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The President's Dispatch



George E. Thurmond

It was my good fortune and honor to represent you at the 115th Annual Congress in Louisville. The highlight (for Georgia) was the annual awards night when state societies, chapters and individuals were recognized for their participation during the prior year. Some members of the largest delegation ever from Georgia commented that I wore out my shoes going forward to receive collectively 43 awards that you earned.

The Georgia Society received nine awards, chapters received 23 and individuals received nine. One of the most significant state awards was the Admiral Furlong Award for

participation in the Flag Certificate program. Oddly, this was the very first time that the Georgia Society qualified for this award. Requirements are easy – one flag certificate presented by the state society and one from at least half of our chapters. I hope this will become an annual award earned by our society. Congratulations to Americanism Chairman **Billy Thompson** who led the charge in this program and to the 19 chapters who participated.

Individuals who distinguished themselves were **Jack Ferguson** who received the Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award for furthering the preservation of United States History and its traditional teaching in our schools. **Hal Dayhuff** received the General William C. Westmoreland Award as the outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer. Compatriot **Douglas Stansberry** was presented the Meritorious Service Medal for his service to outgoing President Hank McCarl.

Although it is a state award, Editor **Jack McCord's** Hornet's Nest repeated as the recipient of the Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Award for having the best news publication for state societies over 500 in membership. This is a major league award. Jack was assisted by Associate Editor, **Ben Miller** who handled the distribution – no small task.

Another chapter award was the new **Col. Robert B. Vance Award** for having the best web site for chapters. Casimir Pulaski webmaster **Ernie Blevins** earned this distinction for his chapter.

Noteworthy was the recognition for Veterans activity. The Georgia Society was singled out for having the most chapters to participate in the Blue Star Salute (Partners in Patriotism) program – 14. Veterans Chairman **Robert Cruthirds** was honored to receive certificates on behalf of those chapters recognized for their patriotism.

Membership is always important and

DeForest Hamilton, Julian Kelly, Jr. and **Billy Thompson** received the Liberty Medal for being the first line sponsors for 10 or more new members. Joining them were **David Dukes, Fisher Craft** and **James Lyle** who received an oak leaf cluster for their second ten sponsorships. This represents over 60 new members. I challenge each of **YOU** to qualify next year.

I am proud of all achievements, especially that of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Rome Chapters for proving that although small (Blue Ridge) and newly active (Rome), they can get the job done. In all, 16 of our chapters received recognition at Congress. There were others behind the scene that made all of this possible. The numerous winners in each category are listed in this issue.

The award winning Georgia Society received all of this recognition because of **YOUR** commitment to the SAR and its programs. We seek to serve – not be served. We participate because it is the right thing to do in honoring our Patriot ancestors. It just goes to show what can be accomplished as we

“Get Excited about the SAR!”

Herman Ross Arnold, Jr.

1918 - 2005

We are all saddened by the loss of Compatriot Arnold who departed this life July 20, 2005, at his vacation home on St. Simons Island, Georgia. He was born in Lafayette, Alabama, but he made his home in Atlanta for the last 59 years. He was a graduate of Furman

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

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University and Duke Law School. In his early career he was the youngest agent ever to join the FBI, and was the last surviving member of his 1940 FBI class. During his life-long profession as a very respected and influential lawyer, he served for a number of years as a Federal Magistrate in the Federal Court System and as U. S. Commissioner for the Northern District of Georgia. He and his first wife, Carolyn Wallace, had three daughters and three sons. His last several years were blessed by his marriage to the lovely Alice Lamont, years after the death of his first wife.



Ross was always interested in history, and under the influence of his next door neighbor, Col. Robert B. Vance, he and his three sons, H. Ross Arnold, III, Richard Mark Arnold, and John Wyatt Arnold, II, joined the Atlanta Chapter of the NSSAR in 1985. He became involved with the SAR at the chapter, state,

and national levels. Ross served on many committees, held many positions, including Georgia chancellor for a number of terms. As Bob Vance moved through the chairs to become President General of the NSSAR, Ross became his chief advisor on financial matters and was instrumental in configuring the original SAR Foundation, of which he was the first chairman.

In 1987 Ross became interested in the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Georgia, and with the aid of the R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation and the Patterson-Barclay Memorial Foundation, Inc., a project to locate as many of the graves as possible was begun. This resulted in a two volume publication, *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers*, which he coauthored with Hank Burnham, both of whom visited many of the known grave sites, as well as devoting untold hours to the research of the approximately 1800 individuals involved. As a trustee of the Patterson-Barclay Memorial Foundation, Ross was able to found the Patterson Barkley SAR Library, housed at the Atlanta History Center. This genealogy/historical collection has already become one of the best in the area and is being utilized by a steadily increasing number of researchers.

The lives of an untold number of people are better because of Ross Arnold's involvement in education and good works. He taught Sunday School at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church for many years, was an organizing founder of the Galloway School in Atlanta, President of the Churches Home Foundation, the Atlanta Humane Society, and both Furman and Duke Alumnae Associations. The Atlanta Jaycees, the PTA, the Camp Fire Girls Council, and other groups all benefited from his involvement. Herman Ross Arnold, Jr., will be remembered and missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

T. Fisher Craft, PhD



In Memoriam



Woodrow Wilson Brett

June 10, 2005

Altamaha Chapter

H. Ross Arnold, Jr.

July 20, 2005

Atlanta Chapter

Jackson David "Jack" Shepard

July 31, 2005

Coweta Falls Chapter

The Georgia Society SAR joins families and friends in remembering our beloved

Jack Ferguson Receives the Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award

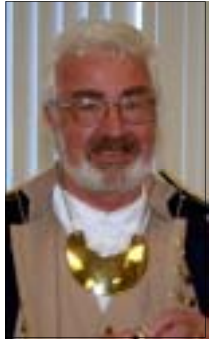
The photo below left shows **Jack Ferguson** of the Piedmont Chapter receiving the Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award, a National Society award given to the Compatriot who has best furthered the preservation of United States History and its traditional teaching in schools in the United States. The award comes with a check for \$250. Being selected from among over 27,000 Compatriots is quite an honor!

