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The President's Dispatch



George H. Wheelless

IF I DON'T, WHO WILL?

We are members of an organization with noble goals that are important, not just to ourselves, but to the nation as a whole. As I read through the list describing the historical, patriotic, and educational goals of our Society, certain key words stand out: *commemorate, honor, respect, inform, and inspire*. The heart of our mission is best expressed in the words *inform and inspire*. It is the responsibility of every member to assist in the accomplishment of these goals. Their value cannot be ignored nor overstated.

Their importance is well noted in a quote from Joseph Story. Justice Story was appointed to the United States Supreme Court in 1811 by President James Madison. Near the

end of his career he wrote *Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States*. In his concluding statement he writes:

“Let the American youth never forget, that they possess a noble inheritance, bought by the toils, and sufferings, and blood of their ancestors; and capable, if wisely improved, and faithfully guarded, of transmitting to their latest posterity all the substantial blessings of life, the peaceful enjoyment of liberty, property, religion, and independence. The structure has been erected by architects of consummate skill and fidelity; its foundations are solid; its compartments are beautiful, as well as useful; its arrangements are full of wisdom and order; and its defenses are impregnable from without. It has been reared for immortality, if the work of man may justly aspire to such a title. It may, nevertheless, perish in a hour of folly, corruption, or negligence of its only keepers, THE PEOPLE”

The magnitude of our mission can sometimes overwhelm us. What do we do? Can we really make a difference? Do we have what it takes to get the job done? Is it possible for these things to be accomplished? All are valid questions. However, the future of the United States of America is in our hands. It is in my hands as an individual. It is in your hands as an individual. Each of us must ask the question: IF I DON'T, WHO WILL? IF I DON'T CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WHO WILL? IF I DON'T INFORM AND INSPIRE THE PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION, WHO WILL? We cannot leave OUR mission

for others. It is OURS.

I am reminded of the words of Robert F. Kennedy. “Some believe there is nothing one man or woman can do against the enormous array of the world's ills.” Many believe that and DO NOTHING. Yet history has shown that one person can make a difference, but few have the greatness to “bend history itself”. However, people working in concert with one another can accomplish great things. Kennedy went on to say, “It is from the numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

Ask yourself, IF I DON'T, WHO WILL? Then, do something. Become a RIPPLE. Together we can make a difference and ensure that the blessings of Liberty are secure for “ourselves and our posterity”.

Amendment to the Georgia Society By-Laws

A vote to amend the Georgia Society By-Laws will be taken at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. Passage of the proposed amendment would permit the incumbent Society President to appoint a Past Society President as Chairman of the Medals & Awards Committee. The Board of Managers will meet on October 14, 2006, at 10:00 AM at the Holiday Inn in Forsyth, GA, located at Exit 186 on I-75.

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

Sons of the American Revolution Honor Former Member

Members of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Piedmont Chapters gathered recently to honor one of their own. Piedmont Chapter Co-Founder Frank Darwin was honored at a member grave marking service conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. The dedication service was held at Burch Cemetery in Towns County.

Representatives from eight SAR Chapters participated in the service in addition to the Old Unicoi Trail, Chestatee River and Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Allen Howard C.A.R. Society. **Ron and Connie Aylor** performed with fife and drum, highlighting the dignity of the occasion. Also participating in the service was the award winning Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard.

Special guests included daughter, **Vicki Upchurch** and sons **Chuck, Ken and Jay Darwin** and grandsons **Wes and Chris Darwin** from Mobile, Alabama who represented their deceased father, **David**.

The Color Guard included **Paul Prescott**, Commander, **Charlie Newcomer**, Deputy Commander, and **George Wheelless, Glynn Acree, Bud Brazil, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson, Jim Hubert, Art Learned, Terry Manning, John Mortison, Richard Ramsaur, Billy Templeton, Col. George Thurmond, Col. Robert Towns and Rhett**

Williamson.

Georgia Society President George Wheelless gave a dedication statement, reminding the attendees of the contributions of Compatriot Darwin. The Darwin family presented the biography of their father.

Compatriot Darwin co-founded the Piedmont Chapter of the SAR in 1994 and served as the Vice President. Darwin later served two terms as the Secretary for the Georgia Society.

