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The President's Dispatch



George E. Thurmond

What exciting times to be a member of the award winning Georgia Society. Our Annual Meeting is just around the corner where we will have an opportunity to visit with fellow members and discuss the considerable number of SAR activities around the state. Relationships will be renewed and our wives will grace the occasion. This will be a time of fun, fellowship and to recognize the various accomplishments of our members and chapters. We will have as our honored guest, President General **Hank McCarl** and his wife **Mary**.

Also, Vice President General **Ron Hamilton** and his wife Jane will be in attendance.

Now, for the time ahead. We have the opportunity to add an Education Committee to our numerous activities by a change in our by-laws. We want to focus on telling the story of the American Revolution in and out of the classroom. We need to increase our presence in our schools and let our young people know of the great sacrifices of our forefathers.

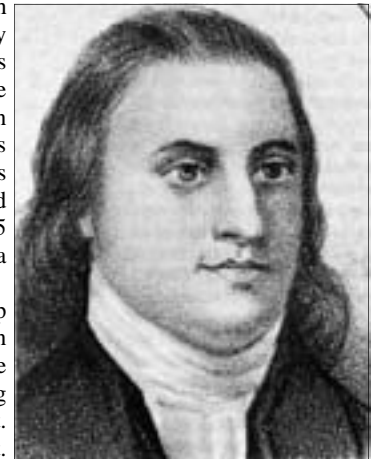
Shortly after the Annual Meeting, we will have the opportunity on April 19, 2005, to mark four graves in Christ Church Cemetery in connection with the unveiling of a Historic Sites marker on St. Simons Island that records the story of a significant Patriot victory by the Georgia Navy on the Frederica River. This promises to be a historic

occasion for the Georgia Society as this will be the first time that the Society has dedicated a Historic Sites marker. Don't miss it!

The past months have been very rewarding to Marty and me, as we have been graciously received by a number of chapters. Your hospitality has been terrific. We are deeply appreciative of the many courtesies extended as we have shared our time with you.

Button Gwinnett (1735 - 1777)

Button Gwinnett was born in England where as the second son of a Gloucestershire vicar he received a good education. His family connections allowed him to pursue a mercantile career in the area of Bristol at which he was not particularly successful, resulting in his going to America in the early 1760s. A succession of business failures from as far south as Jamaica and as for north as Newfoundland led him to Savannah in 1765 where he again failed as a merchant.



Unwilling to give up on his dream to succeed in business, he pursued the life of a planter by borrowing money to buy St. Catherine's Island in St. John's Parish. This led to his discovery of politics. Successfully performing in a few local positions such as Justice of the Peace, his career in politics led him in 1769 to serve in the Commons House of Assembly. His status as a new member in this assembly of Georgia's rising colonial elite did not prevent him from tackling controversial issues almost immediately. He became a spokesman against Royal Governor James Wright by opposing taxing parishes not represented in the Assembly.

His seemingly successful introduction into politics was cut short. He was limited to one session in the Assembly as Gwinnett was forced to turn his attention to his failing occupation as planter. Hounded by creditors, his personal property was attached and sold in 1773, and soon St. Catherine's was sold.

Button Gwinnett then returned to politics with a leading role in St. John Parish's efforts to supplant Christ Church Parish (Savannah) as the dominant political force in colonial Georgia.

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

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NEWS

of the
State Society



PG Jim Westlake received a distinguished service award from the Presidential Families of America (PFA) at the annual meeting held in Savannah, Georgia. **Rev. Albert Walling**, President General, made the presentation. PG Westlake serves as the First Vice President of this organization. PFA membership consists of persons who can show direct or collateral descent from a President of the United States.

Letters to the Editor

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I just downloaded mine today and it is so remarkable to be able to do this immediately. The print is just like the printed version when printed from the internet and the colors are brilliant and clear.

ANY MEMBER WHO IS NOT RECEIVING IT ON THE INTERNET IS MISSING A GREAT TREAT AND SHOULD CONSIDER SAVING THE SAR MONEY BY NOTIFYING JACK McCORD OR KLINE PUGH TO PUT THEIR NAME ON THIS SPECTACULAR INTERNET SERVICE!!!

GET WITH THE MODERN METHOD OF RECEIVING HORNET'S NEST.

You see I'm really excited by this method and you may use this message in communicating to those who do not receive it this way.

Sincerely,
E. Ragan Pruitt

Hoover spoke to the crowd. My mother gave a short speech after the president's. Later on, they went to the Yorktown ceremonies.

My father, who was born in Belton, South Carolina, in 1863, died in February 1941. He figured we would become involved in the Second World War, and advised me, "anything but infantry." I took his advice. I went to 2 sessions of summer school in 1941. So, I enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, December 12, 1941. I was given leave until January 1, 1942. The Army didn't like the way I did a chandelle, so I wound up a bombardier in the 13th Air Force, 307th Bomb Group, based on Carney Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

I made Captain about the day I was discharged. I was out of the Reserves in 1957. By then, the bombs were smarter than the bombardiers.

Since I was sure that there would never be another war, I did not see my future with the Army.

I send my respects and regards to all the members.

Yours,
Melville C. Brown

Note: During WWII Brown's B-24 had to ditch, at night, while returning from a mission over Bougainville. Although severely injured, Mel and the surviving members of his crew rowed their life rafts to an island, were met by friendly natives and were picked up several days later by a Navy PBY.

Capt. Brown was awarded the Air Medal, two Battle Stars, the Asiatic War Ribbon and an MIA Ribbon. He still has his hand-written flight journal from those dark days.

Greetings from Virginia

I saw your article on the Battle of King's Mountain. It's possible that I might be the only member of the old guard, who attended the first dedication of that battlefield.

My father, Dr. George T. Brown, was a member of the Society and my mother was in the D.A.R. I don't remember how old I was, but I remember we drove to Charlotte, and then the next day was the big bash. President

In Memoriam



Allen Fleming Davis, Sr.
July 11, 2004
Abraham Baldwin Chapter

James Denny Lamb, Sr.
January 5, 2005
Coweta Falls Chapter

Arthur D. "Archie" Whitfield
February 2, 2005
Edward Telfair Chapter

Watson Benjamin Dyer
February 13, 2005
Rome Chapter

The Georgia Society SAR joins families and friends in remembering our beloved Compatriots who recently passed away.



Trustees Meeting

Georgia Compatriots who attended the meeting in March were (left to right) **Lewie Dunn**, **George Thurmond**, **Charlie Newcomer**, **Larry Guzy**, and **Michael Tomme**.

Not pictured color guardsmen were Trustee **Bob Galer** and V P General—International **Douglas Stansberry**.

Non color guardsmen who attended the meeting were: Trustee **Dr. T. Fisher Craft** and Chapter Presidents **Phil Curtis** and **Bob Sapp**.

Nominating Committee Announces **2005-2006 Slate of Officers**

The Georgia Society Nominating Committee Chairman **Ed Sterrett** reported the following slate of officers during the BOM meeting on January 22, 2005:

President: George Thurmond, Piedmont (incumbent).
Senior V.P.: George Wheeless, Pulaski, succeeding Charles Hampton.

Northeast Region V.P.: John Preston, Blue Ridge Mountains (incumbent).
Northwest Region V.P.: Joe Vancura, John Collins, succeeding George Wright.
Southeast Region V.P.: David Dukes, Sr., Altamaha (incumbent).
Southwest Region V.P.: Aldine Owen, Joel Early (incumbent).
Central Region V.P.: Fielding Whipple, John Milledge (incumbent).
East Central Region V.P.: Larry Wilson, Samuel Elbert (incumbent).
West Central Region V.P.: Charles Newcomer, Marquis de Lafayette, succeeding Dutch Dreyer.
West Central South Region V.P.: Billy Thompson, Coweta Falls (incumbent).
North Central Region V.P.: Terry Manning, Button Gwinnett (incumbent).
South Central Region V.P.: Grady Davies, Valdosta (incumbent).

Secretary: Kline Pugh, Joseph Habersham (incumbent).
Treasurer: David Titus, William Few (incumbent).
Registrar: Kendall Abbott, John Collins, succeeding Michael Black.
Editor, *The Hornet's Nest*: Jack McCord, Piedmont (incumbent).
Recording Secretary: Malcolm McPhaul, Ocmulgee (incumbent).
Chaplain: Dan Gates, Coweta Falls (incumbent).
Genealogist: Bob Sapp, Piedmont, succeeding Guyton McCall.
Chancellor: Ross Arnold, Atlanta (incumbent).
Historian: Charles Hampton, Ocmulgee, succeeding Bill McCullough.
National Trustee: Bob Galer, Coweta Falls, succeeding John Gillette.
Alternate Trustee: Larry Guzy, John Collins, succeeding Bob Galer.
Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles Bausch, Coweta Falls (incumbent).

