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The President's Dispatch



George E. Thurmond

Well, it's been another year and what have we accomplished? At the start of my second year as your President, I asked that we "Get Excited about the SAR". At the 115th National Society Congress, it was clearly evident from the awards we received that we indeed have been excited about the SAR in the number of programs supported by our chapters and the number of activities in which we are involved. Our presence of 33 Compatriots and wives was the largest in the society! What a remarkable turnout and everyone indicated that a good time was had by all.

Our Americanism programs go to the heart

of our organization and are fully active in almost all chapters. The presentation of Flag Certificates has increased substantially, creating more awareness about our grand old flag. The activity in reaching school children has reached an all time high. The Joseph Habersham Chapter has been in all Elementary Schools in their several counties – a remarkable achievement (there could be other chapters). The Poster Contest activity has attracted additional chapters to become involved as we seek to increase our visibility with our emphasis on Educational involvement.

Our Veterans activities lead the nation as 15 of our chapters were recognized at Congress for participation in key Veterans programs during the year. This is as it should be, for we are all descendants of America's first Veterans and it is our job to help keep alive the "flame of freedom" bought and paid for in blood by our ancestors.

Scouting, DAR, C.A.R., ROTC, Public Safety, Knight Essay, Speakers Bureau, Grave marking all add considerable value to the activities of our noble organization. The extensive commitment of our Color Guard is commendable – 65 state and national events during the past year. What a great record and considerable publicity gained from the participation of these dedicated men.

Our visibility has been enhanced by the publication of the *History of Georgia Counties* booklet that has seen wide distribution. Our participation in Historic Sites and Celebrations is noteworthy and envied by our surrounding state societies.

You see, it takes the commitment and dedication of all to accomplish these things. I feel a great pride having watched you all work towards the goal of *Historical, Educational and Patriotic* activities associated with the American Revolution. During this entire process we have been fortunate to have

received significant support from our wives, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution. You have indeed "*Been Excited about the SAR.*"

Generosity Recognized



Compatriot **Richard E. Dolsen** is shown above receiving the NSSAR Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund Raising Medal from NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee Chairman **Charlie Newcomer**. Holding flags on either side of Compatriot Dolsen are John Collins Chapter members **Joe Vancura** (left) and **Larry Guzy**.

Dick Dolsen, a member of the John Collins Chapter, was recognized for his generosity to the national program. He has been active in the Boy Scouts of America for over 65 years. The Color Guard rendered a flag salute to Mr. Dolsen throughout the awards ceremony.

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

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NEWS

of the

State Society

Farewell Message From Treasurer Titus

You know what they say. "Time flies when you are having fun", and I did. Five years as the Society's Treasurer has simply gone by in a flurry. It has been my pleasure to serve the needs of the Georgia Society and our loyal Compatriots. There has been a good deal of growth and accomplishment during this time. The Society has become capable of supporting our objectives with our annual budget. Thanks to the recruiting and retention efforts, our strength has grown for the last four years. This has improved our financial health each year. Actions to reinstate delinquent and dropped members have also met with some success. If Compatriots take an interest in bringing former members back on board it will happen. A call is all it takes to let them know you care. Then the ball is in their court. A second call is almost certain to result in retrieving a lost sheep.

I commend and thank all Compatriots who have cared enough to become designated A **Georgia Fellow**. This program has been very successful, and as a result, a number of unfunded needs have been met from the donations made to this special fund. I encourage all to consider becoming a member of this elite group with a donation of \$250 or more to the Society's Treasurer.

I welcome as my replacement **Michael Campbell**. Mike is a school principal so keep in mind he has a real job in addition to the Color Guard and the Treasury. I suggest you get to know him and discuss your committee plans and programs and projected needs and

SECOND CAROLINA'S COLORS

A poem of Francis Marion, Sergeant William Jasper, the Second South Carolina Regiment, and the Colors that led them into battle.
By Compatriot William O. Lewis, III

Fifty British Men O' War assaulted
Charleston's port;
Francis Marion's men defended, from a half-
completed fort.
And the people on the mainland knew their
city would be saved,
As long as Second Carolina's Colors o'er
Sullivan's Island waved.

Then a chance shot hit the flagstaff, and the

desires.

I encourage you to become familiar with the Society's web site. It contains everything you need to know and much more. I refer to it often and can attest that it has grown into a totally useful tool for all Compatriots. If you want to contact Mike, the money man, or any officers go to www.georgiasocietysar.org.

Again Thanks to all our Georgia Fellows. You have made a difference. As of March 6, 2006, the following are Georgia Fellows having contributed \$250 or more (or \$250 or more in in-kind services) to the Georgia Fellows Fund or the Georgia Society.

Abbott, Kendall Edward

Acree, Glynn

Acree, Virginia S.

Bauchspies, Robert

Bearden, James

Dayhuff, Hal

Dobbs, William

Dolson, Richard E.

Ferguson, Garnet L.

Fluker, Ed

Galer, Robert

Gillette, John

Guzy, Larry

Gray, Rita

Gray, Skip

Hampton, Charles

Haught, Tucker

Manning, Terry

McIntosh, Thomas, Sr.

Newcomer, Charlie

Scow, Steven

Stansberry, Douglas

Thurmond, George

Thurmond, Marty

Titus, David

Vance, Marilyn

flag began to fall;
Sergeant William Jasper saw it, and to Captain
Marion called,
"I'll get them, Captain; cover me," he yelled
o'er the battle sound;
"Second Carolina's Colors must not lie upon
the ground."

He climbed upon the parapet and clambered
down its length;
Then lifted up the flagpole using all his
strength;
And tied the colors to a sponge staff and lifted
them up high;
And Second Carolina's Colors, waved proudly
'gainst the sky.

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In Memoriam



Dr. Phil Carroll Astin, Jr.

Mid-June, 2005

Casimir Pulaski Chapter

Wheeler Francis Harrah

August 29, 2005

Marquis de Lafayette Chapter

Howard Edwin Hendrickson

November 14, 2005

John Milledge Chapter

William Morris Lipham

December 31, 2005

LaGrange Chapter

Joseph Edward Hassell, Jr.

January 7, 2006

Coweta Falls Chapter

Paul Lane Hammett, Jr.

January 18, 2006

Coweta Falls Chapter

Charlie Rhodum Pritchett

January 19, 2006

John Collins Chapter

James Clarke McLeroy

February 17, 2006

Lyman Hall Chapter

William Dalton Manning

February 20, 2006

John Collins Chapter

Rev. Philip Anthony Hoyt

February 22, 2006

Joseph Habersham Chapter

BG Robert L. Scott

February 27, 2006

Ocmulgee Chapter

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

Report From The

Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**



The Georgia Society Color Guard had a banner day at the January 21, 2006, Board of Managers meeting in Forsyth, GA. President General **James Westlake** presented a drum to the Color Guard. The Color Guard put the drum to good use at the Kettle Creek publicity event on January 27, 2006, in Washington, GA. The Color Guard is looking for an active

member to play the drum at our state events.

Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** presented a minuteman pin, with ribbon, to **Charlie Newcomer**, Commander of the Col Elijah Clarke Militia unit. The pin is to be passed on to each succeeding commander of the militia unit. Charlie wore the pin the first time on his militia uniform on January 28, 2006, at the William Caraway grave marking in Thomaston, GA.

The final presentation made to the Color Guard was the Bedford flag. The presentation was made by **Robert Turbyfill** on behalf of the William Few Chapter. The Bedford flag was reportedly carried by Bedford Minuteman, Nathaniel Page, to the Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775, the beginning of the Revolutionary War. A staff and base have been purchased for the new addition to the Color Guard's flag collection. The flag had its debut on February 11, 2006, at the Battle of Kettle Creek anniversary observance.



Robert Turbyfill (left) and Paul Prescott display the Bedford flag.



Atlanta Chapter President **Phil Curtis** plays the drum presented by Past President General **James Westlake**. (left to right) James Westlake, Phil Curtis and Georgia Society President **George Thurmond**



Charlie Newcomer (left) receives the minuteman pin from Georgia Society President **George Thurmond**.



Color Guard at the GA Association of Student Councils



Georgia Society Color Guard at Elijah Clark Park Wreath Ceremony

Message From the



Georgia Society SAR Chaplain

Pastor Dan Gates

The Georgia Society Chaplaincy Corps is one of the most active Chaplain's programs to be found in the SAR. With 24 "active duty" Chaplains, we are constantly seeking to find more and better ways of serving our local Chapters and their communities. One new program is reaching out to local Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Personnel, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and active duty Military personnel with a word of encouragement and appreciation.

