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The President's Dispatch



George E. Thurmond

What a joy it is to have visited a number of chapters with the opportunity to see and hear of the good works that all are accomplishing. Congratulations on your enthusiasm and patriotism. It's contagious. Please keep up the good work and let others know of your activities through articles in the *Hornet's Nest* and your chapter reports at our quarterly Board of Managers meetings.

I can't emphasize too much the importance of your participation at our BOM meetings. We have had excellent attendance – keep it up!

I would like to see us add a new committee to our existing 21. Since our charter

emphasizes Historical, Patriotic and Educational endeavors, it only seems logical that we have an Educational Committee. This is under development and I would like the active participation of all chapters to work with our young people with the existing programs and also go into the schools to advance the knowledge of our rich history and to preserve our heritage.

I am most impressed with Compatriots like **Jim McLeroy** (Lyman Hall) and **Ed Fluker** (Ocmulgee) who, at a very early age were exposed to Patriotic activities by attending programs conducted by the DAR. Their attendance is remembered even after 60 years! So should our other activities be remembered. Getting our young people involved at an early age insures that our heritage will be passed along to those who follow after us. Won't you do your part to see that this happens?

Youth patriotism ... *a lesson for each of us*

Terry E. Manning
President
Button Gwinnett Chapter

There are often very special moments that come your way when involved in the many programs associated with the Sons of the American Revolution. One such occasion this year happened as I worked with the fifth grade class of teacher Laura Byrd at the Lilburn Elementary School. Her class is

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Duc Nguyen was presented an Outstanding Citizenship pin and certificate by the Button Gwinnett Chapter of the SAR for his very special poster entry.



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

State's Oldest Member

The Rome Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution honored **Watson Dyer** of Cave Spring on Thursday, October 28, 2004 with a Life Membership. Compatriot Dyer was presented with certificates from the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution and Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution signifying his Life Membership.

Rome Chapter President **Mark Anthony**, Past State President **Jim Clark** of Rome, made the presentation during lunch at Pappy's Place in Cave Spring.

Compatriot Dyer is the first recipient of a

State Life Membership since this designation was approved at the October 2, 2004 state meeting. The criteria for a State Life Membership is either paying dues for 50 years or obtaining the age of 100 years. Mr. Dyer turned 103 this past July.

The certificates that were presented each had an embossed NSSAR Crest with signatures by the respective presidents and secretaries.

Born on July 26, 1901 near Choestoe, Compatriot Dyer served in World War II on the USS Bushnell in the Pacific theater. The Bushnell was a submarine tender – a repair and resupply ship for submarines. Compatriot Dyer served as the ship's photographer and was the oldest enlisted man on board. This distinction was the source of his nickname – "Pappy".

The Rome Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution serves the five county area surrounding Rome, including Floyd, Polk, Chattooga, Gordon, and Bartow Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to



Photograph (l-r): Past State President Jim Clark, Compatriot Watson Dyer, Chapter President Mark Anthony, and Chapter Chaplain Rev. Warren Jones.

promote patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

The Chapter meets quarterly on the first Tuesday of the month.

Mark Anthony

Leadership Training February 26, 2005

by **George Thurmond**

It's that time again for new and old chapter officers and committee chairmen. We are here to help you carry out your responsibilities and we have an environment that will provide you with an opportunity to bring your spouse. The 2005 leadership training program will be held at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins on

February 26, 2005. Georgia Society Committee Chairmen will be there to assist you in each phase of our activities. **This is a "must for Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen"**. The location is designed to accommodate travel for those attending while providing an opportunity to enjoy the museum environment:

So that proper plans may be made, advance registration is required of all participants and chapter attendees. Please **fill out the registration form (below) and mail with your check to me by January 29, 2005.**

Directions will be provided to all who

register. *A guided tour will be provided to the wives who attend.* Please include the name of your wife so that we may have a name badge prepared for her. The wives will join us for lunch. Meals are included in the registration fee. This should be an informative and *fun event* for you and your wife. *Note that the Museum does not open until 9:00 a.m. We start at 10:00 and will end at 2:00 p.m.*

I would like to see each chapter represented at these programs along with all Regional Vice Presidents. This will be the only Leadership Training session conducted this year so don't miss this opportunity.

Leadership Training: Saturday, February 26, 2005

Registration Fee: \$13.00 per attendee (**\$10.00 for wife**). All elected officers and Committee Chairman are encouraged to attend. Wear casual dress and name badges (include your wife's name for a name badge). Advance registration is requested.

Send registration check **made payable to George Thurmond and mail by January 29, 2005** to:

George Thurmond
120 Cannonade Drive
Alpharetta, Georgia 30004

Please indicate if your wife will attend and tour the museum while we meet. **Lunch is included in the registration fee.**

Attending _____ Position _____ Email _____ Wife attending

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Attending _____ Position _____ Email _____ Wife attending

Chapter _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Report From The

Georgia Society Color Guard

Terry Manning
Commander

The Georgia Society's Color Guard completed calendar year 2004 with another increase in program activity from the prior year. Since 2000, the annual numbers of state and national events participated in by the Color Guard has grown from 23 to 31 to 36 to 48 to 50, with attendance by members increasing from 158 to 266 to 315 to 419 to 455. Active membership since 2000 has increased from 21 to 40 members participating in at least one event annually.

At the January Board of Managers' meeting, Compatriot **Paul Prescott** will take command of the Color Guard from Commander

Terry Manning. Paul has been serving as the Commander of the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard.

Shown in the photograph below are Paul Prescott and **Richard Ramsaur** at the DAR Tamasee School in Tamasee, South Carolina, on September 25 making opening remarks during an outdoor Flag Ceremony performed by the GASSAR Color Guard. Paul and Richard gave a demonstration of their firearms and then discussed the differences in their two types of uniforms. Following their opening remarks, other members of the Color Guard joined them in presenting all of the historical flags carried by the Color Guard and giving a capsule history behind each of the flags. The Flag Ceremony was part of a dedication program by the Count D'Estaing Society NSCAR of all new flags donated for the buildings at Tamasee.

GASSAR's Flag Ceremony was initiated this year to be presented in a variety of ways depending upon the time available and the type of event at which performed. It can be as simple as each guardsman introducing himself and announcing the popular name of the firearm or flag they carry, or more detailed to give the background of each flag. Adding this flag education aspect to events has proven to be very popular with our audiences.

GASSAR Color Guard web site at

<http://colorguard.gassar.org/>

The site was created by Compatriot **David Dukes, Jr.** with input from Color Guard members. It includes Color Guard policy as newly outlined in The Source Book, and has photographs of individual members. Various statistics, a history of award winners, lists of streamer awards, sample Flag Ceremony presentations, uniform information, and other items of interest to Color Guard members and potential members are included in the policy and on the web site.

As the year comes to an end, another activity in the works is to establish several regional collections of historical flags throughout the state. This will hopefully encourage more participation in the Color Guard away from the metro-Atlanta area and allow a few guardsmen on short notice to meet and participate in local regional activities that could not otherwise be accommodated. More than one program could also be attended by Color Guard members on the same date with the availability of several sets of flags throughout the state. Dare we hope that in the future we can sponsor two grave dedications on the same date in different parts of the state!?