Board of Managers, Members-at-Large:
William Carswell, Valdosta (incumbent), term expires 2006.
Bob Turbyfill, William Few, serving until 2006 unexpired term of Bill Hay.
Frank Parker, III, Mill Creek (incumbent), term expires 2007.
Leslie Wilkes, II, Edward Telfair (incumbent), term expires 2007.
Tucker Haught, Ocmulgee, term expires 2008.
Hugh Rodgers, Coweta Falls, term expires 2008.

(Members-at-Large whose terms expire 2005 are George Wright and Glynn Acree).

The vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting April 9, 2005, in Atlanta. Nominations from the floor are permitted. All GASSAR members in good standing are eligible to vote.

KLINE O. PUGH
Secretary, GASSAR

NSSAR Treasurer General and designate it for the Eagle Scout Current Fund. Checks may be sent directly to the SAR National Headquarters or to Charlie Newcomer at the address below.

Eagle Scout Edward (Ted) C. Spangler, the Piedmont Chapter's entry in the GASSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program, is Georgia's 2005 scholarship winner. His application has been forwarded to SAR Headquarter for national judging. Eagle Scout Spangler, last year's state runner-up, will receive the state trophy and a \$500 scholarship at the GASSAR Awards luncheon in April. Georgia's runner-up this year is **William B. Orr**, the Athens chapter's entry. Eagle Orr received the chapter medal and GASSAR's \$250 runner-up award from Chapter President **Bobby Towns** and State Chairman **Charlie Newcomer** at the chapter's George Washington's Birthday banquet in Athens on February 22, 2005.

Charlie A. Newcomer
1648 Old Conyers Rd.
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Eagle Scout



Scholarship Fund Raising **Program**

Three members of the Eagle Scout National Committee including Georgia State Chairman **Charlie Newcomer** and National Chairman **Robert Burt** met with the Executive Committee during the Trustees meeting this past week in Louisville, KY seeking approval for the proposed scholarship fund raising and medal award. After a lengthy discussion emphasizing how the Eagle Scout Program was the first youth awards program in the SAR and how the endowment had originally started with a large personal donation by then President General **Arthur King**, the Executive Committee voted in favor of sending the proposal on to the Medals and Awards Committee for their consideration when the committee meets in July at the National Congress. In the meantime the Scout committee will continue with fund raising and hopefully the Medals and Awards Committee will give their approval to the proposed medal.

Raising a total of \$100,000 will increase the Eagle Scout fund to a level which will make it self-sustaining. Although the goal is to obtain donations from at least two hundred donors at \$500.00 each, any amount contributed to the fund will be greatly appreciated. Every contribution made is recorded so that when the medal is approved and the donor's total contribution adds up to five hundred dollars, he or she will receive the medal. Anyone who would like to further the scholarship endowment should make his check out to

Charlie A. Newcomer,
Eagle Scout Program Chairman
The Georgia Society SAR



Report From
Georgia Society Treasurer

David R. Titus

Georgia Fellow Program

The purpose of a Georgia Fellow fund is to provide a resource to meet new or unforeseen expenses as committees carry on their responsibilities to improve what we do as a Society in the State of Georgia. For example, additional flag sets for the GASSAR Color Guard and most recently the new Chaplain Prayer

Handbooks for our GASSAR Chapter Chaplains have been acquired using Georgia Fellow donations.

It is interesting to note that the Georgia Fellow does not supplant or duplicate our Endowment Trust Fund. In fact, qualifying contributions for Georgia Fellow may be directed to the Endowment Trust and this may be appropriate for memorials. For the most part however, contributions should be given unencumbered to allow them to be used for those unbudgeted needs as justified by the requesting committee.

When we have some special charitable fund drives members will be advised when these individual contributions of over \$50 will be credited towards becoming a Georgia Fellow.

If you are not a member already, consider becoming a Georgia Fellow. Sustaining contributions are also welcome from our Georgia Fellows. Contributions are tax deductible and should be sent to Compatriot David Titus, Treasurer, 4850 Wrightsboro Road, Grovetown, GA 30813.

Defend Against Any Foe

Our ancestors boast George Washington,
And a long line of historic and loyal men;
Sons of the Revolution stand for liberty,
Bonded with brotherhood from sea to sea.

From the Battle of Bunker Hill to Yorktown,
Our colors and reenactments bring renown;
We salute the Grand Ole Stars and Stripes,
While being serenaded by drums and fifes.

Washington rallied the Colonies to victory,
So Sons could live in peace and tranquility;
The President General too firmly holds dear,
So the National Society will persevere.

As sashes, medals and awards exemplify,
The Society's stentorian spirit soars on high;
Compatriots of all kinds enrich our rolls,
As each endeavors to attain SAR's goals.

Favorites like the Star Spangled Banner,
The Sons sing in a reverential manner;
Their ancestors echo this refrain in kind,
As our heritage resonates in heart and mind.

By **Philip K. Curtis**
President
Atlanta Chapter SAR



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- Bearden, James
- Dayhuff, Hal
- Dobbs, William
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- Gray, Rita

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- Hampton, Charles
- Manning, Terry
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Treasurer
The Georgia Society

Deadline
for input to the next
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June 27, 2005

Please submit "articles", not just notes or meeting minutes, along with photos covering **newsworthy activities**. Two gentlemen shaking hands does not usually exemplify "newsworthy activity".

Note: the secret of a good publishable photo is to "get up close". Digital photos attached to an e-mail work best.

On "War":

In war there is no prize for the runner-up
--General Omar Bradley

It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.
--General Douglas MacArthur

Nuclear war would really set back cable.
--Ted Turner

Message From the

Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

Applications, Fees and Dues

Annual Renewals: \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter. Chapters are to send all dues checks to GASSAR Secretary.

New Membership Applications: Individual sends personal check to Chapter with application to include \$60.00 National one-time fee; \$25.00 National annual dues; State one-time fee of \$10.00, \$13.00 State annual dues; plus prevailing Chapter annual dues. Chapter retains Chapter dues, and forwards \$108.00 check made to GASSAR with application to GASSAR Registrar. (Option: applicant writes check to GASSAR for \$108.00, and writes separate check for Chapter dues). Memorial Membership (for a deceased person): \$250.00 plus processing fees of \$60.00 National, \$10.00 State.

Supplemental Applications: \$40.00 National fee; \$10.00 State fee. No annual dues.

Family Plan and Applicant Under Age 25: When two or more family members submit applications at same time, the fees and dues above apply only to the first member; other family members may deduct \$30.00 from the National one-time fee. If a family member is under age 25 a deduction of \$30.00 may be applied from the normal \$60.00 fee, providing the member is the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand nephew of another SAR or DAR family member. The "under 25" provision shall also apply if only that individual is applying for membership under the kinship provision. Otherwise it is the full amount.

C.A.R Member Over 18 and Under Age 25: There are no National nor State fees. Applicant must submit an original C.A.R Certificate of Good Standing (transfer card) obtained from C.A.R. Headquarters with the standard application. A C.A.R Record Copy of original application must be used as lineage proof to patriot ancestor. Dues are \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter.

Youth Registration: A Youth Application Form (915Y) for those under age 18 is the same

as the regular application, but requires only one sponsor. Complete documentation to the Patriot Ancestor must accompany application. The National fee is \$30.00 if the youth is a son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grandnephew of a member of the SAR, DAR, or SR, if the relative is a member in good standing. Otherwise, the fee is \$60.00. If the lineage is approved, the youth will receive a youth registration number and a youth registrant certificate. The application will be held in escrow, separate from the SAR membership database. When he becomes 18 years of age and applies to join through a state society he will be granted membership based on the escrowed application with its approved lineage without further review of documentation. He will have to pay Chapter, State, and National dues only when he converts from registrant to member at age 18. However, the youth (or an adult relative) may prepay for National Lifetime Membership in the SAR (\$750.00) with the youth application. State fee of \$10.00 applies to each.

New Junior Membership (Dual with C.A.R.): Contact Secretary for fees and dues).

