

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



January - March 2026



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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

Compatriots, it has been a pure joy and a highlight of my life to serve alongside you as President of our great society since February 7th at the Annual Conference. I have had the privilege of attending many chapter meetings and events with you since then. You never cease to amaze me with your hard work, patriotism, and commitment to our goals and objectives. During the first quarter, I visited the following chapters: Brier Creek, Wiregrass, Fall Line, Four Rivers Patriots, Mill Creek, Ocmulgee, Athens, Captain John Collins, Piedmont, Atlanta, Col William Few, Little River, and Robert Forsyth.

Immediately after the Annual Conference at Peachtree Corners, we quickly jumped into Revolutionary Days Weekend in Lincoln and Wilkes Counties, where we had the annual Heroes of the Hornets' Nest commemoration featuring the unveiling of the new Col. John Dooley cenotaph and a grave marking ceremony, the annual Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Banquet, and the annual festivities surrounding the Battle of Kettle Creek in downtown Washington and on War Hill at the battlefield. I would like to thank Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Chairman Gary Smith for his hard work to ensure the success of these events. Having NSSAR Secretary General Allen Greenly of the Georgia Society with us for these events was a highlight of the weekend. We also enjoyed having NSSAR South Atlantic District Vice President General Matt Mathews and his lady Joni Laramore with us for the weekend events.

The Annual Battle of Brier Creek commemoration featured the unveiling of a new patriot monument. Thomas F Lovett was honored as the first patriot to be listed on the monument. Names of additional patriots will be added in the future. We were happy to have NSSAR Treasurer General Brooks Lyles and his lady Diane Ungvarsky with us for this event.

The Annual Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution conference at Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange was an eye-opening experience for me, as it was my first official C.A.R. event. President Noah Tindall and his staff have brought a lot of excitement and hard work to the C.A.R. this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Noah in this capacity, and look forward to seeing where his enthusiasm and hard work takes him. His father, Senior State C.A.R. President Randy, and mother, Emily, have poured their hearts and souls into the C.A.R. to help ensure its success for future generations to come. I also look forward to working with incoming President Kholson Bull and his staff. It was so wonderful to see so many excited Children and adults at the event. NSSAR President General Michael J. Elston Jr's presence at the banquet was very special. Our own Senior Vice President Dan McMichael, acting as General George Washington, made an appearance also. Dan does a superb job with his historical interpretations, especially how he makes them relevant to the present times.

NSSAR Spring Leadership in early March was a great success. Much needed business was attended to and completed. We look forward to Congress in Greensboro NC this July. We hope many of our society members will be able to attend since it is fairly close to us.

Madam State Regent Helen R. Powell of the Georgia State Society NSDAR and her staff put on an amazing and very well-attended annual conference at Stone Mountain. I enjoyed bringing greetings from our Society and presenting Regent Powell with two checks for her project as well as Meadow Garden.

The Lyman Hall Chapter SAR and Col William Candler Chapter NSDAR held a magnificent grave marking at the Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville. It was great to see so many sons and daughters working together to dedicate these grave markers in the historic cemetery.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve alongside you as Society President this year, and I look forward to the rest of the year as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding together.

William Tankersley
President, Georgia Society



DID BEN FRANKLIN INVENT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME?

People are generally split on Daylight Savings. Hate it or love it, it's the switching back and forth that most people find irritating. In most U.S. states, the clocks get set forward an hour on the second Sunday in March, making Monday morning arrive just a little too soon. In the fall, we "fall-back", just to mess with your internal clock to balance the year out, with two adjustments. While daylight saving time seems like an evil joke played on everyone, the concept, if explained properly, is reasonable enough that even Benjamin Franklin suggested, in wry form perhaps, that maximizing daylight could be achieved by simply getting up earlier.

In 1784, while Franklin was stationed in Paris, he submitted a satirical letter to the *Journal de Paris* called "An Economical Project." In it, he wrote that he was up late pondering ways to save money on lighting and went to bed around 3 a.m. or 4 a.m., "an accidental sudden noise

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

DID BEN FRANKLIN INVENT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME? (CONT.)

waked [sic] me about six in the morning, when I was surprised to find my room filled with light.”

The author of Poor Richard's Almanac noted that he consulted his almanac and was “astonished” to find that the sun “was to rise still earlier every day till towards the end of June.”

Franklin, in the letter, calculated that the families in Paris could save millions of pounds by waking up with the sun and swapping candlelight for sunlight. He suggested levying a tax on closed shutters, setting limits on candle purchases, and ringing all church bells right as the sun rose, (tongue in cheek of course.) He even suggested that switching to cannons if the bells proved ineffective might be a solution.

Franklin did not, even as a joke, truly recommend changing the time, but his letter was still somewhat prophetic. Ultimately, when countries started implementing daylight saving time, the main argument for doing so was fuel savings.

Ben Franklin was able to account for nearly every minute of his day. As a postmaster, newspaperman, diplomat, writer and inventor (among other pursuits). Franklin was notorious for having many irons in the fire. He was meticulous about how he spent his day. Franklin viewed time as a precious, non-renewable resource, noting, "Lost time is never found again". He also said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time."

Benjamin Franklin's day was built around two 4-hour blocks of working sprints split up by a 2-hour break to rest, read, and eat. The 4-hour blocks of “focus” were hard to execute in practice. The beauty of his schedule was simplicity: two core work sprints and six blocks of time. There are 6 core principles being applied: (1) Establish a fixed sleep schedule, (2) Create Clarity Questions, (3) Become a polymath, a person of wide-ranging knowledge or learning. (4) Work in sprints. (5) Create order, and (6) Make time to unwind. Franklin believed in the health benefits of cold air, calling them “Air Baths,” and would sit naked in his room for 30–60 minutes in the morning reading or working.

Some of Ben's other famous quotes also referred to time. “Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. Lose no time. Be always employed in something useful. ”When you're finished changing, you're finished. Cut off all unnecessary actions. Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.”

Maybe Ben Franklin didn't invent the daylight savings time, but I believe he would have adjusted to it better than I do.



Eden Pethel, center, displays the new Georgia 250 tag as she is recognized at the Georgia State Capital for her winning entry.

Front Left, Lee Herron, Eden Pethel, Lt Governor Burt Jones. Senator Max Burns. Back row left, Tammy Herron, Adam Pethel, Brandy Pethel

GEORGIA UNVEILS NEW 250 LICENSE PLATE By John Trussell

The Georgia Department of Revenue now offers a special commemorative license plate celebrating 250th anniversary of the United States. The plate was proposed by Lee Herron, President of the Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Sons of the American Revolution, and strongly supported by State Senator Max Burns throughout the legislative process.

“As we approach America's 250th anniversary, this commemorative plate offers Georgians a meaningful way to recognize our nation's founding and the pivotal role our state played in it,” said Revenue Commissioner Frank O'Connell. “We are especially proud that the design reflects the talent and engagement of Georgia's students, whose creativity connects our Revolutionary past with the next generation of civic leaders.”

Developed to recognize this historic national milestone, the America 250 plate features a design created by Georgia middle school students as part of a statewide civics education initiative undertaken in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education. The winning design was submitted by Eden Pethel, a student and member of the Children of the American Revolution. Drawing inspiration from her visits to Georgia's Revolutionary War sites. Her submission was selected through a competitive statewide review process.

“The red stars on the design represent the following Georgia Revolutionary War sites from north to south: Fight at Vann's Creek / Hornet's Nest, Battle of Kettle Creek, Sieges of Augusta, Battle of Brier Creek, Battles of Savannah, Fort Morris, and the Frederica Naval Action,” Pethel said.

Georgia vehicle owners now have the option to choose the commemorative plate when registering a new vehicle or renewing an existing registration through their county tag office. Drivers who wish to exchange their plate outside of their registration renewal period will be charged a \$20 new registration fee. Available through 2030, the plate will serve as a standard option - rather than a specialty plate - ensuring broad public accessibility at no additional cost.

The launch of the America 250 plate reflects Georgia's ongoing commitment to civic education, historical awareness, and the recognition of America's foundational heritage as the nation approaches its 250 semiquincentennial anniversary. The Georgia SAR and Georgia DAR will be holding many special celebrations during 2026. For additional information, contact the Sons of the American Revolution at gasocietysar.org or Daughters of the American Revolution at DAR.org.



Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Lyman Hall Birthday	Gainesville, GA	Apr 11, 2026 1 pm	State
Patriots Day	Various	Apr 19, 2026	National
Frederica Naval Engagement	St. Simons Island, GA	Apr 18 - 19, 2026 10 am - 12 pm	National
GASSAR BOM	Barnesville, GA	Apr 25, 2026 10 - 12 pm	State
Midway Church and Grave Marking (5)	Midway, GA	Apr 26, 2026 10 - 4 pm	State
Liberty Tree	Columbus, GA	May 9, 2026 10 am	State
250 Marker NSDAR	Jasper, GA	May 12, 2026 1:30 pm	State
Grave Marking Enoch Smith	Elijay, GA	May 16, 2026 1 PM	State
Memorial Day	Various	May 25, 2026	National
Grave Marking James Pittman (NSDAR)	Madison Co., GA	Jun 7, 2026 TBD	State
Flag Retirement	Cumming, GA	Jun 13, 2026 10:00 am	National
Grave Marking John Thrasher	Athens, GA	Jun 13, 2026 10 am	State
Flag Day	Various	Jun 14, 2026	National
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2026	National
Braves Pre-Game	Atlanta, GA	Jul 4, 2026	National
136th Congress	Greensboro, NC	Jul 10-16, 2026	National
GASSAR BOM	Barnesville, GA	Jul 25, 2026	State

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

Location:

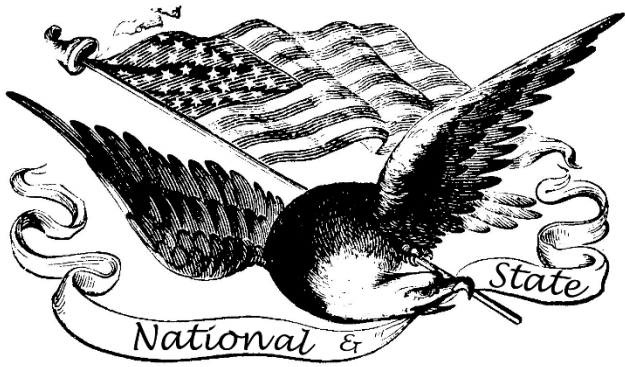
**Sheraton Greensboro at
Four Seasons – Koury
Convention Center**

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

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

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





Below: Hard to get an event any closer to the beginning of the year. Scout's Eagle Project was to hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Lyman Hall Chapter SAR, with other SAR and DAR chapters helped support this event, held near Lake Lanier on January 2, 2026.



COWPENS & DANIEL MORGAN, SC









We left Cowpens to go to the S.C. monument to Daniel Morgan in Spartanburg. The line of cars going into Cowpens as we left extended for a mile outside the National Park. Thousands of visitors attended all day long to celebrate the Battle on those grounds, the reenactors encamped, and the whole event was as large a number as I have ever seen at Cowpens. General George Washington was with us as we moved to Spartanburg to honor General Daniel Morgan.





ANNUAL GASSAR CONFERENCE

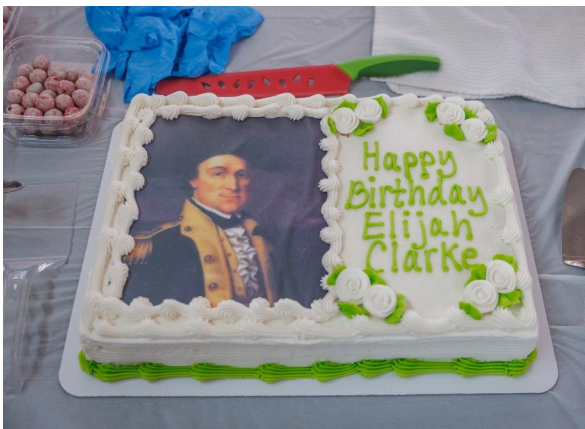
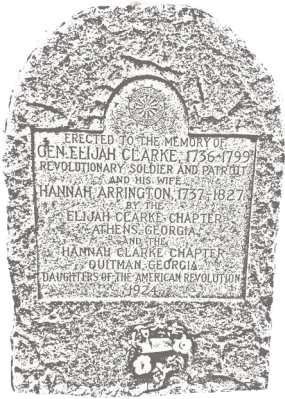


For more in-depth coverage of the Annual Conference, see the Special Hornet's Nest Edition on the GASSAR Website:

<https://gasocietysar.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Annual-Conference-2026.pdf>

Above: Two new Skunkers were added to the roll at the Conference.

HEROES OF THE HORNET'S NEST









WASHINGTON SQUARE & KETTLE CREEK

















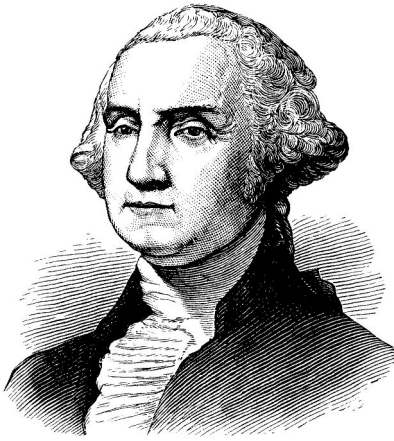




VANN'S CREEK



GAINESVILLE



WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY







Below: Ocmulgee Chapter's Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner, held on January 30th, showing SVP, Bill Tankersley inducting new officers for our Chapter. Left to right are Charles Garnett (Awards), John Trussell (Historian), Rev., Matthew Harlow (Chaplain), Tim Bollinger (Secretary), Paul Roberts (president), Rocky Ferrera (VP), Roy Griffis (Editor) and Bill Tankersley.





February 28, The Brier Creek Battlefield in Screven County hosted the SAR NATIONAL event, the 247th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Brier Creek, March 3, 1779. This year we added a Patriot Grave Marking Event. The BCRWBA installed a 6' X 4' X 10" Grave Marker to honor all KNOWN Patriots that died at the battle only one has been proven. That Patriot is 1st Lt. Thomas Farnsley Lovett. His name was added to the marker and as we prove others that died at the battle, a Patriot Grave Marking will be held for them.

Jon Burns Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, and Max Burns GA State Senate, 23rd District joined many SAR and DAR members. We conducted the Dedication of the recently completed 2.5 mile Walking Trail that followed the old Augusta / Savannah road that ran through the battlefield.



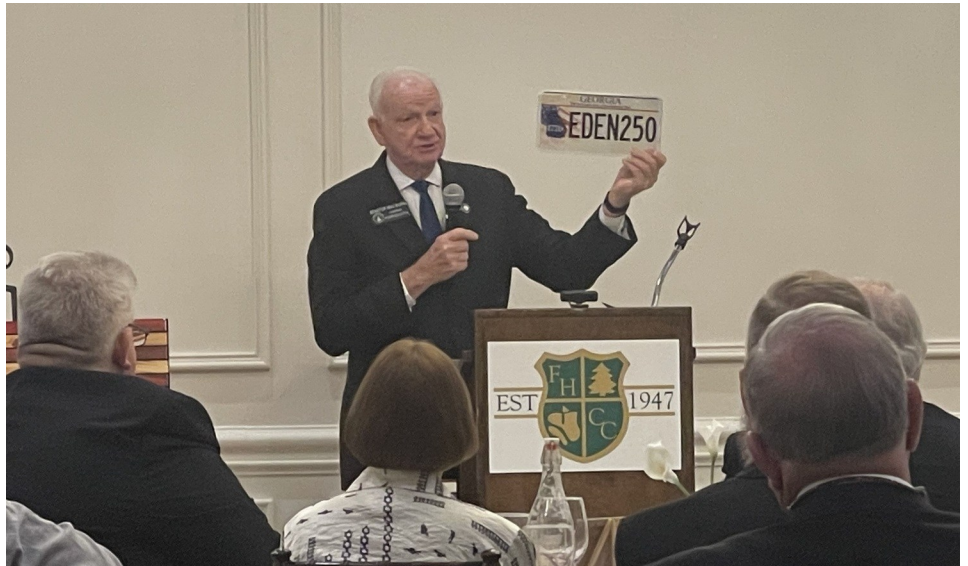
"On Thursday, February 27, 2026, members of the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. and guests, held their Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Greetings was then brought by the Georgia Society SAR President William J. Tankersley, the Treasurer General National Society SAR Brooks Lyle and the NSDAR Georgia Society Regent Helen Powell.

