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## The President's Dispatch



*George E. Thurmond*

## Georgia Society CAR and SAR

### *Participated in the US Army's 230th Birthday*

On June 17th, members of the Georgia Society CAR joined the SAR Color Guard at Fort MacPherson for the 230th Army Birthday celebration. CAR Junior Color Guard participants were: **Sydney McRee, Kevin Baker, Sarah Dorney, Daniel Dorney, Benjamin Dorney and Abraham Todd.**

They marched in the parade then watched re-enactments of the Civil War and WW II (final days of Italy) on the parade field.

What an extraordinary opportunity to serve the members of the Georgia Society for a second term. I consider this a privilege to be able again to see up close the accomplishments of our chapters. The fun and excitement of carrying our mission of ...“inspiring the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers...” The job is being done in a number of ways throughout the state. I look forward to representing you at the 115th Annual Congress where the fruits of your labor will be recognized.

The Annual Meeting was well attended and everyone seemed to have fun in the fellowship of fellow compatriots. It was great to see the many wives attending and we trust that you will again favor us with your attendance. Congratulations to all who were recognized for their past achievements.

For those of you who were not among the attendees at the unveiling of the Naval Action

Historical Marker – you missed a fun time! This was a great occasion led by Marshes of Glynn Chapter President **Bill Ramsaur**. What a well planned and conducted program, combined with the marking of four Patriot graves in Christ Church cemetery. The publicity was terrific and reflects great credit on the Sons of the American Revolution. This activity will serve as a model of how to conduct a program of this nature in the future.

During the coming months, let's all resolve to recruit one new member and work hard to get all existing members involved in our activities. This is an early start towards membership renewals. Finally, muster one additional member in uniform to join the best Color Guard in the National Society.

**“Get Excited about the SAR!” It's FUN.**



*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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## Welcome New State Officers

The Georgia Society SAR continues to fill important officer positions with outstanding, talented men. We welcome the following such men who were elected to new offices on April 9, 2005 during the Annual Meeting in Atlanta:

Senior VP **George Wheelless**  
NW Region VP **Joe Vancura**  
W. Cen. Region VP **Charlie Newcomer**  
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## In Memoriam



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

**Walter Douglas Williams**  
December 22, 2004  
Blue Ridge Chapter

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

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

**Watson Benjamin Dyer**  
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Samuel Elbert Chapter

**William Mercer Morris, Jr.**  
June 7, 2005  
Coweta Falls Chapter

**Frank Hobby**  
June 28, 2005  
John Milledge Chapter

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

**Message from the**

**Georgia  
Society  
N.S.C.A.R.  
President**

**Sydney W. McRee**

Annually, the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution visit the Old Presbyterian Meeting House where a memorial service for those members and seniors who have passed away during the year is held. Following the service, a wreath is placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution. It is a very touching ceremony and marks the end of the National Convention.

**Message From the**

**Georgia  
Society  
SAR  
Chaplain**

**Pastor Dan Gates**

Dear Friends,

On November 29th, I will be leading my fourth trip to the Holy Land. We will depart Atlanta via El Al Airlines, flying to Tel Aviv. From there to Jerusalem and several other Biblical cities. We will spend a full week in Israel and return to Atlanta. I'd like to invite you to consider traveling with me.

Having been several times, I can assure you it is the most magnificent excursion any clergy member or Christian can imagine. To actually walk where Jesus walked; to be where the scripture comes alive; to bring home a deeper understanding of those places and events you've only read about is beyond defining. It will do more to enhance your walk with Christ than you can possibly imagine.

Call me at 325-3198 for more details. I'm limiting my travel group to 30 people. I'd like you to be one of them.

Blessings and God's best to you!

Pastor Dan Gates  
East Highland United Methodist Church  
Visit our website at:  
<http://www.ehunc.com/>

Almost everyone is familiar with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, but few people are as familiar with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.

Alexandria, Virginia, was settled largely by Scotch merchants and seafaring men. The Old Presbyterian Meeting House was built by them. It is one of the most beautiful of the Colonial Churches and contains the oldest known church organ in use in America. The memorial services for George Washington were held here after his funeral in 1799. Buried in the quaint church yard are some of the most famous men of Colonial days including John Carlyle, Quartermaster of General Braddock in the French and Indian Wars; Dr. James Craik, Chief Physician and surgeon of the Continental Army and General Washington's most intimate friend; Colonel Dennis Ramsey, one of Washington's pallbearers; Dr. James Muir, Chaplain of the Masonic Lodge which conducted General Washington's funeral; "The Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution" and many others of great note.



## An Invitation

Sydney McRee and  
Frances C. Hall, Senior State President

invite you to the

**Georgia State Society  
Children of the American  
Revolution  
State Workshop**

Saturday, August 6th, 2005  
Picnic Shelter #1  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt State Park  
Pine Mountain, Georgia

Located just off I-185 near Callaway Gardens, west of Warm Springs on Ga. Route 190, or south of Pine Mountain off U.S. Hwy. 27. 2970 Highway 190, Pine Mountain, GA. The Picnic Shelter is next to the Liberty Bell Pool.

**\*\*not the same shelter as last year\*\***

Luncheon \$8-Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Sodas & Dessert  
Registration: \$2.00, \$1.50 for CAR members

Mail Checks Made Payable to "G.S.C.A.R." to

Charles E. Hall, Sr.  
1501 17th Avenue  
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Deadline: August 1, 2005

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**Hornet's Nest  
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On-Line at  
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## Letters to the editor

From: Ragan Pruitt  
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 Sent: Friday, December 31, 2004 4:21 PM  
 To: Kline O. Pugh  
 Cc: Jack McCord  
 Subject: Jan - Mar 2005 **Hornet's Nest**

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 THE 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**

*Deadline*  
 for input to the next  
 edition of  
*The Hornet's Nest*  
 is  
**August 29,**  
**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.



## The Georgia Society is Proud of Eagle Scout Ted Spangler

At left, **Edward C. (Ted) Spangler** is shown with Eagle Scout Program Chairman **Charlie Newcomer** at the April awards banquet after receiving the states first place winners trophy and a \$500 scholarship award. Eagle Scout Spangler was sponsored by the **Piedmont Chapter SAR**.

## John Stark The Hero of The Rail Fence

By **Edward C. (Ted) Spangler**

A renowned hero of the French and Indian War, John Stark stepped forward again to serve during the American Revolution. Stark is perhaps best known for his successful rout of British General John Burgoyne during the Battle of Bennington. Two years before this infamous battle, however, Stark played an integral part in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

On June 16, 1775, over one thousand men marched to the Charlestown Neck Peninsula near Boston. American General Artemis Ward ordered the fortification of Bunker Hill, a flat-topped knoll on the north end of the peninsula. Sometime later, field commanders William Prescott and Israel Putnam reached a decision to fortify Breed's Hill on the south end first. Their men worked through the night to build an earthwork bastion. As the sun rose, British ships anchored in Boston Harbor saw the newly-constructed fort. The British quickly planned a four-sided attack to cut Breed's Hill off from both reinforcements and retreat.

With the battle imminent, Putnam was able to petition General Ward for additional soldiers. Colonel John Stark of the New Hampshire regiment arrived with two hundred fresh troops. As he surveyed the scene, Stark recognized a serious flaw in the American defense. A small area of beach was unsecured. He saw that an enemy column could advance unseen until it was behind American lines. Stark sent his men to build a stone wall in the sand. British General Sir William Howe planned a head-on attack on the strip of beach protected by John Stark and his men. Howe did not believe the American defense could stand up against a massive attack. The British marched four abreast toward the wall where Stark's men were lined up in three rows.