Terry Manning

Probably available by now is also the new



Message From the

Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

Reinstatement of Membership: If your 2005 dues were not paid to your chapter in time to reach me by January 15 you may be reinstated by sending the current year's National, State, and Chapter dues to your chapter treasurer; \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter.

National Life Membership: We welcome Jeffery Conley Hooper, Blue Ridge

Mountains Chapter, and Frank Fortson Maxwell, III, Samuel Elbert Chapter. Members interested in making application may obtain the form from the State Secretary.

New Chapter Officers: Please advise changes to State Secretary on President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar, along with email addresses as soon as possible after election.

Annual Reports: Chapter presidents, state officers, and state committee chairmen are required to submit annual reports by **March 1st** to be published in the state annual report that is distributed at our annual meeting. Reports are to be sent to GASSAR President Thurmond, with a file copy to GASSAR Secretary (see addresses on page 2). A form for chapter reports can be found in GASSAR SourceBook, Section 10. If the prescribed form is not suitable one may prepare a report in a different format.

Obituary Reports on deceased members should be submitted within five days of death, using the form and instructions found in SourceBook, Section 10. Two copies are sent to State Secretary, and one copy each to State Chaplain and Editor of The Hornet's Nest.

GASSAR SourceBook CD: The SourceBook is an excellent guide for conducting the business of the state society and chapters. The latest edition dated September 30, 2004, is available by sending \$4.00 check made to me (see address on page 2). Or you may pick up a copy at the next BOM for \$2.00. Available for PC-compatible computers and late models of Mac.

GASSAR Web Page: Those who have access to a computer should become acquainted with our excellent web page, which is constantly updated. You may be surprised at the amount of info available at your fingertips. State and Chapter officers are listed, as well as meeting dates and places. Most information regarding membership may be found at Applications, Fees, Dues, etc. Committee Chairmen are also listed. The web page is maintained by David Dukes, Jr., but changes should be sent to State Secretary. Web page address is: www.sar.org/gassar

KLINE O. PUGH, Secretary
The Georgia Society SAR

WELCOME

New Members Since Last Issue.

Atlanta

Joseph Robert Warnick, Sr.

Blue Ridge Mountains

Cullen Fitzpatrick Smith

Button Gwinnett

Milton Chester Burge
Charles Craig Hyder
Charles Franklin Hyder
James Marvin Hyder
John Vincent Zeigler (transfer)

Coweta Falls

Robert Edward Andrews
Graham Joseph Avera, II
Mathew Dozier Avera
Vance Livingston Avera
Kevin DeWitt Brown
Leslie Bruce Pond
Hollis Christopher Sigman
Hollis Daniel Sigman
John Frederick Sigman
Jerry Robert Winsness

George Walton

Harold Steven DeWeil

John Collins

David James Williams, III

John Milledge

Ernest Grady Torrance

Joseph Habersham

John Philip Ballard, Jr.
John Philip Ballard, III
William Lewis Matthew Ballard

Lyman Hall

Todd Arrington Bowden
Charles Harman Lindsey
Forest Green Scales, Jr.

Marshes of Glynn

James Robert Barbe

Ocmulgee

David Lee Causey
David Lowell McSwain
Thomas Eugene McSwain

Piedmont

Joshua Gage Barker
Bobby Delano Shaw
William Wesley Walker

Samuel Butts

James Anthony Martin

Samuel Elbert

John Vol Sims, III (dual)
Charles Cleveland Wansley

Battle of Kettle Creek

February 12, 2005

The Historic Sites and Celebrations committee has asked that I remind Chapters and descendants that the 226th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek will be celebrated at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 12, 2005. Please include Kettle Creek on your Chapter calendar for next year. Encourage a good turnout for Georgia's nationally recognized Revolutionary War battle observance.

Hopefully, your Chapter will present a wreath. If so, notify **Ed Fluker** of the Historic Sites and celebrations committee at 478-743-4268 to get on the program. We have had tremendous support since this celebration was launched by the Georgia Society seven years ago. We hope your chapter will be represented at the battlefield in February. More complete details will be seen in the printed invitation on the state web site, or at the January 2005 BOM.

Bob Galer
Chairman

Historic Sites Committee

Report From The**Georgia
Society
Registrar****Michael
Black**

The NSSAR Headquarters staff has put forth additional effort this year to process its backlog of applications. To update Georgia members on the application review timeline, new member applications are now being processed with a 60 day turnaround and supplemental applications with a nine month turnaround. They have really done an outstanding job handling this additional workload.

There is a posthumous membership, called the Memorial Membership, that allows deceased persons to become memorial

members of the SAR. The fee is \$60.00 plus a one time payment of \$250.00. The lineage must be a person who is two generations or less removed from a DAR or SAR (grandfather, father, uncle). The regular application procedures apply for this type of membership.

If you have ordered a DAR record copy recently, you have noticed that the DAR is not including the front page of an application. They instead have replaced it with a cover sheet to protect the privacy of the DAR member. If you are submitting a DAR Record Copy of this type, please send with the record copy the cover letter from DAR which includes the name of the DAR applicant and the national number of the record copy.

Many of you know **Mrs. Betty Graham** who has served as NSSAR Administrative Genealogist. She has decided to leave NSSAR. The Georgia Society wishes her well in her future pursuits and thanks her for many years of service and diligence at maintaining the integrity of our application process and data!

Below are the applications processed for the 2004 calendar year:

Chapter	Youth.	Orig.	Supp.
Abraham Baldwin			
Altamaha			
Athens		1	1
Atlanta		6	4
Blue Ridge Mountains		1	1
Button Gwinnett	1	8	6
Captain John Collins		4	3
Casimir Pulaski		5	
Coweta Falls	1	28	6
Dalton			
Edward Telfair		1	
George Walton		1	
Joel Early			
John Milledge		8	2
Joseph Habersham	1	7	5
LaGrange		1	
Lyman Hall		6	
Marquis de LaFayette	1	3	1
Marshes of Glynn		3	1
McIntosh		1	
Middle Georgia			
Mill Creek			
Ocmulgee		5	4
Piedmont	1	8	3
Rome		4	
Samuel Butts		1	1
Samuel Elbert		1	
Valdosta			
William Few		2	
William Miller			
Total	5	105	38

**A Search For
Chaplains**

Our GASSAR State Chaplain, the **Reverend Dan Gates**, is researching the heritage of our Chaplaincy program in the Georgia Society. Perhaps you can help. If you have ever served as the Georgia Society SAR State Chaplain, or if you know one of our Compatriots who has served this position, please contact Chaplain Gates.

His telephone number is:
706-323-5229
and his email address is:
dangates@knology.net



In the photo at right **Marty** and **George Thurmond** pose with Georgia State C. A. R. 2nd Vice President **Sydney McRee** who arranged for a tour of Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, site of the first state government of Georgia. Sydney is the granddaughter of John Milledge Chapter President "**Buddy**" **Bridges**.

Letter to the Editor

I have been meaning to write for some time, to tell you how much I enjoy our State Publication, 'The Hornet's Nest'. I always find interesting things within its' pages.