Here's how the program works. Each Georgia Society Chaplain is asked to collect name and mailing addresses for any of the above personnel. Then at the State level, a letter of appreciation is sent thanking this person for the service they render to their community, state and nation. The letter they receive bears the name of the local Chapter and speaks for the Georgia Society President, the State Secretary and every member of the Georgia Society in just saying "thank you" for serving us with pride and distinction.

If you know of an active duty law enforcement officer, fire personnel officer, EMT or active duty military man or woman, please provide the name and address to your local Chaplain. And, remember, the person, whose name you submit, does not have to be a member of the local Chapter.

I'm appreciative of each of our Chaplains. They do a fine, fine job of serving among the people of our State Chapters. Chaplains, it is my honor to stand with you...!!

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Dates to Remember



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

2006

March 18	Guilford Courthouse – 225th Anniversary	Greensboro, NC
March 31, April 1	Board of Managers and Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA
April 15	Halifax Day	Halifax, NC
April 19	Frederica Naval Action	St Simons Island
May 20	Armed Forces Day	
May 27	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC
May 2	Memorial Day	
May 13	Martin's Station	Ewing, VA
June 2-3	Battle of Augusta	Augusta, GA
June 10-11	Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 14	Flag Day	
July 1	Executive Committee Meeting	Site TBA
July 4	Let Freedom Ring	
July 8-12	Annual Congress	Dallas, TX
July 29	Board of Managers Meeting - Holiday Inn	Forsyth, GA

SAR Donates Funds For Haitian Monument



David Dukes (left) presents checks totaling \$2,000 to **Daniel Fils-Aime**. Shown in the picture are (l to r) David Dukes, **Wilfrid Belfort**, **Gabriel Dejoie** Daniel Fils-Aime, and **Bill Ramsaur**.

In a presentation ceremony in Brunswick, GA, on February 19, 2006, the National Society and Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presented \$2,000 to the Haitian-American Society as a contribution for a proposed Haitian monument in Savannah, GA. One check for \$1,000 was from the Georgia Society, SAR, and a second check for \$1,000 was from national members of the SAR.

The Haitian-American Society is sponsoring a project to erect a monument to honor their Haitian ancestors, "*Les Chasseurs Volontaires de St. Dominique*", who fought alongside Americans at the Siege of Savannah, October 9, 1779, during the Revolutionary War.

Presentation of the checks was made by **David Dukes, Sr.**, Southeast Regional Vice-

President and **William Ramsaur**, President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, SAR, to Mr. **Daniel Fils-Aime**, Chairman of the Board of the Haitian-American Society, and Board members **Wilfrid Belfort** and **Gabriel Dejoie**.

As members of the Georgia Society, SAR, Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, Mr. Dukes and Mr. Ramsaur have participated over the years in many celebrations of Revolutionary events on Georgia soil. They frequently encountered Mr. Fils-Aime and his friends who spoke of the contribution their ancestors made to Georgia Revolutionary War history.

They learned of a Haitian unit, little known to American history, much less the American public, called the "*Chasseurs Volontaires*".

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Message From the

Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

Reinstatements: Members whose 2006 dues have not been paid may be reinstated by sending National, State and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer; \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter dues.

Georgia Society Source Book: The new Source Book CD was made available at the Training Session March 4th. Over 200 sections have been upgraded, and the entire CD has been re-formatted. Additional CDs will be available at \$2.00 each at the Annual Meeting. Copies may be ordered by mail from the Secretary. Please add \$2.00 for shipping & handling (1-3 copies).

Comments regarding the "contents" of sections should be referred to the Secretary, who is the Source Book Editor. Comments regarding the computer "formatting" or "coding" should be referred to the Source Book Committee Chairman, Ernie Blevins, blevins@alumni.cofc.edu.

New Chapter Officers: All Chapter Presidents should report their officers for 2006 to the State Secretary as soon as they are elected or installed. Please give email



Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** assisted in the design of the Cowpens Pin.

WELCOME

New Members Since Last Issue of The Hornet's

Atlanta

Hugh Wallace Brannon
William Emil Nichols

Button Gwinnett

Jesse Eugene Bivings, Jr.
Randall Eugene Bivings
Ronald Marcus Bivings

Casimir Pulaski

Maurice Everett Blevins

Coweta Falls

Arthur Eugene Hall
Charles Eason Hall, Jr.
Mark Stephen Hyles
Stephen Matthew Hyles

Dalton

Patrick Jay Gregory

John Collins

Jason Brian Godwin
Stuart Wesley Keaton
William Anthony Toth, III

John Milledge

James David Mills

Marquis de Lafayette

Ronald Rome Abadie
John Raymond Antonides
Geoffrey Carmichael Oosterhoudt
James Joseph Oosterhoudt

Marshes of Glynn

David Otis Chesnut, Jr.
Herbert McCammon Henry

Ocmulgee

William David Gifford
William Dean Terrell

Piedmont

Frank Hay Briggs, Jr.
Farish Carter Chandler, Jr.
Jeffrey Edward Clark (Transfer)
James Milton Fletcher

Rome

Randall Montgomery Anderson, Jr. (Transfer)
William Judson Strain, Jr.

Samuel Butts

Andrew Jackson Shelton, Jr.

Samuel Elbert

Carl Jackson Arnold, Jr.
Donald Hayes Arnold

addresses. Reports have to be received by April 20, 2006, to be included in summer issue of *The SAR Magazine*. See our state web site for State and Chapter officers, as well as Committee Chairmen: www.sar.org/gassar

National Online Membership Data Base: If corrections are made to the National Online Membership Data Base by state or chapter officers, National does not notify the State Secretary so that our data base can be corrected. Therefore, you should continue to notify the State Secretary about changes, and he will advise National accordingly.

Obituary Reports: Chapter Chaplains should notify the State Chaplain promptly upon the decease of a member. Give date of death, nearest relative, and member's address so that the Chaplain can send a letter of condolence in a timely manner. This does not relieve the chapter from completing an Obituary Report as specified in our Source Book. By reporting in this manner, corrections are made to our State and National data base as well as supplying the info to the Editor of *The Hornet's Nest*.

Interesting Web Site: www.southerncampaign.org



Terry Manning, Georgia Society Publicity Chairman, visits with a patient in a VA Hospital during the C.A.R. Annual Meeting.

Report From The



Georgia Society Registrar

Kendall Abbott

Those of you who were unable to attend the Leadership Conference this past month missed a great overview of many of the services and work done by the Georgia Society of the SAR. Since there were many discussions surrounding the completion of the applications, a summary of some of the items of the application process are listed below.

I strongly encourage as many folks as possible to attend the State Annual Meeting this month to meet your fellow Compatriots and share ideas and problems with others in similar situations. They may provide the solution you are looking for in helping others in researching their ancestry. This opportunity has proven to be invaluable since many of us experience the same issues.

As most of you know, I have had recent surgery which has kept me out of work for a couple of months. I have taken this opportunity, when possible, to help potential Compatriots with their research. Because of this I have become more familiar with a lot of the DAR processes of their older applications (prior to 1980). After speaking with several of the DAR officers in Washington, I would like to share that they are closely looking at many of the proofs they received previously and have found many discrepancies in proof – both in lineage and in Patriots' service. They have removed several Patriots from their Index and are continuing to research and adjust their data as new information is received. This continues to be a concern for the SAR and re-emphasizes the need for all applications and proofs submitted to be closely scrutinized for thoroughness.

The SAR Application should be looked at as the outline of several historical documents. The outline breaks down the multiple proofs – Generation 1 to Generation 2, Generation 2 to Generation 3, and so on. Each step needs to be looked at separately as its own proof.

Double check all the dates and look for logical errors in each date - such as a person dies before they are married.

Each application has THREE goals:

1. Prove the lineage from the applicant to the patriot.
2. Prove the patriot's service

3. Prove the lineage person is the Patriot – this has become a major issue.

Now that the basics are covered, I would like to take a few moments to cover some of the more frequent reasons for pended or delayed applications.

- Internet sources are not references, not proof and not acceptable. They should give you some clue where to go in your search but not used as proof.
- Family compiled databases such as Family Tree Maker also are not acceptable resources without substantiating documentation.
- You can retype an original document such as a will for easier readability, but a copy of the original document needs to be attached.
- When using books as references, the first pages including author, publisher, dates of publication, etc. must be included.
- Make sure both copies of the application are signed and both copies should be on the acid-free paper provided by National.
- When a supplemental refers to another NSSAR application – please include a copy of that application.
- Please, no staples should be used on the application.
- Include a separate check for each supplemental.

Another thing that helps to expedite the process is to use a highlighter to highlight pertinent information and mark in the margin which generation it refers to.