Waiting until the British infantry reached a marked location fifty yards away, the Americans began firing into the advancing troops. Row one dropped back to reload as the second round of American soldiers fired into the advancing enemy. Howe and his men retreated briefly before initiating a second identical attack. Again, the British were soundly pushed back. After a third similar attack, the British withdrew, leaving ninety-six dead on the narrow beach.

Howe regrouped. He planned his next attack toward a fortified rail fence just above Stark's line. This time, however, the British soldiers halted suddenly and opened fire. Stark commanded his men to fire on the fixed targets. Once again, Howe's men were pushed back. A final attack was initiated using fresh British troops. The British plan was to hold John Stark in place. Both sides exchanged fire and held their positions. Meanwhile, other British troops took over the fort as the Americans ran out of ammunition. Stark stayed in position until it was clear that Breed's Hill had fallen. Stark and his men continued to direct fire as they dropped back in a slow retreat. These men were credited with providing steady cover as the colonial troops withdrew to Bunker Hill.

For his part in the Battle of Bunker Hill, John Stark was promoted to colonel. Initially hailed as a horrible defeat for the Americans, this battle was gradually seen as a kind of victory. The Battle of Breed's Hill showed the Americans that, with additional planning and organization, the British Army could be defeated. Freedom from English rule was attainable.

**Message From the**

## Georgia Society Secretary

**Kline O. Pugh**

**New Email Address:**

My new email address is: [klinepugh@hemc.net](mailto:klinepugh@hemc.net)

**Reinstatement of Membership:**

Members who have not paid 2005 dues may be reinstated by sending the current year's National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer; \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter.

**Dues for 2006:**

Chapters are urged to send out dues notices in October, not only to members in good standing, but to those who have been dropped in previous years. Dues are payable by December 31, and Chapters must send dues to State Secretary to arrive not later than January 15.

**At-Large Membership:**

The NSSAR By-Law No. 2, Section 9, reads: "Membership in the National Society shall be through a State Society. There shall be no National Memberships-At-Large". Likewise, the GASSAR By-Laws make no provision for State Memberships-At-Large. All members must affiliate with a Chapter.

**Obituary Reports:**

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*. The State Secretary can supply a form by email on request.

**GASSAR SourceBook:**

The SourceBook CD is currently being updated and will be available for purchase at the BOM meeting July 23.

# WELCOME

## New Members Since Last Issue of The Hornet's Nest

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Wiley James Waters

**Atlanta**

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James Daniel Boaz (transfer)

**Button Gwinnett**

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**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 has been redesigned by **Mark Webb**, our new Georgia Society SAR Webmaster. Changes should be sent to State Secretary. Web page address is:

[www.sar.org/gassar](http://www.sar.org/gassar)

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**Report From The****Georgia  
Society  
Registrar****Kendall Abbott*****Don't Shoot the Messenger***

During the first couple of months as your State Registrar, I have had multiple opportunities to chat with many of the fine chapter Registrars throughout the state (thank you for your patience). Also because of these months as your State Registrar, I would like to pass along an old cliché that most of us have heard many times: "Please Don't Shoot The Messenger". That's basically what the State Registrar is – your messenger to National – to check and review everything to make sure it will pass muster with those folks living up in the Bluegrass State. Our goal is to have about 99.9% of all applications fly through national with no issue. In the past, national has had hundreds of pending applications and finally after hours, days and months of work, they finally got caught up (there's still a few hanging in there). I know this is a difficult task, but working together I know we can get close. Generally if I have any doubts or questions at all, I have been fortunate to have Susan Acree and Deborah Andrews in Louisville along with Larry Wilson and Bob Sapp (and my wife) here in the state to discuss the options. This way we have the best minds in the business helping to evaluate the proofs. We don't want it to be an impossible task; but on the other hand, we've all had our share of pended applications that becomes extremely frustrating not only to the various registrars, but the applicant as well.

Some of the primary reasons I call / e-mail some of our wonderful Chapter Registrars on Sunday afternoon is to look for additional information on applications. I have listed below some of these items that have come up more than once during the past few months for all of us to be on a look out for.

Copies of documents from courthouses – make sure you get the clerk to stamp your document to prove it came from the courthouse, town clerk or other public office, i.e., copy of a will from probate court – have it stamped for verification of source.

Type-written wills and other papers which are copies of hand written ones may be easier to read, but if you have a type-written document, include a photocopy of the original. Many times the typed copy is not acceptable.

Printouts from the Internet are not an acceptable reference – including printouts from the DAR sources.

Printouts from your home family tree software are not an acceptable reference.

Family written genealogies (Written by you, a parent, grandparent, great-aunt Matilda, etc.) generally are not an acceptable reference but do provide a good supporting document.

Two copies of the application are needed – both on SAR approved paper.

Please be sure to include RECORD copies of any DAR and any APPROVED SAR applications that are used as resources in applications and supplementals. On the SAR applications, rather than saying it is needed in this situation and not in this situation, it would be easier just to include an APPROVED copy of any NSSAR application referred to in the reference list. Without the referenced NSSAR application, it may not be possible to fully evaluate the new application.

DAR applications over 20 years old are suspect, so be sure to provide any and all additional information to help prove the DAR application is correct.

Primary documents – minimally we need the applicant's birth and marriage certificate, spouse's birth certificate, parents' birth, marriage and death records, and grandparents' death records. Any additional primary records are crème on the cake and well accepted.

Don't forget to include census records where possible – a few of these will easily support some other gray areas.

If the applicant has a father, son, or brother that is not an SAR member, be sure to emphasize the family discount rate for multiple applications (everyone loves a sale) – not to mention a lot less paperwork.

If you have a question about a reference or proof, please don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail or give me a buzz (I'm usually around in the evenings). I try not to let any application / supplement sit idle for more than 4-5 days – heck, unprocessed applications take up space and my wife reminds me frequently that we don't have a lot of extra of that (not really – she's very understanding). Sometimes it may seem forever for me to get back with you on requests (usually not more than 2-3 days at the most), but keep in mind, in addition to being your messenger to national, I have two teenaged boys, a daughter in college, a lovely wife, and a full-time job. Definitely this is not an excuse, just an explanation of clarification. But so far, I think most are pleased with the

**Pulaski Jubilee  
October 8-10  
in Savannah**

Preliminary heads-up information reveals that the annual Pulaski Jubilee will be bigger than ever. The Savannah citizens committee will again commemorate the death of Count Casimir Pulaski in the Siege of Savannah, and this year note the sacrifice of others. These include the Irish hero, Sergeant Jasper. Chief Tomachichi and Cherokee and Creek Native Americans and French and Haitian forces. The NSSAR and GASSAR annually turn out to honor the Polish Revolutionary who was mortally wounded on Georgia soil October 9, 1779.

Although events are planned as early as September 30th, dates of interest to the SAR may be Sunday, October 9th and Monday, October 10th.

A funeral procession through district churches to the Pulaski monument is planned for Sunday, October 9. Programs at four different squares in Savannah will occur on Monday, October 10, each with a different theme. A city-sponsored repast is planned afterwards. The Savannah committee is inviting SAR national, state and Chapter officials to participate. The GASSAR Color Guard and COL Elijah Clarke Militia Unit are expected to return in roles that should be more varied than ever...

A reception and dinner program is a highlight of Saturday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary. The host motel is

Days Inn  
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912-236-4440  
group code PULA.

For more info contact Bob Galer, 706 324-2931, [zebrabob@galer.net](mailto:zebrabob@galer.net).

**Robert F. Galer**  
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The Georgia Society SAR

turn around time we've been having, the communications, and the relatively quick response to your questions and needs.

But above all, please don't shoot the messenger. Thank you.