In photo at left, **George Thurmond** brought the award from National and presented it to Jack during a Piedmont Chapter meeting, **Bob Sapp**, President, presiding.

G. E. "Tucker" Haught

Whose term on the Board of Managers
Member at Large expires in 2008
has been replaced by
Compatriot **Ed Fluker**
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Report From The



Georgia Society Color Guard

Paul Prescott
Commander

The Georgia Color Guard is active, enthusiastic, and growing. We currently have 56 members, an increase of seven (7) since the beginning of 2005. Another person wants to be in the Color Guard but has not yet received his membership from national. This year, the Color Guard has been present at 36 state and national events, with 16 more planned for the second half of the year. If all of these events take place, this will be the most active year in the history of the GASSAR Color Guard.



Eighty Dingler family members got an unexpected treat at their family reunion in Madison when members of GASSAR's Color Guard rallied out of season to assist in the marking of their Patriot ancestor's grave.

The marking took place at the Stroud cemetery near Buckhead, a small town east of Madison

Terry Cowan, a Texas descendant of



Johannes Dingler, a Hessian-turned Patriot, had made plans over the past year for the grave-marking, having the grave plot cleaned and a new government-supplied tombstone erected, and inviting all the family to gather for the

The attendance at functions has also increased. This year at Kettle Creek, there were a record 25 guardsmen in uniform. New records were also set at Cowpens, Ramsour's Mill, the Army Birthday, and NSSAR Congress. It is hoped that a new record will occur at Kings Mountain where they are remembering the "Georgia 30."

This year the Color Guard formed the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia Unit, the musket-firing guardsmen. A number of guardsmen have both a Militia uniform and a Continental uniform. The Militia Unit is now a vital part of ceremonial functions such as grave markings and annual commemorations. Also this year, the Children of the American Revolution will be marching with us. We are being given some toy muskets and pistols for the children to carry.

President **George Thurmond**, at the Summer BOM meeting, presented Color Guard Commander, **Paul Prescott**, with a gorget (see photograph at right). The gorget was worn by officers during the Revolutionary War. The gorget presented by President Thurmond will be used to designate the Color Guard

Commander and will be passed down from commander to commander.

As Commander of the GASSAR Color Guard, I urge all of you who do not have a uniform to consider getting either a Continental or Militia uniform and joining our rapidly growing ranks. The Color Guard is the most visible part of the GASSAR and we enjoy it!



ceremony.

When color guard member **Charlie Newcomer** found out through a church friend about the plans, he contacted Cowan and offered assistance as a member of the SAR. Cowan jumped on the chance for "official" recognition for his ancestor and a call went out to Commander **Paul Prescott** and other color guardsmen. Though the function was not on the calendar and was

indeed out of the time frame for Color Guard events, seven Georgia Guardsmen in both Continental and militia uniform responded and honored Patriot Dingler. Senior Vice-President **George Wheelless**, representing the Georgia Society, gave greeting to the gathering and presented a wreath in behalf of GASSAR. The family-led program was moving and patriotic and concluded with a three salvo musket salute



by members of Georgia's Elijah Clarke militia.

The Dingler ancestors were delighted at the presence of the Georgia Society SAR men at the family gathering. Several requested information on joining the SAR, knowing that they were eligible on the basis of their connection to the Patriot honored in the country cemetery that hot July morning.

Charlie Newcomer

Kudos

"*From Patriotic Kitchens* is a cookbook that is also serendipitous. It is just filled with wonderful recipes that you would certainly like to try but the real mission of the book is to help

raise funds for the Sons of the American Revolution Memorial Library in Louisville, KY."

This is part of an article that appeared recently in *The Courier Herald* of Dublin, Georgia and was kindly called to our attention by **Joyce Johnson**, wife of Former State

President **Milton Johnson**.

Once again credit goes to **Karin Guzy**, wife of Former State President **Larry Guzy** for initiating and managing this wonderfully successful project to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Joyce (Mrs. Milton) Johnson

Message From the

Georgia Society SAR Chaplain

Pastor Dan Gates

The Chaplain's of the GASSAR will soon be presented the new Chaplaincy Fellowship Lapel Pin recognizing them for the work they do. The Lapel Pin will be worn by the Chaplain during his tenure. A supply has been ordered and will be distributed through the Presidents of each Chapter in the next few weeks.

The first "official" presentation of the new Lapel Pin was to **Chaplain Charles Bausch**, Chaplain of the Coweta Falls Chapter. The pin was presented by Chapter President **Bill Hay**.

This beautiful Lapel Pin was designed by former Chaplain General, **Dr. H. Leroy Stewart** of South Carolina and by **Dr. Stan Delong** of California.



Pictured left to right are **Chaplain Charles Bausch**, GASSAR Chaplain **Pastor Dan Gates** and Coweta Falls Chapter President **Bill Hay**.

Pastor Dan Gates
Chaplain
The Georgia Society SAR
Pastor of
The East Highland
United Methodist Church

John Collins Chapter Dedicates One Week for Patriotism



The Capt. John Collins Chapter of the GASSAR continued their tradition of dedicating one week of the year geared toward the preservation of historical respect of our American Flag and National Anthem to over 3,000 high school students. The week prior to the high school football season, various members of the chapter along with local, state and national dignitaries present an hour-long program at the various high schools in the four surrounding counties.

This year was no exception with five high schools and over 3,000 seniors, athletes, coaches and JROTC members.

The reason these students are selected for the presentation is because they are the leaders with whom the example should be set for other students and parents to follow.

In addition to the 13 chapter members participating (**Kendall Abbott, Larry Guzy, Curtis McWaters, Jack Gibson, Allen Henson, Art Spalding, Jim Castle, Jason Shepherd, Rodney Pritchett, Charles Switzer, David Thompson, Tony Toth, and Jimmy Flanigan**), there were several dignitaries

involved/invited as well. Among these were US Congressman **Phil Gingrey**, US Senator **Saxby Chambliss**; State Representatives **Joe Wilkinson, Earl Ehrhart, Majority Leader Glenn Richardson, and Bill Hamrick**; State Senator **John Douglas**; State Commissioner of Insurance, Safety and Fire **John Oxendine**; and **Camilia Simms**, author of the book *George Washington: A Timeless Hero* and co-director at the Museum of Patriotism.