Membership Year: Membership is on a calendar year basis, but if a new member's application is forwarded to National after November 1st all monies paid shall apply to the following year. This also applies to reinstatements.

Lifetime Membership: Members may obtain lifetime membership in the National Society for \$750.00, ages 18-40 with a reduction of \$12.50 for each year after age 40 (rounded up). One must still pay annual State/Chapter dues. Obtain application form from GASSAR Secretary.

SAR Application Transmittal Form: To be completed within the Chapter and attached to each original or supplemental application when it is sent to the GASSAR Registrar.

DAR Referral Form: Attach to original SAR application when applicant has been referred or assisted by a DAR member.

Transfer from Chapter-to-Chapter within the State of Georgia: No form is required. Member's dues must be current, and he must send written request to State Secretary. Transfer is immediate.

Application for Transfer of Membership (State-to-State): If member's current dues have been paid to the state in which he holds membership, the upper portion of Form 0919 is completed by member wishing to be transferred from that state to the Georgia Society. Member must send form to Secretary of that State, along with a check made to NSSAR for \$5.00 for official copy of his original application for GASSAR files. That state's secretary will complete the second portion of form and send form and check to the Georgia Secretary who completes the third part and sends to National for approval. The State Secretaries are listed in

the Summer Issue of SAR Magazine.

Application for Reinstatement of Membership Under By-Law 19, Sec. 5: Form 0918 is appropriate if membership in another state has been terminated for non-payment of dues. Member should complete the upper portion, and make check to his Chapter of choice for \$25.00 National dues, \$13.00 State dues, \$5.00 for official copy of his original application for GASSAR files, plus prevailing Chapter dues. The Chapter deducts Chapter dues, and sends a Chapter check to the GASSAR Secretary for \$43.00.

Application for Reinstatement When Member Has Been Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues by the Georgia Society: No form is required. The Chapter sends a check made to GASSAR for \$38.00 to GASSAR Secretary, giving full name of member, address, and National and State numbers. The Chapter should collect Chapter dues.

Application for Dual Membership: A member whose primary membership is in one state, and his current dues have been paid, and wishes to apply for dual membership in the Georgia Society shall complete the upper half of form and send to the Treasurer of the Chapter with whom he will affiliate in Georgia with a check for \$13.00 State dues, and the prevailing Chapter dues. The Chapter sends a check made to GASSAR to the GASSAR Secretary for \$13.00. Thereafter, the member must pay his National, State, and Chapter dues in his primary state; in Georgia he must pay his dual membership State dues and Chapter dues.

Forms are available in GASSAR SourceBook, from GASSAR Secretary, or may be downloaded from www.sar.org

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Kline O/ Pugh
Secretary
The Georgia Society SAR

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws

A vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting April 9, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. at the Atlanta Marriot Century Center Hotel to amend the GASSAR By-Laws, Article V, to provide for an Education Standing Committee. All members present and in good standing are eligible to vote.

Kline O. Pugh
Secretary, GASSAR

Get Ready for Georgia Patriots Day April 19th



A Georgia Historical Marker entitled "The Georgia Navy" will be dedicated near the entrance of the Fort Frederica National Monument on St. Simons Island on Tuesday afternoon, April 19, climaxing a two-day observance of Georgia Patriots Day sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. It may have happened 227 years ago, and barely mentioned in history books, but the Marshes of Glynn Chapter has persevered to obtain the Historical Marker and get Colonel Samuel Elbert and his brave soldiers and sailors recognition they deserve.

The public ceremony is expected to be widely attended, including approximately a

hundred descendants of the Patriots who participated in the Frederica Naval Action. Speakers will include Coastal Georgia historian, **Buddy Sullivan**, and **Virginia Steele Wood**, Naval Specialist at the Library of Congress, who will describe the glorious day for the Georgia Navy, April 19, 1778.

President **George Thurmond** stated, "This will be a historic occasion as the Georgia Society, as far as we know, has never dedicated a Historic Sites Marker in

Georgia." In addition, representatives of the Georgia Historical Society, Coastal Georgia Historical Society and Fort Frederica National Monument will help dedicate the Marker.

Featured in the ceremony will be the U.S. Navy Band Southeast from Jacksonville, Florida Naval Air Station and the U.S. Navy Honor Guard from the Submarine Base at Kings Bay, Georgia. The nationally-acclaimed Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, smartly dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms, will be joined by Color Guard members from Florida and several other states.

Bagpipe and Musket Salutes will recognize the Georgia seamen and soldiers who captured three British ships on the Frederica River. All facilities of the Park will be available, including programs by the Rangers and no admission fees will be charged.

The Georgia Navy galleys were *Washington* with Captain John Hardy in command, *Bulloch* under Captain Archibald Hatcher and *Lee* under Captain John Cutler Braddock. Elbert surprised the redcoats. His eighteen-pounder cannon had greater range than the British, and in attempting to maneuver to fire broadside the larger ships ran aground as the tide ebbed in an area they called "raccoon gut," were abandoned, and captured. Colonel Elbert sent a message to Major General Robert Howe in Savannah:

"I have the happiness to inform you that about 10 o'clock this forenoon, the Brigantine Hinchinbrooke, the Sloop Rebecca, and a Prize Brig, all struck the British Tyrant's colours, and surrendered to the American arms..."

Coming in the darkest days of the Revolutionary War, the victory was a tremendous boost to the Georgians' morale. It put out of action British ships that had been capturing merchant vessels off the coast of Georgia and helped delay for over eight months the major British invasion of Georgia.

The American victory at St. Simons Island was exactly three years after the first Revolutionary War shots were fired at Lexington and Concord, celebrated as Patriots Day in Massachusetts and Maine. The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution hope to start a tradition to celebrate Georgia Patriots Day. **Bill Ramsaur**, President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, says "we would like an observance every year on April 19th; not only to pay tribute to the heroes of the American Revolution, but to remind everyone of the sacrifices they endured during the eight years of struggle for American Independence."

WELCOME

New Members Since Last Issue

Athens

William Daniel Triplett

Altamaha

Winston Keith Weekley

Atlanta

James Franklin Callaham, Jr.
Albert Henley Sturgess, Jr.

Button Gwinnett

Robert Earl Fleek
Andrew Dorsey Stancil
Alvin Owen Wright, II

Casimir Pulaski

William Ray Dial
Jacob Paul Jarrell
Charles Scott McDonald
Orrill Hayes Morris, Jr.

Coweta Falls

James Ellsworth Bond (transfer)
Edward Lawrence Curran, IV
Donald Herbert Gunn, Jr.
James Edward Johnson
Daniel Beryl Olds
Jeffrey Daniel Olds
Jerald Lee Watts, II

John Milledge

Andrew Jason Brock
David Neal Brock
Jackson Wesley Brock, Jr.

Joseph Habersham

Charles Herbert Jordan

LaGrange

John Bachman Tidwell, Jr.

Lyman Hall

Thomas Edward Senf (transfer)

Marquis de Lafayette

Larry Donell Parks

Marshes of Glynn

Douglas Chaffee McDonald
Jeffrey Stuart McDonald

Ocmulgee

Christian Paul Basel
Christopher Daniel Stokes

Piedmont

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Genealogy Tips, Tricks and Traps

By Compatriot **Kendall Abbott**

INTERNET RESEARCH – Modern technology has provided us with a myriad of tools which our ancestors were not privy to. But with this new, modern technology comes the need for more discipline, education and patience. Using this resource in our quest for more ancestral information provides its own challenges as well as benefits.

Tips: The expression “Let your fingers do the walking” has become popular in many ways. With a few strokes of the keys you have a wealth of information in front of you. One of the first and foremost tips would be to have patience. Many pieces to your family’s puzzle are there, patience and perseverance will help you find them. When you find a website that

looks interesting, don’t just stop at its home page – take the plunge and look at the sub sites and links that are provided for you. Many times you will find that “gold mine” from a link or a sub-menu item reached by looking through a rather mundane home page. If you don’t have time to browse all the links and sub-sections, add it to your favorites and go back at a later time.

Tricks: Google is the best known search engine that many genealogists use. In addition, I recommend you download the basic version of Copernic (www.copernic.com). This searching tool uses several search engines all at once and has proven extremely successful when Google comes up short. The basic version is free. I’d love to see what paid version provides someday.