In 1996, Frank and his wife Anne moved to their new home in Young Harris, Georgia. And while they enjoyed exploring the mountain towns, genealogy remained a big part of their lives. Frank actively pursued establishing a new SAR chapter in the North Georgia Mountains (Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter) and Anne founded the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the DAR. In 1998, Anne passed away suddenly. Anne and Frank were married 52 years, raised 5 children, traveled the world, and helped establish a thriving chapter of not only the SAR, but the DAR as well. Frank passed away on June 26, 2004.

Eric Thorstenberg, Col. Carl Tanner, Bob Shaw and Harry Strickland served as Escort Officers assisting 11 wreath presenters. The final wreath was arranged by dual member and cousin, **Bill Darwin** (and his wife **Bonnie**, Past President of the Riverside Chapter, California Society DAR.)

Compatriot Eric Thorstenberg carried a flag flown over the United States Capital on September 7, 1998 for the Piedmont Chapter in honor of all Revolutionary War patriots buried in Georgia. Compatriot Harry Strickland carried a flag that was flown over the United States Capital on December 14, 1999 for the Piedmont Chapter on the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington.

Following the playing of *Amazing Grace* by Bagpiper **John Mortison**, a black powder

In Memoriam



Earl Sefton McGilvray

July 17, 2006

LaGrange Chapter

Ernest Emanuel Hall

July 24, 2006

Rome Chapter

John Paul Souther

August 18, 2006

Lyman Hall Chapter

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

gun salute was fired by the Elijah Clarke Militia, led by Charlie Newcomer followed by a "Mourn Musket" salute by the Elijah Clarke Militia. Col. Carl Tanner presented the Darwin family with a flag which had flown over the United States Capital and a framed certificate in appreciation of the membership of their father. Blue Ridge Mountains President Harry Strickland began the service with an inspiring invocation and closed with a solemn benediction.

Col. George Thurmond, Graves Committee



Georgia Award Winners National Society Sons of the American Revolution 116th Annual Congress

Minuteman Award (The most prestigious award of the National Society)

Larry T. Guzy, Captain John Collins Chapter

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

Kendall Abbott, Captain John Collins Chapter

The Minnesota Society – Stephen Taylor Award – First time winner (Compatriot, who by research and writings has made a distinguished contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolution era and its Patriots)

William F. Ramsaur, Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Carl F. Bessent Award (Editor of the most outstanding chapter newsletter)

Larry T. Guzy, Editor, *The Collins Dispatch*, Captain John Collins Chapter

Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Award (State Society of 500 or more members with best news publication with more than 10 pages)

Georgia Society, *The Hornet's Nest*, Jack McCord, Editor - Honorable Mention

Liberty Medal (First line Sponsors of 10 or more new members)

Charlie Newcomer III

Hugh I. Rodgers

James D. Denny

Paul I. Prescott

George D. Wright, Jr.

Col. Richard R. Simpson

James Larry Wilson

Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster (First line Sponsors of 10 additional new members)

Robert L. Bridges, Jr.

William H. Raper

Edgar B. Sterrett, Jr.

Larry T. Guzy

Robert A. Sapp (2)

Billy H. Thompson

H. Harrison Tillman

Greg D. Worrell

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award (State Society presenting at least one Flag Certificate by state and over 50% of chapters)

Georgia Society

Arthur J. Trimble Award – 1776 Trophy (State Society which reinstated the largest number of dropped and resigned members)

Georgia Society

Benjamin H. Morris Award (Chapters which had the greatest number of reinstatements during the time period established.)

George Walton

Piedmont

Atlanta

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 (10th year in a row)

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

Rome - Honorable Mention

Piedmont

Coweta Falls - - Honorable Mention

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

Rome

Blue Ridge Mountains - Honorable Mention

Marquis de Lafayette

Piedmont - Honorable Mention

Coweta Falls

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

Georgia Society - Honorable Mention

Marquis de Lafayette

Piedmont - Honorable Mention

Coweta Falls

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

Georgia Society, Mark Webb Webmaster

Casimir Pulaski, Ernest E. Blevins Webmaster

Syracuse Award (State Society with the most new chapters)

Georgia Society

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Award (Participation in 2006 Partners in Patriotism / Blue Star Salute Program)

Georgia Society

Blue Ridge Mountains

Button Gwinnett

Coweta Falls

Marquis de Lafayette

Ocmulgee

Piedmont

Certificate of Distinguished Service

Charlie Newcomer

Clare Newcomer

Editors Note: Honorable Mention indicates award would have been won except for the NSSAR rule preventing the winning of an award in consecutive years.