We were also honored by the presence of the GASSAR President **George Thurmond** at one of the presentations. His comments were:

"This is an extremely important opportunity to share our Patriotism with High School Students. The ability to appear in front of the student body of a number of High Schools and relate some of our SAR goals and heritage is something all chapters should do. We can make a difference in our efforts to teach respect for the flag of the United States of America and what it stands for. Presenting the schools with their Stars and Stripes and the Georgia State flag is a "class touch" on an outstanding program. Well done participants of the John Collins Chapter".

At the end of the program, we presented to each principal an American Flag which we purchased from one of our US Congressmen that was flown over the nation's Capital. State Rep. Joe Wilkinson also donated Georgia State Flags which were presented along with an autographed copy of Camilia Simms' book mentioned above and a copy of the SAR American Heritage CD.

Another interesting result, several of the speakers have asked that we invite them back next year because this was one of the most emotionally fulfilling experiences they have been through. Already we have four high schools lined up for next year's program.

This is an exciting program that all of us have to offer high schools throughout the



country and is available to you and can be scaled up or down to fit your schedules and chapter members available. To the best of our knowledge, nothing like this has been done on a regular basis in the SAR and the scripts we use are available to you on our website at <http://www.geocities.com/captainjohncollins/> under the "Patriotism Week Presentations" section. Please consider something like this for your high schools to help further the SAR's goal of educating our young people in Patriotism.

Kendall Abbott

Message From the

Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

Dues for 2006: Chapters are urged to send out dues notices not later than early October, not only to members in good standing, but to those who have been dropped in previous years. Dues are payable by December 31 to Chapters, and Chapters must send dues to State Secretary to arrive not later than January 15 to avoid interruption in status.

Chapters with more than 100 members are asked to send dues to State Secretary in three increments, and not wait until January to send one large list. Chapters with membership between 50 and 100 are asked to send in two increments.

Those who hold dual membership in Georgia pay only state and chapter dues, but must pay National, State and Chapter dues to their primary state to maintain dual

membership in Georgia. Those holding National Lifetime membership must pay Georgia dues of \$13.00 and applicable chapter dues unless exempt for long-term service.

Reinstatement of Membership: Members whose membership has been interrupted may be reinstated by sending National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer; \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter. Monies received after November 1st will be applied to 2006.

GASSAR SourceBook: The SourceBook CD was updated July 19. Those not purchasing a copy at the July BOM may purchase by mail by sending \$4.00 to the State Secretary. The next update will be available at the January BOM.

GASSAR Web Page: Members are encouraged to look at our excellent web page. 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. Update recommendations should be sent to State Secretary. Web page address is:

www.sar.org/gassar

Refundable Fees: National may request additional proof on new applications or supplementals. If acceptable proof is not available, one may withdraw application, but processing fees not refundable. On new applications the regular National fee is \$60.00 and State \$10.00. Only the National and State

dues are refundable. On supplementals, the same is true; National \$40.00, State \$10.00. However, fees are transferable to substitute applications on a different patriot for the same applicant.

Youth Registrants: GASSAR now has 65 Youth Registrants. Several others have transferred to adult status after attaining age 18. Application details may be seen on our web page under Application, Fees, and Dues.

Questions may be directed to your State Secretary at

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The Georgia Society
SAR



New Members Since Last Issue of The Hornet's Nest

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John Henry Goodrich

Cherokee

Robert Elton Rugg (transfer)

Coweta Falls

Scott Eugene Buchanan
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Andrew Cosby Cartledge, II
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Thomas Matthew Hoffman (dual)

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Harry Lee Johnson Roberts

John Milledge

Bobby Eugene Mercer
Shawn Christopher Mercer
Russell Edward Walden

Joseph Habersham

William J. Dover

Lyman Hall

Brian Lee Beals
Donald Eugene Beals

Rome

Ralph Franklin Treadaway

Dates to Remember

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

2005

	GASSAR BOM	Holiday Inn Forsyth
September 24	Trustees Meeting	Louisville, KY
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Kings Mountain - 225th	Kings Mountain, SC
October 7	Pulaski Observance	Savannah, GA
October 8-9	Yorktown Victory Celebration	Yorktown, VA
October 19	Veterans Day	
November 11		

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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

DAR Fall Board Meeting October 29, 2005
DAR Annual Meeting March 24-25, 2006

Report From The**Georgia
Society
Registrar****Kendall Abbott****Summertime Growth**

The growth has been up and down with just over 40 applications and supplementals during the past quarter that have kept us busy which is good. Now that we approach the end of the year, tell all those applicants that this is a great time to get their application submitted and they won't have to pay the 2005 dues so they'll be getting a few extra months of membership for free (love those sale pitches at the end of the year).

Much thanks to Mr. **Robert Sapp**, State Genealogist for discussing the application process and what is required for acceptance during our last State BOM meeting.

A couple of quick requests, when a supplemental or child's application is submitted and refers to a NSSAR #, please include a copy of the NSSAR application – it doesn't have to be a copy of the record copy - but it sure will help us check off the lineage it is referring to. We have a few national pending applications/supplementals that didn't have those and they missed one generation which hopefully would have been caught at the state level.

We're all looking forward to a busy end-of-the-year with new applications.

Kendall Abbott
Registrar

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

On 4th of July, members of the Button Gwinnett, General Daniel Newnan and Sukey Hart Society attended several events with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter including a parade in Peachtree City, a BBQ at the home of Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society President **Sarah Dorney** and the Let Freedom Ring Ceremony sponsored by Marquis de Lafayette SAR, headed by **Jeff Lowe**. The evening was capped off by another 4th of July parade held in Newnan, GA.

Also in July, **Chairman Tomme** and his wife, **Cilla**, along with **Lewie Dunn**, traveled to the Southeastern C.A.R. Regional meeting held in Greensboro, NC, where State C.A.R. President, McRee announced her state project. From Southeastern, they traveled to Raleigh to meet with **Larry Odzak** of the North Carolina Archives. There, all were taken behind the scene to see the records and get a tour. Sydney presented Mr. Odzak with a plaque that reads: "Preserve Our Heritage".