Right: Senator Max Burns made comments about the new Georgia Tag and how Compatriot Lee Herron came up with the idea and made it happen honoring the United States 250th Anniversary year.



Below Right: Austin Sever's presentation was on "Savannah - Augusta Highway - Colonial Roads".



Below: Before the Banquet started the Skunk Brigade presented their 47th Skunk Hat to Brier Creek Member Dan Hagan. Two of the three skunks it takes for this hat came from Washington County and Johnson County. Congratulations to Dan."



Last night during the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield banquet, Senator Max Burns stated that in just under two months, 50,384 of the 250th tags have been purchased.

He states that at this rate, it could become the biggest selling tag ever for the State of Georgia! HUZZAH!!!

If you have not changed to the new tag, please consider doing so. Tag is No Cost during you renewal (birth month) and only \$20 of you would like to change at any other time. Show your support for our country and the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War.





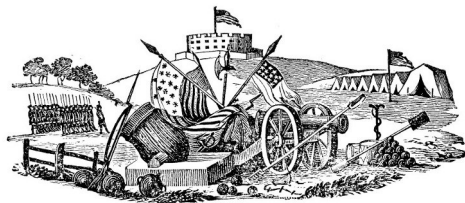
A group of skunks is most commonly called a surfeit. This term refers to an excessive amount or oversupply, highlighting the intense odor and unpleasantness of having multiple skunks in one place. Another, less common term for a group of skunks is a stench.

This be a "Stench of Skunks".

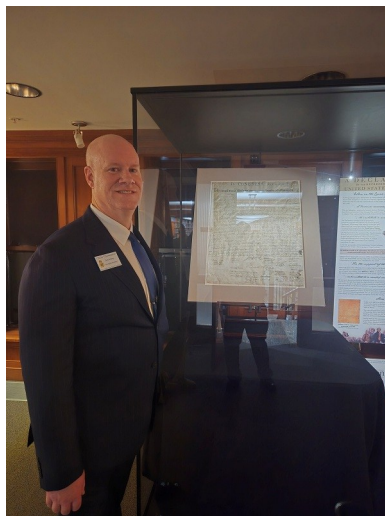
Below Center: Chris Thompson was able to visit the Stone Document "Declaration of Independence" while visiting National headquarters at the 2026 Spring Leadership in Louisville, KY.

More information on the document at:

<https://library.sar.org/the-1823-stone-declaration/>



SPRING LEADERSHIP



Below: Veterans attending Spring Leadership.

Passing along membership information from the National Society.

Final 2025 Membership Count: 38,606 (highest end of year total in over ten years, possibly ever)

Total New Members: 4,243 (highest New Member count since 2017 and 2nd largest count in the past 25 years)

Total Approved Supplemental Applications: 1,688 (highest total since 2014)

Total Approved Application Count is our best since 2017 and 2nd best in the past 25 years

Total Reinstatements: 1,603

Received Applications in 2025: 3,912 New, 494 Junior, 870 Supplementals, 64 Memorial.

2025 received New and Junior Applications is our highest since before COVID

New Member processing time is at 14 weeks (over 20 weeks at time of Congress)

Supplemental processing time is at 27 weeks (was 65 weeks at time of Congress)



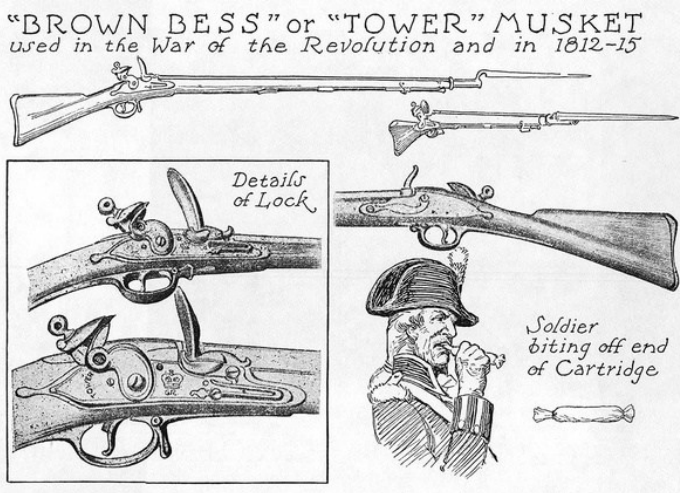
Sequoyah Chapter, Georgia Society, NSDAR, along with the Robert Forsyth and Cherokee Chapters, Georgia Society, NSSAR, dedicated a Liberty Tree in Big Canoe, Pickens County. As always, the Georgia Society Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia were on hand to present the Colors and musket volley.



LIBERTY TREE



Big Canoe Liberty Tree Dedication March 15, 2026



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, Historic State Society Sites & Celebrations Committee Chair Walker Chewing brought us an accounting of the marking of Austin Dabney's Grave.

"Patriot Austin Dabney Marking"



On January 30th, the Coweta Falls Chapter and the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, co-sponsored a historic Grave Marking Ceremony in Zebulon, Pike County, GA. The grave of Patriot Austin Dabney, a freed slave who served the cause for American Independence was marked with a bronze SAR grave marker, the first Black Patriot to be so honored in Georgia. About 225 people came out on a cold, rainy morning to pay tribute to Patriot Dabney. The GA Society Color Guard posted the colors and the Elijah Clarke Militia Unit offered a Musket Salute. Thirty - three wreaths were presented, including Genealogist General Joe Dooley, representing the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. A brass quintet from Fort Benning made the event even more enjoyable. Coweta Falls Grave Chairman Bob Galer planned and directed the event, which had the cooperation and assistance of several government bodies.

Dabney served with the Georgia Militia under Elijah Clarke and John Dooley during the Battle of Augusta and the Battle of Kettle Creek. Dabney was wounded during the Battle of Kettle Creek and was cared for by a family named Harris. After the war, Dabney received a land bounty for his service and more or less adopted the Harris family, and sent Harris' oldest son to school, and afterwards to college. The younger

Harris later studied law with Hon. Stephen Upson, and eventually became a lawyer.

The grave site of William Harris and Austin Dabney has been maintained by the Harris Family descendants for 180 years. A Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter placed a

wooden marker at the grave site over 100 years ago. The Harris Family placed the head stones on the graves and the SAR marked Dabney's grave with a

Patriot marker. Following the Grave Marking Ceremony, the Lamar-Fayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a reception at Life Springs Church. About 135 people attended the reception.



U.S. Naval Sea Cadets join Color Guard



L to R – NSSAR Genealogist General Joe Dooley, Coweta Falls Chapter President Bill Hay, Chapter Graves Chairman Bob Galer, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Graves Chairman Paul Grimes, and MDL Past President David Jessel

Reverend Willis Delivers Invocation at Dabney Marking





GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

JOHN DOOLY

During the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Event, a new Cenotaph honoring John Dooly was revealed. The Elijah Clark State Park resides on property originally owned by Dooly.

John Dooly was born about 1742. About 1774 he moved into Georgia's "Ceded Lands" along the Savannah River, where he built a local power base in militia and civil offices.

By 1775–1776 he was leading men in local defense and marching toward Savannah when the royal governor fled. He helped organize frontier authority where formal government was thin. In 1777 he held a Continental commission connected with raising recruits, but resigning followed a crisis sparked by the murder of his brother.

He is best remembered as one of the "Heroes of the Hornets' Nest," the British nickname for Wilkes County's stinging Patriot resistance. His most celebrated fight was the Battle of Kettle Creek on 14 February 1779. He led a hard march and flanking attack that shattered a larger Loyalist force moving to join the British at Augusta. The victory became central to the legend that cast Dooly as Georgia's first folk hero. He continued in frontier campaigning and took part in the ill-fated assault during the Siege of Savannah, 9 October 1779.

Late June 1780, after the fall of Charleston, Dooly surrendered with other militia and was allowed to return home on parole. He died sometime on or after 6 August 1780, likely murdered by Tories at his home in Wilkes County, Georgia or killed by a disgruntled member of his own company killed him in revenge to his surrender to the British.

His son John Mitchell Dooly later became a prominent Georgia judge and political figure, and Dooly County, Georgia, created in 1821, was named in



THOMAS FARNSELY LOVETT



Thomas Farnsley Lovett was born in 1745 in Virginia. Details of his parentage have not been established. He later migrated southward, first to South Carolina and then to St. George's Parish (later Effingham County). Lovett took an active role in the local militia, and served as a lieutenant in a volunteer company in the upper district of Halifax, St. George's Parish. On a date following 16 October 1775, he, along with Captain John Griner and Aaron Pickron, appeared before the governing board to present a certificate of their service. Their commissions were subsequently renewed. This places Lovett among the early organizers of patriot military activity in coastal Georgia.





BEAL BAKER

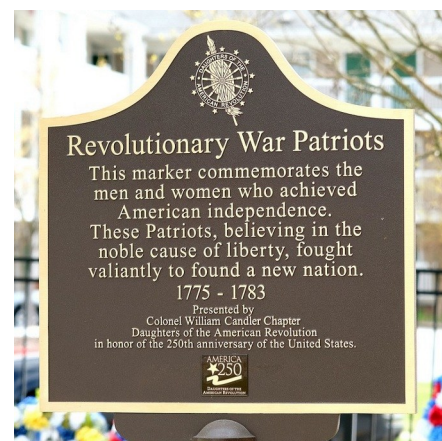


Baker was a native of Baltimore, and he served in the Maryland Continental Line. He later enlisted in Rowan County, North Carolina as a private in Captain William Armstrong's Company of Colonel Malmedy's Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Line and was in the Stono Campaign. He served another three month tour from Lincoln County, North Carolina. After the war, he moved to Georgia and lived in Franklin County for 30 years. In 1822, he moved to Hall County and drew land in the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery as a Revolutionary War Soldier and resident of Hall County. He also received a pension for his services.



WILLIAM H. CLARK

Patriot Clark served as a private in Price's Company of Colonel Sevier's Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Line. He later received a pension for his services as a resident of Hall County.



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



SPECIAL REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE

FOR NEW & JR. MEMBER APPLICATIONS DURING **JULY 2026**

NATIONAL APPLICATION FEE:
\$76 IN HONOR OF 1776

— POSTMARKED —
JULY 1 – JULY 31, 2026

To qualify for the reduced fee, New Applications must be postmarked between July 1 and July 31, 2026.

Join the SAR to mark the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding and honor the patriot ancestors who secured American independence.

ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

- New Member Applications
- Jr. Member (New Lineage) Applications

EXCLUSIONS:

- Family Plan Applications ❌
- Memorial Applications ❌
- Supplemental Applications ❌



Respectfully,

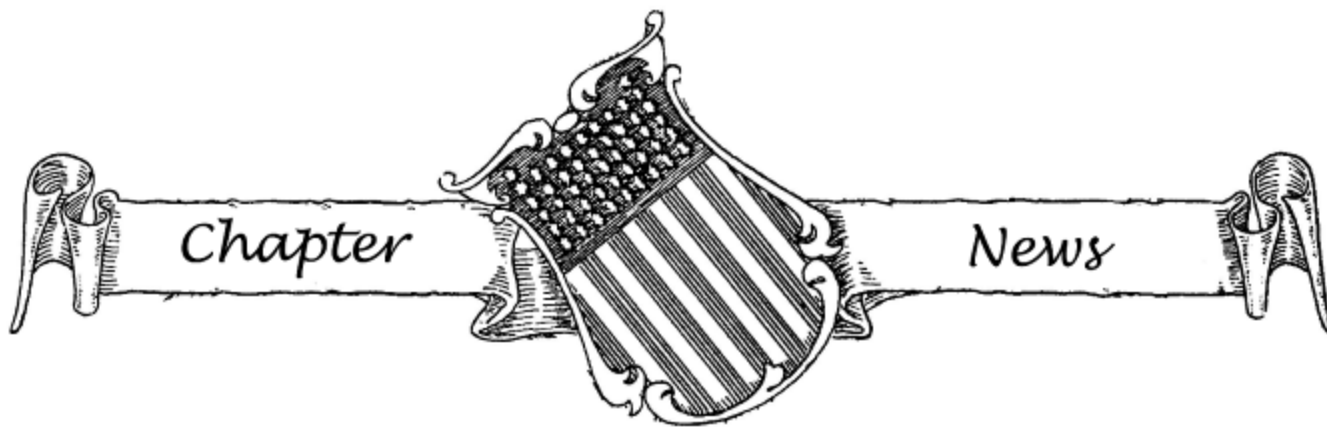
Keith A Weissinger

Keith A Weissinger, MD
Registrar General

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Seaman John Brown, of the Continental Navy, takes up residence in the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, KY. The "Revolutionary War Experience" will feature patriots of differing uniform types, styles of dress, and occupations. Georgia Society sponsored John Brown, and John is the first of 16 to be installed. Georgia - First!! - Again !!





Atlanta

Right: Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith presents the Chapter wreath at Kettle Creek.

Below: Atlanta Chapter JROTC Chairman Col. Bruce Cotterman, U.S. Army (Ret.), presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal & Certificate to Cadet Armoni Brooks at Therrell High School. The following morning, he continued the tradition at South Atlanta High School, where Cadet Marque Scott was honored with the same distinguished award. The Atlanta Chapter has presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal & Certificate to three High Schools in March: Therrell, South Atlanta and Jackson, now all completed.

Seven schools are scheduled for April, BEST Academy, Tucker, Carver, Midtown, Douglas, Washington and Mays. Two Schools are scheduled so far in May.



Right: Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, left, NSSAR President General (2017-2018) Larry Guzy, center, and Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, right, pose behind the Atlanta Chapter SAR wreath and the New Mexico Society SAR Wreath during a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Patriots Private Beal Baker and Private William H. Clark.





Left: During the Atlanta Chapter SAR March luncheon on the 12th Compatriot William "Rick" Patrick Smith IV received the SAR Military Service Medal and the NSSAR Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for his service with the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Cavalry Scout & earning the Parachutist badge. Compatriot Smith served 4 years in the U.S. Army starting in 1986 and served one year of Foreign Service. We congratulate Compatriot Smith on his Honorable Service to a grateful Nation and the SAR!

Blue Ridge Mountains



My Fire Safety Commendation Medal by Stephen Weaver

On February 6, 2026, at the GASSAR Annual Meeting, I was surprised and honored to receive the Fire Safety Commendation Medal. I fought my first wildfire in North Idaho as a forestry student in the summer of 1973 and concluded that career in the fall of 2023 on a Wildland fire on the Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina. I later shared with Emil a number of things that flood through your mind after 40-year career and 10 years of retirement of serving. To that end, I share this remembrance.

April 3, 2022

Late March, Barb, and I visited with two college friends and their spouses at one of the couple's new residences in Melbourne, FL. During that time and our proximity to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor complex which I had not visited since our NASA hosted our Southern Area Incident Management Team (SAIMT) meeting in 2004 begged for a new visit. We collectively decided to visit anew, and so in summary, if that place and visit does not inspire you as an American your wood is wet. That is not the end of my missive but the impetus of the rest of my story.

I was completely unprepared for my inner emotional reaction at the Shuttle Launch Experience – Atlantis. Barb even asked me if I was all right as she detected a physical response. For there, the Atlantis is revealed in all its splendor, and my first reaction was to comment to myself the last time I saw one of those in person it was in pieces in East Texas. Here now is a summary of my recollections.

