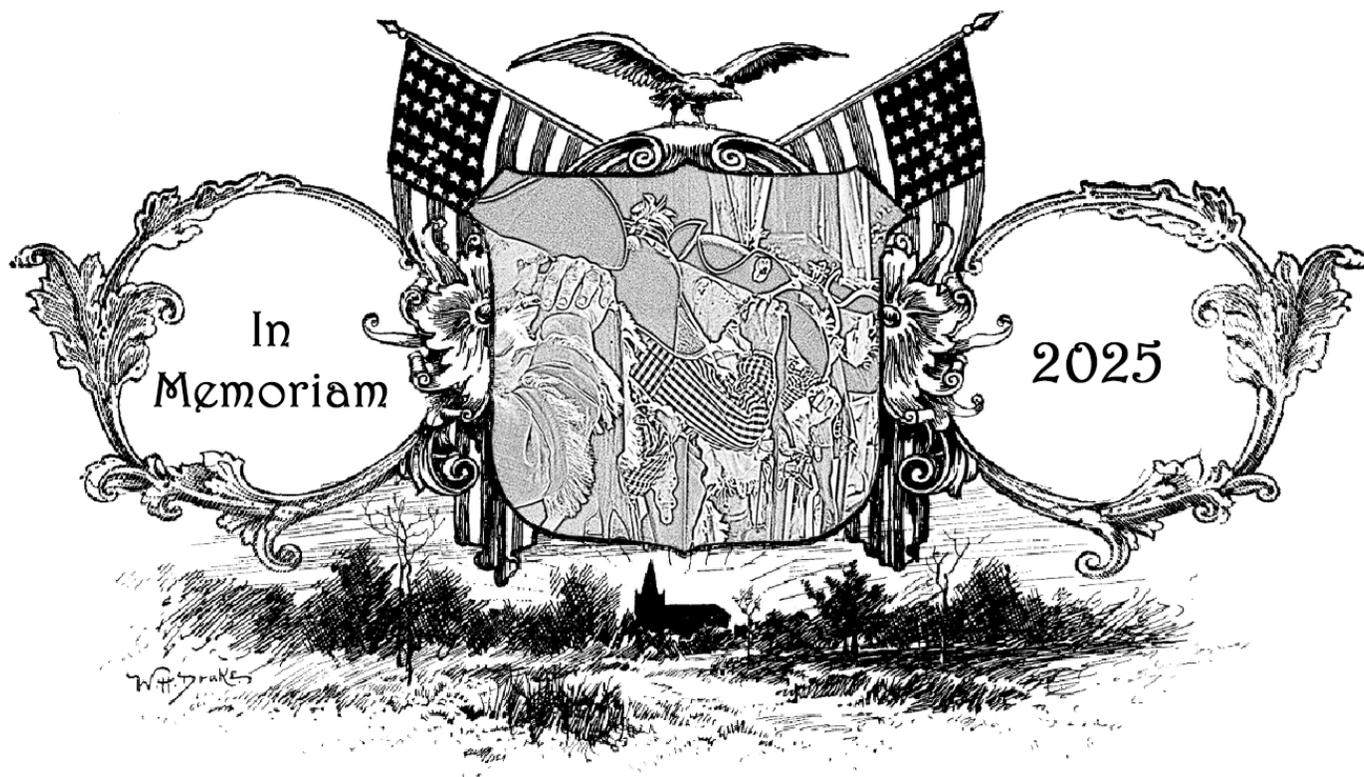
Left: Members of the DAR and Daughters of the General Society of the War of 1812 sing the “National Anthem at the ceremony marking the grave of John Brooks who served in the War of 1812.

Below: You will often find Hellen Powell, Georgia State Regent for the DAR in front of the camera..... and just as often, behind one as well.

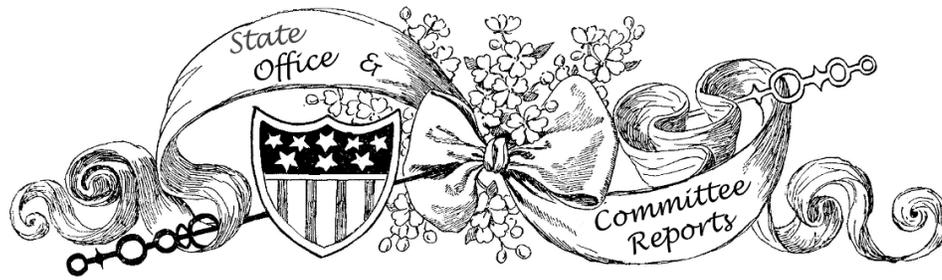


Below: Fort Morris “Come and Take It” often brings out the best dressed ladies from the DAR.





Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	Deceased
Fred Wood Snell Jr	83170	General Nathanael Greene	10/1/2025
Darrell James Schumann	235453	Lyman Hall	10/10/2025
Winston Richmond Harriss Jr.	193450	Little River	10/13/2025
Mark Harold Smith	210640	Button Gwinnett	10/18/2025
Robert Charles Kennedy	214865	Capt. John Collins	10/21/2025
William Hamilton Bennett	213873	Altamaha	11/2/2025
Paul Eugene Bryant	196392	Robert Forsyth	11/5/2025
Jackie Oswald Ray Jr.	178159	Edward Telfair	11/7/2025
Henry Porter Burgstiner	232398	Edward Telfair	11/10/2025
Frederic Miller Reese Jr.	188201	Piedmont	11/19/2025
Larry Carlton Dekle	221600	Wiregrass	12/12/2025
Daniel Edward Hanlon III	185409	Edward Telfair	12/14/2025
Walter Lamar Coursey	236369	Edward Telfair	12/19/2025
Laten Mingledorff Davis	236367	Edward Telfair	12/19/2025



**Secretary - Chris Thompson**



While activity slowed slightly as the quarter closed, we achieved consistent year-end growth and maintained positive momentum in both new and reinstated members throughout the dues cycle.

**Digitization Compliance**

As of the end of Q4, all 2024 and 2025 records have been successfully digitized, ensuring full compliance with the newly adopted two-year digital records retention rule. Any further

digitization will serve archival purposes for the long-term benefit of GASSAR.

**Speakers Bureau – Website Revision Underway**

The Speakers Bureau section of the state website is being redesigned to provide a cleaner layout and easier access to speaker profiles. The revised directory is expected to be published within the next month and will allow users to connect directly with listed speakers.

Metric	Q4 2025	Q4 2024
Active Members as of 12/31	2,026	2,021
Quarterly Additions	57	49
• New Members	42	43
• Reinstatements	15	6
Quarterly Losses	17	9
• Deceased	14	9
• Transfer Out	3	0
Net Membership Change (Q4)	+40	+40

*New Members*



**Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
<b>Athens</b> 10/17/2025	David Savadge	GOODENOUGH, Joseph	Steven J. Wang
12/16/2025	Phil Winston Whitlow	COLE, Martin	Kenneth Scott Collins
<b>Blue Ridge Mountains</b>			
12/5/2025	Ronald Leslie Willhide	EIGENBROD, Johann Yost	Jack Powell Dugger
<b>Brier Creek</b>			
10/17/2025	Daniel Varrye Hagan	SMITH, Simon	Lee Herron
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>			
10/24/2025	Robert Gordon Benson	BENSON, Enoch	Harold Ford
10/24/2025	Keith William Pangle	MAPLES, William	Harold Ford
10/24/2025	Jan Jeffrey Williams	HUTCHINS, Strangeman	Harold Ford
11/7/2025	Kayden Victor Manuel Jackson Barragan	LOOMIS, Dan	Harold Ford
12/12/2025	Liam Dennis Drum	KENNEDY, Hugh	Harold Ford

## Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
<b>Capt. John Collins</b>			
11/21/2025	Daniel Patrick Morgan	BENSON, Benjamin	Lewis David Ray
11/21/2025	Glen Andrew Morgan	BENSON, Benjamin	Lewis David Ray
11/21/2025	John Fletcher Morgan Jr.	BENSON, Benjamin	Lewis David Ray
11/21/2025	John Fletcher Morgan III	BENSON, Benjamin	Lewis David Ray
11/21/2025	Joseph Aaron Morgan	BENSON, Benjamin	Lewis David Ray
12/12/2025	Robert Benjamin Stirk	LONDON, John	Lewis David Ray
<b>Casimir Pulaski</b>			
12/5/2025	Luke Edward "Campbell" Bailey	CAMPBELL, Sr., Aeneas	Michael Campbell
<b>Cherokee</b>			
10/31/2025	Mark Steven Williams	WILLIAMS, John	Dennis K. McIntire
11/14/2025	Dennis Ray Skidmore	CRANE, John	Dennis K. McIntire
11/21/2025	James Thomas Frederickson	BYRD, Jesse	Dennis K. McIntire
12/19/2025	Randall Matthew Rhodes	SHAW, Joseph	Dennis K. McIntire
<b>Coweta Falls</b>			
12/12/2025	Anthony Michael Laymon-Jones	FONDA, Douw	Robert Moore
<b>Edward Telfair</b>			
10/31/2025	Ronald Glen Hanie Jr.	PACE, Stephen	Roger Coursey
11/7/2025	Christopher Brooks Vinyard	VINEYARD, John	Roger Coursey
12/19/2025	William Kirkland Walker	HAMBRIGHT, Frederick	Roger Coursey
<b>Joseph Habersham</b>			
10/24/2025	David Reese Bridges	REESE, Davod	John Larry Whitfield
12/19/2025	Jerry Bruce Harkness Sr.	BASKIN, William	John Larry Whitfield
<b>Lyman Hall</b>			
10/10/2025	Richmon Roy Schumann	BARGE, Lewis	Sid Curtis Hughes Jr.
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>			
10/31/2025	Austin Tice Myers	BEAN, James	John Britton Wells III
11/21/2025	Daniel John Moreno	LIVINGSTON, Phillip	Robert D. Bulloch
12/5/2025	Martin Christopher Jones	WASSON, Joseph	John Britton Wells III
12/19/2025	Noah Thomas Van Oosterhout	LONG, Joseph	John Britton Wells III
<b>Mount Vernon</b>			
10/20/2025	Michael Alan Floyd	PHILLIPS, Levi	William Floyd Jr.
<b>Piedmont</b>			
11/7/2025	Charles Andrew Lock	HARMON, Philip	James M. Ruff Jr.
11/7/2025	William Alexander Lock	HARMON, Philip	James M. Ruff Jr.
11/7/2025	Lee John Wright Jr.	HARMON, Philip	James M. Ruff Jr.
<b>Robert Forsyth</b>			
10/24/2025	Braylan Daniel Bull	RUTLEDGE, Peter	Christopher Russo
10/24/2025	Kholson Lee Bull	RUTLEDGE, Peter	Christopher Russo
10/31/2025	Jantsan Callaway Bull	RUTLEDGE, Peter	Christopher Russo
12/12/2025	James Donald Lange Jr.	RICH, Jonathan	Charles H. Meagher
12/16/2025	Andrew Philiip McGinty	PATTERSON, John	Charles H. Meagher
12/16/2025	Philip James McGinty	PATTERSON, John	Charles H. Meagher