Report From The



Georgia Society Color Guard

Paul Prescott
Commander

GEORGIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD

The Georgia Society Color Guard and Militia are now into the active fall period. This is a busy time for both the State activities as well as the local activities. Constitution Week generated a number of local activities, including proclamations by various town and city governments, as well as three state functions with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The wreath-laying ceremony on September 17th in Augusta at the monument to William Few, a Georgia signer of the Constitution, attracted a large crowd, including many school children. The Militia, including new members **Bobby Towns** and **Jim Hubert**, fired a musket salute.

The Militia has added a new movement to their repertoire, called "Mourn Muskets." They have used it two times, first at the grave marking for Compatriot Frank Darwin and again at the wreath-laying ceremony in Augusta. The Mourn Muskets movement is very impressive, and you must attend one of our events to get the full impact.

Upcoming events include Kings Mountain, October 7; Siege of Savannah, October 9; the Surrender at Yorktown (225th Anniversary), October 19, Governor's Veteran's Day Proclamation, October 25; and six (6) graves markings during October. The Georgia Society Color Guard has 16 guardsmen signed up for the Surrender at Yorktown. Georgia may well have the largest state Color Guard contingent.

The Color Guard and Militia are continuing to add new members to the rolls. Why don't you get a uniform and join us?



Col. Robert Baucspies Honored

The Piedmont Chapter presented two flags to the Georgia Society Color Guard at the Board of Managers Meeting in Forsyth on July 29. The Hopkinson and Sons of Liberty flags were purchased using funds derived from participation in the Windward Children's Parade on July 4. The flags were presented in honor of Col. Bob Baucspies who, as a

member of the Windward Homeowner's Association and past Deputy Commander of the Color Guard, has organized the Piedmont Chapter's participation in leading the parade for many years. **Robert Sapp**, past President of the Piedmont Chapter, made the presentation, while **Jack Ferguson** and **Paul Prescott** brought the flags forward on staffs provided by the Georgia Society.



Fife Presented to Color Guard

Past President General **James Westlake** presented a fife to the Georgia Society Color

Guard Commander **Paul Prescott** at the July 29th Board of Managers Meeting. PG Westlake said that unfortunately he could not also supply a fife player.



Message From the

Georgia Society SAR Chaplain

Pastor Dan Gates

More than 1,300 times ...!! Since the first day of 2006, our Chaplains around the Georgia Society have done their jobs admirably, taken their positions as local Chaplains seriously and offered support and caring to the men of the Georgia SAR more than 1,300 times! Through prayers and calls, cards and emails, our Chaplains have interacted with our Georgia Membership splendidly. I couldn't be more proud of our Chaplaincy Corps for the work they're doing.

And notice is being taken! Not just from our Georgia leadership, but nationally, as well. I recently received a note from our Chaplain General, the **Reverend Dr. Stan De Long**, asking more about our program in Georgia. He suggested it needed to be implemented nationwide. Listen, that says so very much about the hard work our Chaplains are doing. The Georgia Society Chaplaincy Corps seems to be setting the standard for other Societies. And in modern day vernacular, "how great is that ...????"

Credit is due where credit is due! Points are given by the Chaplaincy Corps for each act of outreach performed by a local Chaplain. And, while our Georgia Chaplains do a fine, fine job, I think special recognition has to be given to three of them. So far this year, **Chaplain Harry Strickland**, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, has attained 233 points; **Chaplain Kit Braselton**, Lyman Hall Chapter, 154 points and **Chaplain Paul East**, Samuel Butts Chapter, 422 points! That's 809 times these three Chaplains have done their jobs well! They must be commended!

Thanks to the Georgia Society! President **George H. Wheelless**, Secretary **Kline O. Pugh**, Chapter Presidents and, of course, the Chaplaincy Corps Staff have all been remarkably supportive of our Chaplaincy Corps program. To them, we say Thank you!



Georgia Society President **George H. Wheelless** presenting Georgia State Regent **Laura Reid** a check for \$500 for their winning the NSSAR SAR/DAR Award. The Georgia State Society DAR received the award as the leading DAR Society in the nation in the recruitment of SAR members. This was the 10th consecutive year they have won.