There is one area in which I think the magazine can be improved. I have noticed on several occasions where mention was made of Chapters marking the grave of a Patriot, but the Patriot's name was not mentioned. The most recent was page 13 of the July-September 2004 issue. I know we want to mark as many gravesites as possible, but isn't our real purpose to Honor and Remember our Patriot Forefathers (and their descendants) when we mark the grave, not just a numbers game. It isn't giving much honor if we don't even mention their names. Besides, they may have been an ancestor of mine or one of our other members. The memorial to Revolutionary Soldiers who came to Elbert County lists 166 veterans. Many of these stayed in the area, others moved on, often leaving family behind. So it isn't out of

the realm of possibility that they were buried elsewhere in the State.

Changing the subject, I noticed recently that the Annual Dues were increasing for both regular and supplemental membership applications. I don't have a problem with the increase in regular applications, but I think the increase in supplementals is unwise. I have spoken with Mr. Larry Wilson about this, and he said (I hope I am getting this right) that the increase was necessary because we had so many applications on hand, and some were being sent back for corrections and additions for the second and third time, that we needed to hire some help to process them.

That would seem reasonable, however, the result of this will be to cut down on the number of supplemental applications. I think that every supplemental application builds another line to a Patriot, some of which may not have had a line to them before, and could lead to additional members who find their Ancestor listed as a Patriot.

Wouldn't a better approach be to keep the Supplemental Application fee low to encourage activity in this area, but to charge for each re-

submittal in increasing increments, i.e., original \$10, 1st resubmittal \$15, 2nd resubmittal \$20, etc.. The ever increasing incremental fees would encourage members and chapters do a better job of checking the documents before they are submitted to State.

Thank you for listening, and keep up the good work with 'The Hornet's Nest'.

James Shirreffs
Samuel Elbert Chapter

Compatriot Shirreffs, thank you for taking the time to write to us about the Hornet's Nest. Your comments are well received and your compliments very much appreciated. I agree with you and will make every effort to include the Patriot's name when mention is made concerning grave markings.

I hope that your letter printed here will call attention to your opinion concerning the increase in the charge for supplementals and I suggest you bring the subject up at the Board of Managers Meeting on January 22, 2005.

The Editor

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comprised mostly of incoming immigrants to the Gwinnett County area. Some may have been in America for only a week, others only a few months. Some speak no English, others only a few words, but all are quickly learning. Thus, visual arts activities such as participation in the annual Americanism Poster Contest of the Sons of the American Revolution are a wonderful means for the children to express their feelings about America, and to learn about our country's rich heritage.

The class competed in the poster theme for 2004 of "Washington Crossing the Delaware," which relates the story of Patriots crossing the Delaware River on December 25, 1776, to surprise a Hessian Garrison of 1,500 at Trenton, New Jersey, thereby instilling new morale in the American troops and encouraging further victory. One young student's remarks to highlight assorted cut-outs and drawings included in his poster were quite inspiring. The student came to America from Viet Nam only 3 months earlier.

Above a cut-out of a Patriot fighter he wrote, "American, land of my choice." On one of the white stripes of a Betsy Ross flag he wrote, "We are a modern country But we can't forgot our history of the American." To the right of an American bald eagle he penciled, "The History of American. It's a big history with the Eagle." Beneath a hand-drawn representation of the famous image of marines raising the American Flag at Iwo Jima, he wrote simply, "We with you." He may have combined a bit of Georgia baseball fervor with Americanism when he included above the

colored cut-out of a mounted Patriot the remark, "Home of the braves."

However, unlike the other students he opted to add a computer printed editorial to his poster, which he printed at home and brought into class, as follows:

I LOVE AMERICA AND THE HISTORY. I SO PROUD WHEN I GO TO AMERICA WHERE I LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE WORLD WAR 1, 2. THE GERMANY IS STRONGEST COUNTRY WITH THE JAPAN AND ITALIA TO FIGHT AMERICA. OF COURSE USA GOT FRIENDS TOO.

BUT USA WON'T GIVE UP AND FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF THE COUNTRY. AND WHEN THE ATOMIC BOMB EXISTS THE WAR IS OVER WITH THE WONDERFUL VICTORY. THAT'S SO BRAVEST HISTORY. THIS POSTER SHOW THE PEOPLE HOW MUCH I LOVE AMERICA. AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY: I JOIN THIS CONTEST NOT FOR WIN THE CONTEST. I WANT SHOW MY FEELING ABOUT AMERICA.

Duc Nguyen was presented an Outstanding Citizenship pin and certificate by the Button Gwinnett Chapter of the SAR for his very special poster entry.



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

Dates to Remember

January 15	Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
January 22	GASSAR BOM	Holiday Inn, Forsyth
February 12	Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 22	George Washington's Birthday	
February 26	Leadership Training	Warner Robins
March 11 & 12	Trustees Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 12	Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
March 19	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA



Genealogy Tips, Tricks and Traps

By Compatriot **Kendall Abbott**

Just by the nature of becoming a member in the SAR, we are all aware of some of the basics of Genealogy. But somewhere along the line, each of us may want to learn more on "how to" in the area of the subject for personal growth, looking for supplementals, increasing our own family's history or for helping prospective members. Periodically we will be submitting in the Hornet's Nest some of the Tips, Tricks and Traps we can get into while doing our research. Hopefully it will be an informative tidbit of information that will be useful to you. Any contributions, comments or suggestions, please pass along to

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kabbot@bellsouth.net
Capt. John Collins Chapter.

Cemeteries

Visiting and looking up cemeteries can be a very enjoyable experience (and a great family outing if desired) or very frustrating at times like most genealogical work.

Tips: The key is to first find the cemetery you are looking for. The USGenWeb website is a good online start (www.usgenweb.com – from the main page select the state then the county where you are looking). Many cemeteries are recorded via this website throughout the country. Other county websites also are a good source to the location of cemeteries in the county. Nearly every library in town has a breakdown of all cemeteries in

that county and usually surrounding counties – these may be hand typed and photo copied, but usually done by someone locally so are fairly accurate.

Tricks

Rubbings with chalk versus the standard piece of paper and pencil gives you a much better reading of the headstone. Take a stick of chalk and turn it sideways and rub it over the writing and etchings on the headstone. The outer edge of the headstone will be colored white while the moss and dirt will stay in the etched parts of the stone. It will look like a reversed picture when you are done but will enable you the best opportunity to read the headstone and takes a super picture for your future reference, plus it does no damage to the headstone. Be sure to take several pictures close and from different angles to make sure you are capturing the best view of it.

Traps

Too often cemetery visits are made and something has been overlooked. Be prepared before visiting cemeteries. Have a list of what names you are looking for – and a few extras. Don't just have one name. List possible surnames that may be related – you may find one of those "gold mines". Don't ever assume the terrain is going to be good and it is going to be finely mowed. Make sure you come prepared with adequate clothing, shoes and gloves (no shorts). Frequently hedge clippers come in handy. Be sure to have three times more chalk that you think you will ever use, a notepad, bug spray and your camera is a must with extra film or memory card. If you visit cemeteries with any frequency, keep a "cemetery bag" with the normal stuff you use. But, to be on the safe side, always check your bag before you head to a new cemetery to walk through to replenish what you need.

Now, go grab your bag, boots, chalk, camera and lists and let the fun begin.

President Thurmond presented the Georgia Society wreath at the grave of **Thomas Nelson, Jr.** at the Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown. Thomas Nelson, signer of the Declaration of Independence, was Governor of Virginia and head of the Virginia Militia. When it was learned that General Cornwallis occupied the Nelson home as his headquarters during the siege of Yorktown, it was Nelson who ordered his own home shelled. The house was destroyed during the battle.