**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
					
<b>Altamaha</b>				<b>Leon Davis</b>	<b>Falinda Johnson</b>
<b>Athens</b>				<b>Jeffrey Barnes David Dunn</b>	<b>Kayante Jackson Clay Cochran Ben Whitney Noah Doster Ravit Pab</b>
<b>Blue Ridge Mountains</b>	<b>Daniel Farnham Richard Morgan Matthew Peardon</b>	<b>Mason Cruse Steven Tanner Sam West</b>	<b>Paul Beamon Ryan Earnhardt Walker Ross Victor Wagnon</b>	<b>Robert Calamari Weston Henry Russell Long Reed Surmain Sebastian Workman</b>	
<b>Little River</b>	<b>David James Brandon Sikes</b>	<b>David Bullard</b>	<b>John T.Y. Smith</b>	<b>Jared Mason Brandon Sikes Gavin White</b>	<b>Andrew Brown</b>
<b>Ocmulgee</b>	<b>Christopher Sherrell</b>				



**Liberty Tree - Ron Redner**

To date we have done 198 Liberty Tree dedications, leaving us only 52 to go to reach our goal of 250 by July 2026. We also have planted them in 29 of the 50 states. We especially need a Liberty Tree in Delaware, Rhode Island and Massachusetts in order to have one all original 13 states, so please help get the word out to them!

## Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell



The year of 2025 came to a successful conclusion as we documented the very successful Lafayette tour across Georgia that took place in March 2025. The national Lafayette organization required a detailed written report with many photos to document the tour and that information is being printed in a Gazette that will be shared with all our sponsors, including GASSAR. Plans are also being made to expand this information into a book that can later be available at libraries and online sources.

In other activities, my wife Billie and I marched in the Milledgeville, Ga, Christmas parade that was attended by many thousands of local citizens. I was the representative of the Color Guard and Billie wore colonial attire as we waved USA flags. It is notable that Jeff Wells, a SAR member in Milledgeville, was the parade organizer and was recently

elected to the City Council! Good luck, Jeff!

As I worked with the Pomeroy foundation to coordinate the placement of the Lafayette historical markers in seven Georgia cities, I gained valuable experience in working with that fine organization. We can use their resources to place GASSAR related markers across Georgia as needed and appropriate, at no cost, which can be a huge blessing to our organization.

Currently, I'm working with the Pomeroy Foundation to place a historical marker in Knoxville/Roberta, Georgia to the Georgia Battalion that was massacred and largely forgotten during the war of Texas independence. Everyone is familiar with the battle of the Alamo, mostly thanks to the John Wayne movie, but most have forgotten the massacre at Goliad, Texas.

*In November 1835, a large group of soldiers from Macon, middle Georgia and Columbus volunteered to serve in efforts for Texas independence after a large public meeting was held in Macon on November 12, 1835. Eventually 120 soldiers volunteered for the war effort and the Georgia Militia donated rifles, supplies and 4,000 were collected.*

*After departing Macon, the soldiers camped at the Knoxville/ Crawford County Courthouse, where they were presented with a 'Lone Star flag' by 16-year-old Joanna Troutman, which the soldiers carried to Texas. The soldiers successfully reached Texas and fought in several battles but eventually were captured by Mexican forces. After their surrender, they thought they were going to be shipped back east, but General Santa Anna ordered that they all be killed.*

*On March 27, 1836, approximately 425 Texas/American soldiers, including the 120 Georgians, were marched out into the prairie, lined up and massacred by Mexican troops. The few that survived the initial shooting were run down by horsemen and killed by swords and spears. All the dead soldiers were stripped of their clothes and belongings, thrown into a huge pile of dead bodies and burned in a funeral pyre with limbs and debris, in a vivid display of cruel inhumanity.*

*It is hard for us today to visualize such a terrible tragedy where hundreds of young American men were mowed down and killed in the prime of their lives, seeking freedom for the people of Texas. Although this struggle is not about the Revolutionary war, it is about freedom and the growth of the United States of America, which all Compatriots can relate too. Texas eventually became a US state, and later, the Mexican /American war led to the addition of California, New Mexico, Nevada, and Arizona as our government acted on the Manifest Destiny doctrine to expand our boundaries.*

*Joanna Troutman, hailed as the inventor of the Texas State Flag, is fondly remembered and her remains were collected by the Texas State Legislature and moved to the state cemetery in Austin, Texas, where they rest under a large monument of her sewing the Texas state flag.*

The state of Texas agreed to provide a marker in Georgia to the Georgia Battalion, but the years passed by and no action was taken. Monuments were built in Goliad, Texas, now a state park, and in Albany, Texas, but no monuments were ever constructed in Georgia, and the Georgia Battalion is mostly forgotten in the soldiers home state.