**Kendall Abbott**  
Registrar  
The Georgia Society SAR

**Report From The**

## Georgia Society Genealogist

**Bob Sapp**

On many occasions the conversation with a prospective SAR member begins with the statement "My grandmother tells me that her grandfather was in the Revolutionary War". What do I have to do to become a member of the SAR? The expectation is that the lineage from the Patriot to the applicant is a simple process. However, when asked to show the lineage starting from the applicant, the first step in the process has not been begun – that of showing the connection between the parent and the applicant.

In any lineage documentation it is necessary to begin with oneself. Determine and find the documents that show your relationship with your parents. This is generally shown on your birth certificate. Then move from the parents to the grandparents. In moving from one generation to the next get the vital records that connect each generation.

If one were to start with the patriot, the process could look like this: the patriot had ten children, of the ten children each child had seven children (70 grandchildren) and each grandchild had five children (350 great-grandchildren). Which of the 350 great-grandchildren is the applicant grandmother? The process of sorting which child of the patriot to search through becomes cumbersome.

In starting with oneself and building what is referred to as a pedigree chart provides sixteen possible lines in the fourth generation. At this point – the fourth generation – there is a fair chance of determining a connection to a Revolutionary Patriot through Patriot Index and/or web site family postings. Each applicant, if not coming through a DAR or SAR relative papers, should work out a four-generation pedigree chart as a starting point.

There are several benefits in preparing a four-generation pedigree chart besides using it for SAR application preparation. If one were to use death records to connect each generation, a history of causes of death could be generated. This provides an excellent medical history to present to your doctor. For example in the writer's case, I found that my ancestor's earliest death age was 26 years from unknown cause and the latest death age was 101 from complications due to a broken hip. None of the thirteen known causes of deaths were due to heart complications. This was useful in

avoiding a doctor's aggressive approach in medicating for an assumed coronary disease. The statistical mean age of death was 67.6 years. One ancestor died at the age of sixty-nine after carrying a miniball in his chest for forty-three years.

First step in putting together an application for SAR membership or family history is to develop a plan to obtain the following vital records for each person in each generation. The records to search for are birth records, death records, and marriage records. I mention records because obtaining certificates of birth and death may be difficult. However, many counties recorded births and deaths in their county register of birth/death. The information contained in these registers is available by writing to the County Clerk of the County. In the case of marriages, there are marriage bonds, marriage applications, marriage license, and minister's marriage returns. The marriage application, license and minister's return are on one form in some counties. In other counties they are separate documents. When requesting marriage information from a County Clerk, ask for a complete return showing parents, age and minister performing the ceremony, if available.

Good hunting for those vital records.

**Robert A. "Bob" Sapp**  
Genealogist  
The Georgia Society SAR



### Dates to Remember

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

#### 2005

July 23	GASSAR BOM	Holiday Inn, Forsyth
September 10	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 8	Pulaski Observance	Savannah, GA
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
March 31, April 1	GASSAR BOM and Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA

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

## New Georgia Society Web Site Launched

**Mark Webb**, Chairman of the newly formed IT (Information Technology) Committee, has announced the opening of the all new Georgia Society SAR web site at

[www.sar.org/gassar/](http://www.sar.org/gassar/)

Joining Mark on the committee are Compatriots **Jack McCord**, **Billy Templeton**, **Bob Galer** and **Mike Tomme**. These men provide news, SAR information, photographs and general advice concerning content. Compatriot Webb as Webmaster uses his exceptional talent and technical ability to create certainly one of the finest state web sites anywhere.

Since the site contains links to all active chapter and committee web sites it is vital that these be kept up to date. Chapter Presidents and State Committee Chairmen are responsible for making this happen. If you need help in this area you should contact Mark or any IT Committee member. Mark may be reached at:

[gassar\\_webmaster@adelphia.net](mailto:gassar_webmaster@adelphia.net)



## Battle of Kings Mountain

*225th Anniversary*

*October 7th, 2005*

**Remember the 30 Georgians.**

**An Original Poem "Georgians at Kings Mountain."**

At the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7th, an original poem by **Philip K. Curtis** of the Georgia Society will be featured on the wreath presentation program at 10:30 a.m. Compatriot Curtis, President of the Atlanta Chapter, is an acclaimed poet who was commissioned by the Historic Sites and Celebrations committee to write an original poem about the 30 Georgians who fought at Kings Mountain with the Overmountain Men.

**Remember the 30 Georgians.**

**GASSAR Will Join the Overmountain March.**

The Georgia Society Col Elijah Clarke Militia Unit will join the annual march of the Overmountain Men. Charlie Newcomer will lead the volunteers and join the Overmountain Victory Trail Association reenactors at Grays Chapel in Pike County, NC on October 5th to commemorate the date/time where Major William Candler and his Georgians joined the original march in 1780. Subsequently, the Georgians marched to Cowpens on Oct. 6th and on to defeat Major Ferguson at Kings Mountain on the 7th.. As usual, the annual OVTA march will be from September 25th to October 7th..

All Georgians are alerted to celebrate next October 7th by attending the Friday programs at Kings Mountain National Military Park. Last year over 100 spectators from the Peach State made their presence known. And 26 members of the acclaimed GASSAR Color Guard and Militia to set a new record. The Georgia Society is linking with the sponsoring North Carolina SAR Society, the Overmountain Trail Association and National Park Service to call attention to the oft-forgotten fact that Georgians participated in the 1780 Battle of Kings Mountain, too.

**Remember the 30 Georgians.**

**Framed painting to be presented to the Park.**

**Ed Fluker** will again provide free "Georgia 30" shoulder patches for the public to wear and fans will be dispensed to be used to advertise the



Georgians throughout the program.

A newly-reproduced print which depicts Georgia in the Kings Mountain march, will be presented by President **George Thurmond** as a framed gift copy from the Georgia Society to Superintendent **Erin Broadbent** of the Kings Mountain National Military Park, SC. **Don Kimball** of the Atlanta Chapter gave the print.

You are invited to attend at Kings Mountain this October. The SAR-sponsored wreath presentation program is at 10:30 a.m. and the Overmountain Victory Trail Association program is 3 p.m. All SAR's, DAR's C.A.R.'s are especially welcome. When the one-page flyer invitation is received from the sponsoring NCSSAR Chapter, it will be disseminated to all Chapters and Societies by e-mail. Registration material and information will be sent through the Society Secretaries or Liaison Officers. Suggest wreath presentations dedicated to the "30 Georgians at Kings Mountain".

**Robert F. Galer**

Chairman

Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee

The Georgia Society SAR

## Georgia Color Guard

In the photo below, **Paul Prescott**, **George Thurmond**, NSSAR Executive Director **James N. Randall**, **Terry Manning**, and **Charlie Newcomer** as they participated in the Blue Star Salute Program that was held at the American Village, Montevallo, Alabama on May 21.



Picture by Clare Newcomer

The Piedmont Chapter's contingent of the Color Guard presented the Colors before an audience of 5,250 during three Patriotic Concerts featuring the Atlanta Wind Symphony and the Roswell United Methodist Church Choir. Here Roswell Mayor **Jere Wood** leads the "Pledge of Allegiance" before CG Compatriots **Bob Bauchspies**, **Jack Ferguson**, **Paul Prescott** and **Al Berry**.

Photo by **Billy Templeton**



## Buford's Massacre

*May 29, 1780*

**George Thurmond**

Colonel Abraham Buford, whose name would forever be linked to this battle defeat, led his 350 Virginia Continentals to assist Major General Lincoln whose army was under siege at Charleston. Before he could arrive, Charleston surrendered on May 12th, leaving Col. Buford with the only organized troops in South Carolina. As Col. Buford retreated back to Virginia, his unit was overtaken 9 miles east of Lancaster, South Carolina, by the pursuing British under the command of Lt. Col. Tarleton.