Traps: The internet is wonderful, providing a copious quantity of information. But, the key is, many times you do not have any clue where this data came from or how it was verified. Enjoy the data you obtain and gather and even log it but don’t bet on it. Don’t believe everything you see is fact. I once thought I had found a gold mine validating some of the information in my tree. I contacted the source of the data to find out if the information had been validated and what his sources were. After waiting patiently to hear back, I finally heard from him and determined he had gotten the information from me a year earlier and nothing was validated. So the excitement was

over nothing. Keep in mind, many people could care less about verifying the information, they just want to fill some gaps and then publish it – so take each internet piece with a grain of salt. Write to the provider and ask for their source. Use this information **ONLY** as a guide or a lead until proven otherwise. This would include much of the information from rootsweb.com and genealogy.com.

Have you tried any of these sites?

www.familysearch.org
free service from the Mormon church

www.familyhistory.com
over 100,000 family history message boards,
again free

www.cyndislist.com
yellow pages of genealogy with over 100,000
categories

www.kbyu.org/ancestors
free forms to use as you wish

Hopefully it will be an informative tidbit of information that will be useful to you to find that missing great grand whatever. Any contributions, comments or suggestions, please pass along to me.

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Capt. John Collins Chapter.

224th Anniversary Cowpens and Battle of Guilford Courthouse

The weekend of January 15, 2005 marked the 224th anniversary of one of the most dramatic and important victories of the American Revolution—The Battle of Cowpens. While the weather was cold, the sky was clear and bright.

Members of the NSSAR, NSDAR, Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of the Revolution and

the NSCAR all met at the statue of General Daniel Morgan in downtown Spartanburg, SC. The National Park Service oversaw the placing of a wreath with each society and chapter placing a red flower in the same in honor of our ancestors.

This will most likely mark the final celebration at this point on Morgan Square. The statue is scheduled to be moved to the southern end near the clock tower before the 225th anniversary in 2006. This will be the 2nd such move for the statue but will also allow for the statue to correctly face the direction in which Tarleton’s forces advanced on that fateful day. (The statue originally faced

correctly but was moved to its present location and rotated 180 degrees so that it would not face the side of a building.)

After this ceremony the participants removed to the battlefield outside of Chesnee, SC, for the formal commemoration.

Renaldo J. Hamilton, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, made a brief presentation and laid the NSSAR Wreath at the monument at the headquarters building. A massed Color Guard representing 7 states was comprised of nearly 30 compatriot of which the GASSAR Color Guard was almost two-thirds. Fifty wreaths were laid at the William Washington monument on the battlefield.

Please plan now to attend next year’s celebration of the 225th anniversary.

Mark C. Anthony

Once again the Georgia Society was represented at the Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse where 224 years earlier on March 15, 1781, General Nathaniel Green commanding the American Forces lost a pivotal battle against General Cornwallis of the British Forces. The battle was pivotal in the sense

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Col. Thurmond leads the troops.

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Gen. Green lost the Battle but essentially won the campaign because the British lost too many men at the battle while Gen. Green lost relatively few. From a lack of supplies General Cornwallis withdrew his forces from the South and proceeded North where eventually Cornwallis was boxed in at Yorktown with the Continental Forces on one side and the French Navy on the other. The Battle of Guilford Courthouse was the last major battle in the South.

Central East Vice-President **Larry Wilson**, escorted by Color Guard Commander **Paul Prescott** and Compatriot **Rhett Williamson**, presented the Georgia Society Wreath to honor those patriots that fought at the Battle. Chapter representatives presenting wreaths were: Piedmont Chapter's **Jack Ferguson**, Casimir Pulaski Chapter's **George Wheeless**, and Samuel Elbert Chapter's **Col. Joel Moore**.

Larry Wilson



Dates to Remember

Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** provides this list of dates important to all Georgia Compatriots.

2005

April 8-9	GASSAR BOM and Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA
April 12	Halifax Day	Halifax, NC
Apr 18-19	Frederica River Naval Engagement	St. Simons Island, GA
April 19	Patriot's Day	
May 30	Memorial Day observed	
June 11-12	Ramsour's Mill - 225th Anniversary	Lincolnton, NC
June 14	Flag Day	
April 14	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA
June 25	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
May 29	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC
July 1-6	Annual Congress	Louisville, KY
July 23	GASSAR BOM	Holiday Inn, Forsyth
September 17	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
September 24	GASSAR BOM	Holiday Inn Forsyth
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Trustees Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 7	Kings Mountain - 225th anniversary	Kings Mountain, SC
October 19	Yorktown Victory Celebration	Yorktown, VA
November 11	Veterans Day	

2006

January 7	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
January 14	Cowpens - 225th Anniversary	Chesnee, SC
January 21	GASSAR BOM	Holiday Inn Forsyth
February 11	Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 22	George Washington's Birthday	
February 24-25	Trustees Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 4	GASSAR Leadership Training	Forsyth, GA
March 18	Guilford Courthouse – 225th	Greensboro, NC
March 25	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
TBD	GASSAR BOM and Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA

Note: DAR Fall Workshop August 16-20, 2005
 DAR Fall Board Meeting October 29, 2005
 DAR Annual Meeting March 24-25, 2006

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 On-Line at
www.sar.org/gassar/

On "Work":

The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender.

--Vince Lombardi

To fulfill a dream, to be allowed to sweat over lonely labor, to be given a chance to create, is the meat and potatoes of life. The money is the gravy .

--Bette Davis



**226th Anniversary
Celebration**

February 12, 2005

By **Mark C. Anthony**

February 12, 2006, marked the 8th consecutive celebration and the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. The event was celebrated under sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-60s as opposed to the rain and 50 degree temperature of 2004. The day's events started at 10:00am with a presentation of the U.S. Army film of Kettle Creek at the Mary Willis Library in downtown Washington.

The film played before an overflow crowd. This was followed by a walking tour of the battlefield site approximately 12 miles southwest of the city of Washington, GA - the first city to be named for George Washington after the Revolution.

At 2:00 pm, the main ceremony at the battlefield was conducted atop War Hill. This hill was one of the two focal points of the battle and the location where the loyalist commander Col. James Boyd fell mortally wounded.

Col. **George Thurmond**, President, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, welcomed approximately 150 attendees to the events. Among the dignitaries present were NSSAR Chaplain General, **Rev Dr H. Leroy Stewart** and NSSAR Executive Director **Jim Randall**. The keynote speaker was NSSAR Secretary General **Roland G. Downing**.



The presentation of colors was made by the combined color guard consisting of nearly thirty compatriots (with over half being members of the award winning GASSAR Color Guard) from

five states and the District of Columbia. A record number of 66 wreaths were presented with a sword salute rendered to each presenter by members of the Greene County High School JROTC cadet corp.

The U.S. Army Band from Ft Gordon, GA and the Continental Regiment Fife and Drum provided music for the attendees.

Many of the attendees took advantage of



Former State CAR President **Meredith Baker**, whose project furnished bleachers for Kettle Creek is seen here with Capt. Samuel Butts Chapter President **Benjamin F. Miller** as they prepare to present wreaths at the site.

the new bleachers that had been purchased for the 225th anniversary celebration. However, the 226th event was the first actual usage owing to the rains that moved last year's festivities indoors.

The Georgia Society, Children of the American Revolution purchased these bleachers as the state project of Past State President **Meredith Baker**. The actual fundraising was conducted through the sale of lapel pins and raised over \$5,000 in less than one year. Many



JoAnne (Mrs. Ben) Miller placed a wreath for the William McIntosh Chapter, NSDAR.

GASSAR compatriots proudly wear these pins today.

This year's celebration also marked the debut of the GASSAR Col. **Elijah Clarke**



NSSAR Secretary General **Roland G. Downing** (above) and Executive Director **Jim Randall** played major roles in the ceremony.

Militia Unit of the Color Guard.

This new unit features members dressed in militia attire. The unit also carries muskets and can render a musket volley as part of any grave dedication or other ceremony. This musket salute was rendered in conjunction with the rifle salute rendered by the Fort Gordon Installation Support Platoon. Many were sure that the citizens back in the city heard this volley.

The Samuel Elbert Chapter, Georgia Society SAR, sponsored the day's events. Many thanks are given to them for their hard work that made for a seamless event.

Please be sure to add this event to your calendar for the second weekend in February 2006.