The Georgia Battalion historical marker, which I have proposed to the Pomeroy Foundation, would remember the actions and sacrifices of these brave Georgia soldiers and be placed at the Knoxville, Crawford County Courthouse. In May of this year, I will be presenting a PowerPoint program on " The Massacre of the Georgia Battalion at Goliad, Texas" at the "Lunch and Learn Luncheon", which is part of the Historic Jug Festival in Crawford County.

If you have any ideas about revolutionary events or individuals that need to be commemorated with a Pomeroy marker, please let me know and I'll be glad to assist you in the future.

## IT - Richard Marsh

### **2026 Dues Collection**

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

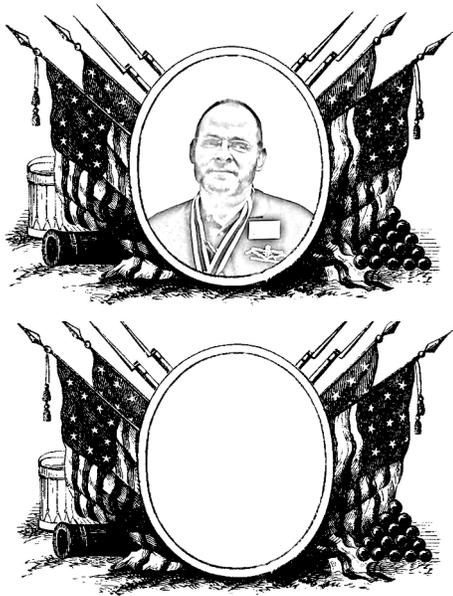
### **2026 Annual Meeting**

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



**Georgia Registrar South - Steven Hinson**

**North - Harold Ford**



SOUTH	4rd Qtr			3rd Qtr			2nd Qtr			1st Qtr			GRAND TOTAL
	New	Supp	Mem										
Altamaha													0
Atlanta				3			3			2	1		9
Brier Creek	3	1		2	2		2						10
Button Gwinnett													0
Captain John Collins													0
Edward Telfair	5			5	2		7			6			25
Fall Line													0
Four Rivers Patriots							1			1			2
John Collins													0
John Milledge	2												2
Little River		1								1			2
Marshes of Glynn	4			2			1			4			11
Ocmulgee	1												1
Patrick Carr Rangers													0
Piedmont													0
Thigpen Trail	5			2			1						8
Washington-Wilkes													0
William Few													0
Wiregrass	4			2			1						7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>

NORTH	4th Qtr			3rd Qtr			2nd Qtr			1st Qtr			Grand Total
	New	Supp	Mem										
Athens	11			4	4		6	4		7			36
Atlanta													0
Blue Ridge Mountains		1		1			0	1		1			4
Button Gwinnett	6			4			6			3	2		21
Captain John Collins	1	1		10	3		2						17
Casimir Pulaski				1			14	3		2			20
Cherokee	2	2		3			2						9
Coweta Falls				1			1			3			5
Dalton													0
Gen Nathanael Greene							2						2
George Walton				1									1
Joseph Habersham	1			3			1						5
LaGrange													0
Lyman Hall	4						2		1	1			8
Marquis de Lafayette	1			6			7			7			21
Mount Vernon	2			1	1								4
Piedmont							5			6			11
Rome													0
Robert Forsyth	3			1	0		7			2			13
Samuel Elbert	1												1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>178</b>



### Georgia Trustee - Ed Rigel Jr.

The Trustees adopted a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$75,000 from the budget and/or line of credit to cover any and all attorney fees and costs necessary to defend a lawsuit against the National Society, pending acceptance by the insurance carrier.

### 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:**

Mike Blair (Blue Ridge Mountains): Silver  
 William N. Floyd (Mount Vernon): Bronze, Silver, Gold  
 Steven Hinson (Marshes of Glynn): Bronze, Silver (Gold pending)  
 John Mays (Blue Ridge Mountains): Silver  
 David C. McCarty (Button Gwinnett): Gold  
 Randy Tindall (Button Gwinnett): Gold  
 Grant Tribble (Athens): Silver  
 Deborah Kyle (William Day Chapter, NSDAR): Gold  
 Emily Tindall: Gold

#### **Websites:**

<http://www.america250sar.com> (Public)  
<http://www.america250sar.org> (Members)



### Membership - Gordon Woodard

Continued support of prospective members as information is received.  
 Continued support of the prospective Toccoa chapter: attending a future meeting with Georgia Society President, preparation for the charter event, etc.  
 Continued support of Americus and Dublin prospective chapters.  
 Identification and recruitment of additional committee members to represent the Central East and Southwest Regions.  
 Continued support of other prospective chapters and identification of future prospective chapters

### Knight Essay - Stacey McCarver



Eleven essay entries were sponsored by the following Georgia Society Chapters versus nine chapters participating last year: Captain John Collins, Cherokee, General Nathaniel Greene, Lyman Hall, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Mount Vernon, Ocmulgee, Piedmont, Robert Forsyth, & William Few.