Tarleton's force of 270 men completely routed the Patriots, showing no mercy by producing over 260 casualties and 53 prisoners. The average number of saber and bayonet wounds was 16 per soldier! The British lost only 5 killed and 14 wounded. This act of barbarism quickly became known as "Tarleton's Quarter" and hastened the resolve of those in the countryside to join the Patriot cause.

People in the neighborhood came to care

for the wounded, and that afternoon buried 84 of the dead in a mass grave. The next day they buried 25 in a second mass grave about 300 yards from the first. This second grave is unmarked.

On the 225th anniversary of the massacre, approximately 200 people attended a dignified service, led by Compatriot Ron Horton of the South Carolina Society. The service included sprinkling Virginia soil over the mass grave by Virginia Society President Larry McKinley, assisted by Jeff Lambert, and the unveiling of a 225th monument to those who gave their lives at this location in the pursuit of our freedom.

Seven SAR state societies were represented along with numerous SAR, DAR and CAR Chapters and other lineage organizations. National Society Secretary General Roland Downing and Chaplain General Leroy Stewart participated in the program.

The weekend program included a seminar, re-enactor living history at nearby Andrew Jackson State

Park (Andrew Jackson's mother, Elizabeth would nurse the wounded soldiers at The Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church), wreath presentations at the church prior to a three part sermon at the church blending the sermons of Samuel Davies, George Whitfield and David Caldwell.

Your state President represented the Georgia Society on this historic occasion.



## Martin's Station

*May 14, 2005*

**George Thurmond**

The station is the most authentic re-constructed frontier fort in America. Located 11 miles from the convergence of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, Martin's Station played a key role in the settlement of the American West.

Led by explorer Joseph Martin, the site was settled in May of 1769. The people at the Raid on Martin's Station were residents of the Virginia frontier making their way to Kentucky. In conflict with Indians, the fort was raided several times while providing sanctuary for travelers on most other

occasions.

The reason Martin's Station was added to the National Society Historic Sites for an annual observance was due to the location that made the frontier spirit possible for our ancestors to carve out our great nation. Located near the Cumberland Gap, Martin's Station was an outpost, providing protection for those who sought to settle in Kentucky and beyond. This is the only area for miles that provides entry through the steep mountains of the Cumberland valley.

The ceremony was attended by representatives from five states with 34 organizations represented, presenting wreaths at the General Joseph Martin monument.

The observance will be held the second weekend of May each year. This is a beautiful location, one that all Compatriots would enjoy visiting.



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[klinepugh@hemc.net](mailto:klinepugh@hemc.net)

Say you volunteer to read it on the internet.

## 225th Commemoration Battle of Ramsour's Mill

The Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill was observed with numerous events on June 10-12, 2005.

SAR members from the GA, SC, NC, VA, and FL societies and their wives enjoyed a social hour hosted by the Georgia Society on Friday evening. Among those present were: the Georgia Society President George Thurmond, the North Carolina Society President **Joe Harris**, the South Atlantic Vice President General **Ron Hamilton**, and the GASSAR Color Guard.

On Saturday morning, a parade led by the GASSAR Color Guard proceeded from East Main Street in Lincolnton to the Ramsour's Mill Battleground, a distance of 1.2 miles. The Color Guard consisted of Commander **Paul Prescott**, **Jack Ferguson**, **Terry Manning**, **William Ramsaur**, **Robert Sapp**, **George Thurmond**, and **Larry Wilson**, along with the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia Unit which included: Commander **Charlie Newcomer**, **Bo Hill**, **Brett Osborn**, **Richard Ramsaur**, **Mike Tomme**, and participants from other states.

An estimated audience of 300 attended the opening ceremony at the site of the old Warlick family log cabin. Pioneer and military skills of the late 1700's were demonstrated at living history encampments, culminating in the firing of a canon.

On Saturday afternoon, a granite marker was unveiled in a ceremony held at the nearby Ramsour-Reinhart Cemetery. Immediately following the ceremony, a memorial service was held at the mass grave honoring the patriotic pioneers who fought and died in the battle. There were 42 wreaths placed at the mass grave. The GASSAR Militia Unit fired a

three-volley musket salute. The service was sponsored by the Catawba Valley Chapter of the SAR and led by President **Wendall Kirkham**.

A grave marking ceremony, honoring Patriot Jacob Ramsour, an ancestor of **Richard** and **Bill Ramsaur** was held. The Col. Elijah Clarke Militia Unit of the GASSAR Color Guard fired a musket salute.



Richard Ramsaur Delivered Biographical

Special events held Saturday evening were a reenactment of the battle and a ghost walk of the battlefield, conducted by County Historical Coordinator Darrell Harkey.

A living history encampment open to the public, an old-fashioned church service at the mass grave, and a reenactment of the battle concluded the annual commemorative event on Sunday.

Submitted by:

**Hall Martin**

President, Lyman Hall Chapter

**Paul Prescott**

Commander, GASSAR Color Guard

## Grave Marking Ceremony Patriot Jacob Ramsour

On June 11, 2005, during the Battle of Ramsour's Mill 225th Celebration, Georgia and North Carolina SAR Compatriots and

Descendants of Jacob Ramsour gathered at his gravesite to dedicate a Memorial Marker in his honor. Color Guards from the Georgia and North Carolina Societies began the service with a procession to Jacob Ramsour's gravesite at the newly dedicated Ramsour-Reinhardt Cemetery in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

During the service sponsored by the Catawba Valley Chapter NCSSAR, **Richard Ramsaur**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, presented biographical remarks about his Patriot ancestor who owned and operated the mill on which the battle was fought on June 20, 1780. In addition to unveiling the SAR bronze Marker, several

wreaths were presented, and the Elijah Clarke Militia paid tribute with the firing of muskets.

**Bill Ramsaur**, President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, introduced **Bill Beam**, Chairman of the Lincoln County Historic Properties Commission, who described the efforts to obtain the property on which the Ramsour-Reinhardt Cemetery is located. **Jason Harpe**, Director of the Lincoln County Historical Society, was recognized for his efforts to obtain a Historic Marker for two Lincoln County Pioneers, Jacob Ramsour and Christian Reinhardt.

**Bill Ramsaur**



Mike Tomme, Charlie Newcomer, Bo Hill, and Brett Osborn



CJ Ramsaur, SAR Youth Member, Placed Betsy Ross Flag.

# NEWS

of the  
*Georgia Society  
Chapters*

## *Marshes of Glynn Chapter*

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.

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.



**Jim Barbe** looks on as **Ed Ginn** receives 60-year Certificate from **David Dukes**, GASSAR Southeast Region Vice President

## *Piedmont*

The second quarter of 2005 has provided Piedmont Chapter with many opportunities. Seven Patriot Day Proclamations were received from municipalities in the area. Patriot Day was celebrated by several Chapter members at the Revolutionary Naval Battle Monument dedication at St. Simons Island along with four grave markings and other activities.

The National SAR sponsored Blue Star Salute generated several activities. The Salute was a joint project between SAR and the American Legion. Proclamations were received from two county governments. Blue Star Banner information along with a prayer was given at four churches on Sunday, May 22. Piedmont Chapter provided sixteen "Service Banners" to military personnel families. Four Blue Star Banners along with certificates were provided to the Cobb County Republican Women's Club.

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Lt. **William Stevens** of Duluth during Duluth's Blue Star Banner celebration with the American Legion on May 28.

Piedmont Chapter had representatives participating in Memorial Day activities at both the National Cemetery in Marietta and at "Roswell Remembers" ceremonies in Roswell.

Compatriot **Bob Sapp** manned the SAR booth at the National Genealogical Society's annual conference held in Nashville. The SAR booth was principally manned by compatriots from TNSSAR.