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Garnering support from the back country of Georgia, Gwinnett fashioned a political alliance between Whigs from St. John Parish and these "western members" to replace the Christ Church Parish elite. This Popular Party in January 1776 nominated Gwinnett to serve as commander of the continental battalion raised in Georgia and authorized by the Continental Congress. Without any military qualification, Button Gwinnett was elected over St. John's Samuel Elbert. However, in an effort to appease more conservative Whigs, a compromise gave command to Lachlan McIntosh. Gwinnett joined his friend Lyman Hall in the Continental Congress, and Elbert was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the battalion.

On May 20, 1776, Button Gwinnett presented his credentials to the Continental Congress, signing his name to the final copy of the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776. While Gwinnett was in Philadelphia, the Royal Governor was forced to leave Georgia. Returning to Georgia, Gwinnett helped lead the Popular Party to victory in decisions related to writing a new permanent constitution for the state. Gwinnett was selected speaker of the convention, and was charged with forming the new constitution. He headed the committee selected to draft the document, and on February 5, 1777, it was passed without a dissenting vote.

The Popular Party credited Georgia's dismal military efforts to date to the Christ Church crowd previously in control and to Christ Church's comfortable relationship with the prior Royal Governor. This led to dissention between Gwinnett and General Lachlan McIntosh and other members of the McIntosh family also in military positions, especially George McIntosh, a brother.

In mid-February the Council of Safety and its President, Archibald Bulloch, managed the government. Gwinnett sat on the Council, and when Bulloch died in late February, Gwinnett was elected to replace Bulloch. As the new Commander-in-chief of the Georgia militia, Gwinnett was authorized by the Council to lead an expedition against St. Augustine, headquarters of Loyalist raiders who plagued

the Georgia frontier. Such a military expedition required assistance from the Continental Army. Gwinnett would not seek the help of General Lachlan McIntosh, and was refused help by General Robert Howe, Commander of the Southern Department.

Subsequently, Gwinnett received evidence of George McIntosh's support of Tory activity, and had McIntosh jailed, further damaging any relationship with General Lachlan McIntosh, still in charge of Georgia's Continental Army. This left Gwinnett in the position of deciding to make his military expedition into Florida with only Georgia militia. General McIntosh agreed for political reasons to join the expedition if requested, and very soon after starting the expedition Gwinnett had to make the request. Bickering between the two leaders resulted in the army failing to move forward, and the Council of Safety, ordered them both back to Savannah. Samuel Elbert was put in charge of the expedition, but returned unsuccessful to Savannah by mid-June.

The political in-fighting continued between Gwinnett and his supporters and General McIntosh and his supporters, and when the first Assembly under the new constitution met to organize the government, Gwinnett was not elected Governor.

When the Assembly investigated the St. Augustine expedition it found that Gwinnett had conducted the affair legally and correctly, implying that McIntosh had not. On the floor of the Assembly, General McIntosh denounced Button Gwinnett as a scoundrel and lying rascal. Gwinnett responded that same evening, May 15, with a written challenge. On May 16, both were wounded in an exchange of gunfire at close range. However, Gwinnett's leg was broken just above the knee, and due to

complications he died on May 19.

Gwinnett remains most noted today because his is the rarest of signatures existing of those who signed the Declaration of Independence – being valued by as much as over \$400,000.

Submitted by **Terry Manning**
Button Gwinnett Chapter
Georgia Society SAR

Source: Edwin C. Bridges et al,
*Georgia's Signers and the
Declaration of Independence*
(Atlanta: Cherokee Publishing
Company, 1981).

This is the first in a series of articles covering many of the illustrious Georgians for whom our chapters are named. Our thanks to Compatriot Manning for submitting the first.

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Annual Meeting And Banquet

Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** encourages ALL members to attend our Annual Meeting April 8-9 at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center Hotel located just off I-85 North, Exit 91 (Clairmont Road, North), 800-228-9290, or 404-325-0000. President General **Hank McCarl** will be our honored guest.

If you have not registered you must do so without further delay. Registration fee for members is now \$30.00. Events for each member and guest are \$35.00 for Friday banquet at 7:00 p.m. (black tie preferred), and \$30.00 for Saturday lunch (awards and installation of 2005 officers).

A registration form may be found in the last issue of *The Hornet's Nest* or on our web site: www.sar.org/gassar

For info, or arrangements to "pay at registration desk" contact

Billy Templeton
110 Cannonade Dr.
Alpharetta, GA 30004-4096
770-410-0015

BUT YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY. If you have already registered, why not invite another member to attend with you?

KLINE O. PUGH
Secretary
Georgia Society SAR



Fanciful depiction of Button Gwinnett's duel with Gen. Lachlan McIntosh in 1777 that resulted in the former's death. (Lithograph, probably by an artist named Ferris, from William Brotherhead, *The Book of the Signers*, 1861, Library of Congress.)

CAR

2005 Annual State Meeting

Chairman **Mike Tomme** attended his second CAR Annual State Meeting in Augusta, GA. Joining him this year were committee members of the CAR/DAR/SAR Liaison Committee, **Terry Manning, Robert Bridges** and **Mark Anthony**. Also joining them was Mike Tomme's wife, **Cilla Leed**. Mike Tomme and Mark Anthony are Senior State Officers in the Georgia CAR State Society.

On Saturday morning the colors were posted by the CAR children with the help (in period attire) of Georgia Color Guard members, Mike Tomme and Mark Anthony.

On Saturday afternoon, a ceremony was held to dedicate chairs to Meadow Gardens, which is run by the DAR. This was Former State CAR President Thomas Jackson's state project. His goal was to raise money to purchase chairs from the period in which Button Gwinnett had lived. Meadow Gardens was the home of Button Gwinnett.

The color bearers for this event were: **Emery Pelton, Eric Hall, Benjamin Dorney, Daniel Dorney, and Sarah Dorney**. They were assisted by our SAR Color Guard members with the posting of colors.

New officers for 2005-2006 were selected. They will be sworn in at a ceremony in Washington, DC in April.



2005-2006 Officers	
State President	Sydney Wynn McRee
1st Vice President	Art Hall
2nd Vice President.....	Helena Anderson
Chaplain.....	Carter Moore
Recording Secretary.....	Amanda Patrie
Organizing Secretary	Sarah Dorney
Corresponding Secretary.....	George Lincoln
Treasurer.....	Clint Moore
Registrar	Erin Moore
Historian	Nicole Dewberry
Librarian-Curator	Benjamin Dorney



During the evening banquet CAR/DAR/SAR Liaison Committee members Tomme, Bridges, Manning and Anthony presented State CAR President Lincoln and Senior President Hall with a check from the GASSAR to the CAR. This money will be for use on upcoming CAR projects this year.

CAR and Kettle Creek 2005

The 226th anniversary of Kettle Creek was a far cry from the 225th. This year the weather was perfect and it was a great turn out. The top of War Hill was packed with CAR/DAR/SAR members, family members and guests.

State Chairman Tomme was pleased by the turn out of the CAR Societies across Georgia. The Societies represented were: Allen Howard, Button Gwinnett, Count d'Estaing, Lucy Spell Raiford. CAR Society President, **Martha Lincoln**, former CAR Society President, **Meredith Baker** and State Leadership President, **Fran Hall** were in attendance.

I would like to thank Meredith for her project of securing the bleachers last year,



Color Guard participation certificate was presented to (left - right) Color Guard Commander **Terry Manning** by **Revis Butler**, former Commander, for participation at the Annual Army Birthday celebration at Ft. McPherson last May. **President Thurmond** is holding the National Society Color Guard of the Year plaque presented at the 2004 Congress.

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Milledgeville



In the photo (above) Chapter President **Robert L. "Buddy" Bridges, Jr.** receives the Liberty Medal from his granddaughter, Miss **Sydney McRee**, of the Sukey Hart Chapter CAR. President Bridges was honored for processing 22 new chapter members as registrar.



State Eagle Scout Chairman **Charlie A. Newcomer**, pictured at left, was the featured speaker at the meeting.

Don't be left out

when important messages are sent. Send your e-mail address to Georgia Society Secretary **Kline Pugh** now, and be in the loop. Just send an e-mail to

kopugh@hemc.net

Athens



Compatriot **Robert Hale** is presented a supplemental certificate at the George Washington Birthday Dinner for ancestor Lewis Mulliken, Sr., a Patriot of Maryland, by Athens Chapter President **Robert F. Towns** and Past Georgia State GASSAR Registrar/ East Central Georgia Region GASSAR Vice President **James L. Wilson** of Elberton.