During the State BOM, President McRee presented her state project to the membership of the Georgia Society SAR. With the project, "Preserve Our Heritage", she plans to contribute to the Genealogical and Historical Room at the Washington Memorial Library in Macon. With the funds raised, microfilm rolls of North Carolina Pay Vouchers, Navy Records, and Revolutionary War Reels from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and Massachusetts will be copied and housed at the Washington Memorial Library in Macon. President **George Thurmond** and Treasurer **David Titus**, presented Sydney with a check for \$1,000.00 from the State Society for her project. The hat was passed among the members where she collected more money



Sydney looking at original revolutionary records for the State CAR Project.

"**Miss Sydney McRee**, President, Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution, and a member of the Sukey Hart Society, Milledgeville, presented to the Washington Memorial Library, in Macon, the video tape, *Many Faces of Glory*, an extensive history of flags. The tape is recommended by GASSAR President **George Thurmond**. Receiving the tape for the library was **Mr. Willard Rocker**

demonstrating a tremendous show of support.

That afternoon, President McRee, her family, Chairman Tomme and Lewie Dunn traveled to the Washington Memorial Library where she set up a display about her project for the public to see and to purchase shirts and pins to help raise money. Members from the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society, Nancy Hart DAR, Augustine Clayton DAR, Macon Chapter DAR, Past State SAR President, **Milton Johnson**, Regional VP, **David Dukes, Sr.**, John Milledge Chapter President, **Buddy Bridges** and others were in attendance. For those who wish to purchase a State Project Pin please contact Chairman Tomme at mtomme@bellsouth.net.

On August 6, at the State C.A.R. workshop in Pine Mountain, GA, members from around the state went over the National President's project and State projects. President **William Hay**, from the Coweta Falls Chapter, joined the meeting and was pleased with the enthusiasm of the children.

On August 13, President McRee presented her project to Marquis de Lafayette SAR. On August 14, the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society hosted a tea in her honor. Members from Athens C.A.R. Society, Button Gwinnett, Sukey Hart, Nancy Hart DAR, Marquis de Lafayette SAR, National C.A.R. Curator **Kevin Baker**, SAR State President **George Thurmond**, State DAR Regent **Shelby Alderman Whitton**, Mexico Society Trustee **Douglas Stansberry** attended.

I thank all the SAR and DAR for their continued support as this is so important to the children. Please involve them in your activities.

Mike Tomme



Saturday, July 23, 2005
Washington Memorial Library, Macon, GA
L to R: **Sydney McRee, Willard Rocker, Lewie Dunn, Mike Tomme**

of the Genealogy and Archives Room. Participating in the day were **Lewie Dunn** and **Mike Tomme**, SAR members. Miss McRee also shared with the library a display representing her State President's Project, "Preserve our Heritage," a series of microfilm of Revolutionary War pay vouchers and documents."

Joyce (Mrs. Milton) Johnson

The Georgia Society at National Congress 2005

The largest delegation at Congress and the largest from Georgia ever to attend a national Congress



***National Society SAR 2004 Awards
at the 115th Annual Congress, Louisville, Kentucky***

Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award
(Compatriot who has best furthered the preservation of U.S. history and its traditional teaching in our schools)

Jack Ferguson

General William C. Westmoreland Award
(For outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer)

Charles Hal Dayhuff, III

Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Award
(State Society of 500 or more with best news publication with more than 10 pages)
Georgia Society, *The Hornet's Nest*,

Jack McCord, Editor

Liberty Medal

(First line Sponsors of 10 or more new members)

Billy Thompson

Julian Kelly, Jr.

DeForest Hamilton, Jr.

Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster

(First line Sponsors of 10 additional new members)

David Dukes

Fisher Craft

James Lyle, Sr.

Meritorious Service Medal

Douglas Stansberry

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award (First ever)

(State Society presenting at least one Flag Certificate by state and over 50% of chapters)

Georgia Society

Len Young Smith Award

(State Society enrolling the largest number of new members under 40 years of age)

Georgia Society

Officers Attendance Award

(President & Trustee attending both preceding Trustees and Annual Congress)

Georgia Society

C.A.R. Activities Award

(State Society that has documented their work with C.A.R.)

Georgia Society

DAR/SAR Membership Award

(DAR State Society recruiting the most new SAR members)

Georgia Society

President General's Activities Award
(Evidence of the most complete practice of implementing SAR programs)

Georgia Society

Rome

Lafayette

Coweta Falls

Piedmont – Honorable mention

Liberty Bell Americanism Award
(Evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles - Chapter)

Blue Ridge Mountains

Piedmont

Atlanta

USS Stark Memorial Award
(Best record of service to veterans)

Georgia Society

Piedmont

Col. Robert B. Vance Award
(Best Chapter website)

Casimir Pulaski,

Ernest E. Blevins Webmaster

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Certificate of Recognition

(Participation in 2005 Partners in Patriotism Program)

Georgia Society

Blue Ridge Mountains

Button Gwinnett

Casimir Pulaski

Coweta Falls

Joel Early

Joseph Habersham

Lyman Hall

Marquis de Lafayette

Marshes of Glynn

Ocmulgee

Piedmont

Rome

Samuel Elbert

William Few (14)

Certificate of Distinguished Service
Douglas Stansberry

Certificate of Appreciation

Larry Guzy (2)

Fisher Craft

George Thurmond (2)

Eagle Scout Committee

Eagle Scout Chairman **Charlie Newcomer** with **Dr. Rex Legler** of the Indiana Society is shown, in the photograph below, congratulating **John Robert Rasmussen** of Hutchinson, Minnesota, the 2005 NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship recipient. Rasmussen received the NSSAR Arthur M. and Berdena King \$8000 Scholarship award at the 115th Congress's Youth Awards ceremony in Louisville in July. He was sponsored by the Minnesota Society.