Compatriot **Bob Sapp** and **Jack Ferguson** present Flag Certificate to The Weather Channel President **Patrick Scott**

In keeping with the major thrust of presenting Flag Certificates, Piedmont presented two significant certificates. The Weather Channel offices are located on the corner of I-285 and I-75 in Marietta. A large flag is visible when making the transition on the off ramp from I-285 to I-75. The Flag Certificate was presented to Weather Channel president Patrick Scott. Piedmont Chapter also presented a Flag Certificate to the North Point

Mall for the Georgia Society SAR at the mall's Flag Day Ceremony.

Accolades and thanks are due our SAR Ambassadors, Compatriot **George**



Flag Day Ceremonies at North Point Mall where GASSAR presented a Flag Certificate to the mall.

**Thurmond** and **Jack Ferguson** for their class room efforts this year. Their fame is far reaching – North Carolina, South Carolina, south Georgia and around town. They have visited 22 schools, taught 93 classes and enlightened 2182 students. In addition 10 civic organizations have been visited and presented with SAR related talks. The total Speaker's Bureau audience including school students is 2503.



Compatriot **Jack Ferguson** and **George Thurmond** visit Parsons Elementary 4th Graders and talk about the American Revolution.

**Robert A. "Bob" Sapp**  
Chapter President

## Marquis de Lafayette

The spring of 2005 has seen the chapter grow; we welcome our new members **Larry Parks, Christian Monroe Jessel, David Scott Jessel, and John Todd.**

Our chapter treasurer and VA chairman Col. **Ted Hackney, USA (Ret.)** underwent 5-way bypass surgery in March and could not wait to resume his duties with the chapter.

The spring trustees meeting in Louisville, KY, saw four chapter members take part in activities that included V.P.G. **Douglas Stansberry**, National Committeemen **Charlie Newcomer** and **Mike Tomme** and color guardsman **Lewie Dunn.**

The chapter genealogist Lewie Dunn was pleased to announce that the chapter has purchased the microfilm copies of 18 rolls of the "North Carolina Revolutionary War Army Accounts." And they are available for research at the Genealogical and Historical Room of the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, GA. This collection of "Records of the day", that national requires for proofs was added to the 165 rolls of the "South Carolina Audited Accounts", that the library already has.

Our chapter Law enforcement committee has presented certificates to the following officers this year. **Steve McCook**, Peachtree City Police Dept; Det. **Ethan Harper**, Fayette County Sheriff's Dept; Det. **Melissa Peacock**, Fayetteville Police Dept.

The chapter presented the following Clayton County JROTC: Mundy's Mill, North Clayton, and Lovejoy High Schools. In Fayette County JROTC: Sandy Creek. Compatriot **Ed Stoner's** committee has gone the extra mile to salute these fine young cadets.

Our chapter has started presenting the Blue Star Flags to chapter members who have family members currently serving in the military. Chapter members **Caleb Huief**, U.S. Navy and **Josiah Roberts**, U.S.M.C. continue to serve in the footsteps of their patriot ancestors to bring freedom to that part of the world.

Our speaker's bureau had a school presentation on April 1st at Peachtree Elementary School in Peachtree City, GA for the third year in row. Compatriots Mike Tomme and Lewie Dunn gave over 70 students from the fourth grade an hour-long presentation.

A new event for the color guard was on May 20th at the Hero's Parade at East Fayette Elementary School to honor veterans and public safety personnel. Our chapter color guard was lead by Chapter President **John Sloan.**

The chapter color guard would like to welcome our new member **John Todd** to the color guard. On May 5th, VPG Douglas Stansberry took part with chapter member **David Jessel** to post colors at the National Day of Prayer event in Newnan. VPG Stansberry

## Lyman Hall Chapter

The Chapter presented American Legion Paul E. Bolding Post #7 with a Flag Certificate on Flag Day, June 14. Post #7 is located in Gainesville, Georgia.



Shown in the photograph above are Lyman Hall President **Hall Martin** presenting the certificate to Deputy Post commander **Ray Shubert.** Commander Shubert stated that caring for the flag was special to him and he was very glad to receive the certificate. Commander Shubert thanked the Lyman Hall Chapter on behalf of the post membership. The Lyman Hall Chapter presented six Flag Certificates on Flag Day.

The Colonel William Candler Chapter of the Georgia Society, DAR, recently sponsored a grave marking for **Judith Davis Welchel/ Welchel, wife of Patriot Francis Welchel/ Welchel, Jr.** The event occurred on May 12 at the Hopewell Methodist church Cemetery in north Hall county. DAR Regent **Helen Martin** invited members of the Lyman Hall Chapter to participate in the event. Lyman Hall Chapter President Hall Martin presented a wreath on behalf of the chapter, and

also took part in the 1st Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on May 30th.

Our Chapter sent members to events in Washington, D.C., Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The biggest highlights of the spring was the Pvt. **William Brewster** grave dedication in Palmetto, GA. This was the fifth grave dedication for the chapter.

Our Partners in Patriotism Committee chairman Lt. Col. **Bo Hill, USA, (Ret.)** pulled off an impressive Memorial Day service. He directed a great event with participation of our chapter members Chapter Chaplain **Walter Reed**, former chapter registrar **John Lynch**, who was also the guest speaker and color guardsmen, State Deputy Commander **Charlie Newcomer**, former State Deputy Commander Mike Tomme, and former State Commander Lewie Dunn. Members of the color guard served as armed escort to the colors.

Our Flag committee made a presentation on June 14th Flag Day to the Pit Stop

Chaplain Kit Braselton gave the Benediction. Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** was present with the award winning Georgia



Society Color Guard to present a wreath in honor of the wife of Patriot Welchel.

Present in the photograph above are members of the Color Guard and the Colonel



William Candler Chapter of the DAR at the grave site of Judith Davis Welchel.

Pictured above are Lyman Hall President Hall Martin, DAR Regent Helen Martin, and DAR State Society Historian **Joan Millar.**

Convenience store in Fayetteville.

Our chapter had a large turn out for the U.S. Army's birthday on June 17th at Fort McPherson, which included VPG Douglas Stansberry, GASSAR Regional VP Charlie Newcomer, Chapter VP Mike Tomme, and chapter members Bo Hill, and Lewie Dunn. The chapter made a membership certificate presentation to **Fred Adolphus** who works at Ft. Mac and has been unable to attend meetings. This presentation was done on the parade field in front of the Post HQ, a first for the SAR.

**Lewie Dunn**  
Public Information Officer



## John Milledge Chapter

At the March Chapter Meeting, **Bill Bragg** (center below) of the History Department, Georgia College and State University, spoke to the group about early American Militia and the Battle of Cowpens. He is pictured with (left **Fielding Whipple**, Vice President of the Chapter, and **Robert L. "Buddy" Bridges, Jr.**, President.)

The Kennedy family and the John Milledge Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Milledgeville, hosted on April 2nd a dedication ceremony to honor Revolutionary Patriot



Dr. Seth Kennedy (1758-1835) at the Kennedy Family Farm near Devereux. Kennedy served briefly in the Continental Army before serving in the Continental Navy on the frigate *Confederacy*, where he acquired the title of doctor. He received both bounty and lottery lands. A biographical sketch was presented by **James B. Kennedy IV**, proprietor of the Kennedy Farm.

The posting of the colors was by the GASSAR Color Guard accompanied by the S.A.R. Militia Unit. Bagpiper Hon. **John Lee Mortison** played "Amazing Grace". Numerous wreaths were presented to honor Kennedy from various families, D.A.R., S.A.R. and C.A.R., followed by a gun salute by the SAR Militia. One of the Kennedy sons remarked, "Our family has always been close, and this is just one way of

continuing our heritage and making our family stronger in today's society."

The program concluded with bugler **Paul Bernichon** rendering "Taps", after which refreshments were served in the Kennedy home.