Button Gwinnett

The new year brought us speakers **Andy Phydras** in January speaking on the Georgia Archives, **Stan Hall** in February discussing the issue of gang activity in Gwinnett County, and **Bill Tanner** in March on the history of Fort Yargo. Compatriot **Ed Sterrett** was a featured speaker for a beginning genealogy class on January 21.

Several of our members attended the January 15 celebration at Cowpens, and our Board of Mangers met January 20 to develop our budget for the year and to replace our annual purchase of supplies. Color Guard member **Terry Manning** hosted a Revolutionary War Trivia Game at Loganville Middle School twice on January 28 and spoke to six elementary classes on "Georgia in the Revolutionary War" on February 11.

Senior Vice President **Charles Hampton** inducted new officers on February 10. At the same meeting, the chapter presented **Russell "Rusty" Johnson** with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his active leadership and participation in a wide variety of civic, church, and lineage organizations. New member **Robert E. Fleek** of Lawrenceville was also inducted by incoming Chapter President **Stephen Burns**. Eagle Scout James Reardon read his chapter winning essay, "The Campfire," to the membership.

Kettle Creek was attended on February 12 by Compatriots **Thomas McIntosh**, **Michael Risko, Jr.**, and Terry Manning. Manning attended the C.A.R. state convention, chair dedication at Meadow Gardens, and annual awards dinner on February 19 – assisting the

Atlanta



During the George Washington Birthday luncheon, Compatriot **Alvis M. Weatherly, Jr.** (Shown above with Chapter 2nd Vice President **Guyton McCall** and State President **George Thurmond**) was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Citation in recognition of his outstanding leadership roles in numerous areas. Meritorious Service Medals and Certificates were awarded to Compatriots **James F. Panter** and **Philip K. Curtis**.

Compatriot Ramsaur gave a presentation on the Ft. Frederica National Monument of St. Simons Island and the naval action that took place there on April 19, 1778. The unveiling of the Georgia Historical Marker commemorating this event will take place there on April 19, 2005.



Left to right in photo above are Marshes of Glynn Chapter President **William F. Ramsauer**, State President **George E. Thurmond** and, BG **James Bisson**, Forces Command, Ft. McPherson.

General Bisson reviewed current military actions and combat situations - a real tribute to our armed forces.

During the January meeting a Flag Certificate was presented to the Peachtree Presbyterian Church. Associate Pastor **Dr. Steven Huntley** accepted the certificate for the church.

newly formed C.A.R. Color Guard with fellow CAR-DAR Liaison members **Michael Tomme** and **Mark Anthony**. On February 26, King, McIntosh, and Manning attended annual SAR training in Warner Robins.

Terry Manning
Chapter Newsletter Editor

Blue Ridge Mountains



Benton Cole Workman, 5-year-old grandson of Chapter President **William O. "Bud" Brazil**, is presented the Youth Membership by his grandfather as a Christmas gift this year. He follows a line of SAR members with his grandfather, his uncle, **William Walker Brazil**, and his mother, **Caroline Wellborn Brazil Workman** and his grandmother, **Carolyn Wellborn Brazil** being members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Miss **Laurie Abbott**, senior at Young Cane



Christian School, presented her winning essay to the members of the Blue Ridge Mountains chapter. This is the second winning essay for Laurie. Last year her essay won third place in the state competition. She was presented a check, a revolving trophy, and First Place Certificate. Miss **Melissa Johns** of Mountain Area Christian Academy was selected for Second Place. William O. "Bud" Brazil is Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest. The **United Community Bank** and the **Seasons Bank of Blairsville** are co-sponsors of this contest.

Mr. **Joseph Lane Scherer**, Fannin County Comprehensive School, was selected First Place Winner in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. He also presented his essay to the members. Joseph is from Blue Ridge, Georgia,



and is a junior in high school. His mother and father were also guests of the Chapter. Joseph was presented the medallion and a check. **John Preston** is Chairman of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. The **Appalachian Bank** and the **Bank of Blairsville** are co-sponsors of this project.

The seven posters selected by the seven elementary schools for the local competition were presented by the Poster Chairman, **Art Learned**, and the membership voted for the one to be entered in the state competition. Checks and certificates will be presented to the seven finalists. The **Seasons Bank of Blairsville** is co-sponsor of this contest.

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter serves four counties and continues to be impressed with the quality of essays and posters presented by the students of these counties. We are ever mindful of the fine teachers in these schools.

Capt. Samuel Butts

At right President **Benjamin F. Miller** presented a Certificate of Appreciation to **Mrs. Gwen Martin**, State Speakers Staff Chairman and member of the William McIntosh Chapter NSDAR. On February 19, 2005, Mrs. Martin gave a most interesting program on Lewis and Clark to the chapter, whose newest member is her husband, **Tony**.

Former Treasurer **John Franklin O'Kelly** installed the new officers for the chapter on February 19, 2005.

Pictured (left to right below) are

Treasurer **William Lewis Crum**
 Secretary **Dr. Steven Emmett Gordon**
 President **Thomas Newton Kirby, II**
 Vice President **Dr. Robert Howe Pinckney, III**
 Chaplain **Donald Paul East**.



Lewis and Clark

Cherokee

Birth of a Chapter

It has often been pointed out that the lifeblood of the Sons of the American Revolution is in the growth of its membership. On a global scale, there are more than 25,000 living members, a little over 1,300 here in Georgia. In all, 155,000 compatriots have been admitted during the 112-year history of this distinguished organization. However, it all begins with a well positioned chapter that can solicit, nurture, and develop tomorrow's SAR leaders.

to the greater Atlanta economy.

The 2000 census tabulated the population of Canton at 7,709 (3,882 males with an average age of 31). Total growth for the next two years was about 45.0%. However, the closest SAR chapter to Canton in 2002 was still 23 miles away. The need for a new SAR chapter to serve this area appeared evident.

In June 2004, Roger Lamb organized the first exploratory meeting at the historic Rock Barn in Canton. By December, it was clear there was enough interest to begin the process of establishing the core group that will form the nucleus for charter. Support from the adjoining Piedmont and Captain John Collins chapters has been strong. Once chartered, many of these

compatriots will continue support with dual membership status. However, the first objective for this year will be to expand that inner core from Canton residents.

The key to chapter development is networking. How do we get the word out to those most likely interested in SAR activities? We will begin by establishing mutually beneficial relationships with lineage and historical societies in the area. We will promote our chapter through local newspapers and by the strategic placement of brochures and other SAR literature. In time, we will build a web site and other forms of communication.

However, the most important element in our success will be you, the reader of this article. Be sure to remind your friends and relatives that may live near Canton, GA, that the Cherokee Chapter is here, ready to help men and women of all ages discover their patriotic ancestors. With those efforts, we will invite men of good character, over the age of 18 and with a patriotic ancestor that supported the war for American independence, to become a member. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the historic

Rock Barn
658 Marietta Highway
Canton, GA

7:00 p.m.
Social Activities and Refreshments

7:30 p.m.
Speaker and Agenda

For more details, contact:

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Cherokee Chapter
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SAR chapters begin in the same way most organizations begin, with a small core of individuals that see a need and an opportunity. **Roger Lamb**, President of the Georgia Society from 2001-2002, saw such a need in Canton, Georgia. A quiet community, built on the province of the Cherokee nation, and dedicated primarily to the textile industry during the 20th century, Canton has become a bustling, multifaceted, contributor

Coweta Falls

February 19, 2005, was set aside as a day of celebration to honor Patriots William Swan and William Norris. At the service, conducted by the Coweta Falls Chapter SAR, bronze

plaques were unveiled; there was a laying of wreaths, and the Georgia SAR Color Guard paid tribute with the firing of muskets. Bagpipes provided a musical tribute, and Taps played by a U.S. Army bugler concluded the ceremony.

LTC **Robert F. Galer**, Chairman of Coweta Falls Chapter Revolutionary Graves Committee, presented welcoming remarks at the grave marking ceremony held at Rock Baptist Church cemetery in Cataula, Harris County, Georgia. Chapter President **William M. Hay** and Past President Dr. **Hugh I. Rodgers** were the featured speakers.

Wreaths were presented by Coweta Falls Chapter, SAR; Oglethorpe Chapter, DAR; Lucy Raiford Society, C.A.R.; Piedmont Chapter, SAR; George Walton Chapter, DAR; and descendants of William Norris.

A large crowd including more than twenty of Lieutenant Norris' ancestors attended the grave marking. Norris family members traveled great distances to attend, including family members from New York, California and Texas.