John has over 11 years in Scouting, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing. He has earned 105 merit badges including American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law and has 14 palms. Included among his many scouting awards are the Viking Council Outstanding Eagle, William T. Hornaday Silver/Bronze medal, National Camping Awards for six years, the U.S. Heritage award, and The Order of the Arrow Brotherhood honor.

John is president of his Hutchinson High School class, an honor student, student council member, and on the school's varsity football and tennis teams.

This year's first runner-up \$4000 award went to **Jason Matthew Fochtman**, Texas Society and the second runner-up award of \$2,000 went to **Brandon James Hopkins**, Utah Society.

The GASSAR applicant, **Theodore "Ted" Spangler**, sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter, was close behind the second runner-up.

Chapter Eagle Chairmen have begun the 2006 program. Packets of information and certificates of recognition will be mailed to every new Eagle in state.



Capt. John Collins Chapter and Their Adopted Cemetery

A few years ago, the Capt. John Collins Chapter adopted a neglected old cemetery, the Old Allatoona Cemetery on the northwest corner of Cobb County. The last burial was in 1904 and there are 114 graves. Two years ago we started cleaning up all the old branches,



poison ivy, poison oak, raking up piles and piles of leaves and filling in sunken graves and potholes. We even put up 84 crosses on graves with missing headstones.

Early in the morning on September 6th during the raking and bagging by **Cindy and Kendall Abbott, Jim Castle, Ken Farris, and Curtis McWaters**, we had three visitors all dressed up (so we knew they weren't there to help rake). After a little discussion they said they were from the Griggs Family who were having a family reunion over at Red Top Mountain and thought possibly one of their ancestors was buried in the Old Allatoona Cemetery. So we looked around a bit and sure enough there was W.P. Griggs and his wife and it was one of the few with partial headstones. After a few minutes they thanked us and left. We thought that was nice. One of the visitors took our contact information and said he would keep in touch and even possibly help during some of our future clean-ups which REALLY sounded great.

Well as the story goes, we continued to get sweaty and filthy dirty while filling 75 bags of

leaves, all bundled up along with a nice size pile of branches and trash. Then toward the end of our work shift, Cindy had started something that is special to us, grilling hotdogs for the workers. As the smell of Cindy's hotdogs permeated the area, there was a huge traffic jam on County Line Road. County Line Road is a narrow two-lane road with very little traffic. We didn't know if there had been an accident, they were in awe with all the orange bags of leaves on the side of the road, or they were all hungry and smelled the hotdogs. As the cars and trucks finally found parking spaces in driveways, along the side of the road, etc., dozens of people started coming through the woods, climbing over the fence, down the trail and from every direction. We had no clue what they were there for.

Apparently one of these guys found this cemetery back in the late 70's trying to find W.P. and Hugh Griggs. He thanked us immensely for the work on the cemetery – he could not believe how much it had been cleaned up and how easy it was to go through it now. We even had one of the descendants really interested in the slave graves in the back and she spent some time back there and talking about it. (Phew, I sure am glad we have spent a lot of time filling in so many of those potholes along the way we kept tripping in.)

Meeting people like this and receiving comments like we did really makes our work at the cemetery even more meaningful – the descendants got to spend some time with some of their ancestors they had been looking for. We pieced together two of the headstones so many could take pictures of the inscriptions. Cindy even rubbed red clay dust over one to make it more readable for a picture.



These were people from the Griggs Family Reunion who left the reunion and wanted to see the graves and the folks cleaning up the cemetery, nearly 50 of them from all over the country. So for about an hour the SAR members and the Griggs folks chatted about the history of the family and the cemetery.

As many of us know and appreciate old cemeteries that have been kept up, we would like to recommend to all chapters to contact their local Cemetery Commission and volunteer to adopt a cemetery. The feeling of accomplishment will be appreciated by many.

Kendall Abbott

Publicity Policy

1) The GASSAR Publicity Committee will select 4 chapters on a rotating basis to supply a chapter capsule of an event over the previous quarter for submission to **The SAR Magazine**.

2) Notification will be sent to the chapter president 2 months prior to the specific deadline as listed in The SAR Magazine.

3) Selection of the chapter event to be encapsulated will be left to the discretion of the chapter.

4) If a special event occurs that the chapter

wishes to be sent, the chapter should notify the Publicity Committee and the committee would then decide as to the changing of the schedule.

5) All capsules and any related photographs will be sent to the editor of The SAR Magazine by each chapter with a copy to be sent to the Publicity Committee.

6) This policy will not pertain to instances where either the editor of The SAR Magazine, the GASSAR President or other person solicits a specific article to the magazine from a compatriot or chapter.

There has been some confusion over this policy. To clarify, Point 5 is being changed so

that **all submissions should first be sent to the Publicity Committee Chairman for submission**.

Final editorial decisions are solely at the discretion of The SAR Magazine. Some material has been sent recently that has yet to see print. The Publicity Committee is working with The SAR Magazine to confirm receipt of and usage of submitted articles.

Given the constraints of space and increased submissions from other chapters/state societies, it is crucial that the selected chapters be given priority in submissions.

Mark Anthony, Chairman



The GASSAR Announces:
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*14 minute presentation of the 2005 annual
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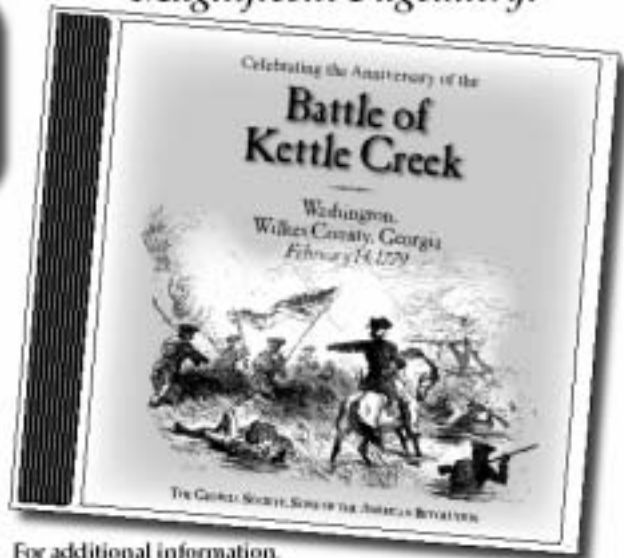
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Kings Mountain

On October 5, 1780, approximately 30 Georgians under Major William Candler joined an Overmountain army of Carolina and Virginia patriots who were tracking British Major Patrick Ferguson and his loyalist army. They caught the Loyalist forces at Kings Mountain two days after and were victorious in what is known as the Battle of Kings Mountain, a turning point in the American Revolution.