Recently we received a reminder from National. Individuals are designated in each state to correspond with National as liaisons for the Chapters. Recently there have been several folks go directly to National with letters and documentation. If everyone contacted National with a question, the folks up there would not have time to process the applications. Please forward information for National through me or Kline.”

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Bob Sapp, State Genealogist, your Regional Vice President or me to assist where possible.

Attend the Combined Spring Board of Managers & Annual Meeting

Atlanta Marriot Century Center
Saturday
April 1, 2006
9:15 a.m.

A First Timer's Experience

Do you remember the excitement you felt after you finally decided to join this organization and went to your first meeting? You were uncertain what to expect, and did not know anyone there except for the person who invited you, and he didn't even show up. You arrived and said hello to one or two people who seemed to be deep in conversation about something only old timers would know. You sat quietly by yourself, or maybe next to several others who also seemed to know each other, but did not bother to include you. You listened to the introductions, and if you were lucky, they asked who were visitors. You raised your hand, said your name, and hoped your seatmates would then say something to you. They didn't. You listened to the program and after the meeting, most left early. Those who did not were deeply engaged in conversations only old timers would know about.

You left also, no one ever called you to ask who you were or how you "enjoyed" your first visit. You did not return for the next meeting when the discussion was about how to get new members to join, and how to encourage old members to become active.

Do you remember the excitement you felt after you finally decided to join this organization and went to your first meeting? You were uncertain what to expect, and did not know anyone there except for the person who invited you, and he didn't show up. Your contact had alerted someone to expect you, and he met you at the door. He arranged to get you a nametag and introduced you to several officers and members who all asked you questions about who you were and what your interests were. Someone volunteered to be with you the rest of the meeting and included you in discussions, and answered questions you had. You were asked to introduce yourself and you said your name. The President, or your escort, pointed out some interesting facts they had learned about you. After you were seated, your seatmates found out more about you by asking even more about your interests. You found the program very interesting and after the meeting several people came to you and said they would be glad to assist you with your research, or gave you their name and numbers, and said they were available to help should you have any questions. That week, someone called you to see how you "enjoyed" the meeting and asked you personally to come again.

I don't know about you, but I know which of these two meetings I would find worthy of my time. If we can say "I enjoyed it, and I was asked." Then perhaps you will get involved. Keep that in mind the next time membership is raised - old or new.

Larry T. Guzy

Message From the

Georgia Society Genealogist

Bob Sapp

Data Sources!! Where do I start this journey of finding ancestors? As mentioned before, the start is with yourself and with your parents' vital records. However, in your wallet you carry the ticket to a repository of information. Some of the libraries in Georgia have access to AncestryPlus at their computer terminals. AncestryPlus is a "library only" edition of Ancestry.com and is a repository of digital images of US Census and digital images of some publications such as obituaries. If your library has any computer terminals, they most likely have access to AncestryPlus and to the internet. Your library card gives you access to the computer terminals.

The Georgia Room of Cobb County Library lets their patrons access AncestryPlus on their computer terminals in the research room through the Gallio program. HeritageQuestonline.com., a digital repository of census and other data, is also available at the library. Some libraries do not have Heritage Quest access. The Cobb County Library system permits their library cardholders access to their web site via internet from home. With the proper password, access to Heritage Questonline is possible from your home computer. Ask your library system what access you might have to their server from your home computer.

Lay out a search plan for how to use the census data available from the library computers. As with all genealogical research, start with the known and work backward. That would mean starting with yourself, if born before 1930, or with your parents. The census search is made to find the target person, your father for example, in the household of his parents sometime shortly after he was born.

Ancestry.com provides digital copies of the census originals from 1930 back to 1790 where the originals are available. The 1890 Census for example was almost totally destroyed by fire. Some other years are not available for all of the states.

Why lay out a census search? Additional clues to our ancestors are found by analyzing the census data. Censuses before 1850 list only heads of households with the family members shown in male/female age categories. These censuses can show the number of people in the household. By comparing sequential censuses, the approximate date of birth can be determined for the children. After 1850, the census shows the members in the household and their sex and ages. Additionally, the wealth of the head of the house is also indicated by either real or personal property values. In the 1880 Census, we find the first indication of family relationships in the household. The 1900 through 1930 censuses give more details on the family.

Construct the family unit through a series of censuses. Then, use the census data to construct a family profile. What can be learned from the census data? The census closest to the oldest child (earliest census showing the family) provides the following clues:

1. approximate year for the marriage of the parents (two years prior to the first child)
2. if the wife is born in another state, the marriage probably took place there
3. if the husband is born in another state, his occupation may be of a transient nature or he visited relatives in the area
4. the marriage could be a second marriage to the first wife's sister

The census search should focus on

determining the parents of a target person. Many researchers assume that families stayed in the same area for many years. Consider the conditions of the time such as a civil war or depletion of natural resources that could generate reasons for moves. Some moves were with groups of families. Also be aware of the changing boundaries of counties. Some did not move but the county lines changed.

What other clues are available from the census? Cannot find the death of an ancestor.... look at the last census and determine if he had any real property. The possession of real property indicates that some form of probate record should exist to transfer the property at death. Look for either a will or papers of administration of the estate. Knowing the state and county in which the ancestor lived can lead to newspaper and obituary searches and a review of the county court records. The 1900 Census lists the following data which can lead to areas of further research:

1. Year and month of each persons birth
2. Number of years the couple have been married
3. Number of children born to the wife and the number still living
4. Naturalized Citizenship

Why pursue a census search? It took the writer five censuses to construct the family of his great-great grandfather. The great-grandfather was apprenticed out and never showed up in a census with his father. Through census search, the family was constructed based upon an assumed great-great-grandfather. In one census, the great-great-grandfather was shown in the household of his married daughter. The married daughter assisted in preparing pension application for the great-grandfather. The connecting link was through the married sister and the father in her house at a census.

With easy access to digital census data at your library, why not put together your family history based upon what you find in the census? Then, outline where the census data leads you for further research.

1776

Book Review by George Thurmond

Carefully researched and presented by author David McCullough, this book goes into detail about the Continental Army from the time George Washington assumed command until the end of 1776.

With carefully crafted words, McCullough demonstrates he is a "master historian", for he provides the reader with such clarity, that you feel that you are part of the story.

Nathanael Greene and Henry Knox are presented as early leaders who make significant contributions to the few successes

for the Americans in 1776. However they, too, suffered setbacks during the early stages of the war.

What I found most interesting is the in-depth review of the siege of Boston and how the Continental Army was able to maneuver the British out of the "cradle of liberty". However, New York would be a different story.

Leaving Boston (known in Massachusetts as Evacuation Day, March 17, 1776), the Patriots assumed that the British would immediately head for New York, but instead they sailed to Halifax.

It would be late July and early August for the British to take possession of New York

where they remained until the end of the war. The next three months would see Brooklyn Heights, Harlem Heights, White Plains, Fort Washington and Fort Lee fall in rapid succession to the British.

Times looked bleak for the patriots and McCullough provides great insight into the leadership and determination of George Washington that the Continental Army survived to end the year with their great successes of Trenton and Princeton.

This is one of the best books that I have read on the American Revolution and is recommended for all who enjoy our history.

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Report From The



Eagle Scout Committee



**Charlie Newcomer
Chairman**

Georgia and National Society Eagle Scout Committee Chairman **Charlie Newcomer** attended the Spring Leadership conference last month in Louisville to assist in selecting the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship winner and to promote the ongoing fund-raising effort of the Eagle Scout program.

The national scholarship winner this year is **Michael Grogan** of Missouri. Runners-up were Eagles from Colorado and Pennsylvania. Georgia's entry in the contest, **Ted Spangler** of Chamblee, placed high in the scoring and represented Georgia well. Ted, last year's state winner, was sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter. He will be recognized at the annual meeting and will receive the Eagle Trophy and Georgia's \$600 award. Kenneth Barton, sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter, took the \$400 second place scholarship award.

Compatriot Newcomer awarded the new Arthur M. King Eagle Scout fund-raising medal to Georgia compatriot **Larry Guzy** at the Conference's \$1000 Club breakfast. Newcomer also received the award as did his wife, the first DAR member to qualify for the medal. The final striking of the medal is in process and other qualifying Georgians, **Ronnie Harrah**, of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter and, **Dick Dolson**, of the John Collins Chapter will receive their medals at local meetings.

Georgia Society members may send contributions directly to national headquarters or mail them to Charlie A. Newcomer, National Chairman, Eagle Scout Program, 1601 Spartan Lane, Athens, Georgia 30606.