Georgia Society Color Guard member **Richard Ramsaur** is on Thurmond's left holding the Stars and Stripes.



In Memoriam



James O. Wynn

May 9, 2004

Captain John Collins Chapter

Thomas W. Warren

May 31, 2004

Atlanta Chapter

William F. Aimone

August 29, 2004

Piedmont Chapter

Col. John James Schuyler, Sr.

September 7, 2004

Coweta Falls Chapter

Kenneth Eugene Palmer

October 12, 2004

Joseph Habersham Chapter

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Rome Chapter

Hal Beall Tucker

December 8, 2004

Lyman Hall Chapter

Walter Douglas "Doug" Williams

December 22, 2004

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter

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

Eagle Scouts

The Georgia Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program was one of the participants at the recent grave marking ceremony for the late **Lawrence W. Maurer, Jr.** GASSAR Eagle Scout Program Chairman



Charlie Newcomer (on left in photo), accompanied by Eagle Scout **Ted Spangler**, last year's Piedmont chapter scholarship winner and state runner-up, presented a wreath at the December 11 dedication in honor of Compatriot Maurer, himself an Eagle and for many years one of the state's most active and enthusiastic committee members.

The fund-raising arm of the national Eagle committee has submitted for approval its prototype medal demonstrating the Eagle Scout and SAR partnership in patriotism. The medal, when approved, will be a focal



point of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund campaign to raise \$62,000.00 in the next five years while recognizing and honoring the nation's Eagle Scouts and boosting the SAR's support of the total Eagle Scout program. An addition of \$62,000 would raise the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Fund to a level so that the program would be self-sustaining.

Georgia compatriots have already begun contributing to the new Eagle program. All contributions are welcome and will be applied toward the \$500.00 requirement for the awarding of the medal. Checks should be made out to the Treasurer General, NSSAR and designated for the Eagle Scout Current Fund. They may be mailed directly to national headquarters at 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203 or sent to Eagle Chairman Charlie Newcomer, 1648 Old Conyers Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 for forwarding.

Kings Mountain

Celebration Dedicated to the 30 Forgotten Georgians

The Georgians were present at Kings Mountain once again. A total of 23 GASSAR Color Guardsmen mustered – nearly 4/5ths of the requested 30 – to honor the memory of not only all the patriots that fought and died 224 years ago, but to specifically honor the memory of the 30 Georgians that history has largely forgotten.

The most notable wreath laid was the one presented by Compatriot **Robert Galer**, Chairman of the Georgia Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. It was placed in honor of the 30 Forgotten Georgians who fought alongside the Overmountain Men. As this wreath was presented, members of the militia honor guard gave a resounding "Huzzah." Also, Compatriot **Mike Tomme** of the Marquis de LaFayette Chapter presented a silk guidon that read "GA 30".

To celebrate the contributions of the 30 Georgians, members of GASSAR distributed almost 200 patches and fans that read, "Remember the Georgia 30." In addition, 23 members of the Georgia Color Guard participated in the massed color guard. This was the highest number of GASSAR Color Guardsmen to ever muster at Kings Mountain.

Our goal is to document as many of the Georgia 30 as possible in time for the 225th Anniversary celebration in 2005. To date, approximately 15 have been documented. Robert Galer can be contacted through the GASSAR website if you have questions or would like to help.

Reflections

"A Different Kind of Hero"

The National PTA is conducting a nationwide contest for Pre-K through 12th grade in photography, essays, art, music, etc. The program is called Reflections and this year's theme is "A Different Kind of Hero." **Christopher Ballard**, a six-year-old first grader and an SAR Youth Registrant, submitted the attached photo and won 1st place for his class in his school, Summit Hill Elementary. His photo will now go on for judging in the District. If he wins, the photo will keep going to State and National.



Christopher has his own digital camera and took the photo of the Georgia State Color Guard forming-up at a recent grave marking in Bolingbroke, GA, honoring **Patriot Anderson Redding**. He likes to wear his period outfit and attend Color Guard functions with his grandfather, **Paul Prescott** of the Piedmont Chapter.

Change:

Trustee Meeting Dates



The traditional date for the Spring Trustees meeting would normally be Feb. 25-26, but since hotel reservations were not available, the date has been changed to

March 11th and 12th.

CAR/DAR/SAR

Activities

"The last half of year 2004 has been very active and a blast to be around the children", reports **Mike Tomme**, State Chairman, CAR/DAR/SAR Liaison Committee.

In August of 2004, State CAR Society 1st Vice President, and President of the Button Gwinnett **Kevin Baker** and **Daniel Dorney**, dressed in their militia attire, attended the Old Soldiers Day Parade with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Color Guard. That same month, Mike Tomme, **Doug Stansberry** and

the National Museum of Patriotism. What a wonderful place to visit and to learn about, see and touch Patriotism. Also attending were committee members **Hal Dayhuff** and **Mark Anthony**.

On October 30, 2004, State CAR Society President, **Martha Lincoln** and State CAR Society 2nd Vice President **Sydney McRee**, were in attendance to lay wreaths at the grave dedication of **Patriot Anderson Redding** in Bolingbroke, GA. This was sponsored by Ocmulgee Chapter, and Lt. James Monroe Chapter, NSDAR

On November 6, 2004, Kevin Baker, Sydney McRee and members of the Allen Howard Society laid wreaths during the **Nathan**

Spence grave dedication sponsored by Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter.

Members of the Button Gwinnett CAR Society, joined members of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, SAR and the Augustin Clayton Chapter, NSDAR to march and ride on the float at the Veterans Day Parade. The weather was cold and rainy, but everyone was in good spirits. **Benjamin Dorney**, **Daniel Dorney** and **Sarah Dorney**, took a day out of school (as this was an educational event) to join us and march in the parade.

On November 13, 2004, Kevin Baker, President Sukey Hart CAR Society Sydney McRee, **Amanda Patrie** and **Benjamin Dorney** from the Button Gwinnett CAR Society attended the **Benjamin Brown** grave dedication sponsored by Marquis de Lafayette SAR Chapter. McRee and Baker laid a wreath. This was held in Peachtree City, GA.

State CAR Society President, Martha Lincoln attended the Jonesboro Parade, in November 20, 2004. Also, State Leadership CAR Society President, **Fran Hall**, Kevin Baker, Sydney McRee, the Allen Howard, Button Gwinnett CAR, Sukey Hart, Lucy Spell CAR Societies and the Augustine Clayton NSDAR, Nancy Hart NSDAR Chapters also attended.

Baker, McRee along with members of the Button Gwinnett CAR Society; **Sarah Dorney**, **Daniel Dorney** and **Benjamin Dorney**; attended the McDonough Christmas Parade on December 4, 2004.

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CAR Society members at **Government Studies 2004**

Cilla Leed, attended the Button Gwinnett CAR Society meeting. The Button Gwinnett CAR Society donated books to the Peachtree City Library after the meeting.

On October 2, 2004, CAR State Society President, **Martha Lincoln** spoke at the State SAR Board of Managers Meeting. She talked about her state project; to raise money for chairs that would be used and housed at the National Museum of Patriotism in Atlanta. Her message was powerful and to the point.