George Washington & Religion

A number of current writers indicate that George Washington, like Thomas Jefferson and others, was either an indifferent Christian or a Deist. A new book by Michael Novak and his daughter Jana Novak, entitled *Washington's God: Religion, Liberty and the Father of our Country* (New York: Basic Book, 2006), carefully researches Washington's private and public writings and the words of his contemporaries to reveal what can be known of the inner life of an intensely private man. In his public speeches, proclamations, and letters, Washington gave evidence of a strong faith in a divine Providence who intervened in events to favor the cause of American liberty and he urged Americans to pray and give thanksgiving to God for his favor. His public statements were designed to satisfy, in a non-sectarian way, the concerns of all who believed in God. (examples below)

In private, as far as can be determined, he was a faithful Anglican (Episcopalian) who regularly attended church, served on vestries, read the prayers and said the creeds, willingly undertook the role of godfather (at a time when that was a serious religious responsibility) to nine young relatives, and lived a moral and upright life. While very reserved about his private beliefs, the writers show that he was a Christian gentleman of the 18th century, respectful of the faith and ways of worship of believers, Jewish as well as Christian, of all denominations. In the words of the Novaks, what we have "in Washington's example is

sufficient for the giving of great gratitude to the blessed Providence, who gave our nation so admirable, if so human, a father."

Hugh Rodgers
Georgia Society Board Member

General Orders from George Washington

Head Quarters, New York, August 3, 1776

That the Troops may have an opportunity of attending public worship, as well as take some rest after the great fatigue they have gone through; The General in future excuses them from fatigue duty on Sundays (except at the Ship Yards, or special occasions) until further orders.

The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish, and wicked practice, of profane cursing and swearing (a Vice heretofore little known in an American Army) is growing into fashion; he hopes the officers will, by example, as well as influence, endeavour to check it, and that both they, and the men will reflect, that we can have little hopes of the blessing of Heaven on our Arms, if we insult it by our impiety, and folly; added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense, and character, detests and despises it.

George Washington Quote

"What students would learn in American schools above all is the religion of Jesus Christ." (George Washington in a speech to the Delaware Indian Chiefs on May 12, 1779)

Message From the



Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

Membership Dues: 2007 dues are payable to a member's chapter by December 31, 2006. Chapters must submit members' dues to the State Secretary on or before January 15, 2007, to avoid interruption in membership. Total dues remain unchanged from 2006: \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State. Remit \$38.00 per member to State Secretary. National Lifetime members and dual members whose primary membership is in another state pay only state dues. Chapters are urged to send out dues notices in October.

Proposed By-Law Amendment: On the front page of this issue is notice of the vote to be taken at our Board of Managers meeting on October 14, 2006. The By-Laws are posted on our web site: www.sar.org/gassar

Board of Managers: Chairmen of State Committees are now members of the Board of Managers as result of a By-Law amendment approved by the Board of Managers on July 29, 2006. Other members are: an incumbent or past elected officer of the National Society, or a past elected Georgia Society President; current officers of Georgia Society; incumbent National Trustee from Georgia; incumbent Chapter Presidents (or their designated representative); and six elected members-at-large.

Nominating Committee: Approved by the Board of Managers, July 29, 2006: "**Bud**" Brazil, **George Wright**, **Bill Ramsaur**, **Clayton Penhallegon**, "**Buddy**" Bridges, **Bobby Towns**, **John Sloan**, **Billy Thompson**, and **Paul Prescott**. Compatriot Prescott was elected chairman by the Committee and may be contacted at 770-360-5766 or prescotp@bellsouth.net

The Committee will announce those nominated for state offices at the January, 2007, Board of Managers meeting.

Elections will be at Annual Meeting, March 31, 2007, at which time nominations from the floor will be invited.



Dates to Remember

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

2006

October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Kings Mountain, NC
October 9	Pulaski Jubilee	Savannah, GA
October 14	Board of Managers Meeting - Holiday Inn	Forsyth, GA
October 19	Yorktown Celebration	Yorktown, VA
November 11	Veterans Day	
December 14	Battle of Great Cane Break	Simpsonville, SC

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January 13	Battle of Cowpens 226th Anniversary	Gaffany, SC
January 27	Board of Managers Meeting - Holiday Inn	Forsyth, GA
February 10	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
March 3	Leadership Training Workshop	
March 17	Battle of Guilford Court house	Greensboro, NC
March 30-31	Georgia Society Annual Meeting	

DNA and Genealogy: At the Fall 2005 National Trustees meeting, the SAR Application Process Committee was in agreement that the use of DNA in SAR applications was very limited. Thus far, it was agreed that DNA evidence could be used in two instances: (1) With other evidence in a preponderance of the evidence case, and (2) As evidence when supplementing evidence of an old DAR Record Copy Application which was missing dates and places of birth, marriage, and death. For more information on DNA use in genealogy go to web site www.familytreedna.com

Reinstatements: Former members of Georgia Society 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. No form is necessary. If member's recent membership was in another state, Form 0918 is required. Reinstatements after November 1st will apply to 2007.