Columbia Space Shuttle Recovery, East Texas Response - 2003 First National in scope “National Homeland Security” incident.

I served as lead Operations Section Chief with the first Incident Management Team (SAIMT) ordered, a “short” Southern Area Red Team, assigned and tasked to plan and execute a systematic search of the primary debris field (an area of about one mile wide and 24 miles long). This National Search and Recovery mission was the largest search effort ever conducted in the United States.

Our IMT began work on **February 10, 2003**, under unified command with the State of Texas, the local Jasper Co EMS, and Sabine County Sheriff Dept. Over eighty different agencies, organizations and volunteers contributed to a daily roster of personnel from between 1000 and 1800 people. Our team's operational incident action plan directed and focused the ground search on 15,360 acres with those employees and volunteer's conducting the priority work that FEMA, NASA, EPA, and the FBI requested.

We successfully met our incident objectives, recovering all seven astronauts



along with considerable amounts of shuttle debris. We in turn successfully transitioned our incident action plan of work to other IMT's on

February 16 for continued recovery work that would continue for 81 days through April 22. This effort would be nationally important precedent setting for Federal, State, and local agencies that had not worked under the Incident Command System revealing its inherent capabilities and organizational strengths.

It was an honor and privilege to serve, in a leadership role, on the team, for my agency and the country, helping to bring closure for the NASA family, and enabling our space program to be active once more due to our management effectiveness and speed of our collective recovery efforts.

In closing, the memorial at the Atlantis Experience for both the Challenger and Columbia Shuttles was equally solemn for me and my party. I know East Texans, National Forests in Texas employees, other IMT's and many thousands of first responders and volunteers have their own stories. Last, I have not forgotten one unnamed Astronaut's quote sharing his gratitude with me “You have not only found the needles in the haystack, but you have found all the broken needles.” I encourage you to visit the exhibition. God bless the United States of America and those that served.

Photos: (Nasa & Wikipedia)



US Forest Service searching for Columbia debris near the Hemphill, Texas site.



2 Left: John Mays, Sid Turner, Steve Weaver, Mike Blair and Jared Ogden attended the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest celebration.



Below: Six members of the BRM Color Guard participated in the Vann's Creek Commemoration.

Color Guardsmen Steve Weaver, John May, and Mike Blair carried weapons, while Chapter Treasurer, Ted Gaudette and Vice President, Jared Ogden were flag bearers.

Above: March 7 Scouts Awards banquet, new eagles were presented Eagle Scout Certificates. (L-R): Sid Turner, Chapter President, Roy Green, Thomas Gary Jr., Cameron Roberts, Casey Roberts, Vice President Jared Ogden.





Left: President Turner presented Compatriot Mike Blair with the Chapter Distinguished Service Certificate, Medal and Supplemental.

Below: Compatriot Steve Cockerhan was recognized with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.



Left: President Turner recognized Compatriot John Mays with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.



The Guest presentation that night was Mr. Ray Taylor. Ray discussed the origins of Vogel State Park and the Civilian Conservation Corp. program in the 1930's. They helped this country through the Great Depression, the dust bowl period, and the construction of many installations

Below: The 2026 entries in our Americanism Poster Contest from our local 4th grades were judged. Sid announced the winners which were: First place "Bunker Hill" by Hadley Payne, Union County Elementary. Second place "Lexington and Concord" by Eliza Burdine, Union County Elementary. Third place "Yorktown" by Charlo, Union County Elementary.



Button Gwinnett

Left: Button Gwinnett as they attended The Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens.

Below Center: Kyle made his way to Moore's Creek Bridge to join in at the N.C. Event.



Left: Tom Jacques at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest and Cenotaph Dedication.

Below: Gordon, Tom, and Kyle provide escort services for the ladies presenting wreaths at the Grave Marking Service in Altavista Cemetery, Gainesville, GA.



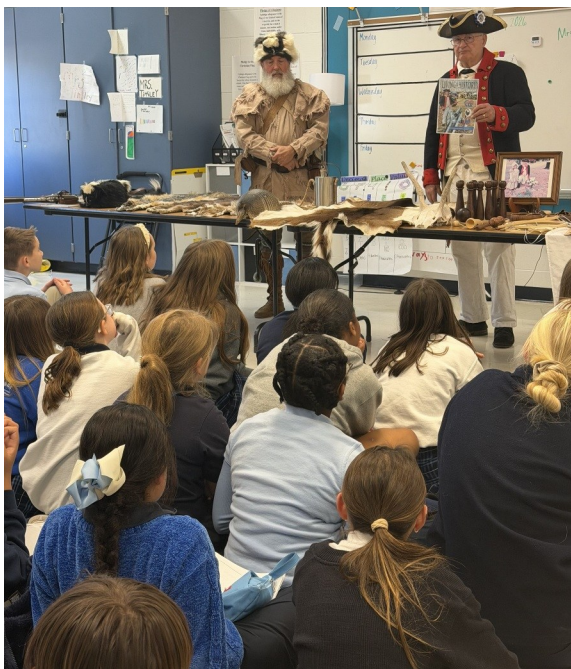
Brier Creek

Below: The Brier Creek Chapter held its monthly meeting, January 6, 2026. Our speaker for the evening, Senior Vice President Bill Tankersley, installed the 2026 Brier Creek Chapter Officers. The 2026 Officers are: President Lee Herron, Vice President Lee Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Adam Bazemore, Registrar Lee Herron, Chaplain Bernard Martin, Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore, Editor Dess Smith III, Historian John Fitzner, Webmaster Lee Herron and Genealogist Lee Herron.



Left: The highlight of the night at the Georgia Society's Annual Banquet is the awarding of the Patriot Medal. The Patriot Medal is the highest award given for service at the State Society Level. It may only be received once and represents long, faithful and outstanding service. For the year 2025 Richard Lee Herron received the "Patriot Medal" for exceptional service to the Georgia Society."

Below: Two Skunk Brigade members, Ted Walker of the Henry Laurens SAR Chapter in Aiken, SC and Lee Herron of the Brier Creek SAR Chapter in Screven County, GA, traveled to Augusta, GA on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 to present their Revolutionary War Travelin Trunk program to the Westminster Schools.



Right: February 5, at Walls Diner in Sylvania, at the Brier Creek meeting, East Fall Line Region Vice President Dess Smith introduced the speaker, Compatriot John Derden to present his program on "From the Articles of Confederation to the Constitution".



Above: Skunkers Steve Burke, Dess Smith III, Lee Herron and Don Bazemore traveled to Alma, GA to present their American Revolutionary Travelin' Trunks at the 250th "American Legion Music Fest" on March 27. Alma was incorporated in 1906 and is named after the first letters of Georgia's former capitals: Augusta, Louisville, Milledgeville, and Atlanta. Steve and Dess are members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Lee and Don are members of the Brier Creek.

TITLE: The patriotick barber of New York, or the Captain in the suds

SUMMARY: Cartoon shows a New York barber refusing to finish shaving a customer after learning of his British identity.

CREATED/PUBLISHED: London : Printed for R. Sayer & J. Bennett, 1775 Feb. 14.

CREATOR: Robert Sayer and John Bennett (Firm), publisher.

RELATED NAMES: Dawe, Philip, artist.



Capt. John Collins

Captain John Collins Annual Banquet Was held February 17, 2025, at Marietta Country Club.









**VIETNAM WAR
VETERANS DAY**



Fall Line

"The Fall Line Chapter held their monthly meeting January 13. Georgia Society Senior Vice President Bill Tankersley installed the Fall Line Chapter 2026 Officers. They are: President Sandy Mercer, Vice President Dess Smith III, Secretary/Treasurer Keith Everett, Registrar Sandy Mercer, Chaplain Ken Lindsey, Sgt. at Arms Ken Lindsey, Editor Allen Boyd and Webmaster William Tankersley. Fall Line is planning to dedicate a 250th Anniversary Patriot marker on July 3, 2026 on the Washington County Courthouse square. The marker will have all the Revolutionary War Veterans that were buried in Washington County listed on it.



Left: The February meeting hosted Bill Tankersley on February 10, just 3 days after Bill became the Georgia Society's newest President. Bill's presentation was on "A Horse Named Independence."

Below: Compatriot Hu Daughtry from the Mill Creek Chapter spoke to the March meeting giving his "She Buried them on Bull Creek" presentation. Afterward, the recent streamers were presented; Heroes, Kettle, and Brier Creek.





Right: Brier Creek held its March meeting, where Compatriot Steve Burke was called to present his program on "Like on the Frontier, 1700 -1800".

Below: President Lee Herron then presented Roland Neil Dickey with the Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate



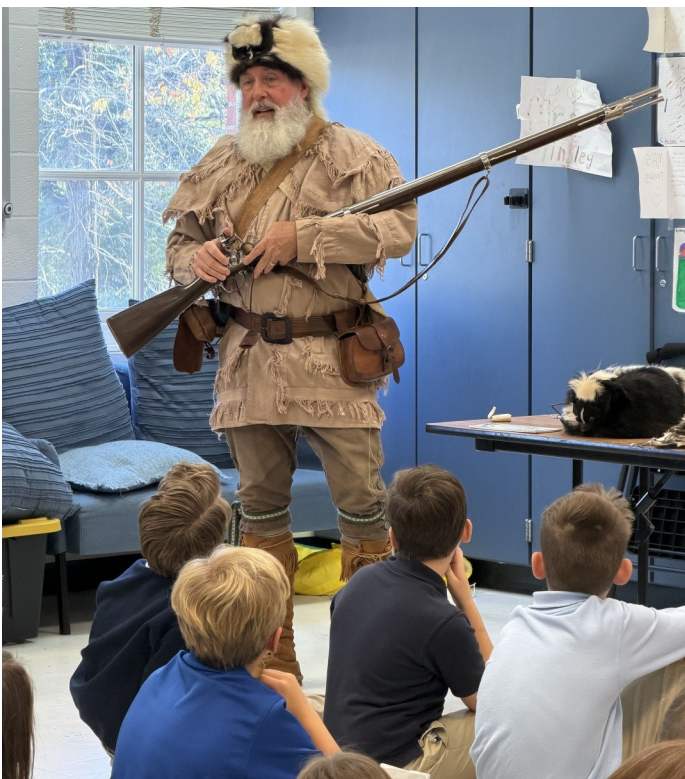
Below: Skunkers at the Kettle Creek Battle Commemoration.





Left and Below: "Skunk Brigade, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Wrens, GA to present their Travelin Trunk Revolutionary War program to the John Franklin Wren Chapter #3581, NSDAR, on Saturday, January 17, 2026 as part of the 250th celebration in 2026. Steve Burke, Bernard Martin, Lee Herron and Don Bazemore answered questions about their Revolutionary War Ancestors and how they lived and fought. Over the weekend, the Skunk Brigade presented Compatriot Joseph Martin, son of Compatriot Bernard Martin, of the Brier Creek Chapter, the 44th Skunk Hat and member of the Skunk Brigade. Congratulations Joseph."





Below: Members of the Brier Creek Artillery, traveled to Hilton Head Island, SC to present their "Traveling Trunk" program to 1,600 students at Schools of Hilton Head on March 3rd and 4th. The Traveling Trunk Group is made up of members of the Brier Creek Chapter, Wiregrass Chapter, Little River Chapter, of Georgia and Henry Laurens Chapter of South Carolina. They are Ted Walker, Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Alton McCloud and Dess Smith III.

Each school rotated through several booths set up and at the end of each hour the Brier Creek Artillery fired their four 6-pounder canons two times each. There were 12 stations in all presenting topics like, Encampment furniture, cooking artifacts; Children's involvement everyday life and toys; survivalist; display of uniforms, weapons, muskets; DAR, spinning wheel, quilting clothing; music used in battle; canon firing; Colonial times reenactors; women in arms; reasons for joining British or Continental; Gullah Kinfolk; Blacksmith; and Haitian Impression. The schools involved were: H.E. McCracken Middle School, Hilton Head Middle School, Robert Smalls Leadership Academy, Beaufort Middle School, Bluffton Middle School, Lady's Island Middle School, Whale Branch Middle School, and the River Ridge Academy. The Living History Day event was held at the Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head."



Four Rivers Patriots

Right: The Four Rivers Patriots held its first monthly meeting of 2026 on January 15. Georgia Society Senior Vice President Bill Tankersley installed our 2026 Officers. They are: President Joel Keener, Vice President Doyle Waller, Secretary Al Johnson, Treasurer Dean Mills, Chaplain Emory Fennell, Registrar Dean Mills, Genealogist Dess Smith III, Sgt. at Arms Dan Brown and Editor Dess Smith III.



Right: The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter held its monthly meeting, February 19. Compatriot Hu Daughtry of the Mill Creek Chapter presented his program on "She Buried them on Bull Creek".



Below: Dess Smith then presented Sgt. at Arms Dan Brown with the chapter flag streamers for presenting our chapters wreath at the Heroes of the Hornets Nest event and the 247th Anniversary of the Kettle Creek Battle on February 13 & 14, 2026.



Below Right: The March 19 meeting heard Compatriot Allen Burton of the Washington Wilkes Chapter present his program on "Banastre Tarleton".



Below Left: After the presentation, President Joel Keener presented Sgt.-at-Arms Dan Brown with the a chapter flag streamer for presenting the chapter wreath at the 247th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Brier Creek.



Little River

Right: Chapter Compatriot Major General Perry Smith, USAF (ret) was the Master of Ceremonies for the 16th Annual Jimmie Dyess symposium held at the Augusta Museum of History on January 8th. The Symposium was created and developed to recognize Marine Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie Dyess's courage as both a citizen and a service member of the United States and to identify and honor others who have shown similar valor or made civic contributions above and beyond the call of duty.



Left: Lt Col Dyess, the only American to receive both the Carnegie Medal for civilian heroism, AND the Medal of Honor (for heroism during his service in WWII where he was killed on Namur Island during the Battle of Kwajalein.

You may recall seeing General Smith on CNN as a commentator during the Persian Gulf War. He has written several books and has been a highly sought-after speaker.

His website is <http://genpsmith.com/>.

Below: (L-R) are Little River Chapter members 1st VP Gary Smith Sr., President James Blanchard Jr., and applicant Alan Hampton wearing the official uniform of the Marine Corps League. They are members of the Lt. Col. Jimmie Dyess USMC League Detachment 921, Augusta, where they serve as Detachment Officers: Blanchard is Commandant, Hampton is Judge Advocate General, and Smith is Adjutant and Paymaster. The Detachment members serve as ushers for the annual

Dyess symposium. Dressed in a blue coat between Smith and Blanchard is Medal of Honor recipient Col. Walter Joseph "Joe" Marm, Jr. USA (ret), who served with exceptional bravery and gallantry in the Vietnam War. Interestingly, Col Marm is only one of eleven known Medal of Honor recipients who are also Eagle Scouts.



Below: At this year's GA Society SAR Annual Conference on Feb 7, Compatriot Bill Tankersley was elected and installed as Georgia Society President for 2026-27.



Right: Patriot Grave Marking Medal. Compatriots Alton McCloud, Bill Tankersley, and Don Thomas all received an Oak Leaf Cluster for participating in an additional 15 grave markings on the Patriot Grave Marking Medal. Alton also received his certificate and pin in recognition of becoming a NSSAR George Washington Fellow.



Left: Chapter members participated in annual commemorations for Heroes of the Hornets' Nest, Battle of Kettle Creek, and Battle of Brier Creek.

Alton McCloud also participated in the Living History Program at Hilton Head Island SC on March 4 and 5th, and the annual Thomas Heyward pilgrimage in Ridgeland, SC on March 7th.

Approximately 1600 students saw the Traveling Trunk and Cannon demonstration programs at Hilton Head Island. Alton is a dedicated Skunk Brigade member and is pictured right with his cannon, known as "Minnie Mouse."

Right: Chapter President Jim Blanchard and Central East Region VP Don Thomas pose for a picture at the annual Brier Creek commemoration.