The Committee welcomes donations of any amount. A donation of \$500 qualifies a person for the handsome silver medal. Additional donations of \$500 earn palms for the drape from which the medal hangs. Checks should be made out to NSSAR with the memo Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund.

The Eagle Scout Committee embarked on the fund-raising program last year in an effort to increase the endowment to a level which would make it self-sustaining. The Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program, established in 1980, is the first youth awards program in the SAR. It seeks to recognize every Eagle in the nation and offers generous scholarships to the finest.

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This unit, consisting of about 800 infantry volunteers from Haiti, fought alongside the French and Americans in the Siege of Savannah in 1779. The Americans and French tried a frontal assault on Savannah but were repelled and pursued by the British. The Allies lost the battle but recovered to fight another day due in large part to the cover provided for their withdrawal by the free blacks from Haiti.

The monument will consist of six life-size statues representing the "Chasseurs Volontaires" including a young drummer boy named Henri Christophe who later became King of Haiti. "This recognition is long overdue", said the Haitian Americans. "It's about Haitian pride and the black race around the world. It will help build our self-esteem, and particularly (that of) our youngsters."

In 2003, by resolution of the City Council, the City of Savannah reserved Franklin Square in the Savannah Historic District as a site for the Haitian-American Society to erect the monument. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1.5 million.

The seeds of freedom were planted in Haitian breasts in 1779, and they eventually



Artist Concept of Haitian Monument

won independence from French colonial rule. **Bob Galer**, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, Georgia Society of the SAR, notes that, "The Haitian linkage is worthy of recognition by all Georgians. It is an interesting part of our Revolutionary War history."

Bob Galer

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He tipped his hat in mock salute, as he turned to face the ships;
"Hip, Hip, Huzzah," thrice repeated, roared from Jasper's lips;
Then he dropped behind the ramparts, to fire a round or two;
As o'er the fort, for all to see, Second Carolina's Colors flew.

The British ships came sailing by, firing broadsides stem to stern,
But each was receiving fire, from Sullivan's Island in return;
And when the Brits had turned to run, and set sail for friendlier seas,
Second Carolina's Colors still flew defiantly in the breeze.

A hundred battles later, and a hundred miles away;
Marion and his men were near Savannah, come to save the day;
General Lincoln gave the briefing; attack Spring Hill Redoubt;
Five columns in assault; Second Carolina's Colors leading out.

Now Marion didn't like it; He could see a trap was laid;
But he'd obey his orders, though a price in blood be paid;
And his men would follow Marion, wherever he would lead,
And tales of Second Carolina's Colors could never match the deed.

Spring Hill was thrice defended, because their plan had been betrayed;
Still, this was Second Carolina and the sacrifice was made;
They broke the British line, they gave a fearsome battle shout,
And planted Second Carolina's Colors on Spring Hill Redoubt.

Just when it seemed they had the vict'ry; Brit defenses they did quell;
Came Maitland's Seventy-first Highlanders, sounding pipes from hell;
Fresh British reinforcements, attacking men half dead;
Second Carolina's Colors stood in puddles, of blood already shed.

The cause was truly hopeless, and Marion had to call retreat;
His men were dead and dying but would ne'er admit defeat;
"You save the men; I'll get the Colors."
Jasper's final words and final hope;
As Second Carolina's Colors were made Holy, by blood spilt on Spring Hill's slope.

Like a body in a casket, is not the person that we knew;
So the cloth in Scotland's trophy room, is not the flag we flew;
And as Jasper's spirit soared to heaven, for he'd earned the martyr's fate;
He carried Second Carolina's Colors to fly o'er the Pearly Gates.

William O. Lewis, III

*Report From***Georgia
Society
N.S.C.A.R.****Mike Tomme**

It was a cold, damp and windy day on January 14, 2006, but members of the Georgia Children of the American Revolution Society and Junior Color Guard took part in the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens. State C.A.R. President and Sukey Hart member, **Sydney McRee**, dressed in period attire, was in attendance to lay a wreath. **Gaelen Anthony** and **Elizabeth Anthony** from the John Funderburk C.A.R. Society also laid a wreath and were in period attire. It was great to have members of our Junior Color Guard attend this National Grave Marking. The children are an important piece to the DAR and SAR, and it is wonderful when they attend these events.

On February 11, 2006, again it was cold and raining at the 227th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. This did not dampen the spirits of the C.A.R. members and the Junior Color Guard who came and took part in the ceremony. State C.A.R. President, **Sydney McRee** presented the State C.A.R. Wreath. **Kevin Baker**, C.A.R. National Curator, and **Daniel Dorney** from the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society were in attendance, along with **Eric Hall**, **Arthur Hall**, **Charles Hall, Jr.**, **Erwin Moore** and **Carter Moore** from the Lucy Spell Raiford C.A.R. Society. Also

attending was a representative from the South Carolina C.A.R. Society. These members of the Junior Color Guard helped out by placing flags to honor the 13 original colonies. The children enjoyed being a part of this most important event.

On February 17th and 18th, the C.A.R. held their Annual State Conference in Milledgeville. On the evening of the 17th, the Board met under the direction of Sydney McRee followed by a meeting of the Senior Board. On the Saturday the 18th, the official opening of the state meeting was called to order by President McRee.

The election for State Officers was held by secret ballot. The children chose the following for office for the year from April 2006 to April 2007. They are: President, Arthur Hall; 1st Vice President, **Sarah Dorney**; 2nd Vice President, Carter Moore; Chaplin, Daniel Dorney; Recording Secretary, **Clint Moore**; Organizing Secretary, **Jane Collins**; Corresponding Secretary, Erin Moore; Treasurer, **Nicole Dewberry**; Registrar, **Benjamin Dorney**; Historian, **Madison Hood** and Librarian-Curator, Eric Hall. All of the above were elected.

After the elections and the business meeting, lunch was served. **Chris Stokes** from the Washington Memorial Library attended his first C.A.R. State meeting and said it was a great experience. After lunch, the children and seniors went to the Veterans' Home in Milledgeville and entertained the Veterans. The children played the piano and violin, danced, sang songs, etc. **Terry Manning**, chairman of the Kettle Creek project, played trivia with the Veterans. The children and the Veterans all had a great time, and it was great to see Veterans smile and really enjoy the C.A.R. coming and spending time with them.

That evening the banquet was held. **Shelby Whitson**, State Regent of the DAR, brought greetings and gave the C.A.R. a check for the State Project. Also, Senior Vice President of Georgia SAR, **George Wheelless** brought greetings on behalf of President **George Thurmond**. State SAR Treasurer, **David Titus** presented a check to Sydney McRee. President McRee presented gifts to **Lewie Dunn**, **Mike and Cilla Tomme**, **The Bridges**, **The McRees**, **The Dorneys**, **The Bakers** and **The Halls** for all of their help on her project.

Willard Rocker from the Washington Memorial Library, where the microfilm is housed from the State project, presented Sydney with a proclamation for her State Project. In turn, Sydney McRee presented Willard Rocker with a plaque for the Washington Memorial Library in recognition of their support for her project.

Also that evening, Mike Tomme presented two streamers to Kevin Baker, Georgia State C.A.R. Junior Color Guard Commander, for their C.A.R. flag. The streamers came from Cowpens and Kettle Creek celebrations. The Junior Color Guard has been present and in period attire for both of these National Celebrations.

President McRee gave her final speech as State President of the C.A.R. She thanked everyone who helped her during the year to achieve her goal for her State Project. After her speech, **Robert A. Fritsch**, national C.A.R. 1st Vice President swore in all of the officers, except for Arthur Hall, who will be sworn in at Mount Vernon in April. There were several other C.A.R. members in attendance. They were: **Barry "Bear" Marler**, National Vice-President Southeastern Region; **Robyn Carroll**, Florida C.A.R. State President.



(pictured above) **Willard Rocker** (left) from the Washington Memorial Library presented President **Sydney McRee** with a proclamation for her State Project.

(pictured on right) The Hall family was one of the families groups receiving a gift from President Sydney McRee for their help with the State Project.



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MONUMENT STORY

Excerpts from a Letter to the Lyman Hall Chapter from Compatriot John Souther

"Compatriot **James C. McLeroy** was elected President of the Lyman Hall Chapter for 1999-2000. Seventeen ninety-nine to nineteen ninety-nine was the George Washington Bicentennial Year with Sons of the American Revolution commemorating his untimely death on December 14, 1799. We thought a monument of George Washington on Washington Street would be a great project to mark his passing. I was asked to be Chairman of this important undertaking and selected as my committee Compatriots **W. L. Norton, Jr.** and **Ben Carter**. Ben asked to be taken off the committee and Compatriot Dr. **Eddie Jackson** was selected as the replacement. The committee liked the SunTrust Bank site as the prime location for the monument. I took my wife with me to see **Martha Simmons**, President of SunTrust Bank. We explained to her why we wanted this location ... and she said she would be delighted to have the monument there.