What was that? You did not know that Georgia—fighting for its own survival—helped defeat the Loyalist force led by Ferguson which was threatening the Carolinas? Not to worry. Most people don't.

There are exceptions. The principal sources of information about the role of the forgotten Georgians are Dr. Lyman Draper's book Kings Mountain and Its Heroes, some pension applications, and modern Americans with names like Candler, Strozier and Hammett – descendants of Georgia veterans of Kings Mountain. Other than that – silence – even from the Kings Mountain National Military Park in South Carolina.

The Georgia Society of the Sons of the

American Revolution plans to remember these forgotten heroes. Its Col. Elijah Clarke Militia Unit, Charlie Newcomer commander, will join the re-enactors of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association during the annual march to Kings Mountain. The modern Georgians will link up at the spot where their predecessors joined the Overmountain army on October 5, 1780 – at the Green River near Rutherfordton, North Carolina, just north of the Cowpens.

Later, they will join 100 more expected Georgians to include a 30 man Color Guard at Kings Mountain National Military Park in South Carolina. They will join with the National Park Service to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain on Friday, October 7th.

President **George E. Thurmond** will present the Georgia wreath at the 10:30 A.M. ceremony at the War Department monument. A special wreath will be presented by Lt. Col. **Robert F. Galer**, Chairman of the state Historic Celebrations committee and originator, with fellow-member **Brett Osborn**, of the 2004 and 2005 "Remember the 30" tributes at Kings Mountain.

The wreath presentation ceremony will start

at 10:30 a.m. Also participating will be Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution from various states, descendants of Kings Mountain patriots and other SAR Societies and Chapters.

The Overmountain Victory Trail participants will be honored at an arrival ceremony scheduled for 3:30 P.M. Alan Bowen of Atlanta is 2005 President/Commander of the Overmountain Association.

Why were the Georgians ignored all these years, even by the National Park Service? "We could guess", says Colonel Galer. "There were no official records but later accounts of the colonels spoke understandably of the achievements of their units. The Georgians returned to protect their families while fleeing destruction by Loyalist forces. The saying goes that the 'victors write the history', and in this case the Colonels did."

"The Georgians were attached to Colonel Williams, the only Colonel who was a casualty of the battle of Kings Mountain."

"No Colonel, no history", said Colonel Galer.

For further information contact **Mark Anthony**, 706/236-4293.

Mill Creek Chapter Genealogy Seminar A Team Effort

"Hats off" to the Mill Creek Chapter of Statesboro, GA., for sponsoring a genealogy seminar August 17 and inviting GASSAR members to speak at the Kiwanis Club August



Robert Sapp delivering Genealogy Seminar for the Mill Creek Chapter at the Regional Library in Statesboro, GA

18th. President **Ron McCrosky**, vice-president **Frank Parker**, and treasurer **Dr. Cecil Jacobs** invited a membership "Task Force" composed of GASSAR membership chairman **Larry Guzy**, **Larry Wilson**, **Charlie Newcomer**, **Robert Sapp**, **Terry Manning**, **David Dukes**



President **Ron McCrosky**, VP **Frank Parker**, **John Barnard Karrh**, and other guests preparing for dinner at the Mill Creek Chapter meeting

and **Russell Brown** to put on a genealogy seminar and provide the program for the Kiwanis Club. And was it a success! With the leadership of GASSAR Genealogist **Bob Sapp** narrating the genealogy conference and with the individual advisors (already mentioned) along with the wives of the GASSAR members, and some of the local Mill Creek members (and with some advanced publicity produced by Publicity Chairman **Mark Anthony**), the Mill Creek Chapter was able to assist several prospects for membership. Some 60 prospects were notified by letter mailed out by president **Ron McCrosky** and 21 registered at the conference and some 6-10 entered either before or after the conference began. In addition about 7 contacts were made from the Savannah area by telephone and some of those actually attended the conference.

That Wednesday Night the Mill Creek Chapter hosted the GASSAR "Task Force" at their quarterly meeting and after some good food, the Task Force members discussed briefly the activities and events of GASSAR. The slide show of the patriotic Kettle Creek Ceremony produced by **Ed Fluker** was shown and the meeting was adjourned. Newly transferred (from North Carolina) Mill Creek Chapter member **Art Gowen** was welcomed along with other interested guests.

On Thursday, August 18th, after the GASSAR Task Force took a walking tour of historic Statesboro, the Mill Creek Chapter presented the program to the Kiwanis Club (150 membership and produces the County Fair annually) introduced by Mill Creek president **Ron McCrosky**, our William Few Chapter president **Russell K. Brown** gave a revealing report on the life of **Archibald Bulloch** for whom **Bulloch County** was named. **Larry Guzy** and **Terry Manning**



Ron McCrosky, **Larry Guzy** and **Terry Manning** preparing for "presenting the Colors" at the Kiwanis Club luncheon Thursday, Aug 18th

presented the Colors in a very dignified manner. Mill Creek vice-president **Frank Parker** finished the Mill Creek/GASSAR presentation by inviting Kiwanians to become members of the SAR. President **Ron McCrosky** was available to hand out brochures and discuss membership possibilities with interested prospects. **Charlie Newcomer**, **Robert Sapp**, **David Dukes**, and **Larry Wilson** also were in attendance. For lunch, the wives of the GASSAR members were hosted by DAR Registrar **Edith Jacobs** at the historic restaurant "The Beaver House".

Elijah Clarke Militia member **Charlie Newcomer** and his wife **Clare** planned to participate during the graveside dedication of **James Mikell** on Saturday, August 20th, near the historic Mill Creek.