Lyman Hall

Below: Sid Hughes at Cowpens.



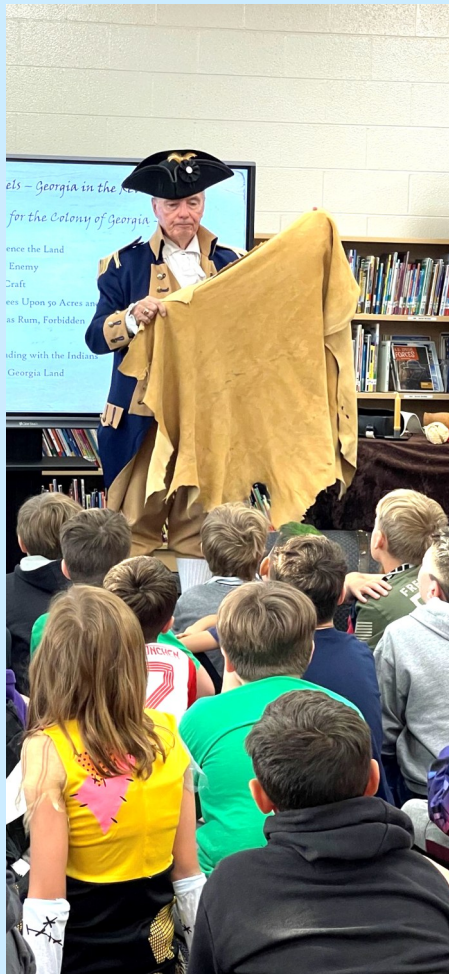
Right: Behind the scenes, doing the hard work, making everyone else look good is none other than President Mike Watkins.



JOHN DOOLY EDUCATION OUTREACH AWARD

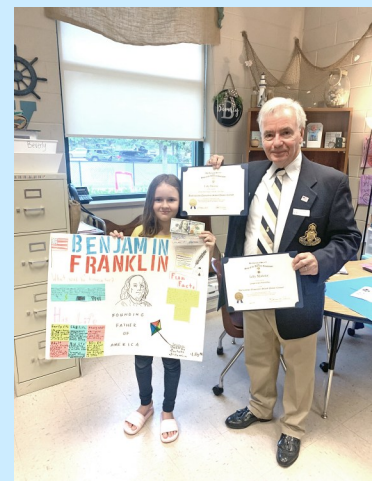
This year's John Dooly Educational Outreach Award went to Lyman Hall's Carter Wood. Carter can be seen almost anywhere across the board, at any group willing to learn, any age willing to participate, any organization with a desire to grow. Carter's repertoire, is really broad. From before time began to the future. No, seriously, if you have a topic of interest, Carter can provide a presentation on it.

First love for Carter is Scouting. Carter has long been at multiple high level positions making sure the scouts are always prepared!

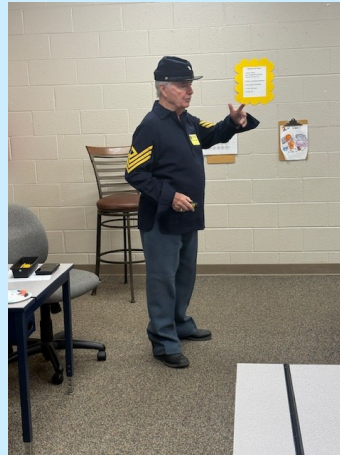


Whether in a classroom or under a pavilion at a Mule Camp Days weekend, Carter can keep the youth engaged with hands on activities.

Carter is willing to share the stage with other Compatriots, sharing their knowledge as well. I have worked closely with Carter at schools, and we always seem to blend our talents and styles seamlessly. Carter works with the schools in the Lyman Hall area to promote the various SAR contests, visiting several times a year to help the system reach their students. JROTC, Elementary, Middle School and High all know Carter will give them a show.



Time period does not matter. Whether Revolutionary War, Napoleonic, Civil War, WWII, or Cold War, Carter can educate with the best. His lessons are carefully keyed to the state standards for the material provided. He can even use a dummy and make him an education expert.



Last year was the 80th anniversary of "VE Day", so that presentation was in high demand with its collection of period gear and dual Screens.

Students at Hall County's Spout Springs Elementary were very well prepared so this time the presentation was a 'wrap-up' before their test.

One of the teachers had tipped me off that she had a student who is a 'History Buff'. He showed up with a large

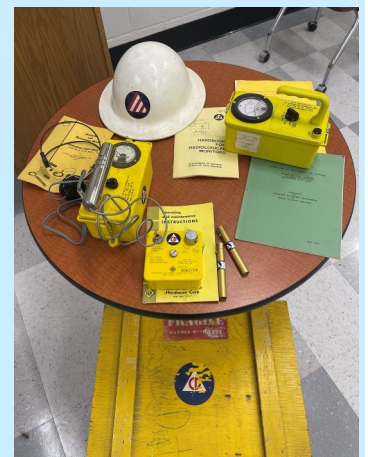
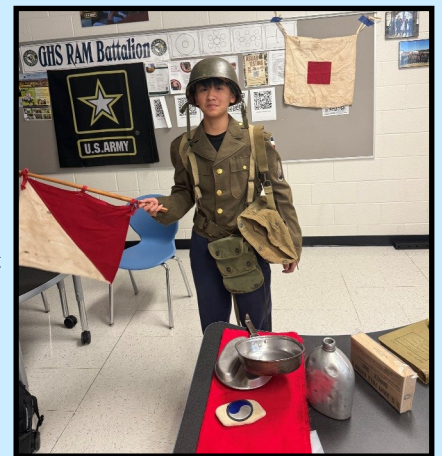
hard cover book. It was the History of the 94th Infantry Division, often referred to as "Patton's Golden Nugget". He knew where and when his great-Grandfather had served from Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe. As a reward I chose him to "Be my Demonstrator". He had a great time getting fitted out with an Ike Jacket, steel pot and various filed gear. We even described the contents of a 'K-Ration' box. Students were surprised that it included cigarettes.

Last year the Lyman Hall team, with augmentation by Robert Forsyth and Button Gwinnett Chapters did their "The Minuteman—the Original Citizen Soldier" presentation at the request of COL Fracker, Senior Military Instructor at Grayson High School's Army JROTC. The follow on this time was "WWII— Europe". There were five sessions with Cadets and some 11th grade AP History students.

JROTC Cadet demonstrates "Wig-Wag" and later 'Semaphore' to classmates at Grayson High.

But Carter doesn't stop with the Wars: Cold War - Civil Defense, Geiger counters, fallout shelters, the rush to space between the Russians and the U.S. What happened with Cuba and the Missile Crisis.....

If you ever have an opening for a presentation, and Carter isn't already booked, have him come to your chapter meeting. Its an education you won't soon forget.

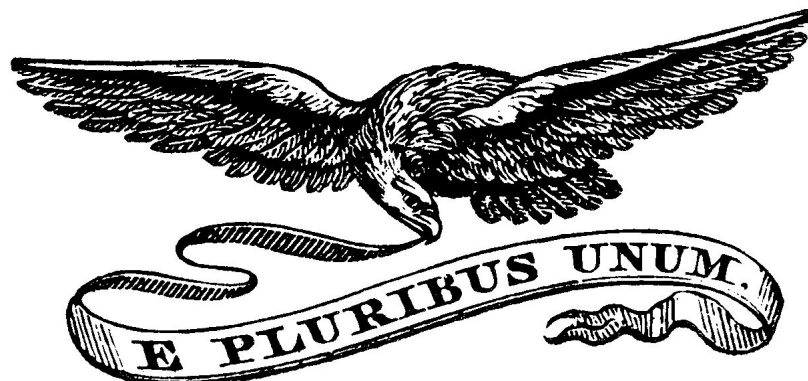


Mill Creek

Below: The Mill Creek Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held their monthly meeting, January 20. With President Randy Jones presiding, we had 10 in attendance. Georgia Society Senior Vice President Bill Tankersley installed the Mill Creek Chapter 2026 Officers. They are: President Randy Jones, Vice President Frank Parker, Secretary/Treasurer Randy Jones, Registrar Dess Smith III, Chaplain Randy Jones, Sgt. at Arms Randy Jones, Editor Dess Smith III and Genealogist Hu Daughtry.



Below: Mill Creek held its monthly meeting, March 17. President Randy introduced our program presenter, Hu Daughtry. Hu's presentation was "She Buried them on Bull Creek". Vice President Dess Smith III presented President Randy with 3 Chapter Flag Streamers that were for the Chapter presenting its wreath at the following events: Elijah Clarke Heroes of the Hornets Nest event, 247th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Kettle Creek event and the 247th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Brier Creek event.



Mount Vernon

Below: Becky West from the Pulaski Chapter, NSDAR brought the January meeting's presentation. Here Topic was "Myths of the American Revolution". Becky West previously served as chapter Regent and was Parliamentarian of National Society from 2018-2024. She is a member of other Patriotic organizations as well, including the Jamestowne Society.



Right and Center: GASSAR President (Jan '26) William Floyd, Jr. presented two certificates to: Michael Floyd - New SAR member and Chapter Member Certificate.

Carey Floyd is pinned on his SAR Rosette.



Chapter President Tom Hewett presented Awards to:

Bill Floyd - 250TH ANNIVERSARY BRONZE MEDAL

Brenda Hewett - 250TH ANNIVERSARY BRONZE MEDAL

Brenda Hewett - LYDIA DARRAGH MEDAL



Right: Bill Floyd presents past Chapter President Richard McCrary with his approved supplemental Certificate.





Left: The Mount Vernon Chapter Annual Banquet and 2026 Officer Installation was held February 17th.

43 attended the event at the Olde Towne Athletic Club Ballroom at 4950 Olde Towne Pkwy, Marietta, GA.

Below: Past GASSAR President Bill Floyd presided over the Chapter Officer Installation Ceremony and the 2026 Chapter President Ceremony. Shep Hammack then installed Bill Floyd as the 2026 Chapter Treasurer.



SAR Awards:

Kevin Baker - Distinguished Service Medal (Award for recognition of his work for the chapter and the Americanism Report)

Kevin Baker - Good Citizenship Medal (Award for recognition of his work with the C.A.R.)

Kevin Baker - Roger Sherman Medal (Chapter Award for recognition of his faithful service.)

John Galt - Meritorious Service Medal (Chapter Award for his service as (4) Chapter Officers, including Rec. Sec in 2025.)

Chuck Olson - Meritorious Service Medal (Chapter Award for recognition as JROTC and Scouting Chairman.)

Chuck Rann - Roger Sherman Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster (Chapter Award for serving (9) years as Website Admin & 8 years as Corresponding Sec.)

Shep Hammack - Meritorious Service Medal ~ Oak Leaf Cluster (Award for recognition of his faithful service to the chapter.)



Ann Olson - Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal

Caitlyn Olson - Gold 250th Anniversary Medal

Chuck Olson - Gold 250th Anniversary Medal



C.A.R. Awards:

Noah Tindall - Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation

Caitlyn Olson - Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation

Kathy Marsh - Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation

Jack Stuart - Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation



Right: Shep Hammack at the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter NSDAR - Patriot Marker Ceremony in Roswell, GA. Shep was part of the Color Guard for the event.

Below: The Atlanta Chapter NSDAR sponsored the 'America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication Ceremony' outside of the Atlanta History Center on March 14.

Our Mount Vernon Chapter Color Guard participated in the event, presenting the colors during the ceremony. Color Guard members were: Color Guard Commander Shep Hammack, past President General NSSAR Larry Guzy, dual member John Wassell, and past Chapter president David Wellons. Jane Wellons also attended. Francis S. Davis accompanied the Color Guard (in red) and is the Atlanta Chapter DAR, Recording Secretary.



Right: Two new members inducted by President Hewett: Walker Alexander and Michael Jacoppo.

The March speaker was Michael Jacoppo, who spoke about 'The British Evacuation of Boston'



Below: Mount Vernon Chapter Scouting Chairman Chuck Olson presented an Eagle Scout certificate to Elizabeth Meek from Douglasville, Georgia during the Spring Gathering of the Order of the Arrow in Covington, Georgia.



Right: Army JROTC Cadet C/2LT Anthony Aragon of the Warrior Battalion received his 2026 SAR Bronze ROTC Medal from Mount Vernon Chapter's Shep Hammack and LTC(Ret) Chuck Olson





Above Left: Army JROTC Cadet Command Sergeant Major J. Hickey received his 2026 SAR Bronze ROTC Medal on March 30, 2026. Presenting the award on behalf of the Mount Vernon Chapter was LTC(Ret) Chuck Olson,



Above Right: In addition, LRC Olson presented C/ILT Sarai Martinez, commander of the Riverwood color guard with the SAR Challenge Coin recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Army.

On March 29th at 1600 hours, chapter member, past Chapter President, and Vietnam war veteran John Galt attended the AVVBA Vietnam War Memorial Ceremony at Brook Run Park in Dunwoody. The ceremony include a Bagpiper and Marine Corps League Color Guard & Firing Squad, and former GA Vietnamese-American Community President TraMy Nguyen. The guest speaker for the ceremony was author and columnist Lynn Gendusa. American veterans and the Vietnamese community remember their partnership during the Vietnam war at this memorial.

A Vietnam war era Bell UH-1 Iroquois ("Huey") was on display for all to see.

The memorial was established in 2025 by the Atlanta Vietnam Veteran Business Association (AVVBA) through donations by the area business community and US and Vietnamese veterans.



Ocmulgee

Right: Sheriff's Deputy Brad Tisdale (holding certificates) was awarded the Ocmulgee chapters Law Enforcement Award for helping to save the lives of two Other Deputies who were overcome with exposure to meth and fentanyl. Deputy Tisdale of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department was awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Award by the Ocmulgee Chapter on January 28th at the Crawford County Courthouse. Last April Deputy Tisdale expeditiously administered Narcan nasal spray to two of his fellow deputies who were exposed to fentanyl at the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Tisdale's quick action allowed both fellow deputies to have a complete recovery.

From left are Ed Trust, Chuck Garnet, President Roy Griffis, Sheriff Lewis Walker, Brad Tisdale, incoming President Paul Roberts and John Trussell.



Below: Ocmulgee Chapter President Roy Griffis, right, presents to Austin Simar a certificate of appreciation for his presentation on the "Battle of Byron".



Right: Flag Presentation Certificate presented by President Paul Roberts along with Ocmulgee Compatriots at the Camping World on I-75 in Byron on March 4th. From Left to Right are Chuck Garnett, Rocky Ferrera, Camping World Manager George Hill, Paul Roberts, Ed Trust and John Trussell. Camping World has been displaying an extra large American Flag for many years and is appreciated by Patriotic travelers along I-75.



Left: Compatriot Chuck Garnett (now serving as President of Kettle Creek Battlefield Association) at Kettle Creek on Saturday, February 14th with members of the Georgia CAR. The Georgia CAR raised the funds to build this split rail fence at the Battle Ground.

Right: Our Chapter participated in co-sponsoring a Free Genealogy Workshop on January 17th at the Conely Building in Forsyth. The other sponsors were Lt. James Monroe, Nathaniel Macon and Mary Hammond Washington DAR Chapters. Ms. Connie Rifkind was the featured speaker. She spoke on featured ways to discover the "Patriot in Your Past". Mary Mullins and Gay Solomon joined her for the program. President Griffis presented Certificates of Appreciation to Connie Rifkind, Mary Mullins and Gay Solomon



Left: Our Chapter celebrated President Washington's birthday at our 34th Annual Birthday Celebration at the Idle Hour Country Club on January 30th. We had 15 compatriots and 29 guests attend to honor our First President. Compatriot Matt Boone presented our program highlighting Washington's Presidency. Our new officers for the 2026-2027 term were sworn in by GASSAR Senior Vice President Bill Tankersly. Several Awards were granted and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Matt Boone presents our program "Walking on Untrodden Ground, The Presidency of George Washington"



Right: John Trussell presents Jacob Harris of Northside High School in Warner Robins the Good Citizenship Award on March 11th.