"I had a second stroke in March, 1999, and while in the hospital started to work on this important project. We solicited funds on the basis that donors contributing \$1,000.00 would have their names engraved on the monument. Three generous donors gave \$2,000.00 each and thirty-two gave \$1,000.00 each, making a total of \$38,000.00. Donations of less than \$1,000.00 by twenty-nine donors were \$4,975.00, making total donations \$42,975.00. I will always be grateful for the courtesy shown me by all donors who showed their patriotism and love of country.

"Our committee decided to interview **John Lanzalotti**. We liked the beautiful work Dr. Lanzalotti presented to us, and I asked him to give us a price to do the bust in bronze. He said \$25,000.00, but said he would do it for us for \$20,000.00. We all agreed and commissioned him to do the bust. Our Good Lord was with us.

"To secure the right base and die for the monument, President James McLeroy, Dr. Eddie Jackson and I went to Elberton, GA, to see Compatriot **Henry Drennon**, member of the Elberton Chapter, SAR. He worked with one of the granite companies and personally went to the quarry and selected it. The eleven ton block of granite delivered was \$13,046.00. President McLeroy and I went back later to inspect the engraving. Mr. McLeroy suggested that in addition to the engraving of names, we should have inscribed on the monument, "FIRST IN WAR, FIRST IN PEACE, FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN". This block of granite was flawless and had uniformity of effect and simplicity of style. We shall remember and appreciate Mr. Drennon for his great work.

"Dr. John Lanzalotti and **Tom Campbell**



arrived two days early with the bust and called me to come to the Lanier Hotel to see what they had for us. I was the first one to see this beautiful work of art made of bronze, and I felt like eleven tons of weight had been lifted from my shoulders. They had come early for the unveiling on December 14, 1999.

"This was a great day as the public would view for the first time the monument of George Washington.

"Music was provided by the band of Riverside Military Academy. Invocation was given by **Dr. William Coates** of the First Baptist Church.

"I remember some of my remarks at the ceremony. Gainesville became a city in 1821, and we are 178 years late in placing a monument of George Washington on Washington Street. Two thousand years ago, it was the glory and grandeur of Rome. Today, it is the glory and grandeur of Gainesville.

"At this point and time Dr. John Lanzalotti unveiled the monument. It is magnificent! I held his hand high proclaiming victory.

"I wish to thank all the members of Lyman Hall Chapter for their support. Membership growth made the chapter sound of which we can be proud.

"This came after my term as President, but I am elated that I accepted the chairmanship because this was historical and is a great attraction for our city. I have a sentimental attachment to Washington Street, and I am confident that these accomplishments were guided by the blessings of a Higher Being."

**Notes by Hall Martin
President, Lyman Hall Chapter**

One thing I might add that was not in John's letter was that the bust selected was the one that best resembled the facial features of George Washington. John said that they did not believe the other two were good likenesses of Washington.

I was present at the Ceremony involving the unveiling of the monument. It was a cold, clear day, and a nice sized crowd gathered in the street in front of a stage that had been erected beside the monument. WDUN Radio covered the event live. The band played stirring music prior to the speeches and the unveiling of the monument, and the Georgia Society Color Guard was present. President Jim McLeroy's performance as Master of Ceremonies was outstanding as was the entire program.

It's fair to say that the George Washington Monument is very beautiful, and that all persons present felt very proud that it was now a part of the City.

Past President James McLeroy passed away recently. He and John Souther will always be remembered as the dynamic duo responsible for the monument; Jim, as the chapter President during the development and installation; and, John, as the Monument Committee Chairman who got the job done.... even though he had a stroke while doing so!

The monument sits at the head of Washington Street in Gainesville on a corner shared with Green Street, one city block off the town center square. So, the next time you visit Gainesville, stop by downtown and view this beautiful monument erected by fellow Compatriots and friends to the memory of George Washington, the Father of our Country.

Revolutionary Days 2006 Battle of Kettle Creek Celebration

"More than twenty-five battles, sieges and skirmishes were fought in Georgia during the American Revolution, but Kettle Creek in Wilkes County is first in the hearts of those who gather in February each year to commemorate one of our Patriots' rare victories in their struggle for Independence." said **Bob Galer**, Chairman of the Georgia Society Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. He added, "Colonel Andrew Pickens reported that the Battle of Kettle Creek was the severest check and chastisement the Tories ever received in South Carolina and Georgia."

The Celebration of the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek -- called Revolutionary Days -- took place Saturday, February 11, in Washington, GA and at the nearby Kettle Creek Battlefield. In spite of the bad weather, U.S. Army Historians led tours of the Battlefield. **Walt Andrae** stated, "The weather on the day of the actual battle was similar -- cold, wet". It was good to walk through the woods and note the lack of vegetation, the cushioned footfalls, the opportunities provided by the terrain, and the largely open views through what was then a primary growth forest. The weather offered those hardy souls who walked with me an opportunity to see and experience the site as the Patriots and Loyalists once did.

Due to the rain, the Living History presentations were held in the McGill-Woodruff Center. Local Historian, **Skeet**

Willingham, served as Master of Ceremonies and described Wilkes County in the 1770s to the assembled group of about two hundred. Wilkes County Commission Chairman **Sam Moore** and Washington Mayor **Willie Burns** welcomed the visitors to Wilkes County and read a Joint Proclamation which proclaimed "February 11, 2006, as KETTLE CREEK DAY." The festive occasion featured the award-winning Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, presentations by many Revolutionary-era personalities, the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band, and the Continental Regiment Fife and Drum.

The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard presented fifteen flags of the Revolutionary War, and the Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia participated in the Living History presentations. Participants included: **Revis Butler, Mike Campbell, Walker Chewing, Robert Cruthirds, Lewie Dunn, Jack Ferguson, Bob Galer, Larry Guzy, Bill Hay, Bo Hill, Ben Miller, Charlie Newcomer, Paul Prescott, Bill Ramsaur, Robert Sapp, Ted Smith, Billy Templeton, George Thurmond, Mike Tomme, Robert Turbyfill, Mark Webb, George Wheelless, Larry Whitfield, Rhett Williamson, and Larry Wilson.**

Living History presentations provided great fun and enjoyment for all. The personalities portrayed by Georgia Society Compatriots included George Walton (George Wheelless), one of the three signers of Declaration of Independence from Georgia and a prominent citizen of Wilkes County.

A rebel patriot (Ted Smith) administered an Oath of Allegiance to the assembled citizens and recruited for the militia with

payment of a twenty dollar Continental note. Armed militia (Lewie Dunn and Bo Hill) encouraged the citizens to swear allegiance and join the Wilkes County Militia. Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke (Charlie Newcomer), Commander of Georgia Militia at Kettle Creek, and his wife, Hannah Clarke (**Vickie Taylor** from Elijah Clark State Park) entertained the audience with their description of the famous couple and their illustrious descendants. Other personalities included Colonel John Dooly (Mike Tomme), a prominent citizen of Wilkes County who led the Georgia Militia at Kettle Creek; and James Hammett (Bob Galer), who owned the property on which the Battle was fought.

The highlight of the Revolutionary Days Celebration was the Ninth Annual Memorial and Wreath Presentation Ceremony on Saturday afternoon. While not able to gather at the Kettle Creek Battlefield Monument, the many flags and wreaths brightened the indoor arena. **George Thurmond** served as Master of Ceremonies for the Ceremony, which was sponsored by the Georgia Society and Samuel Elbert SAR Chapter with the support of the Kettle Creek DAR Chapter. President Thurmond stated, "The Revolutionary Days activities were truly moving as we paused to remember and appreciate the courage and determination of those who fought at Kettle Creek. Their great victory should never be forgotten by all freedom loving Americans."

The Ceremony honoring the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek featured Presentation of Colors by the Combined SAR Color Guard (**Paul Prescott**,

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The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard presented fifteen flags of the Revolutionary War during the Battle of Kettle Creek Celebration.

DAR Honors Patriot William Caraway



DAR State Regent Shelby Whitson

The Georgia Society Color Guard and other SAR members were among the couple hundred participants at the service marking the grave of Patriot William Caraway on Saturday, January 28, 2006. A beautiful, warm day no doubt contributed to the well attended event hosted by the John Houstoun Chapter, NSDAR. The ceremony was held at the Glenwood Cemetery in Thomaston, Georgia and was followed by a reception at the Pettigrew-White-Stamps House.