KLINE O. PUGH, Secretary

Education Committee

Chapters or members may request educational material and information on contests for teachers by emailing Lewie Dunn at MDLSAR@wmconnect.com.

The Education Committee web page should be up and running by Christmas.

Lewie Dunn
Committee Chairman

Fort Morris' "Come and Take It!" Celebration Saturday, November 18th

The Altamaha & Marshes of Glynn Chapters and the Georgia Society SAR encourage you to participate in a Wreath Presentation Ceremony on Saturday November 18, 2006, at 11:00am. It will be held at the Fort Morris State Historic Site, near Midway, in Liberty County, Georgia. The Ceremony will be the kick-off to Fort Morris' annual "Come and Take It!" celebration which will continue until 4:00 PM. Activities will include a Battle Skirmish; Dramatic Portrayal of the British & American Stand-off, Musket & Cannon Firings, Domestic Skill Demonstrations, and Colonial Vendors. To learn more visit the Liberty Trail website-<http://www.libertytrail.com>.

History of Fort Morris: When the Continental Congress convened in 1776, the delegates recognized the importance of a fort to protect their growing seaports from the British. Soon afterwards, a low bluff on the Medway River at Sunbury was fortified and garrisoned by 200 Patriots. When British Lt. Col. L.V. Fuser demanded the fort's surrender on November 25, 1778, the defiant Col. John McIntosh replied, "Come and take it". The British refused and withdrew back to Florida. Forty-five days later, they returned with a superior force, and on January 9, 1779, Fort Morris fell after a short but heavy bombardment. Under the name of Fort Defiance, this bulwark was once again used against the British during the War of 1812. Today, visitors can stand within the earthwork remains and view scenic Saint Catherine's Sound. A museum and film describe the colonial port of Sunbury and the site's history.

Bill Ramsaur

Report From The



Georgia Society Registrar

Kendall Abbott

Football season is here and all Chapter Registrars are actively attending games and recruiting new SAR members I'm sure.

Applications have been rather slow this last quarter with promises of an increase during the final quarter of the year. Just be sure to remind folks, if they submit their applications during October, they basically get a great deal of 14 months of membership for the price of 12. No one can resist a sale.

A few things that need to be addressed to all... As a reminder, in reference to the status of any application / supplemental, please do not contact National. They have specifically requested that all requests go through your State Registrar or State Secretary. On the National Web Site there is a "status of application" page that you can check. Please keep in mind that there is a 2-3 day lag in status

from the posting. Right now National is taking about 45 days in processing applications per James Randall.

Lately I have received several applications without the Transmittal form. Please be sure to include this, sign it, and complete all the information of the submitter. This is the form I use for contact if there are any questions or concerns on the application.

Be sure to include the DAR form if anyone from the DAR has helped in preparation of the application. Georgia has always prided itself in having the DAR involved in more applications than any other state – a nice award that we're very proud of.

Please keep in mind that generally speaking, recent books on family genealogies are not accepted as proof unless it references specific documents and copies of those documents are included with the application. We have recently had several applications with copies of pages from Family Genealogies written by Aunt Sally or Grandma Matilda and no references.

Preponderance of evidence is a good thing. When in doubt, we'd rather see too much proof than not enough. Always look for that extra Census Record, birth certificate, copy of the will or family Bible, etc.

So in closing, be SURE to take some of those SAR brochures to all your football games and hand them out and get people excited. Heck, this is the South, we love getting football fans as members of the Georgia Society SAR. Have a great fall and hope the hometown team wins.

Constitution Week

President **George W. Bush** has proclaimed the week beginning September 17th and ending September 23rd as "Constitution Week" and September 17th as "Citizenship Day".

In his Proclamation, the President encourages "Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations, to conduct ceremonies and programs that celebrate our Constitution and reaffirm our rights and responsibilities as citizens of our great Nation."