Below: President Paul Roberts presents Gavin Peacock the Flag Certificate on March 14th for the Crawford County High School.



Below: President Roberts presents Certificate of Appreciation to Roger Jennings, Past President of the Middle Georgia Honor Flight. Roger gave us a program that explained the purpose of the Honor Flight organization which takes Middle Georgia Veterans on a trip to Washington, D.C. to see Arlington Cemetery and the War Memorials. The Honor Flight organization is a non-profit charity. Roger also explained the Annual Golf Tournament which helps raise the funds to make the Honor Flights possible.

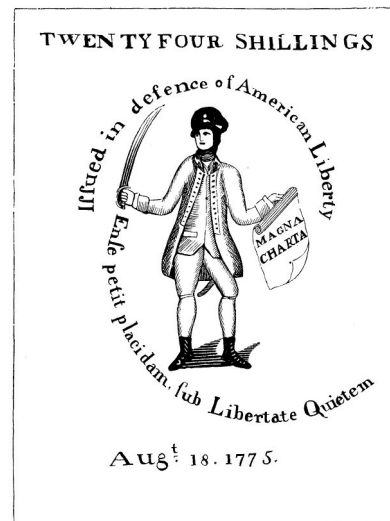


Above: On March 21st several of our Chapter's members attended the Honor Flight Return at Middle Georgia Regional Airport. Left to right are Chuck Garnett, Clyde Wilkens, Joe Morgan, Paul Roberts, Rocky Ferrara, Wake Conklin and Ed Trust.



Patrick Carr Rangers

Left: Dess Smith presented President David Hargrove and Treasurer Bill Tinley with three Chapter Flag Streamers for Dess presenting the Patrick Carr Rangers chapter wreath at the Elijah Clarke Heroes of the Hornets Nest event, the 247th Anniversary of the Battle at Kettle Creek event and the 247th Anniversary of the Battle at Brier Creek events.



REVERSE OF A MASSACHUSETTS TREASURY NOTE

Piedmont

James Motes McIntire passed away on February 25, 2026, at the age of 84. Known for his sharp wit, generous humor, love of history and dialect studies and lifelong intellectual curiosity, he enriched the lives of his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. One of the great pleasures of Jim's life was his involvement with the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a member for many years and served as President of the Piedmont Chapter. He also was very proud of his Scottish heritage and enjoyed being a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta, an organization dedicated to preserving Scottish heritage and tradition in Atlanta.



Far Left: Piedmont member Craig Benton is the State Flag Certificate Chairman. Support 250 this year by supporting the Flag Committee.

Center Left: President Stacey McCarver is also a hard working State Chairman. As the Chair for the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, he has to read, judge, and select a state winner, (with help) from the massive number of really good entries each year. Make his job harder, by submitting an essay winner from your school system.

Robert Forsyth

Robert Forsyth had their greatest showing of uniformed members ever to start the year off at Cowpens. 9 uniformed members attended and were counted among the GASSAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia. President Christopher Russo, David Johnson, John Flikeid, Emil Decker, Carl Watkins, Benjamin Watkins, Jantsen Bull and Kohlson Bull all attended. This was the first SAR event for the Bull brothers after receiving their membership. Kohlson, VP of the Georgia Society C.A.R. will be the incoming President of the Georgia Society this spring.



Below: Later that same day, we joined with our brothers from Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter at the Daniel Morgan Monument to honor the American Patriot.





Above: Compatriot Emil Decker fired his new cannon for the first event ever as part of the Skunk Brigade, Mountain Battery. It is a half scale 3 pounder, (1.75" bore....can launch a golf ball some distance if the chance ever arrives.

Above: Wreath Presentation at War Hill. President Chris Russo does the honors.

Below: The Members of Robert Forsyth gather in Washington, GA, with our own charter member, Secretary General Allen Greenly.



Right: Robert Forsyth members have been attending and providing support for a 250 series of lectures at the Milton Library.



Left: Our Chapter Chaplain, Byron Tindall is properly outfitted in Clerical clothing provided by his wife, Anne. Anne recently won the DAR Fiber Arts entry for Historic Dress from the State of Georgia. Congrats to both Byron for his modeling, and to Sequoyah Chapter's Anne Tindall for her seamstress creation.

Right: David Johnson recently caught the Cumming water tower, lit up and sponsored by the Chapter. Special lighting of Red and blue on the white edifice commemorates events in our history. This night, March 17, was commemorating the evacuation of Boston by the British. There are several more events being sponsored by the chapter in the coming months and years.



Below: On January 10, President Chris Russo traveled to Athens, Tennessee, attending a Joint Meeting with the Patriots of Liberty Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), and the Alexander Keith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Athens, Tennessee. The meeting was held at a downtown Athens venue owned and maintained by the Hiawasse Chapter, TNSAR.

Russo brought greetings on behalf of the Robert Forsyth Chapter and participated in a storytelling session where attendees were encouraged to share photos of their ancestors. He also presented the colors as part of the Hiawasse Chapter Color Guard. Russo was accompanied by his nephew, Brayden, a member of Patriots of Liberty C.A.R. Together they shared a photo of their great-grandfather, Dolphus Jabez Askew and his pet/trick mule Roxie. Russo also holds dual membership in the Tennessee Society's John Sevier Chapter, as does his cousin Bryan Beck. Beck, in turn, is a dual member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter.





Above: On March 15, the Sequoyah Chapter, NSDAR, Robert Forsyth and Cherokee Chapters, NSSAR held a Liberty Tree Dedication at Big Canoe, GA. Our member Jantsan Bull brought greeting from the GA Society, C.A.R. and Compatriot Decker gave a history lesson on Liberty Trees.

Right: President William Tankersley gave his "Independence, the Stud Horse" presentation to the Annual assembly, and was presented a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation specially made for his spectacular efforts.



Left: David Johnson, Treasurer, was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for his efforts at maintaining and expanding the chapter's treasury. Without jail time.

Right: The hardest working man behind the growing of the membership in the chapter is our Registrar. Charles Meagher has been instrumental in the chapter's acquiring new members, and was awarded an OLC to his Meritorious Service medal.



Left: Outgoing President Chris Russo and family pose with the Robert Forsyth Charter. Happy to be leaving the President's post?? Just look at the smile.



Right and Below: New officers were sworn in at the March Annual Meeting. Emil Decker returns as President, while (R - L) Charles Meagher as Registrar, Past President Chris Russo takes back the Genealogist and Historian offices, Byron Tindall as Chaplain, John Flikeid as Vice President, David Johnson as Treasurer, and Carl Jackson as Sgt.-at-Arms. Chip Van Alstyne, (not present) will be our Secretary.



Right: Chris Russo, before vacating the President's position, awarded several awards. The Lydia Darragh and Martha Washington medals to his daughter, Eva, who is almost like a member herself, providing great support for her father and the chapter both.



Left: President Russo also presented the Chapter Henry Knox medal to incoming President Emil Decker for his long term support to the Chapter in almost every way possible.



The Bull brothers both received their Bronze 250th Anniversary medal.

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY





Photo Credit: Philip Beck

Sons of the American Revolution at the Autumn Shindig, one of our annual signature events for the Milton community.

The Milton Historical Society's mission is to appreciate and promote the past through education, preservation and exploration.




Left and Right: Sometimes, when you least expect it, a camera can find you and the next thing you know you end up advertising for other organizations..... and your own! ALWAYS smile and keep your eyes open.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Northeast Georgia History Center!



Volunteer Opportunities
We have many volunteer opportunities for our events throughout the year including:

- Living History Interpretation
- Historical Activity & Craft Station Leads for Events
- Remote or In-Person Historical Research for Programs
- Gainesville Reads Children's Literacy Program
- Or something else! Let us know what you can offer!

Learn More: www.neghc.org 770-527-5100 info@neghc.org
322 Academy St NE (across from Jacobs Building)

Below: Our C.A.R. / SAR Junior members received their certificates and were sworn in by President General Elston at the C.A.R. State Convention.



Wiregrass

Below: The Wiregrass Chapter held its monthly meeting January 8, 2026. President Steve called on the GASSAR Senior Vice President Bill Tankersley to hold our Installation of Officers. They are: President Steve Burke, 1st Vice President Alton Reynolds, 2nd Vice President Gary Mason, Secretary/Treasurer Bill Carmichael, Registrar Dess Smith III, Genealogist John Derden, Sgt-at-Arms Watson Mosley, Historian John Derden, Editor Dess Smith III, and Chancellor Julian Sconyers. Steve presented SVP Bill the Certificate of Appreciation for installing our officers. DAR member Judy Womack was called to the front to assist in presenting the Annual Fred D. Womack Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate to this years recipient, Compatriot Bill Carmichael.



Left: Our speaker was Compatriot Allen Burton, who is a History Professor at Augusta State College, a member of the Washington/Wilkes SAR Chapter in Washington, GA and a retired U.S. Army LTC. His presentation was on "Banastre Tarleton".

Right: Brier Creek Artillery Attended 250th Pages & Powder at the Franklin Memorial Library in Swainsboro on March 7, 2026. Compatriot Lee Herron spoke inside the library about the Brier Creek Battlefield and what happened on March 3. Steve Burke presented his 5 tables of Trunkin' Trunk items outside by the cannons. Those attending: Commander Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Don Bazemore, and Dess Smith III.





Left: Wiregrass Chapter presented to Donna and Ty Smith our 43rd U.S. Flag Certificate on Monday, January 12, 2026. Vietnam Veteran Ty Smith, who was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, had made application to become a member of the Wiregrass Chapter. He had just erected a flag pole to display the U.S. Flag. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by Flag Chairman Gary Mason. Not more than four weeks after this photo was taken, Ty passed on to be with the Lord. Rest in Peace Ty.

Right: The Wiregrass Chapter monthly meeting on March 12, was held, with Compatriot John Derden giving a presentation on "She Buried them on Bull Creek".



Below: Streamers for Heroes of the Hornet's Nest, Kettle Creek and Brier Creek were presented.



Right and Below: Three Skunk Brigade members, Steve Burke and Dess Smith III of the Wiregrass Chapter (Swainsboro) and Neil Dickey of the Brier Creek SAR Chapter in Screven County, GA, traveled to Millen, GA on March 19, to present their Revolutionary War Travelin' Trunk program to the Jenkins County School.





Children of the American Revolution

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



C.A.R. also started year on a run.
Here are representatives at Cowpens
and Daniel Morgan Monument.



And then Washington and Kettle Creek.





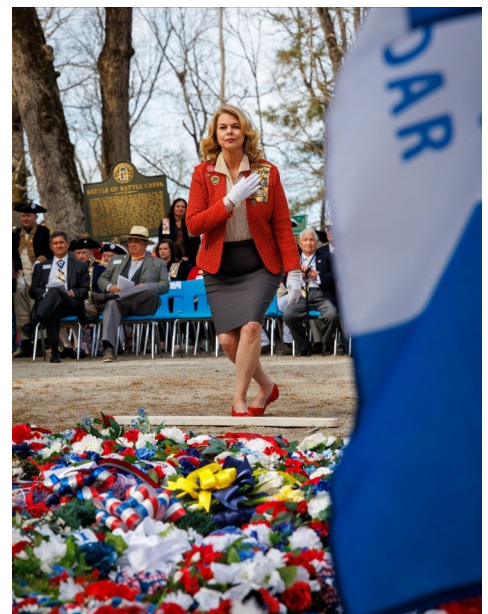
The C.A.R. State Convention was attended by President General Elston and GASSAR President Bill Tankersley.



Right: Jantsen brings greetings from the C.A.R. at the Sequoyah DAR Liberty Tree Dedication.

AMERICA ★250 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Below: Daughters at Heroes of the Hornets' Nest and at War Hill, Kettle Creek Battle Site.





This year, Daughters even got to participate in the Mock Battle behind the courthouse.



Right: Washington's Birthday Celebration in Gainesville. Always another opportunity to take a photo of a lovely group of young ladies in the DAR>

Below: The Daughters of the American Revolution Conference was held at the Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Lee set up a table full of information about the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. and items for sale. Lee had with him the Brier Creek Battlefield Coin, forms to become a member of the BCRWBA, Brier Creek Stickers, and large prints of the Brier Creek Battle. He talked to the more than 640 attendees about the battle and the great work that we are doing to improve and preserve the battlefield. During the banquet, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution President Bill Tankersley brought greetings from the Georgia Society SAR.



From the Blue Ridge Mountain's Newsletter

THE MOUNTAINEER

The Official Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, SAR

DAR PENNY PINE PROGRAM

The Richmond Walton McCurry Memorial Forest Park is located in Habersham County, Georgia. The park's entrance and primary historical marker are situated at the intersection of U.S. Highway 23/441 and Tugaloo Short Cut Road, approximately 10.4 miles north of Clarkesville.

Coordinates: The park is located near 34.63102, -83.53112.

Town/City: Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Accessibility: The area is open to the public during daylight hours.

Fees: There is no admission fee.

Barbara Weaver, Regent, Old Unicoi Trail Chapter NSDAR and Stephen Weaver, GASSAR VP- North Central and Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter DAR Liaison attended a hosted field trip on March 3, 2026 by USDA, Forest Service, Chattooga River Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest with District Silviculturist Michael Starbuck. Twenty-two Daughters from around Georgia attended.

In 1939, the President General, Mrs. Henry M. Robert, chose the Penny Pine program as one of her Golden Jubilee National Projects. Each state was to have a memorial forest, beginning in 1939 and culminating in 1941 on the NSDAR 50th Anniversary. Each chapter across the country was to pledge, at the very least, one acre of pine

seedlings. Five dollars an acre at a penny each equals

500 trees. The Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC), under the supervision of the U.S. Forest Service, would do the actual work of planting and care.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed the CCC in 1933 to solve two problems. It would offer employment to Americans age 18-26, who were out of work because of the failing economy, and it would help the National Forests that were in deplorable condition due to over-harvesting, devastating fires, and little replanting. The CCC would revitalize our National Forests and employ millions of young people.

With new assistance from the CCC, the National Forest Service started its program of replanting and growing pines



Steve and Barbara at the original sign.



Continued overleaf

in National nurseries throughout the country. These pines would be sold to organizations and individuals for a penny each to help share the cost of the project - hence the popular term Penny Pines. It was patriotic and popular enough that stores and post offices set up buckets for people to put pennies into, and that is how the NSDAR became involved. Some of the states could not participate due to prolonged droughts in their state and the National Forest Service recommended planting many large trees on private lands.

In 1940, in a 100-acre area known as the Richmond Walton McCurry Memorial Forest on the Chattooga River Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest; 231,650 Penny Pines were planted. The pines planted were shortleaf pines of which some still stand today. We visited the still standing DAR poled metal sign dedicating the effort and the actual planted site and embraced several of the 85-year-old trees.