The Harris County Commissioners issued a Resolution proclaiming the Coweta Falls Chapter SAR to be a moving force in the preservation and perpetuation of American Revolutionary history.

Richard Andrews
Editor

The Minuteman
Coweta Falls Chapter SAR



LTC **Robert F. Galer** (above) leads applause as cub scout descendents of Lieutenant William Norris unveil the bronze marker at his grave site.

Dalton

The Dalton Chapter held an Awards Dinner recently at the First Presbyterian Church. Outstanding Cadet Medals and Certificates were awarded to the cadets in the photo below. Each award winner was

presented by his or her Senior JROTC instructor.

The Speaker for the evening was 1st Lt. **Brett Wetherill**, (below) a 2003 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Lt. Wetherill is the grandson of Col. **Stephen Gordy**, also a West Point Graduate and Secretary of the Dalton Chapter, S. A. R.



(Left to Right) **Col. Mike Pilvinski** and **Cadet Master Sgt. Fernanda Fraire**, Dalton High School JROTC; **Lt. Col. Hanks** and **Cadet Sgt. Major Gary Martin**, Murray County High School JROTC; **Cadet Lt. Col. Tiner** and **Cadet 1st Lt. Travis Payne**, Lakeview/Ft. Oglethorpe High School JROTC; **Cadet Michael Ferguson** and his father, Ringgold High School JROTC; **Cadet Col. Amanda Williams** and **Lt. Col. Simpson**, Ridgeland High School JROTC.



Lt. Wetherill had just completed a tour of duty in Iraq and presented an excellent program on the terrain, climate, people and the U. S. Army in Iraq. Digital photographs Lt. Wetherill had made during his tour of duty in Iraq were presented to illustrate his presentation.

George D. Wright, Jr.

Habersham



Members of the Chapter attend the 224th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Cowpens held January 15, 2005, at Chesnee, S.C. Color Guard members participating were **Larry Whitfield, Jim Patton** and **Richard Ramsaur**. Chapter President **Bobby York** presented a wreath from the chapter at the 1856 Washington Light Infantry Monument.

At the January 27th chapter meeting outgoing Habersham County Sheriff **Rick Moore** was presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Award for his twenty years of dedicated service to the citizens of Habersham County. Sheriff Moore began his career in Law Enforcement as a deputy in 1985. With his numerous training hours and courses taken in this field he was promoted to the Chief Deputy of the Dare Program. Sheriff Moore was elected Sheriff of Habersham County in 2000. In his four years as sheriff he made numerous improvements to the department.

Attending the meeting held at the Clarkesville Country Café were 23 members and 21 guests. The program was presented by Compatriot **William Ramsaur**, President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. Compatriot Ramsaur's program topic was about the Chapter's planned activities for Patriot's Day and the Frederica Naval Actions to be held April 18 and 19, 2005.



Pictured on left Sheriff **Rick Moore** and on right Compatriot **Larry Whitfield** presenting certificate and medal



On February 4th the students were presented a slide presentation by chapter member **Ted Smith**. Subjects covered included tools, rations, weapons, encampments, punishment, clothing, uniforms and the general living conditions of the colonial soldiers, militiamen and the British soldiers.

Color Guard members **Larry Whitfield, Richard Ramsaur** and **Jim Patton** informed the students about their uniforms, both the General Washington's and militia uniforms. They also had the Brown Bess Flintlock and a musket for their demonstration

Chapter President **Bobby York** spoke about the Sons of the American Revolution and the Chapter's namesake (Col. Joseph Habersham) and Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence. The teachers were given the American Heritage CD's and the brochures supplied by the state society.

The students were reminded about the poster contest and certificates and pins to be presented to all that have an entry in the contest.



Pictured Left to Right: Compatriots **Larry Whitfield, Ted Smith, Bobby York, Jim Patton**, and **Richard Ramsaur**.



The chapter completes their 2004 parade schedule by participating in the night Christmas parade held in Cornelia, Georgia. The chapter members and Color Guard led parades in Alto, Clarkesville, Demorest and Cornelia.

Joel Early

The Joel Early Chapter was chartered September 7, 2002. The charter officers were President **Wolcott E. "Ted" Lay, Jr.**, Blakely, GA; Vice President **Thomas E. Peters**, Jakin, GA; Secretary/Treasurer **John H. Cunningham**, Bainbridge, Ga.

The Chapter is unique in that its members come from several southwest Georgia counties for a distance of about seventy five miles from north to south.

The chapter name honors Joel Early, born in Virginia about 1745, the son of Jeremiah Early, a Colonel in the Bedford Militia in Virginia. Early served his Revolutionary War service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Militia. He married Lucy Smith and later moved to present day Greene County, Georgia, where he died in 1807. In Lucian Lamar Knight's book he says, "Joel Early's Manor was the finest house north of Savannah and he lives in the style of an English Lord." Tradition says that he required his sons and daughters to don evening clothes each day for six o'clock dinner.

Interestingly, there is much more information on Joel's children than on Joel himself. One son, Peter Early, was a member of Congress, Judge of the Ocmulgee Circuit, and in 1813 became Governor of Georgia, financing troops during the War of 1812, and finally served in the Senate.

Joel Early, Jr., another son, for many years before the Civil War had pronounced views on slave ownership. He called in over a hundred slaves and asked them if they wanted to be free and if they would like to go back to Africa. He also would furnish transportation and give each one \$100.00. Only forty of these slaves accepted the offer. Joel Early chartered a vessel from Norfolk, VA and the forty slaves sailed with his \$100.00 and belongings from Norfolk to Liberia, Africa.

Joel Early served his country well and instilled into his children a sense of values of what he wanted this new nation to be. The expectations and successes of himself and his children are worthy of his being remembered as the patriot he most surely was.

Submitted by **Aldine Owen**
President Joel Early Chapter

Researched by **Tom Peters**
Chapter Historian

Marquis de Lafayette

Greetings from the Southern Crescent of Atlanta Chapter. Now that we have expanded into the Coweta County area, we cover the whole south side of Atlanta including South Fulton, Coweta, Fayette, Clayton and Henry Counties.

We serve according to the Atlanta Newspapers one fourth of the state's school students and one fifth of the state's population.

The Chapter has continued to excel in all of our major programs. Over 1000 students in the 4th and 8th grades have seen our school presentation program. This year started off with Compatriots **Lewie Dunn** and **Mike Tomme** and his wife **Cilla** doing an hour-long program for the 4th grade at Sara Harp Minter Elementary School in Fayette County. Our next call was to Northeast Georgia and the City of Commerce school system. Compatriot **Charlie Newcomer's** daughter-in-law, contacted the chapter to do a presentation to the entire 4th grade at her school. Compatriot **Lewie Dunn** also attended.

On January 15th, Chapter President **John Sloan** and his wife **Susan**, Vice President **Mike Tomme** and his wife **Cilla**, Genealogist **Lewie Dunn**, Vice President General **Doug Stansberry** and his wife **Carole**, Chapter members **James Goodrum** and his wife attended the 133rd meeting of the Gen. Daniel Newnan Chapter of the NSDAR. **Brenda Jessel**, this year's regent is the wife of chapter member **David Jessel**.

Several chapter members met with **Willard Rocker**, Genealogy Librarian of the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, to discuss an ongoing project of the chapter purchasing Revolutionary War Books and Microform for the library.

Our February 8th meeting featured **Mike Brubaker** from the Kennon Research Archives of the Atlanta Historical Society. He brought a program that highlighted the material available for research at the society.

On February 12th, Compatriots **Bo Hill**, **Mike Tomme**, Deputy State Color Guard Commander **Charlie Newcomer** and Chapter President **John Sloan** attended the Kettle Creek Celebration.

Our Chapter Treasurer and VA Chairman **COL Ted Hackney, USA (Ret)** suffered a mild heart attack after he and his committee delivered valentines to the Atlanta VA Hospital on the 14th. (Ted is still undergoing tests at Piedmont as of the middle of March).

On February 19th **Charlie Newcomer** and his wife **Claire** and **Bo Hill** attended the Swan grave dedication in Harris County.

The February 26th State training conference in Warner Robins was attended by Chapter President **John Sloan** and **Charlie**

Newcomer.

Our JROTC committee under the direction of Master Chief Petty Officer **Edward Stoner** has been working double time; even the ice storm could not keep his committee from its rounds. Several of his committee members can still fit into their dress uniforms while others are still working on that feat. The chapter is working on the papers of retired Major Gen. **Joe Frazier** who expressed an interest in taking part in the JROTC committee.