Judging of the essay for the GASSAR contest was completed on January 6, 2026. Winners will be announced at the Youth Awards Luncheon. We had another strong year of entries, making selecting the winners a difficult job, in a very good way. My thanks to each of the chapters that went the extra mile to sponsor youth who will be our future. If there are chapters who did not participate this year, but are interested in participating in the future, please reach out to me for more information.



**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	2	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	

## Veterans - Gary Hoyt



Since the GASSAR's Annual Conference has been moved to February this year, I am able to extend the Chapter Stark Reporting deadline to January 15, 2026.

As many have heard, the old USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet was not taken down by the NSSAR when the new Stark Activities Tracker was introduced. Given this duplication, some Chapter Stark Reporters opted to report using the former Scoring Sheet.

It's all good. Scott Giltner, the national Stark Program Administrator, will gladly accept Activities Trackers, or Scoring Sheets accompanied by a supplemental Activities Tracker. I'll prepare and submit supplemental Activities Trackers for Chapters as needed.

This will be the final year for traditional Stark reporting. A SMART Report training session will be held at the GASSAR Annual Conference on Friday, February 6, from 1-2:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Graves - Don McCarty



The Georgia Society has conducted twenty-five (25) Patriot Grave Markings, which were vetted by the Graves Committee during calendar year 2025.

From the residual of the vetted Patriots of 2024 not marked and those vetted Patriots during 2025, the Graves Committee has been very active and has vetted forty-seven (47) Revolutionary War Patriots for 2025 and future SAR Grave Marking events. Some have been scheduled and/or marked by the Georgia Society SAR, while some have not been scheduled to date.

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 General Nathanael Greene

Chapter SAR. Scheduling has not been determined, 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.
- Patriot John Cash, SAR Patriot ID: P-130073. This Patriot died 13 Aug 1836 in Henry County, GA. This was requested by Don McCarty (Patriot descendant) 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.

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 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 vet thirteen (13) Revolutionary War Patriots, who moved to Gwinnett County, GA after the War; 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 the City of Sugar Hill Historical Cemetery to honor these Patriots with a SAR Grave Marker. Approval by the City was granted and plans are in place to have SAR Grave Marking Ceremonies for five (5) Patriots in 2025 and 2026 and three (3) Patriots in 2027. These remaining eight (8) Patriots include the following: 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 Liddell, b. 1762 d. 23 Aug 1836, NC Militia, Mathew McRight, b. 2 Feb 1762 d. Nov 1832, SC Militia, William Morris, b. 1758 d. 8 Sept 1824, NC Militia, John Peavy, d. 1828, GA Militia, George Thrasher, b. 1755 d. 13 July 1849, GA 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 on Friday, February 13, 2026. The Cenotaph has been installed for this event.

Compatriot Sid Hughes of the Lyman Hall Chapter SAR requested the vetting of two (2) Patriots including Beal Baker, SAR P-107021, and William Clark SAR P-134218. The Colonel William Candler DAR Chapter has secured approval from the DAR Historian General to mark these Patriots graves. The DAR Historian General's letters were provided to the Graves Committee, and approval has been granted by the Graves Committee for the Lyman Hall SAR Chapter to perform a SAR Grave Marking in conjunction with the DAR Chapter. Both Patriots are buried in Alta Vista Cemetery, Gainesville, Hall County, GA. The Lyman Hall Chapter is planning a joint ceremony with the Colonel William Candler Chapter, DAR in Gainesville, GA. This event is planned for Sunday, March 29, 2026.

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. The SAR stone has been prepared, placed and is ready for this event in October of 2026.

Compatriots Tony Beasley and Dennis Wiggins (Patriot descendant) of the Brier Creek Chapter SAR requested the vetting of Patriot Onesimus Futch, SAR P-163317. This 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. This event is likely to be held in the Spring of 2026. Planning is underway to make this a 5-Patriot grave marking event.

Brandy Pethel (Patriot descendant), Regent of the James Pittman DAR Chapter has engaged the Lyman Hall SAR Chapter to perform a grave marking for Patriot James Green Pittman, SAR P-271003. Regent Brandy Pethel has obtained approval by the DAR Historian General to mark the grave of this Patriot. The Graves Committee has obtained a copy of the DAR Historian General's approval letter and has accepted that approval for the Georgia Society SAR to mark the Patriot's grave with the DAR ceremony. This event is planned for Sunday, June 7, 2026. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Perrie Tucker (Patriot descendant), Regent of the Chestatee River DAR Chapter, has engaged the Graves Committee regarding a Patriot grave marking for Patriot Jacob Mercer SAR P-247880. Regent Perrie Tucker has provided the DAR application to the DAR Historian General and has obtained approval for the Chestatee River DAR Chapter to mark this Revolutionary War soldiers grave. The DAR Historian General's approval letter and photos of the grave headstone have been provided to the Graves Committee. As a result, the Graves Committee has accepted this information and approves of a Georgia Society SAR Chapter to sponsor a SAR grave marking in conjunction with the Chestatee River DAR Chapter. Patriot Jacob Mercer is buried in the Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in Shady Dale, Jasper County, Georgia. The Pastor of the church has granted approval of this Patriot grave marking in the cemetery. The Graves Committee Chairman has reached out to the George Walton SAR Chapter to become the Georgia Society SAR Chapter sponsor of this Patriot Grave Marking. Final Chapter approval is expected soon. The scheduled Patriot grave marking date is planned for Saturday, September 19, 2026.