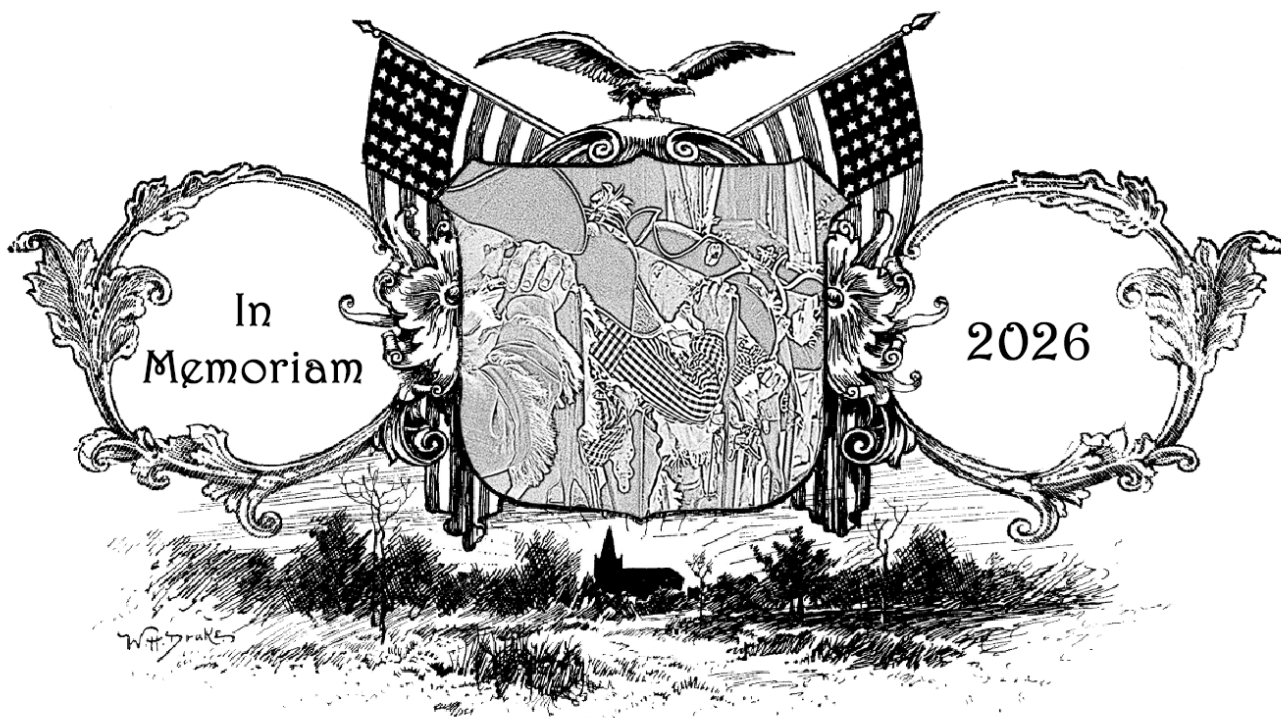




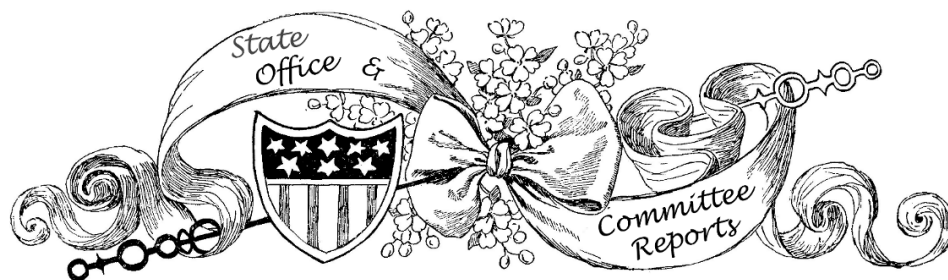
Above: Liberty Tree Dedication in Big Canoe Community, sponsored by the Sequoyah DAR Chapter.

Below: Patriot Grave marking in Gainesville, Alta Vista Cemetery.





Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	Deceased
William Henry Harris Jr.	166172	Washington-Wilkes	1/15/2026
Charles Eugene Pollock	178427	Washington-Wilkes	1/21/2026
James Rucker Dick	214759	Altamaha	2/12/2026
James Motes McIntire	158617	Piedmont	2/25/2026
John Britton Wells III	130155	Marquis de Lafayette	3/2/2026
Karl Dwight Fitch	225224	Button Gwinnett	3/17/2026



Secretary - Chris Thompson

1. Overview

The first quarter of 2026 has been a period of strong growth and meaningful engagement for the Georgia Society. Membership numbers reflect continued momentum from 2025, with a net gain of 75 compatriots year-to-date and solid progress on records maintenance and support for chapter operations. Administrative responsibilities remained steady, with synchronization meetings, chapter support, and national representation all carried out as planned. Participation in the NSSAR Spring Leadership Meetings in Louisville, Kentucky, also provided an opportunity to advance the GASSAR Library Project and support the SAR Genealogical Research Library.

2. Membership Review and Totals

Membership growth continues to trend positively into 2026. The Georgia Society ended 2025 with 2,029 active compatriots and closed Q1 2026 with 1,952 active members as of March 31, 2026, while achieving a net



year-to-date membership gain of 75, a 10.3% improvement over Q1 2025's net gain of 68.

New member additions of 69 represent a notable increase over Q1 2025's 53, underscoring that chapter recruitment and outreach efforts are producing tangible results.

Metric	Q1 2026	Q1 2025
GASSAR Compatriots Ending (12/31/25)	2,029	—
GASSAR Compatriots as of 1/1/26	1,877	1,779
GASSAR Compatriots as of 3/31/26	1,952	1,847
New Members	69	53
Reinstatements	13	20
Transfer Ins	0	0
Reinstatement-Transfers	0	2
Total Gains (as of 3/31/26)	82	75
Transfer Outs	2	1
Deceased	6	10
Dropped	0	0
Resignation	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Losses (as of 3/31/26)	8	11
Active Membership as of 3/31/26	1,952	1,847
Year-to-Date Membership Change	+75 (10.3% ↑)	+68



Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, January 1, 2026

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens			
1/16/2026	John Paul Thrasher	THRASHER Jr., John	Steven Wang
1/23/2026	Larry Douglas Adams	DAVIS, Hezekiah	Steven Wang
1/23/2026	Karl Christopher Berg Jr.	RIGGINS, James	Steven Wang
1/23/2026	Steven L. Brown	ADAMS, Joseph	Steven Wang
3/13/2026	Joseph Miller Colley	GAINES, Francis	Steven Wang
3/13/2026	Kenneth Robert Colley	GAINES, Francis	Steven Wang
3/13/2026	Gary Scott Jenks	GRIFFIN, Dudley	Steven Wang
3/13/2026	Kenneth Lamar Ledford	STANDRIDGE, James	Steven Wang
3/13/2026	Jacob Michael Robinson	LIVINGSTON, Philip	Kenneth Scott Collins
3/13/2026	William Henry Verner	VERNER, John Jr.	Kenneth Scott Collins
3/20/2026	James Franklin Cox III	LIVINGSTON, Philip	Kenneth Scott Collins
3/20/2026	James Aubrey Cox	LIVINGSTON, Philip	Kenneth Scott Collins
3/20/2026	James Bennett Cox	LIVINGSTON, Philip	Kenneth Scott Collins
3/20/2026	Jeremy David White	MELTON, William	Steven Wang
Atlanta			
2/6/2026	Allen Kwame Anderson	HANSON, Walter	Joseph Blackmon
2/6/2026	Edward Moses Anderson Jr	HANSON, Walter	Joseph Blackmon
2/13/2026	E Thomas Hoffman	STONAKER, John	Joseph Blackmon
3/13/2026	Frederick Tyler Vance	CASE, Joshua	Joseph Blackmon

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Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Brier Creek			
1/16/2026	William A. Emley	CHAFEY/CHAFFEE, Thomas	Lee Herron
1/16/2026	William Andrew Emley	CHAFEY/CHAFFEE, Thomas	Lee Herron
3/20/2026	Thomas Woodham Highsmith	HIGHSMITH, Daniel	Lee Herron
3/27/2026	William David Zorn Jr	WATSON, Michael	Lee Herron
Button Gwinnett			
1/16/2026	Shawn Christopher Finch	HUGGINS, Samuel	Harold Ford
1/23/2026	Richard Franklin Love	WARREN, Richard	Harold Ford
2/13/2026	Craig Wallis Maltbie	MALTBIE, Jonathan	Harold Ford
2/13/2026	Emory Wynn Maltbie	MALTBIE, Jonathan	Harold Ford
2/13/2026	Finnegan James Maltbie	MALTBIE, Jonathan	Harold Ford
2/20/2026	Andrew Joseph Cochran	COX, Philip	Harold Ford
2/20/2026	Robert Joseph Cochran	COX, Philip	Harold Ford
2/27/2026	Mikell Linzey McCarty	MCCARTY, Michael	Donald McCarty
3/13/2026	Scott Richard Dippel	KELLER, Jean Pierre	Harold Ford
Capt. John Collins			
1/16/2026	James Thomas Martin	ROGERS, Hugh	Terry Gibbs
1/16/2026	James Thomas Martin III	ROGERS, Hugh	Terry Gibbs
1/16/2026	James Thomas Martin II	ROGERS, Hugh	Terry Gibbs
1/16/2026	Joseph Frank Martin Jr.	ROGERS, Hugh	Terry Gibbs
3/13/2026	Dean Robertson Prince	PRINCE, Samuel	Lewis Ray
Cherokee			
3/13/2026	Donald Wallace	WEED, John	Stanley Lewis Jr.
3/27/2026	Clark Andrew Beecken	TREGO, William	Stanley Lewis Jr.
Edward Telfair			
1/23/2026	Crawford James Bush	HARRELL, Levi	Roger Coursey
2/6/2026	James Edward Horner Jr	HUDDLESTON, Thomas	Roger Coursey
2/20/2026	Timothy Higgins Edwards	EDWARDS, Thomas	Roger Coursey
3/13/2026	John DuBayo Broderick	WALKER, William	Roger Coursey
3/13/2026	Levi Nathaniel Teel	HUNT, Judkins	Roger Coursey
3/27/2026	Bernard Anthony Corcoran Jr.	BOLTON, Matthew	Roger Coursey
Fall Line			
3/20/2026	Scott Clark Smith	SMITH, Benjamin	Sanders Mercer
Four Rivers Patriots			
3/27/2026	William Earl Collins Sr	WILKS, Isaac	Dess Smith
3/27/2026	William Earl Collins Jr	WILKS, Isaac	Dess Smith
Joseph Habersham			
1/23/2026	John Austin Bowie	SEDGWICK, John	John Larry Whitfield
1/23/2026	Clay Duncan Echols	TERRELL, Simon	John Larry Whitfield
3/13/2026	Jesse Lee White	HARRISON, Thomas	John Larry Whitfield
Lyman Hall			
2/20/2026	Michael Larry Martin	O'KELLEY, Thomas	Sidney Hughes Jr.
3/13/2026	Phillip Harrison Walker	WALKER, Elijah	Sidney Hughes Jr.
3/27/2026	William Bryan Hendrix	WHELCHER, Sr., Francis	Sidney Hughes Jr.
Marquis de Lafayette			
1/23/2026	B. Dwayne Prosser	PROSSER, Otey	John Britton Wells III
2/27/2026	Adam Wesley Young	PARKER, Aaron	Steven Hinson
3/13/2026	William Alonzo Volk Hyde	BLOODWORTH, John	LCDR David Jessel
Marshes of Glynn			
1/16/2026	Nicholas David Hoppey	SWEET, Nathan	Preston Lewis
2/20/2026	Frank Harlan Hambright Jr	HAMBRIGHT, Frederick	Steven Hinson
3/13/2026	Ralph Paul Gornto	TREADWELL, John	Steven Hinson

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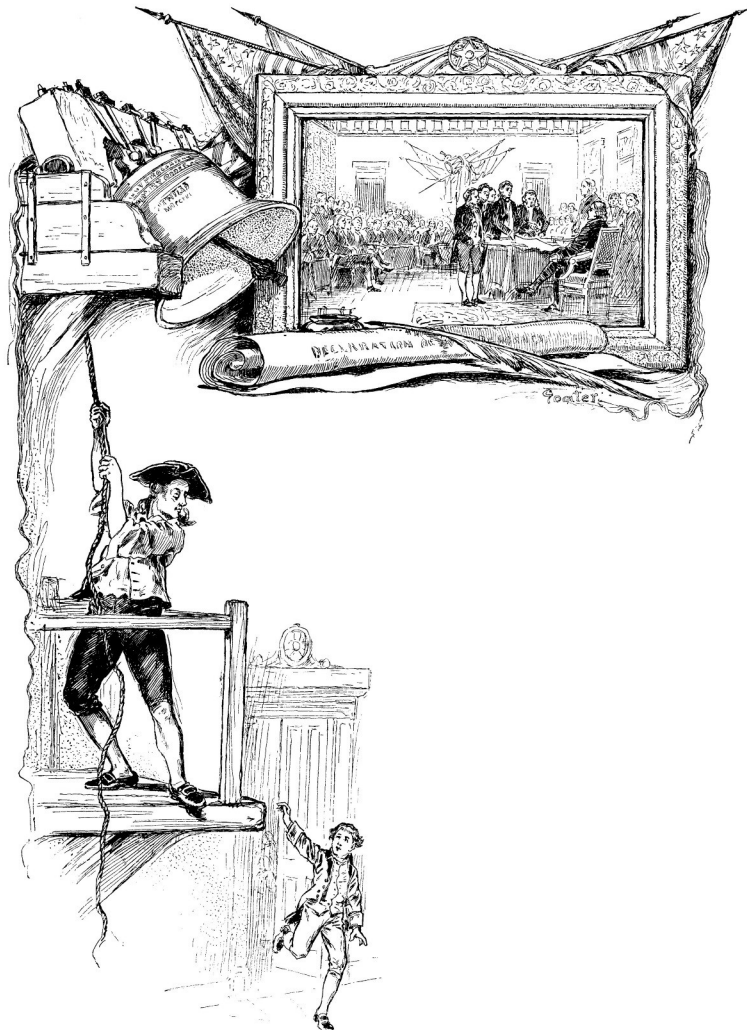
Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Mount Vernon			
2/6/2026	Michael Lance Jacoppo	McMICHAEL, John	Shep Hammack
2/20/2026	William Walker Alexander III	ALEXANDER, John	Chuck Olson
Ocmulgee			
3/27/2026	Calvin Wakefield Conklin	COMFORT, Richard	Charles Garnett
Robert Forsyth			
2/6/2026	James Allen Harris II	DANIELS, William	Charles Meagher
Samuel Elbert			
3/13/2026	Travis Edward Christian	WEBB, Claiborne	Russell Terrell
Thigpen Trail			
1/16/2026	Craig Alexander Hunt	MCMULLAN, John	Thomas Coleman, Jr.
1/16/2026	Samuel Alexander Hunt	MCMULLAN, John	Thomas Coleman, Jr.
3/20/2026	Kurt Eugene Stringfellow	COVINGTON, William	Thomas Coleman, Jr.
3/20/2026	Lewis Kurt Stringfellow	COVINGTON, William	Thomas Coleman, Jr.
3/20/2026	Robert Eugene Stringfellow	COVINGTON, William	Thomas Coleman, Jr.

This is the final call for delegates at Congress in Greensboro, NC. The state was given 40 delegates are we are currently slightly under that number.

If you do not see your name on this list, please let me know and I will add you. Also include your National number and preferred email address.

GASSAR Delegates

Ed Rigel Jr.
 Bill Floyd
 Chris Thompson
 Kenneth Scott Collins
 William J. Tankersley
 Donald Henry McCarty, Jr.
 Chris Russo
 William Edelen
 Thomas Jacques
 Grant Tribble
 Dess Smith
 Steve Burke
 Lee Herron
 Edward P. Rigel Sr.
 David Ludley
 Randy Tindall
 William Dobbs
 Steven Weaver
 Wayne Brown
 Robert Moore
 Roger Coursey
 Steven Wang
 Jacob Wang
 Larry Guzy
 Emil Decker
 John Emit Mays III



Public Service & Heroism - Alton O'Neal



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
					
Athens	Lt Raymond Anderson Senior Police Officer Zach Davis Declan Bethel Senior Police Officer Jonathan Suriname Officer First Class Noah Doster				
Ocmulgee	Brad Tisdale				

Liberty Tree - Ron Redner



Here is a latest NSSAR Liberty Tree Report!
 We have a NEW LOOK on Liberty Tree website thanks to Rick Reese III our webmaster and it has all the current Liberty Tree planting information: AMERICA 250- Liberty Tree Program (piedmontchapter.org)
 To date we have done 211 Liberty Tree dedications, leaving us only 39 to go to reach our goal of 250 by July 2026!
 We also have planted them in 33 of the 50 states. The 33 states that have planted Liberty Trees are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.
 Here is the 17 States that have not yet had a Liberty Tree dedication, but hopefully soon:
 AL, AR, CO, DE, HI, ID, ME, MN, MS, MT, NU, RI, SD, UT, VA, WA, WY



Graves - Don McCarty

The Georgia Society has conducted the following four (4) Patriot Grave Markings, which were vetted by the Graves Committee during calendar year 2025 and/or 2026.