Our SAR/VFW/AL liaison officer Lt. Col. **Bo Hill USA (Ret)** is working hard with the veterans groups to prepare for Memorial



Chapter Secretary **Greg Dorfmeier** presents Valentines to VA patient.

Day 2005.

Our Parade committee had doubled with the addition of the members from Newnan. The 2005 parade season will see us with 2 floats at many parades.

March 3rd brought a sad day to our chapter with the lost of chapter member **John William Cooper, Jr.** "Bill" had been in SAR for 10 years. His wife **Barbara** is in DAR. His two brothers-in-law, **Gene** and **Olphus Adams**, are also members of our chapter. His funeral was officiated by chapter member **Rev. Jeff Lowe** and chapter member **Scott Gilbert** gave a testimony to Bill's life. Bill was active in the Masonic orders and the S.C.V. He had served his country as Regular Boatswain Mate 1st class in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Chapter members **V.P.G. Doug Stansberry**, **Jim Robinson**, and **Lewie Dunn** also attended.

Our chapter salutes our active duty Compatriots **Caleb Huiet** aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise and **Josiah Roberts** in the U.S.M.C. in Southwest Asia. Also Lt. Col. **Brett Osborne** on assignment in support of our troops.

May God Bless these Compatriots and Our Great Nation!

Lewie Dunn
Public Information Officer

Marshes of Glynn

During their January meeting, the Marshes of Glynn Chapter honored **Ed Ginn** for his 60 years of membership with the organization. Ed prepared his Application to join the SAR based on the military service of his ancestor, **Jonathan Shaw**, who served in the Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolutionary War. Ed was serving in the Army at the time and dated his application, Armistice Day, November 11, 1944. Ed originally joined the SAR Chapter in Indianapolis, but transferred to Chapters in Boston, and Delaware as a result of changes in his employment. After he retired and moved to St. Simons, Ed became a Charter Member of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter when it was established on February 15, 1986.



(Left to right), **Jim Barbe** looks on as **Ed Ginn** receives 60-year Certificate from **David Dukes**, GASSAR Southeast Region Vice President.

Also honored at the meeting, as a new member, was **Jim Barbe**, who is currently serving as Missile Technician First Class on the USS Louisiana, located at the Kings Bay Submarine Base. Jim decided to join the SAR to honor his Patriot ancestor, **Charles Barker**, who was a private in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Chapter President **Bill Ramsaur**, with help from the senior officers of the General James Oglethorpe CAR Society, made presentations to the various 5th grade classes on Georgia History Day. They described the Frederica Naval Action and invited the students to consider joining the CAR Society.



Oglethorpe Point Elementary School on St. Simons Island had a visitor - Colonel **Samuel Elbert**.

Piedmont



Operation Santa brought toys and gifts to the Naval Air Station Atlanta for children in military families. Shown are **Glynn Acree, SAR**; **Paul Prescott, SAR**; Cmdr. **Lesa Cheatham**, Chaplain Naval Air Station Atlanta; and **Jack Ferguson, SAR**.

The Piedmont Chapter closed 2004 with a joint program with several veteran organizations and Wal-Mart to ensure that 168 children of deployed servicemen had gifts under their Christmas trees. Operation Santa was spearheaded by Lt. Col. **Tom Varnado**, Marine Reserve and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Col. Varnado solicited funds to promote the gifts and Wal-Mart personnel assisted in selecting the gifts during a seven hour shopping spree. The Atlanta Naval Air Station was one of the staging areas where Piedmont Compatriots **Paul Prescott, Glynn Acree, Jack Ferguson** and **Skip Gray** helped pack the gift packages for the dependant families.



Bob Sapp presents Certificate of Recognition along with a check for \$100 to Eagle Scout **Edward C. "Ted" Spangler** as Chapter Scouting Chairman **Jason Wetzel** looks on.

The Chapter officers for 2005-2006 were installed by State President **George Thurmond** at Piedmont's Annual Banquet and Washington Birthday Celebration on February 18th. The chapter also honored its youth activities winners at the banquet held at Founders Hall in Roswell. Eagle Scout **Edward C. "Ted" Spangler** of Troop 764 was presented with the Lawrence W. Maurer, Jr. Eagle Scout Program Award. Spangler, of Chamblee, is a member of

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church sponsored Troop 764. He was one of three applicants submitted to the chapter for the Eagle Scout Program.

Ms. **Chelsea Cooper**, JROTC cadet at Etowah High School was the chapter's winner of the Enhanced JROTC Program. Her prize-winning essay was titled "The Molding of a Better Citizen". Cooper was one of two entrants in the Chapter's Enhanced JROTC program. Ms. **Maria Khodorkovsky** was one of four entrants in the chapter's Knight Essay program. Maria is an honor student at Centennial High School in Roswell. Her essay is entitled "America Begins". Each of the contestant's first place winners received a \$100 check.



Chelsea Cooper, Commander of the JROTC Unit at Etowah High School, is presented her award by JROTC Chairman, **Bill Walker** at Piedmont's annual banquet.

Piedmont Chapter Americanism activities were started by presenting six Flag Certificates to institutions already this year. This activity will be one of the Chapter's most aggressive activities for the year.

Bob Sapp
Chapter President

In 1803 Thomas Jefferson sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's Corps of Discovery to find a water route to the Pacific and explore the uncharted West. He believed woolly mammoths, erupting volcanoes, and a mountain of pure salt awaited them.

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Samuel Elbert



The Samuel Elbert Chapter was organized in 1995 under the leadership of the Reverend Jack Bozeman. The eighteen charter members decided to name their chapter after General Samuel Elbert, a resident of Savannah during the American Revolution. Elbert County and the city of Elberton also bear his name.

Samuel Elbert became a member of the Council of Safety which was organized in 1775. He was made a Lt. Colonel and placed over a body of troops that was raised by the General Assembly of Georgia. In December 1778, he received his commission as General. He was at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered the British forces.

After the Revolution, General Elbert was made Major General of Georgia troops. He was elected Sheriff of Chatham County and in 1785 was named Governor of Georgia.

On April 18th and 19th, 2005, the Marshes of Glenn Chapter will be sponsoring Patriots Day activities which will commemorate a joint ground force and Georgia Navy operations commanded by General Samuel Elbert which took place on April 19, 1778. They are honoring our namesake; we are elated and will be attending in large numbers. Reverend Bozeman, our founder and former state president, will read General Elbert's letter to General Howe written shortly after the successful engagement. An historical marker will be dedicated, and you can take a boat tour to the exact location where the action took place. (The British war records refer to this as "the debacle at Raccoon Gut".)

Thank you, **Bill Ramsaur** and Marshes of Glenn Chapter, for putting this event together and allowing us to be a part of it. We welcome compatriots from all over Georgia to meet us at St. Simons for this historical festivity.

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cordially invites you to the***First Celebration of
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Tuesday, April 19th, 2005**

All Societies and Chapters of the CAR, DAR and SAR are invited to attend as participants or spectators to represent their organizations. Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

10:00 A.M. Christ Church, Frederica Cemetery

With the support of the Brunswick Chapter and Fort Frederica Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution will dedicate Grave Markers for four Revolutionary War Patriots: Cyrus Dart, Robert Grant, William Page and Samuel Wright. After opening remarks and biographies of the four Patriots, the Combined SAR Color Guard will lead a procession to the burial sites of the Patriots. Representatives of CAR, DAR and SAR National and State Societies and Chapters will present wreaths and Descendants will assist in honoring the memory of their Revolutionary War Ancestors.

**2:00 P.M.
Fort Frederica National
Monument**

The Georgia Historical Society, Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Fort Frederica National Monument and Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution will dedicate a Historical Marker, entitled "The Georgia Navy." Other participants include the Combined SAR Color Guards, U.S. Navy Band, U.S. Navy Honor Guard, and Brunswick High School JROTC Honor Guard. Virginia Steele Wood, Naval Specialist at the Library of Congress, will describe the Frederica Naval Action of April 19, 1778. Bagpipe and Musket Salutes will honor Colonel Samuel Elbert and the Georgia seamen and soldiers. Descendants of these Patriots will be recognized during the afternoon ceremony. All facilities of the Park will be available, including programs by the Rangers and no admission fees will be charged.

For additional information about events, accommodations and wreaths, please contact:

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