State CAR Society Registrar, and President of Count d'Estaing Society **Helena Anderson** and her mother both laid wreaths at the Kings' Mountain Ceremony.

On October 12, 2004, **Kevin Baker** accompanied State CAR Society Historian and Chapter 1st Vice President **Sarah Dorney**, to speak to the Marquis de Lafayette SAR Chapter members.

On October 23, 2004, the State CAR Society held its Government Studies Program at



State CAR Society Officers, **Sarah Dorney**, **Sydney McRee**, **Kevin Baker** and **Martha Lincoln** and **Mike Tomme** at Sukey Hart Tea on 9-19-2004.

The Siege of Savannah

After two days at Kings Mountain, representatives of the Sons of the American Revolution headed South to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Siege of Savannah, the second bloodiest battle of the Revolution - second only to Bunker Hill in terms of casualties.

The main event for the SAR was the presentation of NSSAR, GASSAR, Altamaha Chapter, and Marshes of Glynn Chapter wreaths on Saturday, October 9, 2004, at the Battle of Savannah commemoration ceremony at Battlefield Park.

At 0730 hours Saturday morning, the GASSAR Color Guard of Commander **Paul Prescott**, **Richard Ramsaur** and **Bob Galer** escorted dozens of dignitaries and spectators to the Louisville Road to be greeted by the wail of a lone bagpiper, and the beat of drums from the British position.

Allied and British forces, in authentic reenactor costume, were lined up at opposite ends of the battlefield for a solemn ceremony. Ragged volleys were fired representing significant moments in the battle. Allied reenactors marched silently up the slope to the site of the Spring Hill Redoubt to recreate the steps of the Allied attackers advancing on the British-held city. The defenders responded with marches and counter-marches, volleys and cannon fire. SAR **Brett Osborn** of Marquis de LaFayette Chapter, could be observed firing as the Allied reenactors rent the air with successive volleys.

Both Allied and British units froze in place when Announcer **Scott Smith**, Executive

Director of the Coastal Heritage Society, called for the SAR to lay wreaths squarely between the opposing sides. Representing the NSSAR President General, **Bob Galer**, Chairman of GASSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations committee, took the NSSAR wreath to the center of the field. **David Dukes**, Regional Vice President presenting the GASSAR wreath for the President and the Altamaha Chapter wreath, followed him (photo below). **Bill Ramsaur**, President of Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter laid his Chapter wreath.

Three successive, and very loud, volleys were then fired by each force to honor the



memory of those who died at the Siege. Count d'Estaing (reenactor) invited the GASSAR Honor Guard, wreath presenters and spectators to join the troops in a hearty three "Huzzahs". This was carried out with gusto.

The ceremony concluded with the Georgia Society Color Guard following the Allied and British reenactors as they formed up and marched off the field into the city.

Pulaski Jubilee

Members of the Georgia Society SAR helped to commemorate the heroic death of the Casimir Pulaski at the Franco-American attack on Savannah in October 1779. They were joined by former President General **Stewart McCarty** (1994-95), representing the National Society.

The Pulaski Jubilee began in 2001 with its final year being 2005 by which time, the Savannah Pulaski committee and Polish-Americans everywhere hope that DNA testing will confirm that the bones found interred in an iron box within the Pulaski Monument in 1996 are those of the Polish Revolutionary hero. A special wooden casket was constructed in Poland and sent to Savannah in anticipation of favorable test results.

President General McCarty and **David B. Dukes, Sr.**, GASSAR Southeast Regional Vice President attended the Cathedral service for the blessing of the casket. After the blessing, they processed to the site where General Pulaski was mortally wounded by British cannon fire. After the Polish contingent placed a memorial wreath and the playing of Taps the solemn procession then moved out to Monterey Square.

The S.A.R. Color Guard took position on the left of the monument and behind the speaker's podium, with a U.S. Army Color Guard to the right. Participating members of the Georgia Color Guard were Acting-Commander **Paul Prescott**, Piedmont Chapter; **Brett Osborn**, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter; **George Wheelless**, Casimir Pulaski Chapter; **Rhett Williamson**, Button Gwinnett Chapter and **Richard Ramsaur**, Joseph Habersham Chapter.

After music, speeches and the recognition of guests, a representative laid a wreath at the foot of the monument for the Polish Embassy.

President General Stewart McCarty then presented the NSSAR wreath on behalf of President General Hank McCarl. Georgia Society Regional Vice Presidents **David B. Dukes, Sr.** and **W. Manning "Dutch" Dreyer** with the Georgia Society and Casimir Pulaski Chapter wreaths followed him, respectively. Wreaths followed for the Altamaha Chapter and Marshes of Glynn Chapters of GASSAR, the American Council for Polish Culture, the City of Savannah and the Haitian-American Society. Joining in the program at Monterey Square were Bob Galer and **William Ramsaur**, President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. A banquet hosted by the Polish Embassy and City of Savannah was the concluding event in the two-day Pulaski Jubilee. Twenty-five Meritorious Service Medals and Certificates were announced at the banquet—called the Brigadier General Pulaski Captain Alexander O'Neil Medal. A representative of the Polish Embassy and his military assistant handed them out.

Compatriots McCarty, Galer and Dukes were among those honored.



Photo: **Brett Osborn**, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Acting Commander **Paul Prescott**, Piedmont Chapter, **George Wheelless**, President, Casimir Pulaski Chapter; **Rhett Williamson**, Button Gwinnett Chapter, Chairman, Historic Sites & Celebrations committee **Bob Galer**, Coweta Falls Chapter and **Richard Ramsaur**, Joseph Habersham Chapter.

Patriots Day 2005

Marshes of Glynn

Chapter Sponsors Patriots

Day Activities

Capture of British Ships

"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."



This was the first sentence in Colonel Samuel Elbert's report to his commanding officer, Major General Robert Howe, concerning naval action that took place on April 19, 1778, on the

Frederica River off St. Simons Island, Georgia.

The victory on the Frederica River was a tremendous boost to Georgians' morale for it put out of action two ships that had, for some time, been interrupting trade by capturing merchant vessels off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia. In addition, the naval action helped delay for over eight months a major move by the British to capture Fort Morris and Sunbury. The tidal currents, lack of wind and underwater shoals certainly affected the outcome, but credit for the successful Frederica Naval Action must be given to Colonel Samuel Elbert for his courage, his tactics, his determination, the quality of his leadership, and to each of the officers and men who served

under his command. As Colonel Elbert stated: "What is extraordinary, we have not one man hurt."



Georgia Navy Galleys

For harbor and river defense and to transport troops and supplies, Colonel Elbert was dependent upon the Georgia Navy galleys that were constructed, launched and fitted out in Savannah by Philadelphia shipwrights during 1776 and 1777. Galleys were shallow-draft, single-decked, flat-bottomed craft, double-ended, and propelled by oars or by sail in light winds. They were built to carry a heavy load of armament, including one with a bow-mounted gun that fired 18-pound cannon balls. Galleys had two masts with triangular sails, and measured approximately seventy-foot keel, thirteen-foot beam, and four-and-one-half-foot depth amidships. Twenty double-manned oars on each side required a crew of at least eighty seamen who stood upright to row. There are no contemporary drawings or specifications of the Georgia Navy galleys, but they were probably typical of this model, which is located at the Ships of the Sea Museum in Savannah.