Patriot Colonel John Dooly, SAR P-149226. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the United States Army Corp of Engineers approved the Cenotaph honoring John Dooly. SAR Chapter co-sponsors were Athens, Atlanta, Brier Creek, Blue Ridge Mountains, Button Gwinnett, Captain John Collins, Colonel William Few, Little River, Marquis de Lafayette, Piedmont, and Washington-Wilkes Chapters. The Cenotaph was installed and commemorated at Elijah Clark State Park on February 13, 2026.

Patriot Lieutenant Thomas Farnsley Lovett, P-346349. This Patriot was captured during the Battle of Brier Creek on 3 March 1779, and put on a British ship, where he died and was buried at sea. This grave marking event was held March 28, 2026 at the Brier Creek Battlefield. The Wiregrass, Brier Creek, and Mill Creek SAR Chapters were the co-sponsors of this event.

Beal Baker, SAR P-107021, and **William Clark** SAR P-134218. The Colonel William Candler DAR Chapter and the Lyman Hall Chapter SAR held a joint ceremony in Gainesville, GA at the grave site in Altavista Cemetery. This event was held March 29, 2026.

Patriot James Tate, SAR Patriot ID: P-301943. 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 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. Scheduling has not been determined.

Patriot John Cash, SAR Patriot ID: P-130073. Scheduling has not been determined.

Patriot Edward Williams, SAR Patriot ID: P-320654. Several Georgia Society SAR Chapters have expressed interest in co-sponsoring the SAR grave marking for this Patriot. This Patriot grave marking has been scheduled for October 17, 2026 at 1PM.

Thirteen (13) Revolutionary War Patriots, who moved to Gwinnett County, GA after the War and their graves have been lost to time. City of Sugar Hill Historical Cemetery has honored these Patriots with a SAR Grave Marker and space for individual markers. Fine of these thirteen (13) Patriots to be marked in 2026 include the following:

Littleton Hunt, b. 23 Mar 1741 d. 11 Mar 1843, NC Militia - Marking 11/7/2026

Christopher Kehela, b. 1758 d. 25 Mar 1837, NC Cont'l Line - Marking 11/7/2026

William Liddell, b. 1762 d. 23 Aug 1836, NC Militia - Marking 11/7/2026

Mathew McRight, b. 2 Feb 1762 d. Nov 1832, SC Militia - Marking 11/7/2026

William Morris, b. 1758 d. 8 Sept 1824, NC Militia - Marking 11/7/2026

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. Coordination has been made with the Coastal Heritage Society and the Society of 1779 for this SAR marker to be unveiled in October 9, 2026 for this Patriot at the Battlefield Memorial Park in the Siege of Savannah event. The SAR Patriot Grave Marking Event is scheduled to be held at the Historic Wright Square Colonial Cemetery, at Egmont and Carpenter Street, Brunswick, GA on Friday, April 17, 2026.

Patriot Onesimus Futch, SAR P-163317. Planning is underway to obtain approval by an appropriate cemetery in the Bryan County, GA area to hold this event possibly in 2026.

Patriot Captain John Cutler Braddock, P-119378, **Thomas E. Stone**, P-298755 and **Frederick Lamb**, P-232439. These Patriot's grave markings are scheduled to be held April 17, 2026 at Historic Wright Square Colonial Cemetery, at Egmont and Carpenter Street, Brunswick, GA.

Patriot James Green Pittman, SAR P-271003. This event is scheduled to be held June 7, 2026.

Patriot Harmon Lovingood, SAR P-239071, **Patriot Claiborne/Claborn Webb**, SAR P-315141, and **Joseph Deadwyler**, SAR P-145907. This event has been scheduled for September 12, 2026 at the Deadwyler Cemetery in Elberton, GA.

Patriot Jacob Mercer SAR P-247880. The event is scheduled to be held September 19, 2026.

Patriot Enoch Smith SAR P-291878. This event is scheduled to be held on May 16, 2026.

Patriot Thomas A. Hinsley, SAR P-182083. This event has been postponed for a date to be announced.

Georgia Fellows Board - K. Scott Collins



New Georgia Fellows for 2025:

Alton McCloud Little River Chapter
 Grant Tribble Athens Chapter
 Martin D Bush Button Gwinnett Chapter
 Sanders Mercer Fall Line
 E. Bryan Acree General Nathanael Greene Chapter

Partial Payments:

Thigpen Trail Chapter for Memorial
 Thomas Coleman – Thigpen Trail Chapter
 Robert Vinyard – Edward Telfair
 Campbell Patterson, II – Edward Telfair

Total from new Georgia Fellows - \$1,515.00

Fund Activity:

Four requests were received and approved for the \$200.00 stipend for uniforms for a total of \$800.00.
 A request for partial funding of a Cenotaph for Dooley at Elijah Clark State Park was received and approved for \$1,000.00

Total amount paid out - \$1,800.00

Fund Balance: \$13,133.99 as of 31 December 2025

Notes: -Until further notice, there is presently a standing approval for stipends towards the purchase of a Continental Line uniform or Militia outfit. The stipend is given to members joining the State Color Guard upon proof of purchase of such an outfit and confirmation by the State Color Guard Commander that such uniform has been obtained and worn at a State or National Color Guard event.

-With Continental Line uniforms available from Townsends Historical and Samson Historical, any Compatriot who orders a new uniform is eligible to receive the stipend, even if they are previous recipients for old uniforms or Militia outfits. A new vendor has been located – Daniel Boone of Kentucky VIP Group. Compatriots interested in the new uniforms should contact Color Guard

ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel



Georgia Society Outstanding Cadet 2025-2026, Cadet/2ND Lt Levi Van't Land MCJROTC Glynn Academy High School sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter GASSAR is representing the Georgia Society in the NSSAR Competition. Cadet Van't Land received a \$550.00 cash award from GASSAR.

Genealogist – Bruce Maney



Current Quarter's Report

At our GASSAR Annual Conference, PG (2016) Micheal Tomme gave a presentation covering the total electronic application process for SAR Membership. Applications will have electronic signatures, along with all proof evidence submitted electronically. Compatriot Tomme estimated this new process to go online in 2 - 3 years.

Recent changes to NSSAR application review process now applies to pending applications by the National Staff Genealogists. National will immediately email pending notifications to the Georgia Society, Official State Point of Contact (GASSAR State Registrars), with the issue that needs additional genealogy evidence.

The Georgia Society will have 45 calendar days starting with the date of the email to resolve the application issue with proof statements. The proof argument statement is vetted by the State Registrar, then forwarded, to the National Staff Genealogist for a re-review. The re-reviewed status will be considered the next application in queue for that staff genealogist. If our State Society response after the 45-day timeframe, the application forfeits the quick re-review opportunity and is moved in queue with all new application received that day at National. During this quarter your GASSAR State Registrars and State Genealogist have teamed up and completed all NSSAR Proof Argument responses back to the National Staff Genealogists within 5 to 7 days of the 45-day timeframe.

Other Genealogist activities during the quarter included provided research for several Chapters as shown herein. This teamwork with local Chapters achieves a better documented application from the Chapter before being submitted to our State Registrars for vetting. This quarter included 22 genealogy actions for the Georgia Society.



Flag Respect - Craig Benton

I am going into my fourth year as the Georgia Society Flag Respect Committee Chairman. I am pleased to announce that we have achieved the Admiral Furlong Award for 2025, with 71% of chapters (plus the State Society) participating. For those that presented a certificate in 2025, Huzzah! And thank you for your help!

The Georgia Society has received this award every year since 2000. That's 25 years straight! Again, HUZZAH to you for your help!

However...the Georgia Society has never won the Certificate of Excellence for this award, which requires 100% chapter and state participation. I'd like to change that this year. I don't have to tell any of you that this year, of ALL years in recent history, is a BIG one. The 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! I will be in Philadelphia for this auspicious event and I cannot wait! But I digress. What an opportunity we have this year to go out and celebrate our heritage in our local markets. What a great way to generate interest in the SAR! And what better way to do that than to honor someone who is proudly displaying our National flag properly!



America 250 - Ed Rigel Jr.

See below from Historian General Jeff Thomas regarding the upcoming 250th Anniversary celebration in Philadelphia.

Event registration is now open for the SAR Independence 250 celebration in Philadelphia, America's birthplace, from July 2-6, 2026. Come prepared to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime grand celebration for the SAR's key signature 250th event, with many programs and activities planned over four days. Please read this entire email for all the event details.

Our motto for this celebration is "50 for the 250th" as we are aiming for every state society to be represented at this celebration. Imagine the public patriotic display of every state society's flag carried high during each of the celebratory events. Make plans now to attend. You do not want to miss any of the events that are planned. Note some programs and events have limited capacity, so register early to secure your spot.

You can access the event registration form at this link: [SAR Independence 250 Event Registration](#)

If you have questions or need help in navigating the registration form, please contact Registration Chair Bill Baker at wbaklava@aol.com.

Hotel reservations at the SAR group rate can be made at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Note that all planned events are within one mile of the hotel.

Make your hotel reservations at the following link: [SAR Independence 250 Hotel Reservation](#)

The hotel room block is 80% full, so make your hotel reservations soon. We have expanded the room block twice and the ability to add additional rooms at the current rate is limited. Note that another day has also been added to the block, so you can now book rooms for July 1-6 at the group rate.

The celebration kicks off on Thursday, July 2nd, with a public reading of the Declaration of Independence at Independence Square, replete with a bell ringing and roll call of the Signers. This public event will be followed by a tour of the National Constitution Center and a new exhibit on *America's Founding: From the Declaration and American Revolution to the Constitution and Bill of Rights*. We will cap the day's activities off with a welcome reception at Victory Brewing Company, located at 1776 Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

The SAR celebration kicks into high gear on Friday, July 3rd, with our participation in the official Salute to Independence Parade in the Historic District of the Old City. We are expecting a huge Color Guard presence at this event, visually representing the SAR and carrying all 50 state society flags. The Color Guard will be led by the President General and the official SAR float. The day's activities will conclude at the SAR Independence 250 Gala Dinner, a special evening hosted by Ben Franklin himself.

On Saturday, July 4th, we will set up camp on the Independence Mall, where we will sponsor an SAR Showcase featuring events, exhibits and activities throughout the day. On the main stage, we will offer programs, interpreters and speakers, including an SAR 250 public commemoration and bench dedication. Under the big tent, we will promote SAR membership, our new Education Center and Museum and SAR programs for Youth, Public Service, Veterans and more. We will also offer a variety of interpretative and educational stations for youth, including Patriot chest presentations, enlistment of recruits to drill and muster with the Color Guard, and Signing the Declaration with a quill pen, among others. It will be a tremendous day and an opportunity to showcase what the SAR does best.

Finally, on Sunday, July 5th, we will hold a public Patriot grave marking ceremony for Five Signers of the Declaration of Independence including Benjamin Franklin at Christ Church. It will be a wonderful way to honor the contributions of these founders who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor in signing the Declaration of Independence. Following the ceremony, we will tour the Museum of the American Revolution with a guided tour of its new special exhibit entitled *The Declaration's Journey*, which traces the story of the Declaration from our nation's founding to today. We will conclude the day with our Farewell Dinner at Glory Beer Bar & Kitchen, just one block from the museum.

In addition to your attendance, there are also several ways to support and promote the SAR Independence 250 celebration. There are several unique merchandise items ranging from challenge coins to cockades, which are included in the registration form. These items will also be available on the Independence 250 website in the near future.

You can also become one of 56 DELEGATES to sponsor the SAR Independence 250 celebration. Donors of at least \$250 are awarded a special commemorative SAR Independence 250 medal. Your name will be listed in all SAR Independence 250 event programs and you will have reserved seating at the SAR 250 Gala Dinner.

Contributions exceeding \$250 will be recognized with a special campaign bar for your medal and with additional benefits at the levels indicated below:

- **Medal with a DRAFTER** campaign bar for a \$500 donation includes prominent billing in all Independence 250 event programs, a memorable gift and select seating at the SAR 250 Gala Dinner.
- **Medal with a SIGNER** campaign bar for a \$1,000 donation includes premium billing in all Independence 250 event programs, a distinctive gift and preferred seating at the SAR 250 Gala Dinner.
- **Medal with a FOUNDER** campaign bar for a \$2,500 donation includes premier billing in all Independence 250 event programs, a unique Independence 250 commemorative gift and signature seating at the SAR 250 Gala Dinner.

If you are unable to attend the Independence 250 celebration, you can still receive the medal and listed benefits by donating at the following link:

[SAR Independence 250 Medal](#)

All donors will be recognized at the SAR 250 Gala Dinner and in all SAR Independence 250 event programs. Your generous contribution will support all planned SAR Independence 250 programming including the showcase, sponsorships, commemorative benches, markers, exhibits, interpreters and speakers.

These four days will be a truly special and inspiring time for the SAR as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. I look forward to seeing you there!

Patriotically,

Jeff Thomas

Historian General

America 250 Chair

Sons of the American Revolution

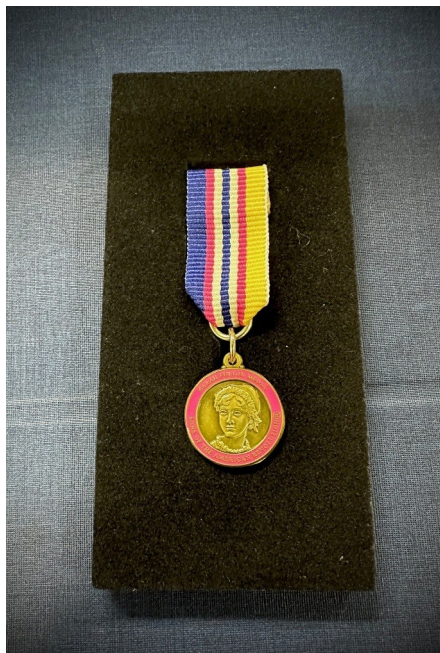


SARA FULTON COLOR GUARD MEDAL

This is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any female over the age of 18 in colonial uniform or attire.


This medal may be presented to any female over the age of 18 who, participates in a minimum of three events per year for a minimum of three years. The years do not need to be continuous. Any SAR event that includes a Color Guard at National, District, State or Chapter may be counted towards the award. The female must be in uniform or colonial dress and participate along with a member of the color guard.

NO CERTIFICATE COMES WITH THIS MEDAL



[Color Guard - Scott Collins](#)

Spread the word to the ladies that they can earn a new SAR Color Guard Medal.

 **Patrick Wesolosky** is with **Marika Adams Wesolosky** and **7 others** at **Village Branch Library**.
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The SAR recently approved the Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal for women. So I reached out to my DAR friends and asked if they would come to our George Washington's 294th Birthday Celebration dressed in their Colonial Outfits and join our Color Guard. Seven ladies came in colonial dress and carried flags. A few phone calls and emails and we are off to a great start. Thank You Ladies!!!

Huzzah to **Robert E. Vance** to pushing this medal through the process!!!





Knight Essay - Stacey McCarver

First place was awarded to Lauren Mill, a Junior at the Georgia Cyber Academy. Lauren was sponsored by the William Few Chapter. A First-Place certificate was awarded along with a State Knight Essay Medal, and a check for \$550. Lauren's essay was titled, "*An Ordinary Man, An Extraordinary Moment: The Revolutionary Service of Lt. Josiah Farrar.*"

Second place was awarded to Sanjana Diddige, a Senior at South Forsyth High School in Cumming. Sanjana was sponsored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter. A runner-up certificate was presented along with a \$400 check. Sanjana's essay was titled, "*The Mind That Lit the Match.*"

Eleven total entries were received for the 2025-2025 contest. In addition to the chapters sponsoring the two winners, other entries were sponsored by the following chapters:

Captain John Collins	Marshes of Glynn	Cherokee	Mount Vernon	General Nathaniel Greene
Ocmulgee	Lyman Hall	Marquis de Lafayette	Piedmont	

My appreciation goes out to our dedicated judges for the 2025-2026 contest: Tom Harnden (Piedmont), Sid Hughes (Lyman Hall), James Lemley (Little River), and Carter Wood (Lyman Hall).