The Captain James Kell DAR Chapter has engaged the Blue Ridge Mountains SAR Chapter regarding a Patriot grave marking for Patriot Enoch Smith SAR P-291878. The Captain James Kell DAR Chapter has secured approval to mark this Patriot's grave from the DAR Historian General. While this Patriot's grave has been lost to time, Patriot Enoch Smith was a founding trustee of Macedonia Baptist Church in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA. Permission has been granted by the church to perform this Patriot grave marking in their cemetery. The Graves Committee has accepted the DAR letter and other documentation to grant the Blue Ridge Mountains SAR Chapter approval to perform a SAR Patriot grave marking in conjunction with the DAR Chapter. No date has been provided to conduct this Patriot grave marking.

The Graves Committee has received an additional request for Patriots to be Vetted for Grave Markings. Among the following Patriots, Compatriot Steven Hinson of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter SAR is requesting four (4) more Patriots to be vetted to have a five (5) Patriot grave marking event in April of 2026. This list includes Patriots Christopher Hillery; P-181709; Col. Mark Carr, P-338459; Benjamin Hart, P-176373; Thomas E. Stone, P-298755; John Tompkins, P-305967; William Manning, P-241292; and Frederick Lamb, P-232439.

The Graves Committee has received a unique request to vet a Revolutionary War Patriot who fought in the New York Militia and records indicate he died in Sunbury, Georgia after the War. Mike Nestell is the executor of his cousin's estate. In his cousin's will, there is money to have a grave marking for his Patriot George Nestle, Jr. This Patriot is not currently in the SAR Patriot Research System (PRS). Mike Nestell presented some documents to show the Revolutionary War service of Patriot George Nestle, Jr. and his New York estate documents denoting that he died in Sunbury, Georgia. Additional information on these sources of this documentation has been requested to properly vet this Patriot.



### Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

There were at least 149 Eagle Scout recognition certificates issued (134 personally delivered) throughout Georgia in 2025 based upon 9 chapters reporting to date. That is about a 21% increase over 2024. Coweta Falls chapter issued the most certificates at 34 and Piedmont, a close second, came in at 31. We had 7 chapters submit entries for our annual King Eagle Scout Scholarship competition. The following chapters submitted their best candidates: Athens, Coweta Falls, John Collins, Mt. Vernon, Piedmont, Robert Forsyth and William Few. Our three judges from non-participating chapters (Paul Lester, David Patrick and Bill Wood) chose Noah Boynton sponsored by the Robert Forsyth chapter as our 2025 GASSAR winner and Abigail Amos sponsored by the John Collins chapter, as runner-up. Noah Boynton will be recognized with a \$550 scholarship check

and trophy at our Georgia Society's annual chapter and youth awards program on February 7. His application will be forwarded to National to be judged in the NSSAR competition. Our Georgia Society runner-up will receive a scholarship check for \$400 from our committee.

National level competition will continue to be fierce. National scholarship awards for 2025 will be \$10,000 for 1st, \$6,000 for 2nd, \$4,000 for 3rd, \$2,000 for 4th, \$1,000 for 5th, \$500 each for 6th thru 10th and \$200 each for 11th through 15th. We'll keep the Georgia Society apprised of those results.

The State had no Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Awards given out in 2025. This very deserving award is given to a compatriot who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to scouting over the years. I encourage our chapters to submit applications for 2026. The application for such an award is attached. Our Georgia Society is eligible to receive four such awards annually.

There are 10 Scouting America Councils serving the needs of young men throughout Georgia. The Georgia Society SAR has 35 chapters covering most of the state. We now have 28 chapters (80%) that have formal Eagle Scout recognition programs with chairmen serving. I want to especially thank all those at the chapter level who support these recognition programs. I've personally seen the positive impact that our recognition programs play in the lives of these young men. It takes time to develop a working relationship with Scouting America Council/District volunteers and professional Scouters, but the results can be very gratifying.



### Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett

Now is the time for chapters to start preparing for their local contests. I recommend chapters have their contests by March and our state contest will follow the Spring BOM on April 25, 2026. Chapter entry packets are due to me by April 10, 2026. If you have any questions please contact me.



### Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey

The Patriot Medal Committee would like to thank those who submitted nominations for the Patriot Medal for 2025. The Committee has made its selections and the results will be revealed at the Annual Meeting Friday Night Banquet. A full report of the results will be submitted after the Annual Meeting has concluded.



### ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

JROTC Enhanced Program Chapter OC Packages deadline was Dec 12, 2025. JROTC Units' OC must meet the same criteria as listed below for the Bronze ROTC Medal, plus write an original 500-700 word Essay "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States."