Dedication of Historical Marker

To commemorate the Anniversary of the Frederica Naval Action, the Marshes of Glynn Chapter has organized several activities that will culminate in the dedication of a Historical Marker on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, starting at

2:00 pm at the Fort Frederica National Monument on St. Simons Island, Georgia. The public is invited to attend the Ceremony and descendants of the veterans of the Frederica Naval Action will be recognized in a special manner.

The Georgia Historical Marker, entitled "The Georgia Navy," includes the following text: "During the American Revolution four heavily-armed row galleys were constructed in Savannah for the Georgia Navy, all underwritten by the Continental Congress. In nearby Frederica River, beginning at dawn on April 19, 1778, Georgia galleys Lee, Washington, and Bulloch, commanded by Colonel Samuel Elbert, attacked HM brigantine Hinchinbrook, the armed sloop Rebecca, and an armed watering brig. The British attempted to retaliate, but were out-gunned and out-maneuvered. As they tried to gain an advantage by moving down river their ships grounded, were abandoned, and captured. This remarkable victory boosted patriot morale and delayed by more than eight months the British invasion of Georgia."

Patriots Day Activities

Since the Frederica Naval Action occurred on the same date (April 19th) as the first Revolutionary War shots fired at Lexington and is a state holiday in Massachusetts, we have designated the planned activities for April 18 & 19, 2005, as Patriots Day Activities. We invite you and your guests to join us in the following activities on St. Simons Island, Georgia:

Monday, April 18th

2:00 pm- 4:00 pm; GASSAR Tour of Frederica River, Depart & Return Epworth Dock, Epworth By-The-Sea. A two-hour tour on the Frederica River, with historical commentary by Virginia Steele Wood, will follow part of the route the Georgia Navy Galleys sailed on April 18 & 19, 1778. Tickets, \$22 per person, must be purchased by April 15.

5:00 pm; GASSAR Low Country Buffet Dinner, Quality Inn Riverview Cottage. Buffet dinner, featuring Low County Boil with BBQ Pork as alternative; salad & peach cobbler. Tickets are \$22 per person and must be purchased by April 15.

7:00 pm; Coastal Georgia Historical Society Quarterly Meeting, Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Speaker: Virginia Steele Wood, Naval Specialist at the Library of Congress; "Naval Action on Frederica River, April 19, 1778." GASSAR Compatriots & Guests are invited to attend the presentation and attendance is free. GASSAR Color Guard will 'Present the Colors.'



Fort Frederica National Monument
on St. Simons Island, Georgia

Tuesday, April 19th

10:00 am; Dedication of Markers Commemorating the Service of Revolutionary War Patriots; Christ Church, Frederica Cemetery. Marker Dedication Service for four Patriots: Cyrus Dart, Robert Grant, William Page & Samuel Wright. After opening remarks, the Combined GASSAR & FLSSAR Color Guard will lead a procession to the burial sites for the Unveiling of Markers and Presentation of Wreaths by DAR & SAR Chapters.

12:00 am; GASSAR Coastal Fare Buffet Lunch, Christ Church, Frederica Parish Hall. Buffet lunch, featuring Seafood Gumbo or Brunswick Stew, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$12 per person, and must be purchased by April 15th.

2:00 pm; Celebration of Anniversary of Frederica Naval Action; Fort Frederica National Monument. Participants will include Combined SAR Color Guard, U.S. Navy Honor Guard and Ceremonial Band, and speakers describing the Frederica Naval Action. Dedication of a Historical marker with Wreaths, Bagpipes and Musket Salute to honor Georgia seamen and soldiers who captured three British ships on the Frederica River on April 19, 1778. All facilities of the park will be available, including programs by the Rangers and no admission fees will be charged.

Motel Reservations

Quality Inn Island House, 411 Longview Plaza, Frederica Road. A block of rooms reserved for SAR Compatriots & Guests Monday April 18th & Tuesday 19th cost \$80 per room plus tax. Call (800) 870-3736 or (912) 634-0660 for reservations; ask for SAR rate. Alternate accommodations are also available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact

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Patriot Garden Marker Dedication at the Winn House

Our first Fire Safety Commendation Medal was awarded to **David L. Dorminey**, Fire Captain for Gwinnett County, at our November meeting. November was also our first Flag Ceremony. New chapter color guard member **Steven Starling** joined President **Terry Manning** for a presentation before the middle school at Killian Hill Christian School in Lilburn.

Recent speakers were Chapter Historian **James McConnell** in September discussing survey techniques; **Joy Fife**, Family History Center Director, speaking on their genealogy resources; and **Charles Reeves** of the National Archives speaking on record collections in East Point.

The chapter inducted new member **Milton Burge** in November and in December inductions were scheduled for **Michael Cain** and three other members of the Hyder family: **Charles Franklin Hyder**, **Charles Craig Hyder**, and **James Marvin Hyder**. Compatriot



Regent **Nancy Sterrett** of the Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR looks on as chapter member **Garlene Stephens** receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter President Manning. Garlene was recognized by the SAR for the delicious array of baked goods that she provides twice a year at the joint SAR-CAR VA nursing home care unit birthday party hosted by the two chapters in Decatur in August and November.

Terry E. Manning
Chapter President

Button Gwinnett

The end of the year brought our usual flurry of interesting activity. In August and November we hosted birthday parties at the VA nursing home care unit in Decatur with the Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR. Patients were treated to cake, cookies, apple pie, punch, lap robes, and gift bags.

In November we dedicated the grave of **Nathan Spence** in Lawrenceville with four CAR societies, three DAR chapters, seven SAR chapters, two historical societies, and a Boy Scout chapter participating.

Following lunch, another memorial ceremony for **Patriot Thomas Winn** was held in the Patriot Garden at the historic 1812 Elisha Winn House in Dacula where tours of the property and house interior were conducted.

John Zeigler is transferring and reinstating his membership from the Florida Society to the Georgia Society at the beginning of the year and will be a member of our chapter. Five other applications are pending, and when approved, will raise our membership to 64, a 30 percent increase over the year.

Joseph Habersham

On September 25th, the chapter marked the grave of **Patriot James Standridge** (1755-1837, NC Militia) at the Holly Springs Baptist Church in Westminster, Oconee County, South Carolina. The Georgia Society Color Guard, **Terry Manning** commanding, participated in the event (Photo below right). Participants included Standridge descendents from at least twelve states in addition to Compatriots **Ernie Craven, John Howard**, Georgia State Secretary **Kline Pugh**, NE Georgia Region VP **John Preston** and National Graves Committee member and SCSSAR VP **Dr. Charles M. Culbertson**.

Amazing Grace was piped by **Preston Gravely, Jr.** with a 21-gun salute and *Taps* by the Rabun County Georgia Chapter of the Disabled Veterans.

Wreaths were laid by Georgia and South Carolina chapters of NSDAR, the CAR and SAR. Success of this great celebration is attributed to the diligent efforts of Standridge descendent and Habersham Chapter Registrar **Bill Raper** who worked for months in its planning and coordination.

The Chapter presented the Fire Safety Commendation Award to Fire Marshall Billy Joe Jenkins, Jr. of the Cornelia Fire department. Jenkins was selected for his dedicated service record, training and achievements during his tenure with the department. The photo at right shows Fire Marshall Jenkins flanked by Cornelia Fire Chief **Frankie Smith**, left, and Chapter Awards Committee Chairman **Perry Hendrix**.