James Larry Wilson

Coweta Falls

The Coweta Falls Chapter celebrated Allegiance Sunday on July 3rd by attending church services at Evangel Temple Assembly of God, and were blessed by a wonderful program of patriotic music. Color Guard members **Tom Porter**, **Rob Doll** and **Bill Hay** posted the colors at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services. Twenty five (25) Compatriots, wives and/or guests attended. Following the church service, thirty eight (38) Compatriots, wives and/or guests met at Columbus Country Club for a delicious meal and short program.

On July 4th, the Evangel Temple choir,

along with other choirs, orchestra, and The Elite Dance Company presented a God and Country program at the Phenix City (AL) amphitheater. At least 3,500 were in the amphitheater; with about 2,000 others watching as Color Guard members **Tom Porter** and **Bill Hay** posted the colors just as the combined choir sang the Star Spangled Banner. Many said that this was the highlight of the program.

William M. Hay
President, Coweta Falls Chapter

Attend the
Fall
Board of Managers
Meeting

Holiday Inn Forsyth
Saturday
September 24, 2005
10:00 a.m.

NEWS

of the
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Blue Ridge Mountains

The Chapter was honored at the 115th National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Chapter received the Liberty Bell Americanism Award for chapters with up to 49 members. This award recognizes the chapter that best exemplifies the implementation of SAR resolutions and principles in the previous calendar year.

The chapter also received the Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Certificate of Recognition for its participation in the 2005 Partners in Patriotism Program. This program called for local SAR chapters to partner with the American Legion in support of the Blue Star Day recognition in May.

The success of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter was instrumental in the Georgia Society SAR receiving at total of 23 chapter and 9 state awards at the 115th Annual Congress held recently in Louisville, Kentucky. The Georgia Society delegates were the largest in attendance at the annual Congress.

The Georgia Society consists of over 1400 members in 30 chapters located throughout Georgia. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution. Programs include Essay Contests for both High School students and Eagle Scouts, presentation of medals to College and High School ROTC students, Poster Contests for Elementary School students, American Revolution presentations to Elementary and Middle School students, presentation of medals to Public Safety officials, Revolutionary War Grave Dedications, Volunteer work with Veterans, presentation of Flag Certificates to deserving organizations and schools, and participation in historic battle sites observances and others.

Mark Anthony
and
Bud Brazil
Chapter President

Lyman Hall

Hall County Sheriff **Steve Cronic** was honored for his outstanding performance as the chief law enforcement officer of Hall County by the Lyman Hall Chapter. He is shown here receiving the Law Enforcement Recognition Award at the Georgia Mountains Center. The award includes a medal with a law officer's badge suspended from a ribbon drape and a certificate. It was presented to him by chapter President **Hall Martin**.



Three new members were inducted into the Lyman Hall Chapter at the chapter's summer meeting at the Georgia Mountains Center. Pictured above are **John Beale**, **Wesley Robinson**, and **Mike Bowen** with chapter President **Hall Martin**.



Eagle Scout **Henry Windhorst** was awarded first place in the Lyman Hall Chapter Eagle Scout competition. The award was presented to him at the chapter's summer meeting in Gainesville, GA. Making the presentation was **Charlie Newcomer**, Georgia and National Society Eagle Scout Chairman.

Members in the photograph are, L-R, Lyman Hall Eagle Scout Chairman **Dr. Eddie Jackson**, **Charlie Newcomer**, Eagle Scout "**Hank**" **Windhorst**, and Lyman Hall President **Hall Martin**.

Joseph Habersham



Sunday, July 17, 2005, the Chapter held a memorial grave marking service for

Compatriot **Kenneth Eugene Palmer**. Friends, family and members of the chapter gathered at the Yonah Memorial Gardens in Demorest, Georgia, to honor Compatriot Palmer born June 13, 1945, passed away October 12, 2004.



Colors were presented by Color Guard members **Perry Hendrix, Jim Patton** and **Richard Ramsaur**, pictured above.

Compatriot Palmer was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, served in Vietnam and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was very active in Habersham County on the Wall of



At the July meeting of the Chapter three new members were inducted. Receiving membership certificates and rosettes were (from left) Compatriots **Curtis Martin**, chapter registrar and sponsor of all three members, **Bill Raper**, **Mrs. Bernice Raper** accepting certificate for **James Woodall**, and **Bill Dover**. Each member expressed his gratitude for the acceptance of their membership in the Joseph Habersham Chapter.

Honor Memorial project, a project to install a memorial for all servicemen and women from the county who have served in all branches of service from the American Revolution to the present. Known to everyone as "Ken", he was a true patriot, and being a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, he was proud of his long line of patriot ancestors.

The Joseph Habersham Chapter Color Guard presented the colors and Chaplain **John Howard** opened the memorial service and Chapter President **Bobby York** welcomed and recognized all in attendance. **Daryl Palmer**, Ken's son, presented a tribute by the family.

Chapter member and a close friend of Ken, **Larry Whitfield** paid tribute to Compatriot Palmer as a true hero to his family and country. GASSAR Secretary and chapter member **Kline Pugh** officially dedicated the marker, and expressed condolences to the family.

Mrs. Wanda Palmer uncovered the marker and **Bobby York** placed flowers on the gravesite from the chapter. Taps by **Miss Ashley Harrison** and the benediction by Chaplain **Howard** closed the memorial service.



The Joseph Habersham Chapter presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Chapter President **Bobby York**. Making the presentation was Georgia Society President **Col. George Thurmond**.

Capt. John Collins



President **Curtis McWaters** and Compatriot **Kendall Abbot** with **Mrs. Crawford** Director of the Georgia Room, Cobb County Public Library, Main Library

July was a fast month for the Collins Chapter. We had 6 Members attend the National Congress at Louisville Kentucky. At our regular meeting on July 19 our Guest speaker was **Rev. Stephen K Bramham**. He was a combat Journalist in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He spoke of his tour and the afflictions Agent Orange had left on him. We presented War Service Medals to **Howard Morrow, John Jones** and **Chuck Smith**. They were World War II and Korean War Veterans. The Chapter welcomes one new member to our ranks as well as presenting one Supplemental to a Compatriot. Compatriot **Jack Gibson** presented two Flag Certificates, the IGO Church and Chic Fil-A along with three more by other Compatriots. The Chapter Sent packages of food, CDs, and other goodies we bought with money we collected at the last two meetings to some of our Adopted GIs in Iraq.