The return of the rat-a-tat-tat of **Connie Aylor** at her drum and the music of **Ron Aylor** on fife was a welcome treat to those who have missed their patriotic tunes while Connie was recovering from a broken bone. Compatriot **John Mortison** was striking as usual in his handsome kilt as he participated in the musical salutes on his bagpipe.

It was a dedication fit for a king and was attended by the three Presidents of our Revolutionary War state societies. **Shelby Whitson**, State Regent, Georgia State Society, NSDAR; **George Thurmond**, State President, Georgia Society SAR; and **Sydney McRee**, State President, NSCAR, each gave greetings to the assembled guests.

In addition to a proclamation by Mayor **Hays Arnold** of Thomaston, several descendants of Patriot William Caraway participated in the program, including

Compatriot **Jack Caraway** of the General Richard Montgomery Chapter, Alabama Society, SAR, and Compatriot **Paul Caraway** of the Plano Chapter, Texas Society, SAR.

Members of the C.A.R. contributed to the remembrance of the Patriot's historical part in our battle for independence with a wide variety of newly created era costumes.

Representatives of 11 DAR chapters, 3 SAR chapters, 2 C.A.R. societies, and the John B. Gordon Camp Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans presented wreaths before the background of more than a dozen historical flags flown by the Georgia Society Color Guard. As the ceremony ended, the smoke from the musket salute by the Elijah Clarke Militia Unit wafted across the grounds, reminding us of the battles that such Patriots fought to create our nation of free men, women and children.

Patriot William Caraway enlisted in 1778 as a private at Cambridge, South Carolina. He served under Captain John Moore of the Third Company attached to Col. Huger's Regiment. He was engaged as Orderly Sergeant at the Siege of Savannah under Capt. Smith and was at the Battle of Stono. He was honorably discharged June 11, 1780.

Terry E. Manning
Chairman of the Publicity Committee

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Commander with twenty-six Guardsmen from Georgia, Alabama, Florida and North Carolina); musical selections by the 434th U.S. Army Signal Corps Band (WO1 **Jonathan Ward**, conducting); and the Continental Regiment Fife and Drum (**Connie** and **Ron Aylor**.)

Keynote speaker was the Honorable **Nathan E. White, Jr.** from Dallas, Texas, who serves as the Secretary General of the National Society SAR. Judge White was introduced by Bob Galer and the invocation was offered by **Rev. Jack Bozeman**. Bob Galer and Jack Bozeman were responsible for the first Battlefield Ceremony sponsored by the SAR held on February 14, 1998. **Joel Moore**, President of the Samuel Elbert SAR Chapter, administered the oath of membership to eleven men and boys who descended from Revolutionary War soldier Owen Fluker.

Kline Pugh announced seventy-five Wreaths which were presented by members of the Children, Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution organizations, including many descendants of the soldiers who fought at Kettle Creek. The Greene County High School Air Force JROTC Saber Team formed an arch for an impressive presentation honoring the thirteen original states by the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution. Following Taps, a Rifle and

Musket Salute, performed by the Installation Support Group from Fort Gordon and the Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia, honored the memory of the Patriot Soldiers who participated in the Battle of Kettle Creek which occurred on February 14, 1779.

The names of the sponsors of Revolutionary Days activities were proudly displayed on a banner hanging in the historic Washington Town Square. The Sponsors included the Georgia Society and the Samuel Elbert Chapter, SAR; Kettle Creek Chapter, DAR; City of Washington; Mary Willis Library; Washington Historical Museum; Wilkes County; Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and the Washington-Wilkes Historical Foundation. Publicity was provided by *The News-Reporter* of Washington, and other newspaper, radio and TV media.

In addition to the Revolutionary Days activities in Washington, a Special Program for Kettle Creek Participants was conducted on Sunday, February 12, at the Elijah Clark State Park, near Lincolnton, Georgia. The Program included a Wreath Presentation Ceremony at the gravesite of General Elijah Clarke by the Georgia Society Color Guard, including: Mike Campbell, Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Bill Ramsaur, Ted Smith, George Thurmond, George Wheelless, and Larry Wilson.

President George Thurmond said, "We look forward to the Revolutionary Days

Celebration on February 10, 2007, when the weather is bound to be better, and we can perform the Parade and Living History in the historic Washington Town Square."

Bill Ramsaur
Chairman, Revolutionary Days 2006



Owen Fluker Descendants Join SAR

Eleven men and boys were inducted into the Samuel Elbert SAR Chapter by President **Joel Moore** at the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia on February 11, 2006. All are descendants of Owen Fluker, a Patriot who fought in the Battle of Kettle Creek, and the largest group of related new members ever inducted into the Georgia Society at one time.

225th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF COWPENS



Georgia Society Award Winning Color Guard during the Wreath Presentation at the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens

HISTORY OF COWPENS BATTLE

In the winter of 1780, Patriot Daniel Morgan's force of Continentals posed a threat to the British position in the Carolinas. To find and destroy them, Cornwallis sent Banastre Tareleton with his British Legion and some of his best light troops. Morgan knew that the opposing force was approximately double his own, so he sent for militia units from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia – veterans of the battles of Kettle Creek, Brier Creek, Musgrove's Mill, Blackstock and Kings Mountain, men of great courage and fighting ability but no match for British battle tactics. For instance, their rifles did not carry bayonets, but had a greater range; and in the hands of their owners, were far deadlier and more accurate than the British musket.

Morgan kept this in mind in devising his plan of battle at the Cowpens. Morgan formed his troops in three lines. In the first line were 35 sharpshooters to slow the advance with well-timed shots. One hundred and fifty yards behind the first line, he put the Carolina and Georgia militia, under Andrew Pickens. They were asked to fire two killing shots and then to file in an oblique manner to the rear of Maryland Continentals, Delaware Continentals and the experienced Virginia militia, which formed the third line one hundred and fifty yards to the rear of Pickens.

As the British came within range on that January day in 1781, the militia delivered a deadly fire, downing two-thirds of the British officers and NCOs, and then filed back through the ranks of the Continentals. In the subsequent melee, the militia formed again on the British left and delivered a galling fire on Tareleton's dragoons and the Scottish Highlanders, leading to a British collapse. The unorthodox battle plan of the "Old Waggoner" resulted in victory and "spired up the people" in the Carolina and Georgia backcountry, and indeed all the colonies.

Bob Galer

225th CELEBRATION BATTLE OF COWPENS

Winnie the Pooh would have said the 225th Anniversary of the Battle at Cowpens occurred on a blustery day. I would say that it was downright cold and windy. The anniversary was celebrated on January 14, 2006, at the battlefield in Chesnee, SC. Despite the cold and the distance from home, 18 hardy Georgia SAR color guardsmen mustered at the park. The Georgia Color Guard was part of a combined color guard composed of guardsmen from nine states. Georgia had by far the largest contingent.

The program started with the combined color guard marching to the United States

Monument, led by the Guilford Fife and Drum Corps. Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** introduced Past President General **James Westlake**, who placed the NSSAR wreath at the monument. A long procession, led by the combined color guard and the fife and drum corps, marched to the Washington Light Infantry Monument. Those following were SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members; National Park Service personnel; re-enactors; and the general public. The color guard stood at ease in formation in the wind and cold while 93 wreaths were presented. The program at the monument concluded with seven musketeers firing a 21-musket salute and the playing of "Taps". Three of the musketeers were from the Georgia Society Color Guard's Col. Elijah Clarke Militia unit.

George Thurmond assisted in the design of a special SAR pin for the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens. The pin was given to all wreath presenters, color guardsmen, and the fife and drum corps.

Finally, most of the Georgia Color Guardsmen marched back to the reception center and a large heated tent. We were putting an end to the effects of a blustery *Winnie the Pooh* day at Cowpens.

Paul Prescott

NEWS

of the

Georgia Society Chapters



Regional Vice-President **Charlie Newcomer** after placing a wreath for the Athens Chapter at Cowpens.

Casimir Pulaski

On February 22, 2006, the Casimir Pulaski Chapter held its 4th Annual Meeting and Dinner in Carrollton. Our guest speaker was **Dr. John E. Ferling**, Professor Emeritus of the University of West Georgia. His topic was *The Common Soldier*.

Regional Vice-President **Charlie Newcomer** installed the Chapter officers for 2006. They are President, **H.M. "Dutch" Dreyer, Jr.**; Vice President, **Jim Swinson**; Secretary/Treasurer, **Mike Campbell**; Registrar, **Tom Carrere**; Historian, **Ernie Blevins**; Chaplain, **Donald Denney** and Sergeant-at-Arms, **Joe Moore**.