As Georgia Society chapters think about their plans for 2026, consider participating (sponsoring entries) in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. While chapters can choose to provide a chapter level financial reward to winning students sponsored by the chapter, that is not a requirement; there does not have to be a cost for chapters to participate (sponsor).

The deadline for students to submit entries to participating chapters for the 2026-2027 contest year is December 1, 2026. Chapter winning entries need to be submitted to me for consideration in the GASSAR competition no later than December 15, 2026. No entries will be accepted after the above deadline dates.



Membership - Gordon Woodard

Directed inquiries from several prospective members to local Chapter presidents for a warm handoff, invitation to local Chapter meetings and assistance with their membership applications (Mike Tomme and Gordon Woodard).

Reached out to Americus (John Carroll). First meeting was held on January 15, 2026. John Trussell and Gordon Woodard met with a group of twelve prospective members led by John Carroll who are interested in forming a chapter in Americus. The group was supported by three members of the Council of Safety DAR. The men have continued

meeting on a monthly basis and are focused on the application process with the goal of achieving 15 new or existing members to request a charter. Special thanks to Ocmulgee Chapter for serving as the host chapter and to Roger Coursey who is assisting with new member applications.

Attended meeting in Toccoa (Lamar Davis) on March 10, 2026. Justin and Jane Reese have been working with this group of men for several years and this group is ready to submit their Application for Charter at the Spring Board of Managers meeting in Barnesville on April 25, 2026.

Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell



Compatriots- The July 8th day was part of a National SAR effort to read the Declaration of Independence in every state in a unified nation wide effort which Georgia was participating in, along with most other states. Georgia was the last colony to receive a copy of the Declaration of Independence for public reading due to travel and communication problems of the era.

The Savannah 250 Organization has decided that they want to hold their "Reading of the Declaration of Independence" event on August 10, when it was done in Savannah and not the day, July 8, when the Declaration was read in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Therefore, after discussing this issue with President Bill Tankersley, we decided that the best course of action is to support the Savannah 250 committee on the August 10 event and withdraw our efforts to hold a Savannah/SAR collaboration event on July 8. There will be many independent local efforts across Georgia leading up July 4th and President Tankersley has stated his strong desire for Georgia SAR to support those local celebrations to the best of our ability!

Thanks to all our members, especially our Color Guard, under the command of Scott Collins, and the Skunk Brigade for all their hard work in preparing and performing at all the 250 events!

National Fees and Annual Dues Chart -- July 2026 Anniversary Promotion

The following chart summarizes National fees and dues. All Fees and Annual Dues are Current as of 1 September 2024.

Application Type	NSSAR Fees	NSSAR Annual Dues	Total
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 and Older	\$76.00	\$50.00	\$126.00
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 to Under 25 - Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
New Member Regular Application - Family Plan - Additional Family Member Applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew of the initial applicant filed WITH initial application using same ancestor	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$5.00	\$80.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - New Lineage	\$76.00	\$5.00	\$81.00
Youth Registrant converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn To Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member - Age 18 to Under 29	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
C.A.R. converting to Junior Member - age Newborn to Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
C.A.R. to SAR Transfer - Age 18 to under 22	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Supplemental Application - all ages	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Supplemental Application - Family Plan - All ages	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Memorial Application (One-Time Dues Collected)	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
Reinstatement (Regular Member)	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Reinstatement (Junior Member)	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

NSSAR Life Membership Dues - Consult NSSAR Life Membership Application located on NSSAR website.

[Georgia Registrar South - Steven Hinson](#)



We have some news about the DAR library's fees we wanted everyone to be aware of. Due to a ruling that was passed by the Executive Committee, the price of record copies online and in person will be going from \$10 to \$15 each. Mail orders for record copies (so orders went on paper via mail) will increase to \$20. Also the fee for search services will increase to \$50 per hour for DAR members, and \$75 per hour for non-members. These changes will go into effect on March 16, 2026. Please contact AskTheLibrary@dar.org if you have any

[Eagle Scout - David Patrick](#)



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

The Georgia Society can approve up to four compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. We received and processed two requests in 2025. This is an award for any SAR member who has distinguished himself over the years serving the Scouting program. I remind all chapters to consider a chapter member who you think deserves such recognition and forward the application to me.

We were recently informed by the National SAR Eagle Scout and King Scholarship Committee that our Georgia Society entry, Eagle Scout Noah Boynton, sponsored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter, placed 6th nationwide. Since he placed in the top 15 scholarship entries nationwide, he will receive a certificate and a check for \$500.

We maintain an Eagle Scout Recognition and Information webpage on our Georgia Society website that contains SAR chapter and Scouting America contact information by local Council and District. If any chapter has changed their Eagle Scout Recognition chair for 2026, please contact me as soon as possible so I can update the webpage.

Editor - Emil Decker



Check and see if you have your chapter's website, Facebook, or Instagram links posted at the end of The Hornet's Nest. Someone may be trying to find you.

Too busy to type much here..... trying to get a handle on all the happenings that just started, much less on the stuff coming down the pike! 2026 is going to be a busy year for all of us.

Don't forget that without documenting it in the State Newsletter, who's going to know???

Always a thanks to those who contribute, and an open invitation for all of you to submit an article, photos, ad, or Trading Post item.

Compatriot Emil Decker, Editor

eldecker@weeagr.com



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

**When was the first American Ship named Enterprise, and who named it?
Answer: Page 96**

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

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). Also I 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. Please contact if interested.



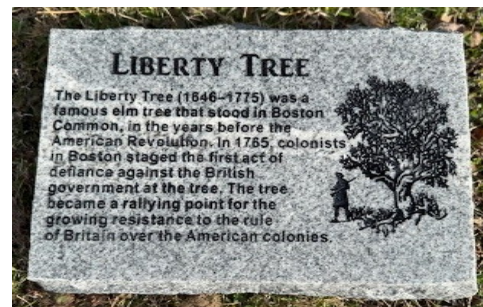
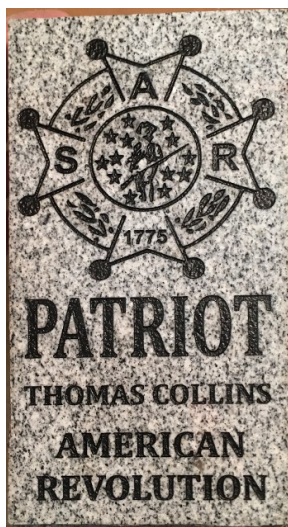
When was the first American Ship named Enterprise, and who named it?

The name "Enterprise" was first used for a ship in 1775 when Colonel Benedict Arnold captured a British ship and renamed it. The ship was originally called "George" and was used to supply English posts in Canada.

The first ship named "Enterprise" was a Continental Navy sloop-of-war, captured on May 18, 1775. The ship was then used to defend American supply routes in New England from British attacks. In 1777, the ship was destroyed to prevent it from recapture by the British. Other ships named "Enterprise" include: A schooner built in 1799 that fired the first shots in the First Barbary War; A schooner built in 1831 that patrolled and protected commerce in South America; A steam-powered sloop-of-war built in 1874 that was used for surveying, patrolling, and training; A motorboat built in 1917 that was used in World War I as a non-commissioned section patrol craft; The USS Enterprise CV6, the first aircraft carrier to carry the name; The USS Enterprise CV65, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

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

NOTE: The 2026 year is already causing a big buzz and a backlog of orders. . . Add to that, I will be out of state/country/(my mind??) for a large part of September and October this year. It takes time to custom carve each stone, and with the backlog demand, you need to get your orders in early, or the stone might not be ready in time.



DEDICATED APRIL 25, 2026



*Come join us in a ceremony dedicating
a granite marker honoring the*

250th Anniversary of American Independence, 1776 – 2026.

**Mars Hill Cemetery
2850 Mars Hill Church Road
Acworth, GA 30101**

Saturday; May 16, 2026 @ 2:00 PM



**Sponsored by the
Captain John Collins Chapter
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Sons of the American Revolution.**

**To present a wreath, please complete the Wreath Registration
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jimpoole82@gmail.com**



SAR Showcase Event 250th Anniversary of the



Declaration of Independence Philadelphia, PA July 2-6, 2026

Event Registration is Open

Register today for this once-in-a-lifetime SAR celebration!
Join us in America's birthplace for this SAR showcase event!

Visit www.pccsar.org/sar250

for event registration, hotel reservation and merchandise

Thursday July 2, 2026	Friday July 3, 2026	Saturday July 4, 2026	Sunday July 5, 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell Ringing and Public Reading of the Declaration • National Constitution Center Tour • SAR Welcome Reception at Victory Brewing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salute to Independence 250 Parade • SAR 250 Gala Dinner with Ben Franklin • Independence National Historic Park on you own 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAR Showcase and 250 Event on the Mall • SAR 250 Bench Dedication Ceremony • Philadelphia 250 Celebration and Fireworks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grave Marking for 5 Signers of the Declaration • Museum of the American Revolution Tour • Farewell Dinner at Glory Beer Bar & Kitchen



An upcoming GPB show on Revolutionary GA called "Marked". Check it out!

Many states have roadside markers, denoting historic events and sites. Ever take time to stop and read them? You might be surprised at the number of Revolutionary era signs we have.

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MARKED

Takes Georgians on a Journey Through The State's Revolutionary History

By Mandy Wilson


As America celebrates its 250th birthday this year, GPB is delving into the pivotal role Georgia played during the Revolutionary period with the new series *Marked*.

Executive produced by Andrew Iden and hosted by Maiya May, *Marked* focuses on 12 of the more than two thousand historical markers spread across the state to offer viewers a fresh perspective on the 13th colony's complex and essential role during the Revolutionary period.

"We wanted to stop, read them and peel back the curtain a bit on what those stories actually are and the people and the places involved," said Iden.

Iden, May and the production crew crossed the state and talked to writers, educators and historians as they sought to highlight historical markers from Georgia's mountains to the coast.

"I think the biggest insight that I'd like to add here is that we wanted to present Revolutionary history in a fun, more dynamic way that would appeal not just to the dads that love Ken Burns docs, but also to a younger audience as well," said May.



▲ Lachlan MacIntosh (left) - a veteran of the Revolution, who gave George Washington (right) a personal tour of the battlefield in Savannah. Original art by Clara Troy.

Marked also uses original animation to bring figures to life that helped shape Georgia's history.


"We have really cool episodes that lean into these kinds of mythical figures in Georgia folklore like Nancy Hart, for example," said May. "She was a mother, hunter, vigilante, spy. Her claim to fame is this very sly capture of British soldiers who arrived at her cabin demanding her to cater to them, to make a longer story short."

"Button Gwinnett is a bit of a failure in a lot of ways," added Iden. "Failed merchant, failed landowner, but he still managed to find himself in Philadelphia putting his signature on the Declaration of Independence."


The series also seeks to instill a sense of pride among Georgians by showcasing the state's contributions to the nation's founding. "There are so many different examples of dreaming, heroism, bravery and courage that happened right here in Georgia that I think are pretty cool and should give Georgians a sense of pride that we contributed to what America was intended to be," said May.

For a preview of *Marked*, visit gpb.org/marked.

The series will premiere with 12 digital episodes starting April 23, followed by six television broadcasts beginning May 18. Podcast episodes begin May 27.



▲ Nancy Hart



▲ *Marked* host, Maiya May.

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The Summer Home of Joseph Habersham
MARKER #068-7
 Clarkesville, GA
 Habersham County

Joseph Habersham was a Revolutionary War hero, a member of the Continental Congress and the second postmaster general of the United States.

Button Gwinnett
MARKER #067-1
 Lawrenceville, GA - Gwinnett County

The legacy of Button Gwinnett is tied to Georgia's early colonial years, when he served as the eighth governor of Georgia and signed the Declaration of Independence.

Nancy Hart
MARKER #052-9
 Elberton, GA
 Elbert County

Nancy Hart was a prime example of the guile, toughness and intelligence required to live on the Georgia frontier during the height of the Revolution.

The Signer's Monument
MARKER #121-28
 Augusta, GA - Richmond County

This monument memorializes three Georgians who signed the Declaration of Independence: George Walton, Lyman Hall and Button Gwinnett and helped Georgia gain independence and become the nation's fourth state.

Jane Cuyler
MARKER Not Numbered
 Savannah, GA - Chatham County

Jane Cuyler, who aided in the formation of Georgia's famed Liberty Boys, was a vital part of the Patriot cause.

Tory Pond
MARKER #090-5
 Lincolnton, GA
 Lincoln County

The murder of Colonel John Dooly, a symbol of Patriot leadership, took place in his own home, three-quarters of a mile from the marker and the hanging of the Tories responsible took place at a nearby pond.

Jasper Spring
MARKER #025-48
 Savannah, GA - Chatham County

In the spring of 1779, Sergeant William Jasper managed to liberate a group of Patriot soldiers from the grip of a British detachment.

The Georgia Navy
MARKER #063-6
 St. Simons Island, GA
 Glynn County

In April of 1778, Col. Samuel Elbert commanded the Georgia Navy, achieving a remarkable victory that held off the British invasion of Savannah for another eight months.

The Town of Ebenezer
MARKER #051-12
 Rincon, GA
 Effingham County

One of Georgia's earliest settlements, Ebenezer - now a ghost town - was once a thriving community and is home to one of America's oldest churches, which still operates today.

Ft. Morris
MARKER #089-12A
 Hinesville, GA - Liberty County

Fort Morris was built as a fortified compound to protect the colonial community of Sunbury and has since become a fascinating story of defiance and bravery.

The Attack on British Lines
MARKER #025-10
 Savannah, GA - Chatham County

The Siege of Savannah was one of the first instances of a unified, international coalition taking on the British and would become a storied example of the Patriots' relentless fight for freedom.

Washington's Southern Tour
MARKER #025-3
 Savannah, GA - Chatham County

America's first president made his first and only trip to the Deep South in 1791, and found a region ready to embrace their new president and the new democracy he led.



**Sons of the American Revolution
Independence 250 Merchandise**

STATE AND CHAPTER BULK ORDER FORM

In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the SAR America 250 Committee is offering unique and exclusive memorabilia to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime event.

This order form is for bulk orders only. The goal is to minimize the number of orders the committee must place with vendors and to minimize the shipping cost to you in distributing the orders.

STATE PRESIDENTS: Please send this order form directly to the chapters in your state society or share the form during your state meetings. Each state or chapter should complete the form for the total number of items its members would like to order.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: Please send this order form directly to the members of your chapter or share the form during your chapter meetings. Collect the orders and complete this form for the total number of items your members would like to order.

Once completed, mail the form with check made payable to PCCSAR with "America 250" in the memo line to: Jacob Lemon, 95 Holly Lane, Etters, PA 17319. To make payment by credit or debit card, email Jacob at jlemon93@hotmail.com.

All orders must be received by May 15, 2026.



Front

**Challenge Coin
\$25.00**



Back



**Pin
\$10.00**



**Cockade
\$35.00**



**Fundraising Medal
w/ Campaign Bars:**
\$250 – DELEGATE (w/o bar)
\$500 – DRAFTER
\$1,000 – SIGNER
\$2,500 – FOUNDER

Purchaser Information

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____

Chapter & State _____

SHIPPING COSTS:

1-25 Items	\$14.99
26-50 Items	\$24.99
51-99 Items	\$34.99
100+ Items	\$44.99

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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/>