August was packed with events for our Chapter. We had another Cemetery workday at The Allatoona Cemetery. We were surprised by a family reunion group whose ancestors were buried there. About 25 people showed up from the reunion to see where their ancestors

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President **Curtis McWaters** presenting a certificate to the Roswell Street Baptist Church for their beautiful flag display.

Piedmont

The third quarter of 2005 has provided the Piedmont Chapter with many opportunities to serve in the community. Seven Constitution Day Proclamations are scheduled to be received from municipalities in the area.

The Piedmont Chapter float was honored with a second place ribbon in the recent Old



The award winning float in the Old Soldiers Day Parade in Alpharetta, Georgia led by Georgia Society President, Col. **George E. Thurmond** and Commander of the state Color Guard, **Paul Prescott**, both from the Piedmont Chapter.

Soldiers Day Parade in Alpharetta, Georgia. The State Honor Guard and the Piedmont Chapter Honor Guard led the parade. Kudos to both Honor Guards that marched the entire parade route in 90+ degree weather! At the end of the parade route, the Varsity restaurant was there to serve lunch to the parade participants. Special thanks to the management and staff of the Varsity for their service to the community. They donated and served over 4,000 hot dogs and drinks that day.

The National SAR sponsored Blue Star Salute program generated many activities. The Blue Star Salute was a joint project between SAR and the American Legion. Proclamations were received from two county governments,



Compatriot **Walt Woliver** and **Jack Ferguson** decorating the Award winning float for the Old Soldiers Day Parade.

Cobb and Gwinnett. Blue Star banner information along with a prayer was shared at four churches on Sunday, May 22. The Piedmont Chapter provided sixteen "Service Banners" to military personnel families. Five were Gold Star banners and eleven were Blue Star banners. Four Blue Star banners along with a certificate were given by the Cobb County Republican Women's Club.



The Piedmont Chapter and the Peachtree Corners Rotary Club of Norcross, Georgia, will be pairing up to ship boxes of personal items to Georgia troops serving overseas.

In keeping with the major thrust of presenting flag certificates, the Piedmont Chapter presented a number of certificates to businesses in the community that display the United States flag as required.

Von Starkey
Chapter Vice President

William Few

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were buried. At our regular meeting on August 16, our Guest speaker was **Yung Krall**. She was originally from South Vietnam and her father was a dignitary to Soviet Union in North Vietnam. She eventually became a spy for the US and has a book out. I was honored to present three War Service Medals to Compatriots **Tye Sanders**, **Ron McWaters**, and **Robert Guzy**. We welcomed two new members to our chapter at this meeting. We presented First Christian Church of Roswell and Powder Springs First United Methodist Church with Letters and Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts in collecting items for our veterans in a partnership with the John Collins Chapter. The Chapter participated in a week of Patriotism Presentations in five different schools with an assortment of special guest speakers. Kendall Abbot in uniform and I presented the Georgia Room with a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of research of many of our compatriots and letting us have a presence in their place to promote the SAR.

Curtis McWaters
Chapter President

In the photo below **Tracy Carter** of Waynesboro (left) is welcomed by chapter President **Russell K. Brown** as the newest member of the William Few chapter at their June meeting.



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December 26, 2005

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In the photo below, **Russell K. Brown** (right), president of the William Few chapter, presents a flag certificate to retired Army Major **Don Paul** of Grovetown at his home on Independence Day.



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the experience and resources needed to continue to improve and expand this worthwhile endeavor.

Editing the Hornet's Nest is fun work. In order to keep a good editor it is important that you help keep it fun. I'd like to give you three hints as to how you can do this.

1. Select **one** person in your committee or chapter to submit your article. I suggest he should be the chapter president or committee chairman.
2. Write your article then edit it down to make it as short as you can, still maintaining your message.
3. Get up close to take your pictures and take them of people **doing** things (other than shaking hands).

Send your input to

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With very best regards,
Jack McCord

Deadline: December 26th

Casimir Pulaski Chapter

Compatriots **Dutch Dreyer** and **George Wheeless** were delegates at the 115th National Congress in Louisville in July. Compatriot Wheeless participated with the combined SAR Color Guard in a number of Congress events. The Chapter was awarded the PG Robert Vance Award for the best SAR website. Congratulations go to **Ernie Blevins** the webmaster for the Chapter.

Once again this year the Pulaski Chapter was joined by the Abraham Baldwin Chapter of the NSDAR for an entry in the Carrollton July 4th Parade. Their entry won 2nd Place in the Civic Division. Chapter members involved in this project were **Jim Swinson, Joe Moore, and Donald Denney**. Over in Douglasville, Chapter Color Guard Commander **Rhett Williamson** participated in that city's Fourth of July Parade and celebration.

On July 23 the Pulaski Chapter hosted a joint picnic with the Abraham Baldwin Chapter DAR. Just over 60 members and guests enjoyed a cookout at John Tanner State Park. Though the temperature soared, everyone enjoyed the afternoon and had a great time.

In August **President Wheeless** presented the S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Navy Sea Cadet LPO **Mary Lewallen**. Cadet Lewallen has served her unit with distinction and has received numerous awards.



Chapter Historian (and webmaster) **Ernie Blevins** attended the C.A.R. workshop in Manchester, Georgia. We are in the initial phase of organizing a C.A.R. group for the Carrollton/Douglasville area.

Once again the ladies of the Abraham Baldwin Chapter DAR joined with the Pulaski compatriots for the Bowdon Founder's Day Parade. Pulaski members involved were **Joe Moore, Dutch Dreyer, Jim Swinson, Rhett Williamson, Dutch Dreyer, and George Wheeless**. We were loudly applauded all along the parade route.

We now have 31 members. Four applications have been sent to National. Another application will soon be submitted.

George Wheeless
 Chapter President