During the awards portion of the meeting, a number of individuals were recognized by Past President, **George Wheelless**. The following awards were presented: Meritorious Service Medal, George Wheelless; Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Jim Swinson, Ernie Blevins, **Ron Berard**, Joe Moore, Tom Carrere, **Rhett Williamson**; Oak Leaf Cluster --SAR Medal of Appreciation, **Violette Denney**; Martha Washington Medal, **Sherryll Miles**.

Our Chapter continues to grow. We began 2006 with 36 members. One application has been submitted and 4 individuals continue to work on theirs. We anticipate the completion of organizing a C.A.R. Society in the West Georgia area in the coming months.



(left to right) **Charlie Newcomer, Dutch Dreyer, Jim Swinson, Tom Carrere, Mike Campbell, Ernie Blevins, and Joe Moore**

Marshes of Glenn

The Georgia Society and Marshes of Glynn Chapter encourage you to attend the Celebration of the 228th Anniversary of the Frederica Naval Action on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, on St. Simons Island, GA. The Celebration will begin at 10:00am at the Fort Frederica National Monument Visitors Center. The SAR Color Guard will lead the assembled group to the Kings Magazine on the bank of the Frederica River where the Memorial Ceremony and Wreath Presentations will be conducted. Bagpipe and Musket Salutes will be presented to honor Colonel Samuel Elbert

and the Georgia sailors and soldiers who captured three British ships on the Frederica River on April 19, 1778.

Several additional activities are planned, including a luncheon and tours of Revolutionary era sites on St. Simons and in Glynn County. The public is invited to attend the Memorial Ceremony and descendants of the veterans of the Frederica Naval Action will be recognized in a special manner. Please contact **Bill Ramsaur** at wframsaur@aol.com or 912-634-1293 for a Wreath Presentation Request, description of the Georgia Patriots Day activities, lodging options and event directions.

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Kings Magazine at the Fort Frederica National Monument on the Frederica River

Marquis de Lafayette

The first quarter of 2006 has seen the chapter running at full steam. On January 7th, outgoing president, **John Sloan**, ended a great year at the chapter's annual banquet which featured speaker, **Ben Franklin**, (better known as Ted Key).

Our color guard members **Mike Tomme**, **Bo Hill**, **Charlie Newcomer**, and **Brett Osborn** withstood wet and freezing temperatures at the Cowpens on January 14th and Mike Tomme, Bo Hill, Charlie Newcomer, and **Lewie Dunn** were also present at a wet Kettle Creek on February 11th.

On January 18th, members of our school committee met with Augustine Clayton Chapter DAR Regent, **Becky West**, her chapter patriotic committee and Booth Middle School faculty to prepare for our joint Betsy Ross flag program. It was presented to 130 sixth graders on the morning of January 30th. In the same afternoon, we presented our "Life of a Soldier" program to 100 fourth graders at Peachtree City Elementary School.

On February 9th, we traveled to McDonough, GA, to present our program to 32 seventh and eight graders who are home schooled. On March 3rd, we traveled with Button Gwinnett CAR Sr. president, **Lynn Dorney**, to Tyrone's Burch Elementary School and presented our program to 110 fourth graders there. The same afternoon we went to Peachtree City's Crabapple Lane Elementary School and gave the program to another 104 fourth graders.

So far this year, after only two months, we have presented to 476 school students the REAL and TRUE story of the American Revolution. Our programs have been given to small groups, enabling us to have more 'one

on one' time with students.

Our Public Service and Heroism Committee members have been busy presenting our 2005 medals. On January 28th, we presented the Fire Safety Medal to Lt. **David Williamson** of the Peachtree City Fire Department and the Law Enforcement medal to Detective **Melissa Peacock** of the Fayetteville Police Department on February 28th.

February also saw our new chapter president, Mike Tomme, and his wife, **Cilla**, attend the State CAR Conference in Milledgeville. Lewie Dunn also attended.

A small group of chapter members traveled to Carrollton's Casmir Pulaski Chapter's banquet. Those who went were West Central Region V.P., Charlie Newcomer and his wife **Clare**, past Chapter President, **John Sloan** and his wife **Susan**, Chapter President Mike Tomme and his wife Cilla, and Lewie Dunn.

The Spring Leadership meeting of the NSSAR held in Louisville, KY, saw chapter members Mike Tomme, Lewie Dunn, Charlie Newcomer, and **Doug Stansberry** doing national committee work.

Our Chapter would like to welcome the following new members: **John D. Williams, Jr.**, **Larry Parks**, **Christian M. Jessel**, **David S. Jessel**, **Rev. Knox Herndon**, **John R. Antonides**, **Paul Grimes**, **Ronald R. Abadie**, **Geoffrey C. Oosterhoudt** and **James J. Oosterhoudt**. Also, the chapter recognized Mike Tomme for receiving supplemental number 3, and Lewie Dunn for receiving supplemental numbers 32 and 33.

Till next time may God continue to bless America and our Troops wherever they serve.

Atlanta

Former Congressman from Georgia, the Honorable **Bob Barr**, was the featured speaker at the George Washington Birthday Luncheon of the Atlanta Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, on February 18, 2006. He discussed several developments at the national level which he considered to be serious threats to national security.

Certificates of Appreciation, accompanied by Citations, were awarded, *in absentia*, to the *Northside Neighbor*, recognizing its support of the Atlanta chapter, and to Brigadier General **John W. Gillette**, long-time member and distinguished compatriot, in appreciation for his years of devoted service. Chapter Officers were also recognized with Certificates of Appreciation for their services during the past year.

The "Last Roll Call", read by **Dr. T. Fisher Craft**, Secretary, honored the memory of deceased Members: Herman Ross Arnold, John R. Carreker and Watson Eugene Wilson.

New officers were installed by Colonel **George Thurmond**, President, Georgia Society, SAR. The new President, George Holden, Sr., thanked retiring President, **Philip K. Curtis**, for an outstanding year of leadership, and presented him the Past President's Pin and Certificate.

At a special ceremony on January 5, 2006, at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta, the Atlanta Chapter, SAR, presented a Flag Certificate to the School in recognition and appreciation of its emphasis on proper flag etiquette.

Bill Brower, Lower School Media Specialist, teaches a fifth-grade volunteer Flag Team the proper protocol for displaying the Flag. Each day, three members of the team attend to regular flag duty.

Members of the Atlanta Chapter attended the early morning flag-raising ceremony and recognized the members of the volunteer Flag Team who participated. The Certificate was presented to Mr. Brower at the Lower School Chapel Service by 2nd Vice President **Guyton McCall**.



(left to right) **Lewie Dunn**, **Mike Tomme**, **Cilla Tomme**, **Bo Hill**



Revis Butler with members of the Flag Team.

William Few

Augusta to Celebrate 225th Anniversary of Its Recovery from British Rule



The Siege of Fort Cornwallis by Dick Westcott
 Courtesy Augusta Museum of History, Augusta, GA

On June 5, 1781, patriot American troops led by Brigadier General Andrew Pickens, Colonel Elijah Clarke and Lieutenant Colonel "Light-horse Harry" Lee recaptured the town of Augusta from British forces lead by the notorious Tory commander, Colonel Thomas Brown. The battle, also known as "the siege of Fort Cornwallis," had lasted since May 22, 1781, and had involved the capture of three

British forts, a regular siege operation, and the use of a "Maham Tower" to direct artillery fire into the interior of the British works. Within a short time, Augusta became the capital of Georgia for much of the next fifteen years.

This year, a consortium of patriotic, historic, civic, and preservationist organizations in Augusta will recognize the 225th anniversary of that signal event with a

two-day celebration on almost the exact site where Tory Colonel Brown surrendered to the victors in 1781.

The observances on June 2 and 3, 2006, will include a symposium on Friday afternoon June 2. Local historians will discuss the battle, its participants and its consequences, and will answer questions asked by the audience. The venue will be the Augusta Museum of History and seating is limited to eighty. During the evening, a Continental dinner will be served in historic St Paul's Episcopal Church, now on the probable site of Fort Cornwallis. Since seating is limited, tickets will be pre-sold.

The first event of Saturday afternoon, June 3, will be a wreath-laying and salute ceremony at the Celtic cross that marks the site of old Fort Augusta in St. Paul's parking lot. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, the Elijah Clarke Militia, and Georgia and South Carolina chapters of the SAR, DAR and CAR will participate. This event will be followed by an interlude of continental music presented by the Ft. Gordon U.S. Army Band. The culmination of the observance on June 3 will be a reenactment of the battle of 1781 with approximately 175 participants. Saturday's ceremonies are open to the public.