All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units were encouraged to participate in the JROTC Enhanced (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2025-2026. Please consider the Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program to be totally separate. A cadet that wins the Chapter OC Medal should NEVER be awarded the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal.

Cadet/2nd Lt Levi Van't Land MCJROTC Glynn Academy High School sponsored by the Marshes of the Glynn Chapter will be recognized at the Georgia Society SAR 2026 Annual Meeting on February 6, 2026. The winner is awarded a cash award of \$550.00. The GASSAR Outstanding Cadet (OC) will represent the Georgia Society in the National Competition. The top five OC's in the NSSAR Contest receive cash awards with the winner receiving \$6,000.00 and up.

## Editor - Emil Decker



It has been a pleasure slaving over a hot keyboard to bring you, in my biased opinion, one of the nation's finest State Newsletters. I have encouraged, cajoled, begged, and even appeared aggressive in my reports, trying hard to get members to participate in producing our The Hornet's Nest. I am the editor, not the owner of the newsletter, .... You arrrrgh. (Sorry, the privateer in me escaped.)

You know the type of newsletter I produce. Lots of photos, coverage of any event that someone sends details on, (Photos), Grave Markings, (Photos), or Chapter fundraisers / Community organizational support, (Photos), or something interesting that might in some way pertain to our membership, (i.e. Photos). Ahem....

Perhaps you have noticed the numerous "photos" mentioned above. I do believe in the "A picture is worth a thousand words" concept, but believe it or not, I have been known to post a few word-based articles now and then. The multi - year / exposé containing a detailed account of the Kettle Creek Battle, accompanied by selected clips from the painting of that battle by artist Jeff Trexler, has finally come to an end. I do hope you found the reading educational. [It began in the Apr. - Jun. 2023 edition, and ends here, in the Oct. - Dec. 2025 edition.]

In the 4th quarter edition of *The Hornet's Nest*, you will also find several non-photo submissions from our state C.A.R. members, along with the occasional ones I write. [These are often highlighted in light blue.] Publicity and Historian Chair, John Trussell, has shared a few that have been published. We could definitely use more journalistic input.

I have noticed that the State Societies that win the National Newsletter competitions seem to have more verbiage and fewer photos. The format of other state newsletters appears, in my opinion, to have flashy graphics, borders, colors, and other distractions that I simply do not find appealing and therefore do not use. It seems possible the judges may prefer a more modern style? Perhaps my presentation is too inflexible; too similar issue to issue; and no longer appealing to the masses.

What do you think? Should I change format? Drop something? Add something?

This is your newsletter; perhaps you would desire to see something different? Let me know. Better yet, show me by submitting an article or something other than pictures. (But don't stop with the photos) How about some articles.... Patriot bios? ... Historic insights...book reviews.... Personal experiences that would be of interest to our members...Accounts of National events you have attended, far, far away.

Compatriot Emil Decker, Editor

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## **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.

**Did Daniel Boone actually wear a raccoon-skin cap?**

**Answer: Page 78**

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](mailto:jrn2inc@gmail.com)



Let's Celebrate our 248<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
"FREDERICA NAVAL ACTION"

April 19<sup>th</sup> - a significant date in the founding of our nation - the "shot heard 'round the world" at Lexington and Concord in 1775, and capture of British ships in Frederica River in 1778

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**10:00am - Memorial Ceremony - St. Simons Casino**  
550 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island - SAR Color Guard with Revolutionary Flags, Patriotic Music, Wreath Presentations, Cannon & Musket Salutes and the Schooner Lynx.

**11:30am - Parade of Patriots - St. Simons Village**  
SAR Color Guard, DAR & SAR, Revolutionary Re-enactors, JROTC Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Heritage Girls with Revolutionary Flags.

*"Wreath and Hotel information will be distributed shortly"*



New Year's already starting out great.... **PREVIEW POST:**  
Gentlemen,

I just picked up the first 250 tags issued in Screven County. The tag is \$20 and a tag for a trailer is \$12. You do not have to turn in your old tag, but I did as I did not need them. Another member did not.

UPDATE: Some counties are different. Guess it depends on the clerk you interface with. Many members have already picked theirs up. Don't hesitate.

Be a proud owner of a SAR - DAR approved, C.A.R. Student created, Georgia themed tag.



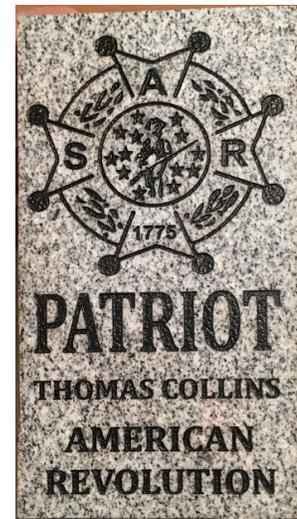
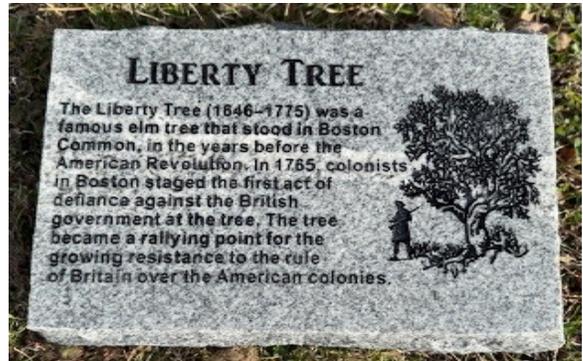
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**Earlier this year, Buffalo Arms Confirms Blackpowder Delays Through January 2026, perhaps beyond  
..... Price increases? Again?**