The chapter, enjoyed the speaker at the May meeting, Miss **Sydney McRee** (center in photo

above), recently installed President of the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution. She told of the activities surrounding the installation of officers at Mt. Vernon in Virginia and the events of the C.A.R. National Convention. As President, her State Project is "Preserve our Heritage". Miss McRee was supported at the meeting by **Mike and Cilla Tomme** (right) – Mr. Tomme is the CAR/DAR/SAR liaison person for the Georgia State Society Sons of the American Revolution. President **Robert L. "Buddy" Bridges, Jr.**, shown with his wife **Sybil Bridges**, and daughter, **Iris Bridges McRee**, introduced the speakers.

Reported by  
**Anne Barrett Chamlee**

## Casimir Pulaski Chapter

Greene County High School JROTC instructors Col. **Hollrah** and CMST **Allwine** were presented with S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Medals at the unit's award banquet held on May 14, 2005. The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was awarded to each man because of their work with and participation in the Battle of Kettle Creek ceremonies over the past few years. Due their leadership and training the Greene Co. High School JROTC unit has performed admirably on these occasions. Senior Vice President **George Wheelless** made these presentations of behalf of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Both Col Hollrah and CMST Allwine were leaving Greene County High School at the end of the 2005 school year. Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** and Compatriot **Bob Galer**, Chairman of the Historic Sites Committee, made a recommendation to the

Medals and Awards Committee to consider these awards to show the Georgia Society's gratitude for their work and commitment to the Battle of Kettle Creek observances.



The Casimir Pulaski Chapter recently celebrated the life and patriotic service of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski with a "Blessing of the Pulaski Banner" service. The service was conducted at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Carrollton, Georgia.

Count Casimir Pulaski is a hero in two

nations, Poland and the United States, where he passionately defended liberty and freedom. It was during the Siege of Savannah (October 9, 1779) that Pulaski was wounded during a desperate cavalry charge. He died a few days later from infection. In his initial letter to General George Washington Pulaski wrote: "I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and to live or die for it." It is his life and sacrifice that we honor.

The ceremony began with the entry of the Color Guard into the sanctuary to the music of "God of Our Fathers" (our National Hymn). **Father Paul Williams** extended greetings and welcomed all present. The assembly stood for the playing of the National Anthems of Poland and the United States.

After a prayer, Father Williams read from the Gospel of John (Chapter 15:13) "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This verse

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was the theme of a brief sermon about the sacrifices that have been made by many for the cause of liberty and freedom. He noted that Pulaski and a multitude of others who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom have shown the greater love of man and therefore deserve our deep respect and honor.



The sermon was followed by the introduction of honored guests. Polish groups were represented by **Anna Lech-Mlynarz**, President of the Polish Club of Atlanta. Daughters of the American Revolution were represented by: Regent **Christine Napier** (Pulaski Chapter DAR), Regent **Sherryll Miles** (Abraham Baldwin Chapter DAR), and **Susan Sloan** (representative of the Augustin Clayton Chapter DAR). Honored guests from the Sons of the American Revolution were: **Bob Galer** (Coweta Fall Chapter, National Trustee, and Georgia Society Chairman of the Historic Sites Committee), **Charlie Newcomer** (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Georgia Society Regional Vice President, and Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee), **Larry Guzy** (John Collins Chapter, Chairman of the Membership Committee, National Society and Georgia Society), **John Sloan** (President of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter). Compatriot Bob Galer came forward to extend greetings on behalf of the Georgia Society and President George Thurmond. He commented on the Georgia Society's annual involvement in the Pulaski Jubilee in Savannah and our continued support for that event.

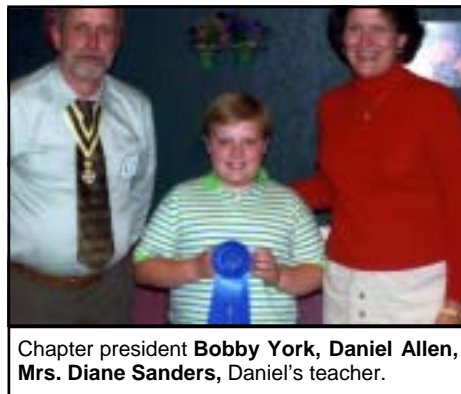
**George Wheelless**, President of the Pulaski Chapter, presented "A Brief History of Casimir Pulaski and the Pulaski Banner". He stressed Pulaski's service to his native Poland and to the American cause. It is because of his contributions as Brigadier General over the Continental Cavalry, and as commander of Pulaski's Legion, that he is also known as "The Father of the U.S. Cavalry." **Beth Candler** then gave a dramatic reading of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "Hymn of the Moravian Nuns of Bethlehem At the Consecration of Pulaski's Banner."

As those assembled stood, Pulaski Chapter Color Guard Commander **Rhett**

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## Joseph Habersham Chapter

The Joseph Habersham Chapter's poster entry wins the GASSAR Poster Contest. At the April meeting, eleven year old **Daniel Allen** from Mr. Airy, Georgia, and the Hazel Grove Elementary School was presented the Chapter's First Place Award of \$50.00. Also presented to Daniel, his blue ribbon and \$75.00 for first place in the state's competition. Attending the presentation were Daniel's parents, grandparents, brother and sister. Mrs. **Diane Sanders**, Daniel's fifth grade teacher, whom the chapter thanked very much for her support of this program in her classroom also attended the meeting. Daniel's poster will now be entered at the NASSAR annual congress in Louisville, Kentucky. Good luck Daniel in the national poster contest.



Chapter president **Bobby York**, **Daniel Allen**, **Mrs. Diane Sanders**, Daniel's teacher.

A program for the Hazel Grove Elementary School in Habersham County was recently presented to the fourth and fifth grade classes. The program on the American Revolution was the fourth program that chapter members have participated in this year. Chapter member and GASSAR Secretary **Kline Pugh's** presentation was "Georgia and Georgians Role in the Fight for Independence". Mrs. **Patricia Pugh**, Kline's wife and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Tomochichi Chapter in Habersham County, spoke about the women of the American Revolution. Chapter Color Guard members **Richard Ramsaur**, **Larry Whitfield** and **Jim Patton** described their uniforms and the differences in the militia and dress uniforms. All students that participated in the chapter's Americanism Poster Contest were presented Good Citizenship pins and certificates by Chapter President **Bobby York**. A flag certificate was also presented to school principle Mrs. **Gail Meeks** for the school's fifth grade Flag Corp, and their exemplary patriotism in the display of the United States Flag.



Pictured back row: **Richard Ramsaur**, **Larry Whitfield**, **Jim Patton** and **Kline Pugh**  
Front: Fourth and Fifth grade students who submitted posters.

The Chapter welcomed GASSAR President, Col. **George Thurmond** and **Mrs. Thurmond** at their May 26 chapter meeting.

President Thurmond and his wife were the honored guests at the May meeting of the Chapter held at the Clarkesville Country Café. Forty-five members, prospective members and guests were in attendance. President Thurmond presented a very informative program about George Washington and his generals. He also discussed some of the flags that were flown during the American Revolution. President Thurmond thanked the chapter for the participation in the "Blue Star Salute Program" honoring the men and women in the armed forces. The Joseph Habersham Chapter's membership consists of members from six northeast Georgia counties. Twelve mayors from these counties signed a proclamation recognizing Saturday, May 21 as Blue Star Salute Day in their respective cities.



Color Guard members **Larry Whitfield**, **Perry Hendrix**, **Jim Patton**, **Richard Ramsaur** and **President Thurmond**

Also in attendance at the meeting were N.E. GA. Region Vice-President **John Preston** and his wife.