An early American church service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 4th is being considered.

The anniversary celebration will be held in conjunction with "Colonial Times", a living history entertainment production, taking place in North Augusta, S.C., on the same weekend. North Augusta is directly across the Savannah River from Augusta.

Russell K. Brown, President
 William Few Chapter, Augusta

Lyman Hall

Eagle Scout **Fredric T. Newsom** is the Lyman Hall Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship winner. The presentation of the medal and certificate of achievement was made by State Eagle Scout Committee Chairman **Charlie Newcomer**, **Dr. Eddie Jackson**, the chapter's chairman for the Eagle Scout Program, and **Hall Martin**, Lyman Hall Chapter President, participated in the presentation.



(left to right) **Dr. Eddie Jackson**, **Fredric T. Newsom**, **Charlie Newcomer**, **Hall Martin**

Ocmulgee

General Robert L. Scott Dies

Brigadier General Robert Lee Scott, Jr. was born April 12, 1908, in Waynesboro, Georgia and reared in Macon.

A graduate of Lanier High School, General Scott won a presidential appointment in 1928 to the United States Military Academy. As a member of the Flying Tigers, Colonel Scott earned fame as a flying ace, with thirteen aerial battle victories to his credit. In 1943 he penned a memoir of his World War II service up to that time. The book, *God is My Co-Pilot*, became a bestseller and in 1945 became a tremendously successful motion picture.

After World War II he worked tirelessly on behalf of the effort to make the Air Force a separate branch of the Armed Forces. He retired from the Air Force in 1957. Following the death of his wife, General Scott became an active supporter of the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base. Through his efforts the museum is today one of the best of its kind.

General Scott was a member of the Ocmulgee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He is survived by his daughter, Robin, three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He died February 27, 2006. His memorial service was held at Southside Baptist Church in Warner Robins. **U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss** and **Governor George "Sonny" Perdue** were among the

speakers. The Ocmulgee Chapter sat as a group, each wearing membership badges, in a final tribute to our compatriot, our friend, and our hero. General Scott is to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Governor Perdue ordered flags on all state buildings and grounds be flown at half-staff in memory of General Robert L. Scott on Friday, March 3, 2006, the day of his funeral.

"I have always considered General Robert Scott to be a true American hero who helped change the course of history," said Governor Sonny Perdue. "Years after his service in World War II, Middle Georgia was blessed to have its native son return home and become an integral part of the Aviation Museum in Warner Robins."

New Chapter



Recently Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** announced the formation of a new chapter out of Waynesboro, GA. The new chapter will serve members of Burke County as well as interested persons in neighboring Jenkins, Screven, and Jefferson Counties. **David Hargrove**, (706) 554-3589, was appointed as the contact person for the new chapter. The next meeting will be at the Burke County Library, on Monday, April 3, 2006, at 6:30 PM. Any SAR member interested in helping form this chapter should contact **Larry Guzy**, State Membership Chairman. The picture above shows the participants at the organizational meeting on February 20, 2006, both SAR members and prospective members.

Athens

The Athens Chapter, SAR, celebrated George Washington's birthday on February 22nd with a black-tie dinner at the Athens Country Club. Fourteen members attended along with their guests. The program on the Declaration of Independence was given by outgoing Chapter President, **Robert Towns**. The highlight of the evening's activities was the installation of new chapter officers. Conducting the installation ceremony was East Central Vice President, **Larry Wilson**. The new chapter officers are: President, **Robert N. Hale, Sr.**; Vice-President, Reverend **D. Alan Smith**; Secretary/Treasurer, **A. Sydney Johnson**; and Registrar, **Robert F. Towns**.



Installation of 2006 officers for the Athens Chapter. (left to right) **Robert F. Towns, A. Sydney Johnson, D. Alan Smith, Robert N. Hale, Sr.** and **Larry Wilson**

Samuel Elbert

The Samuel Elbert Chapter, SAR, has submitted to the Georgia Department of Parks and Historic Sites a petition to erect a small granite monument at the Richard B. Russell State Park in Elbert County. This would commemorate the battle of "Cherokee Ford" which occurred on Feb. 11, 1779, and was a prelude to the "Battle of Kettle Creek".

In reality, this skirmish took place at the mouth of Van Creek and the Savannah River which at that time was Wilkes County and is now under the waters of Lake Russell.

Col. James Boyd led a force of some eight hundred Tories who crossed from South Carolina into Georgia for the purpose of persuading the settlers in the northern-most county of the colony to take an oath of allegiance to King George III. Immediately upon setting foot on Georgia soil, he was attacked by a patriot militia unit of about a hundred men commanded by Capt. Robert Anderson who served under Col. Andrew Pickens. There were about twenty Wilkes

County men, and the rest were South Carolinians in Anderson's party.

The crossing was still taking place when Anderson arrived; thick canebrakes hindered visibility of the landing and movement of troops. Anderson positioned his men as best he could and commenced firing. Some Tories who landed early on were able to circle his flank, and soon he was taking fire from front and rear. This necessitated a quick withdrawal.

It is not known the exact number of Tories killed and wounded all together, but they lost about one hundred men in all, with the vast majority of them deserting. Anderson lost some sixteen, killed and/or wounded, and had a few prisoners taken.

Anderson's men, reinforced by Col. Pickens, Col. Dooly and Col. Clark, would fight Boyd again at "Kettle Creek". It could be argued that the battle of "Cherokee Ford" may have been a factor in Boyd's defeat at "Kettle Creek".

Further information regarding this project will be passed along as the process unfolds.



At the December 1, 2005, dinner meeting the Samuel Elbert Chapter celebrated its tenth anniversary. The Chapter was established on December 1, 1995, exactly 10 years earlier. A special birthday cake was prepared and former Chapter Presidents (left to right) **David Gunnells, Wilbur Maney, Jack Bozeman and Clyde Adams** performed the cake cutting ritual.

Piedmont

The Piedmont Chapter began the year 2006 with a formal presentation of three framed Historical Documents to the staff at Norcross High School. The framed Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and United States Constitution were presented to **Mary Ann Charron**, principal of Norcross High School, at a gathering of the school's staff. The documents are displayed on a wall in the media center. A second set of Historical Documents was presented to the newly incorporated city of Sandy Springs at their February City Council meeting.

Piedmont's Speakers Bureau has made presentations to twelve Elementary Schools this year. The speakers, in uniform, tell the fourth and/or fifth grade students stories about the making of the Declaration of Independence and its three Georgia signers.

One hundred and forty-two new American Citizens from 53 countries were sworn in at the Atlanta Federal Court in February. The Color Guard along with DAR ladies greeted the new citizens, and the color guard shared handouts dealing with the US Constitution.



Compatriots **Bob Sapp** and **Paul Prescott** welcoming new American Citizens at the INS Ceremony.

Registrar, **Paul I. Prescott**; Historian, **Robert H. Allgood**; Sergeant-at-Arms, **Walter H. Woliver** and Piper, Editor **Scott A. Ray**.



(left to right) Georgia Society President **George Thurmond**, **Vonley J. Starkey**, **Howard Carl Tanner**, **Russell T. Deutschman**, **William W. Walker**, **Bobby D. Shaw**, **Paul I. Prescott**, **Robert H. Allgood**, **Walter H. Woliver** and **Scott A. Ray**.

Youth Awards were given to **Danielle Gordon**, Knight Essay; **Edward "Ted" Spangler**, Eagle Scout; and Cadet **Ozzy Zucco**, Enhanced JROTC.

In closing the annual banquet, President Von Starkey reminded the chapter that ...In a progressive and developing organization, growth translated into recognition depends upon involvement. Therefore, he invited each SAR Chapter member to select an area of involvement that they have an interest in and do something special this coming year! If every member agrees to do a small part, then the individual parts will add up to continuing our major accomplishments.



Compatriot **Ferguson** with Washington Wilkes Elementary School students

Although weather was a factor, Piedmont members participated in the windy and chilling events at Cowpens in Chesnee, SC, and the damp events at Kettle Creek in Washington, GA. Both events were well attended by many chapters from several states.

Piedmont Chapter installed their new officers for 2006-2007 at their annual Washington's Birthday Banquet on February 17th. **George Thurmond**, State President installed President, **Vonley J. Starkey**; Vice President, **Howard Carl Tanner**; Secretary, **Russell T. Deutschman**; Chaplain, **William W. Walker**; Treasurer, **Bobby D. Shaw**;

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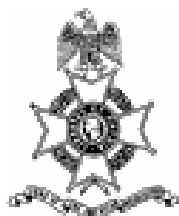
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