We heard whispers of this earlier in the summer, but now have public confirmation of a delay in imported black powder through the end of 2025. Buffalo Arms Co. sent out an email Friday, August 15th, strongly advising enthusiasts to place their orders for the best chance to get some powder from the next shipment.

The word is that Schuetzen lost one of their corning presses this year, and that has limited their output. I've not received confirmation from the company verifying this at the time of writing.

It's very common for these issues to be spread across blackpowder retailers. I expect to see similar announcements from other distributors in the coming weeks. Powder Valley recently suffered a devastating warehouse fire. Expect them to be out of the powder business for a while as they rebuild.

As far as the calendar goes, this shipment lines up with years past as the "hunting/fall/winter" shipment. If that is the case, don't expect any more powder to be imported after this shipment until early in the next year, as Buffalo Arms Co. states.

Muzzleloading enthusiasts are no strangers to these frustrations. Blackpowder has been in "short" supply for a solid 5 years now, if not a little more. American producer GOEX has been down for 10 months now after an explosion affected the Minden, Louisiana, facility in October 2024.

**Battle of Vann's Creek Ceremony February, 21, 2026**

The Samuel Elbert Chapter GASSAR invites the GASSAR, NSDAR, CAR and general public to attend a Revolutionary Ceremony in honor the Battle of Vann's Creek on Saturday February 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Danny Guthrie Pavilion, The address Bobby Brown Park, 2509 Bobby Brown State Park Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635. This will be the 15th Annual Ceremony. More details to come.

Directions from Elberton at GA Hwy 17/GA Hwy 72 and Oliver Street Go South on Hwy 17/72 2.0 miles, turn left on GA-72 East, Go 12.2 miles then turn Right on Bobby Brown State Park Road go 7.1 miles to the Bobby Brown Park entrance. Tell the attendant you are with our ceremony. The address is for the entrance. We will have SAR signs at the entrance and each turn.

Wreath Presenters: Register by February 16, 2026 to be printed in the program. RSVP to present a wreath. Send this to Russell Terrell 706-491-2714 or rbterrell58@gmail.com

I have a 30" x 60" Vinyl Sign, White with Blue Wording, with 4 corner grommets that reads in 3 rows across the top "SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" (3" LETTERS) with a large SAR sunburst logo in the center and 3 rows across the bottom in 1" letters "Preserving American Heritage", "Fostering Patriotism", and "Promoting Historic Education". It can be hung on a wall, from a banner pole, or attached to a display frame (not included). Originally a \$50 sign, now \$25. In perfect condition. **Terry Manning** ([temanning@aol.com](mailto:temanning@aol.com)). Also have several Revolutionary War outfits (most are medium size) and accessories I have used in SAR programming that I will be pricing for sale soon.

**Daniel Boone didn't actually wear a raccoon-skin cap.**

**Nope: It turns out, with a little research, that Daniel Boone never wore such a head covering at all. "My father, Daniel Boone, always despised the raccoon fur caps and did not wear one himself," his son Nathan Boone said in an 1851 interview with historian Lyman Draper. The elder Boone instead preferred a wide-brimmed, Quaker-style hat made of felt or beaver fur, which would have offered better protection from the elements and shielded his eyes from the sun during his many long hunting trips.**

**The actor, Noah Ludlow (1795–1886) helped create the myth of Boone's raccoon-skin cap. He was hired to make frames for prints of a portrait of Boone first painted by artist Chester Harding in 1820. Later, he played a character in a performance called "The Hunters of Kentucky" and drew inspiration from Boone to create his look, which included the furry cap we now associate with the storied frontiersman. The performances were a hit, which was good for Ludlow, but not so much for historical accuracy.**

**Now if you want to create a legend in our time, try skunk skin caps. I hear they are all the rage!**

**Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield  
Association Annual Banquet**



**Savannah Augusta Highway-Colonial Roads  
Presented by Austin Sever**

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Friday, February 27, 2026

Visit battlefield artifact displays, mingle and meet  
from 5:30-6 pm, Meeting and Presentation 6-8:30 pm

**Forest Heights Country Club  
(3772 Country Club Road, Statesboro, Georgia)**

*The Dinner will be Buffet Style: Beef roast & roasted pork loin with caramelized onions in Dijon wine sauce, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, lemon-parmesan herb roasted red potatoes, roasted broccoli, southern green beans and garden fresh salad with dressings, dinner rolls with whipped butter & assorted desserts.*

Mail RSVP and your \$50 check to:  
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Is your Chapter link not here? Did you send it to the editor? Ah-Ha! Time to fix that before the next issue. See Editor's link above.

Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution <https://southern-campaigns.org/>