**Bobby York**  
Chapter President

## Coweta Falls Chapter

Coweta Falls Chapter was well represented at the GASSAR Annual Meeting, BOM Meeting, and Awards Banquet. Attending were: Chapter President **Bill Hay**, Immediate Past President **Dr. Hugh Rodgers**, Reg. VP **Billy Thompson**, **Bob Galer**, and **Dan Gates**. **Richard Andrews** joined us for the Awards Banquet on Saturday. Highlights for the weekend were Billy Thompson being awarded the Patriot Medal and GASSAR Chaplain **Dan Gates** conducting the Memorial Service. The Chapter was presented with the 2004-2005 Chapter President General's Award; Georgia Society Veteran's Award; and the Col Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Award.

The Chapter BOM Meeting was held on April 12, 2005 with 12 Board Members present.

The Chapter participated in the ROTC/JROTC recognition program by presenting medals as follows: Columbus State University; Muscogee County School District (8 High Schools); Russell County (AL) High School; and a new program at Americus-Sumter County High School.

Chapter Meetings were held on April 14, May 12, and June 9. Our speaker in April was School Board member **John Wells** with 38 Compatriots and 12 guests/visitors present. In May Columbus Mayor **Bob Poydasheff** was our speaker and 38 Compatriots and 10 guests/visitors were present. At the June meeting, Russell County (AL) Sheriff **Tommy Boswell** brought an interesting program about Creek Indians and their part in the Revolution, with 34 Compatriots and 13 guests/visitors present.

Bob Galer, Hugh Rodgers, Dan Gates and Robert Andrews attended the festivities at the Frederica River Naval Action and grave markings held at St. Simons Island.

The Mayor of Columbus, Robert S. Poydasheff, issued a Proclamation on May 17th, designating May 21 and May 22, 2005, as Armed Forces Blue Star Banner Salute Days. On Sunday May 22nd, about 53 Blue Star Banners were presented to families and/or Armed Forces members in eight area churches,



with many, many special prayers for our Armed Forces.

On Flag Day, June 14th, Flag Certificates were presented to Columbus State University, Columbus Bank and Trust, Peachtree Branch, and Columbus Public Library. Present were American Committee Chairman Billy Thompson, Dr. Hugh Rodgers, **Neil Gillis**, in Color Guard uniform, **Stan Smith** and Bill Hay.

**William M. Hay**  
President, Coweta Falls Chapter, SAR

The Chapter honored Revolutionary veterans on Memorial Day weekend. Half a dozen members turned out for this annual custom to visit and place American flags on the graves of Patriots buried in Muscogee and Harris Counties.

The Chapter also sent a representative to Fort Benning, Georgia, Memorial Day ceremony as the installation honored all



Doing the honors on Saturday, May 29th were (left to right) Compatriots **John Lewis**, **Bob Galer**, **Dr. Hugh Rodgers**, **Billy Thompson**, **Dr. John Deaton, Jr.** and **Neil Gillis**.

veterans buried in the post cemetery. The speaker on that occasion was the Deputy Post Commander, **Brig. Gen. Kimbrough**.

**Robert F. Galer**

## Button Gwinnett Chapter

Vice President **Walker Chewing** scheduled several interesting speakers this Spring. They included **Bill Tanner** (History of Fort Yargo), Compatriot **Bruce Maney** (Homestead Exemptions in Genealogy Research), **Walter Freeman** (DNA Research), and Compatriot **Terry Manning** (The Elisha Winn House).

New activity by the chapter has been joining with the Gwinnett Historical Society to participate in area parades with float entries of

patriotic themes. The entry took third place at Snellville Days and was featured on the front page of the *Gwinnett Daily Post* for its entry on Memorial Day in Dacula.

Compatriot **Bill Robertson** in Germany is now active in youth education programs featuring Revolutionary War themes, and regularly reports his projects back to the chapter.

Chapter members have also been involved recently in lectures at Heritage Day Camps, planning a future double grave dedication in Walton County, working on Blue Star and other veterans' activities with the Snellville American

Legion, and speaking on genealogy subjects.

The American Legion has created a new War Memorial Museum at the historic courthouse in Lawrenceville. Our chapter members assist in donations of military collectibles and in publicizing the new facility, and will participate in the July 4th opening of the second room of the museum which will house a weapons collection.

**Terry E. Manning**  
Newsletter Editor  
Button Gwinnett Chapter



## Atlanta Chapter

February 2005

We held our Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration at Anthony's Restaurant in Buckhead with 57 Compatriots and their guests in attendance. The guest speakers were **William F. Ramsaur**, President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, who provided a preview of the Celebration of the Fort Frederica Naval Action and **Brigadier General James Bisson**, Ft. McPherson, who addressed the Chapter on current events in Iraq. **Al Weatherly** was presented with a Silver Good Citizenship Award and **Jim Panter** and **Phil Curtis** received Meritorious Service Awards. See accompanying photos.

March 2005

North Central Region Vice President **Terry Manning** attended our regular monthly meeting at Jocks and Jills Restaurant. The speaker was **Jim Sandifer** of East Point, Georgia who spoke on his experiences in World War II including action with the US Army Infantry at the Battle of the Bulge and the Bridge at Remagen.

April 2005

Our speaker was **Ralph Reed**, Republican candidate for Lt. Governor and former Southeast Campaign Chairman for President

George W. Bush. Two new members, **Albert Hanley Sturgess, Jr.** and **James Franklin Callaham, Jr.** were presented membership certificates. In addition, former Registrar, **Michael Motes** was presented with a Forty Year Service Pin and Certificate.

May 2005

Our speaker was Lt. Governor **Mark Taylor**.



Phil Curtis and Lt. Governor Mark Taylor

June 2005

Our speaker was Major **Rob "Wingman" Waldo** who spoke on the importance of trust in the military and in our private life with first hand recollections from his 66 combat sorties. See his website [www.YourWingman.com](http://www.YourWingman.com).

In addition, **Guyton McCall** awarded a



**Neal Broffman, Elisa Gambino** received certificates from **Phil Curtis** and **Guyton McCall**.

Certificate of Appreciate to **Neal Broffman** and **Elisa Gambino** for their creative display of the American Flag on their front lawn on Memorial Day.

**Phil Curtis**  
President  
Atlanta Chapter

## John Collins chapter

**Kendall Abbott** presented 110 heritage CD's to the Cobb County Board of Education at their May Board meeting. He was accompanied by President **Curtis McWaters** and compatriot **Larry Guzy**.

Our chapter was represented at a number of Memorial Day events. Our banner was carried

in the Confederate Memorial Day parade and attended by several members on April 24th. Some of our current members, a new member and a candidate for membership attended the Decoration of Graves Ceremony at the cemetery in Marietta May 28th. It was a wonderful event to see all of the sea of scouts putting flags on the graves. We were also graced by George Washington himself "A.K.A.

Larry Guzy" for a prayer at the ceremony. May 30, at the National Memorial Day Ceremony, the Chapter presented a wreath and I was honored to sit with the guests on the dais.

We have challenged the compatriots of our chapter to present 30 Flag Certificates this year and are well on our way with 24 posted on our web site. We have presented homeowners as well as businesses with certificates. We presented five Certificates on June 14, Flag Day.

Compatriot **Ron McWaters** presented a Flag Certificate to **Al** and **Sue Black** Of Marietta Ga. Al is a retired Marine and

Proudly displays our Flag along with a Marine and POW/MIA flag on his front porch.



LT CMDR **Frank Campbell, Ruby Inge, Kendall Abbott** and **Gunnery Sgt Lyndon Smith** at the Kennesaw Mtn. High JROTC presentation.

Over the course of April and May the Chapter presented 15 JROTC medals with the guidance of **Jimmy Flanagan** and the help of **Kendall Abbott** and President **Curtis McWaters**. It was an Honor to present these medals and to meet all of the outstanding young men and women in theses programs.

**Curtis McWaters**  
Chapter President



President **Curtis McWaters** presented **Harold Smith** of the Smyrna Historical Society with a Flag Certificate for the Smyrna Museum of History on Atlanta Road.