Participating in a Flag Retirement Service at the Scenic View Nursing Home in Baldwin, GA, (photo left) were, left to right, Chapter President **Bobby York**, Mrs. **Rebecca Buttram**, Color Guardsmen **Larry Whitfield, Perry Hendrix** and **Jim Patton** along with Mrs. **Tracy Ivester**.



Marshes of Glynn

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter is trying to locate descendants of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors who participated in the Frederica Naval Action on April 19, 1778, when three galleys of Georgia's Navy, *Lee, Washington & Bulloch*, outgunned and captured three armed British ships in the Frederica River at St. Simons Island, Georgia.



In a letter describing the Frederica Naval Action, Colonel Samuel Elbert named the following Continental Army officers:

Colonel John White
Lt. Colonel Robert Rae
Major Joseph Habersham
Major Daniel Roberts,

Captain George Melvin
Captain George Young, and
Lieutenant Bernard Petty,

as well as the following Georgia Navy Captains:

John Cutler Braddock
John Hardy and
Archibald Hatcher.

Thank you
Bill Ramsaur

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They were joined by members of the Button Gwinnett CAR Society: Sarah Dorney, Daniel Dorney and Benjamin Dorney. Senior leaders were; **Lynn Dorney, Barbara Florence, Carolyn Balog** and **Virginia Baker.**

After all was said and done, the quote of the day came from one of the youngest members of the CAR, six-year-old **Benjamin Dorney**: "May this never end and go on forever". Benjamin has been allowed to march with our chapter color guard in parades and is a great asset to the CAR and SAR.

Since this is the last article for the current year, I would like to thank all of the SAR/DAR members who were a part of CAR this year. I would like to especially thank my wife, Cilla Leed, who attended every CAR function at State and local Society levels. She has been my back bone and my support for all of these events. The children and the Senior Leadership Officers have adopted her and made her feel a part of this great group. I look forward to an even better year in 2005.

Mike Tomme
State Chairman
CAR/DAR/SAR Liaison Committee

Coweta Falls

"Way down in Columbus, Georgia", the Coweta Falls Chapter kicked off a busy fall season in October as five of our compatriots attended the BOM in Forsyth: Alternate National Trustee **Bob Galer**, GASSAR Chaplain Rev. **Dan Gates**, GASSAR Sergeant at Arms **Charlie Bausch**, Regional VP **Billy Thompson**, Chapter President **Hugh Rodgers** and Coweta member **Wilkes Broach**. A few days later, on October 7, Coweta members of the GASSAR Color Guard, **Bill Hay** and **Bob Galer**, along with **Hugh Rodgers** (shown in the photo) supported the "Georgia Thirty" at the



Battle of Kings Mountain commemoration. Compatriot Galer played a key role in getting the National Park Service to recognize that Georgians also took part in this decisive engagement.

November found Coweta members participating in Veteran's Day activities. A Pre-Veteran's Day program on November 6 held at the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Park was attended by Chapter President **Hugh Rodgers** and, in uniform, Color Guard member **Neil Gillis**. One of the founders of the Viet Nam Memorial Park, SFC (ret) **Lonnie Jackson**, received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal from Chapter President **Rodgers** at the Chapter's monthly meeting which fell on November 11th (photo below).



The program that day featured **Bill Ramsaur**, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, who spoke on the 1778 naval action on the Frederica River and the commemoration of that event next April. Also on Veterans Day, Compatriot **Bob Galer** attended a wreath presentation ceremony honoring General **Benning** at the historic **Linwood Cemetery** in Columbus.

Veterans again received Chapter attention on December 2 when **Bob Galer**, **Tom Porter** and **Billy Thompson** traveled to the VA Hospital in Tuskegee, AL and distributed four dozen packages of gifts and visited over 50 veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict. Four Revolutionary War veterans' graves in the Columbus area were decorated with holiday wreaths on December 11th by Chapter members **Bob Galer**, **Jim Lamb**, and **Bill Hay**. Coweta Falls Chapter closed out the year with the annual Christmas Banquet on December 16. About 90 members and guests enjoyed good fellowship and a humorous and inspiring address by **Rev. Emory Gilbert**. The Chapter presented several awards including the Fire Safety Commendation Award to Fire Medic **Robin Williams**, member of the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. Four compatriots, **Bill Hay**, **Hugh Rodgers**, **Richard Simpson**, and **Billy Thompson** received the James L. Holman Membership Recognition Award for successfully sponsoring five or more membership prospects. NSDAR member **Mary Thompson**, wife of compatriot **Billy Thompson**, received a special Certificate of Appreciation for her help in identifying prospective members for SAR. The annual Chapter President's Award went to Immediate Past President **Billy Thompson** in recognition of his valuable services to the chapter.

Hugh Rodgers
Chapter President

Col. William Few

In the photo, right, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class **Ryan King** (left) is presented the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award by **Russell K. Brown**.

The award was made Sat., August 7, 2004 at the Navy Reserve Training Center, Augusta. King is a resident of Evans, GA., and a senior at Evans High School. He plans to enlist in the Navy after graduation and has already completed Navy SEAL orientation training. He hopes to become a SEAL when he is in the Navy.

Russell K. Brown
President
Col. William Few Chapter

Atlanta Marriott Special Room Rate for SAR

A block of rooms has been set aside for SAR members attending the Annual Meeting at a cost of \$82.00 plus taxes. Members and Guests making a reservation for a room should cite the SAR to ensure they receive this block rate. In order to secure this special SAR rate **you must call this Marriott directly** at Phone: 1-800-228-9290 or 404-325-0000.

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Piedmont

The activities of the Piedmont Chapter have been varied and interesting the past quarter. In traveling around the Atlanta area, places where "Old Glory" is flown in proper manner have been noted and recognized. This has led to presenting eighteen Flag Certificates to these commendable institutions. The presentation of flag certificates has led to invitations for speakers and color guardsmen to participate in special activities.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Fire Safety Commendation Award were presented to members of the City of Canton Public Safety personnel. Upon the recommendation of the Canton Public Safety Committee Officer **Rodney Campbell** was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Sgt. **Shannon Wyatt** was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Award by the Piedmont Chapter. The awards were made at the Canton City Council meeting on November 6th. The City Council was very appreciative of the effort made by Piedmont Chapter to recognize their Public Safety personnel

Prior Piedmont Chapter Knight Essay winner, **Lauren Biddle**, was presented the Bronze Good Citizen Medal by the Piedmont Chapter for her continuous academic achievement over the past five years. She graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in



Rodney Campbell, above, and **Shannon Wyatt**, below, received their awards from Chapter President **Bob Sapp**.



2004 with high honors and earned duo-degrees in International Affairs and Modern Language. She received the Sam Nunn Award as the student with the highest grade point average for her International Affairs class. In addition she was awarded a full academic scholarship by the University of North Carolina towards a Masters in Political Science.