## Wolcott Edward Lay, Jr.

Founder, The Joel Early Chapter

Wolcott Edward Lay, Jr. joined the SAR in 1999 as a member of the Atlanta Chapter, although he lived in Blakely, Georgia. The round trip from his home required an entire day but Ted, as we called him, was a faithful attendant of meetings in Atlanta. From the beginning of his membership, he was convinced that the GASSAR needed a chapter in southwest Georgia. A former small chapter centered at Bainbridge had fizzled out several years previously, apparently due to the deaths of several members and a lack of leadership and loss of interest in our Society. Some effort was subsequently spent in attempts to reinvigorate the group, but it was not possible to accomplish much from a distance, as there was no one in the area willing to invest the time and effort involved.

This regrettable situation changed when Ted became involved. He developed a plan of action that began with the few members remaining on the Georgia roll, including a second member of the Atlanta Chapter who lived in the area. Recognizing that publicity is the key to success in such matters, Ted began with the editor of the local newspaper who was very cooperative. And, of course, the ladies of the DAR were asked to help. Letters, phone calls, personal visits, and much genealogical assistance continued until the nucleus of a

chapter could be assembled. We were all very proud when the Joel Early Chapter was chartered with Ted as president.

Unfortunately Ted passed away shortly thereafter, but we continue to remember him as a treasured friend and as an example of what membership in the NSSAR should be.

T. Fisher Craft

## Joel Early Chapter

The Joel Early Chapter GASSAR 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 Joel Early 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. Joel Early served his Revolutionary War service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Militia. Joel 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 Okmulgee 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 belonging 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

## Athens Chapter

Camp member **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 Registrar/ East Central Georgia Region GASSAR Vice President **James L. Wilson** of Elberton.



## Altamaha Chapter



Color guard member **Bill Ramsaur** places a wreath and salutes Peacock's marker.

Elder Isham Peacock, a man who stood tall for his country and his God, was honored for his service as a soldier during a Revolutionary War grave marking ceremony Sunday afternoon.

"We salute (Elder) Peacock for his service," said the **Rev. Keith Weekley**, pastor of First Christian Church in Waycross and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

In his devotional and invocation, Weekley saluted Peacock's service to his country and to Christianity.

"(Elder) Peacock served his country in war time and served his God in peace," he said.

The ceremony took place at Shiloh

Primitive Baptist Church, the church Peacock was a member of at the time of his death in 1851.

The pastor, who died at the age of 108, is buried in the cemetery there. The exact location of his grave is unknown, but a marble marker was placed in the lot of Elder Reuben Crawford, whom Peacock mentored and helped ordain.

Elder **Tollie Lee**, pastor of a division of the Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association Peacock helped found, lined a hymn in the pastor's memory.

Members of the Alabama Association and the Hoboken Sacred Harp offered the hymn "A minister leaving his people..." **Jason Deal**, member of the Altamaha Chapter (SAR), read an account of Peacock's ministry and ordination.

Sunny skies and soft breezes greeted the approximately 200 people, many of them Peacock descendants, who turned out for the occasion.

Blackshear city councilwoman **Mary Lott Walker**, herself a Peacock descendant, offered the welcome and teared up during her remarks.

"I am just so overwhelmed," she said.

She was not alone. The attendance for the ceremony exceeded expectations.

"I am very pleased with the turnout," said **David Dukes**, president of the Altamaha Chapter, SAR. "I am told it was one of the largest family gatherings ever to attend a grave marking ceremony." Dukes only made 50 programs for the event and was besieged afterwards with requests for more.

The Altamaha Chapter sponsored the event.

The Georgia State Society Sons of the American Revolution (GSSSAR) Color Guard presented the colors and were given honorary escort by Sgt. **Eugene Ramos** and a contingent from the Ware County High School ROTC.

Members of the color guard wore period dress. The uniforms were like those worn by George Washington's bodyguards.

Colonel **George Thurmond**, President of the Georgia State Society, offered the grave dedication and representatives of the state chapter, Altamaha, Button Gwinnett, Marquis de Lafayette and Joseph Habersham chapters of SAR and Lieutenant James Monroe and Martha Stewart Bulloch chapters of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) placed wreaths



at Peacock's marker.

A three volley musket salute was then offered by members of the color guard.

Sgt. Ramos then offered a reading of "Taps." Elder Peacock was drafted into service in the Colonial Army at the beginning of the Revolution.

After the war, Peacock moved to Georgia and preached in the Baptist Church and later led the Primitive Baptist Church after the break up of the Missionary and Primitive factions in the 1830s.

Peacock founded many churches and baptized hundreds of converts all over South Georgia from Savannah to the St. Marys River during his 50 year ministry.

**Jason Deal**

Altamaha Chapter and

a staff writer for *The Blackshear Times*

## Mill Creek

Descendents and friends gathered at the



Canady Cemetery Sunday April 24th for a Memorial Dedication service to Jacob Durden, an early resident of Emanuel County and a

Revolutionary War Soldier. Approximately 100 members of family and friends joined with the Altamaha and Mill Creek Chapters to honor Jacob for his service during the Revolution. Highlighting the Service was Georgia Society's Color Guard led by its Commander **Paul Prescott**.

Jacob Durden's gravesite is situated in what was an abandoned cemetery, the Canady Cemetery, located on the Brinson Farm. Close family members of the Canady, Edenfield, Harris and Pearson families recently restored the Cemetery for this important occasion. This event brought together descendents of Jacob Durden for this celebration with family traveling from California, Florida, North Carolina and Texas. Also, many of his descendents are still located within the surrounding communities.

**Robert M. Canady**

**David B. Dukes**

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**Williamson** entered the sanctuary, through the Avenue of Flags with the "Pulaski Banner". Compatriot Williamson then presented the Banner for blessing.

The "Banner" is crimson with golden threads. One side reads "US" and the Latin words "Unitas Virtus Fortior" (United Valor is Stronger). It is believed to be the first time that the letters U.S. (for the United States) was used during the Revolutionary War. On the other side of the banner is the "Eye of Providence", a Christian and Masonic symbol. This is encircled by 13 stars and the words "Non Alius Regit" (No Other Governs). It was presented to Pulaski by the Moravian Sisters of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The original is stored in the Historical Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. We were fortunate to secure a replica.

In a reverent and respectful ceremony Father Williams blessed the "Banner" and gave a special prayer.

The Color Guard, with Father Williams leading the procession, marched out of the church to the music of "Lord Guard and Guide".

Fifty members and guests were present for the ceremony. Photographers from two of the local papers were there. The front page of Sunday's Times-Georgian had two pictures and a brief summary of the ceremony.

George Wheelless

## The Hornet's Nest Transition Begins

### *Richard Andrews begins Transition as New Editor*

After eight years as editor of *The Hornet's Nest*, Compatriot **Jack McCord** has other plans. These plans will take him and his wife, **Patsy**, away for extended periods of time and make it impractical for him to continue as editor. He says he truly enjoys

editing the state newsletter but also contends that, "Eight is enough".

He said, "I have no concern for its well being as I'll be leaving it in very capable hands". Compatriot **Richard Andrews**, Editor of *The Minuteman*, newsletter of the Coweta Falls Chapter, has been appointed by President **George Thurmond** to complete McCord's term until the 2006 election. Andrews will take over after the Fall Edition. His chapter has kindly volunteered to assume responsibility for distribution of *The Hornet's Nest* currently provided by **Ben Miller** and the Samuel Butts Chapter.

At right, **Editor McCord** and future **Editor Andrews** as they worked together last Monday to begin work on this edition of our newsletter.

Compatriot Andrews' extensive computer background and his editing experience make him the ideal candidate for this important position. It also doesn't hurt that his wife, **Peggy**, is a journalist.