The Piedmont Chapter participated in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) merit badge work shop for the Atlanta area and adjacent Scout Councils. Two presentations were made at the work shop. **Jason Wetzel**, Piedmont's Scouting Chairman, had the opportunity to present the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Program to 32 district and council Scouts present. Many of the Scouts were not aware of the Eagle Program. This orientation will facilitate and encourage Eagle Scouts to participate in the program. The second presentation was a Genealogy Merit Badge work shop. This is one of the three merit badges necessary for the Eagle Scout to apply for the Eagle Program. This first time association with NESA generated interest and planning for future participation by SAR in future NESA work shops. The Atlanta Council (Boy Scouts) agreed to place the SAR Eagle Recognition Program on their website.

Piedmont marking of Revolutionary War **Patriot William Dunaway's** grave in Tignall, Georgia, was their thirty-third grave marking and the third for this year. Several of Dunaway's descendants were in attendance. In addition Piedmont placed a SAR marker on Compatriot **Lawrence Maurer, Jr.**'s grave in a ceremony that included placing of wreaths and the reading of Larry's biography.

Robert Sapp
Chapter President



Witnessing the award of the SAR Bronze Medal for Good Citizenship to **Lauren Biddle** were her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter**. Making the award were Piedmont SAR Chapter President **Bob Sapp** and Past President **Bob Bauchspies**.

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Rome

The Rome Chapter was a very visible presence in the various Veterans' Day activities in Floyd County. The week started off with a Flag Certificate presentation made to the Shanklin/Attaway American Legion Post 5 on Monday the 8th. The Post is located prominently on Shorter Avenue with its Flag flying proudly.



American Legion Flag Certificate is presented to Post Commander **Harry Treadway** by Chapter President **Mark Anthony**.

On Wednesday the 10th, the chapter presented Flag Certificates to both the Marine Corps Detachment located in Rome as well as the John Puryear Detachment Marine Corps



Marine Corp Flag Certificates were presented by President Anthony.

League. The presentations were made as part of the Cake Cutting ceremony celebrating the 229th Birthday of the Marine Corps. As a note, Rome Chapter Vice President **Dick Richter** is a member of the Marine Corps League.

Veterans' Day found Chapter President **Mark Anthony** being the featured guest on WRGA's "Talk of the Town" radio program. This is the 17th appearance by the Rome Chapter on local radio this year. After the radio program, the community met at the Shanklin/Attaway American Legion Post since the weather prevented the planned outdoor event at Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

Chaplain Rev. **Warren Jones** presided over the ceremony that involved 23 organizations presenting wreaths, the Model High School band providing music, and the Coosa High School Girls Chorus serenading the gathered people with songs from WWII.

Mark Anthony and Americanism Chairman



Warren Jones was at the Podium on Veterans' Day.

Jeff Kelly appeared in Color Guard uniform and **Dick Richter** was recognized on behalf of the Marine Corps League.

Mark Anthony
Chapter President

Lyman Hall



Brothers **Judson Owen Welch**, left, and **Warren Joseph Welch**, right, became the newest members of the Lyman Hall Chapter of the Sons of the American. Their induction into the chapter occurred during the regular Fall meeting of the Lyman Hall Chapter at the Georgia Mountains Center. Brothers Welch live in Dahlonega. Chapter Secretary **Hall Martin** welcomed them into the Society.



Dr. Ben Hampton [right] presented a certificate of appreciation to **Dr. Steve Gurr** for his presentation at the July 22nd meeting of the Lyman Hall Chapter. Dr. Gurr is the Resident Historian of the Northeast Georgia History Center in Gainesville, Georgia.

Marquis de Lafayette

The Marquis de Lafayette Chapter participated in the U.S. Army Birthday celebration at Fort McPherson in June. Shown below are members of the chapter along with the GASSAR Color Guard and members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter of the C.A.R. and the Augustin Clayton Chapter of the D.A.R.



The Marquis de Lafayette Chapter recently honored Fayetteville, GA Police Detective **Debbie Chambers** for her outstanding work. The chapter presented her the Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate at its July meeting.

Detective Chambers came to the Fayetteville Police Department in 1996. She currently serves the Department as Juvenile Detective and is responsible for investigating all juvenile offenses within the city. She helped develop the "Stranger Danger" program for children and has taught hundreds of women how to survive an attack. She has also developed a Junior Police Academy. The Fayetteville Police Department recently selected her as Officer of the Year.



Pictured are (l-r) Public Safety Committee chairman, **Randall Fleming**, chapter president **Douglas Stansberry**, Detective **Debbie Chambers** and Major **Steve Ledbetter** of the Fayetteville Police Department.

The city of Peachtree City, GA holds an annual 4th of July parade. This year the parade was held on July 3rd due to the fourth falling on a Sunday. Over two hundred and fifty entries competed for trophies. The winner of the "Most Patriotic" trophy was the Marquis de Lafayette chapter. Shown in photo at right are chapter parade participants as they prepare for the start of the parade.

From l-r: Compatriots **Mike Tomme**, **Jim Robinson**, **Ernie Kearns**, and **Owen Cook**. **Drew Kearns**, **Cilla Tomme**, **Dustin Priest**,



The Marquis de Lafayette chapter won numerous awards at the 114th Annual Congress. Shown in the photo holding some of the awards are (l-r): Compatriots **Charlie Newcomer** holding the "USS Stark Award"; **Richard Austin**, Librarian General (dual member) holding the "Liberty Bell Americanism Award"; **Douglas Stansberry**, Vice President General International District and Marquis de Lafayette Chapter president holding the "Florence Kendal Award" **Raymond G. Musgrave**, President General NSSAR holding the "President General's Cup Award"; and President General-Elect **Hank McCarl** (dual member) holding the "President General's Activities Competition Award."

Linda Robinson, Compatriots **George Watkins** and **John Sloan**, **Susan Sloan**, Compatriots **Lewie Dunn** and **Bo Hill**, CAR Button Gwinnett Chapter President **Kevin Baker**, compatriot **Brett Osborn**, and his son **Ian Osborn**.

The next day (July 4) the chapter conducted its third "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony on the steps of the Fayette County Courthouse. Compatriot Rev. **Jeff Lowe** gave the invocation. As the names of each of the thirteen original colonies were read, a hand bell was rung commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson (Compatriot **Jim Robinson**) then read

portions of the document.

Thomas Jefferson signs the Declaration of Independence as Georgia CAR vice president **Kevin Baker** and Compatriots **Mike Tomme** and **Lewie Dunn** look on.

The small desk atop the table in the photo was built by Compatriot Robinson and is an exact replica of the laptop desk on which Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. The desk was designed by and built for Mr. Jefferson in 1775 by Philadelphia cabinetmaker, Benjamin Randolph. Shortly before his death, Mr. Jefferson gave the desk to Joseph Coolidge, husband of Jefferson's beloved granddaughter, Ellen Randolph. The desk is now on exhibit in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.



Members of the Marquis de Lafayette chapter at their annual Christmas tree decorating. Two trees are decorated every year by the chapter for the Atlanta Veteran's Hospital. Pictured in the photo from left to right, Compatriots **Hal Dayhuff**, **Ted Hackney**, **Charlie Newcomer**, and **Douglas Stansberry**. Not shown in photo, but assisted in the tree decorating and photography was Charlie's grandson, **Charlie Newcomer**.



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Poster Contest (vote for the poster of your choice) 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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Breakfast on your own

Late Registration (SAR Members Only): 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Memorial Service: 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Spring BOM Meeting: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting: 11:00 am-12:00 noon,

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