In her popular history of the Constitutional Convention, **Miracle at Philadelphia**, **Catherine Bowen** recounts a tale about Benjamin Franklin, one of only six people to sign both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Upon leaving Independence Hall, Benjamin Franklin was greeted on the street by a woman who asked, "What kind of government have you given us?" He replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Now, two hundred and nineteen years later, Franklin's admonition has disturbing relevance. The future of our Republic depends on an educated public's understanding and commitment to our cherished American heritage and the principles on which our Republic was founded. Knowledge of our democracy's origins and of the documents on which a free government stands is central to informed and active civic participation. And, after September 11, 2001, it is particularly important that we know what we are fighting for, not just whom we are fighting against. As Sons of the American Revolution, we "reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic." All across America state societies and chapters of the Sons of the America Revolution will be leading celebrations to commemorate Citizenship Day and Constitution Week. You are encouraged to lend your active participation and support. The future of our Republic depends on it.

William Allerton III
Chairman NSSAR Congressional &
Government Relations Committee



Georgia Contingent at the 116th Congress

Seated: L to R, **Karen Bragg, Tom McIntosh, Virginia McIntosh, Karin Guzy, Cathie Wheelless, Marty Thurmond, Joyce Sapp, Marilyn Vance, Clare Newcomer**

Standing: **Chuck Bragg, Douglas Stansberry, Larry Guzy, George Wheelless, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Former President General Hank McCarl, Charlie Newcomer.**

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Message From the



Georgia Society Genealogist

Bob Sapp

The internet – what a genealogical treasure? Many genealogical researchers feel that the information garnered from the internet web sites has produced a valid genealogical trail to their distant ancestor. The internet and the computer are tools to find an array of information related to the subject we research. However, the information gleaned from an internet research is 1) as good as the integrity of the preparer; 2) valid only if the source of the information is cited; and 3) primary evidence only if the information is a digital or a photographic facsimile of the original documents.

It is disappointing to work with someone who has a thick notebook of information outlining his ancestral line back to a progenitor who is thought to be a patriot only to note that the information contains no evidence of familial relationships. The data is only a collection of internet website genealogies with no supporting citations. There are two considerations that must be given to internet genealogical research. First is that most internet genealogical information is good in that it provides a clue as to where to look next. For example, a county or state is named, a spouse is named, parents are indicated, and vital dates are given. These are clues as to what documents are to be searched and where. Second if the contributor of the information is cited, then correspondence with the contributor may provide good documented material.

Let us examine some internet web sites and their value. Three web sites probably provide the most genealogical data. They are:

www.familysearch.org - The Church of Jesus Christ-Latter Day Saints (LDS) - (Mormon) web site

www.ancestry.com - a compilation of submitted family GEDCOM and digitized documents such as obituaries and census

www.heritagequestonline.com - a compilation of digitized documents (Census) and book and PERSI search

The last two web sites are subscription sites whereas familysearch.org is free. Ancestry.com and HeritageQuestonline.com

are available at my library, and probably one of them is available at your library. In addition, my library permits me to access HeritageQuestonline from my home computer by issuing a password and using my library card number to log in. At this time we will examine familysearch.org which is available on line from your home.

Family Search homepage will display several choice sites. Two sites are of interest to the researcher: 1) Search and 2) Family History Library Catalog. Our principal search is a name and what we can find about the person. Selecting the Search tab produces a screen titled "Search For Ancestors – All Resources". In the left column the resources are listed: All Resources, Ancestral File, Census, International Genealogical Index (IGI), Pedigree Resource File, US Social Security Death Index, Vital Records Index, and Search Family History Web Sites. Leaving the search screen in the All Resources mode will provide data in each of the various files, if available, in descending order of the list.

The Ancestral File will list all the files submitted by researchers that contain the target person. The files can contain ancestors, spouse, family and descendants. The integrity of the file is as good as the degree that the researcher validates his information. Some files are just compiled files that the researcher collected from several sources. In most cases the submitter's name and address is given. This provides a method of corresponding to find out how good the research was and to discover some sources. The Census File has only three major files: 1880 US Census; 1881 British Isles Census; and 1881 Canadian. If the target person lived during these census periods he may appear in this file listing.

The International Genealogical Index (IGI) is probably the most valuable file for clues as to where to research next. Mormon researchers, as a part of their mission, have gone through many genealogical documents such as church records, court vital records, and in some case their temple records. These records have generated a file that is searched by name. The information provided for the person is followed by either a batch or microfilm number. Order the film from the Salt Lake Library through the local LDS Family History Center, and then note from the film the source of the record. The source can lead to more clues and information on your target person. Microfilm rentals at the LDS Family History Centers are approximately \$3.60 per roll. The film may be kept on loan for about six weeks and are read at the Family History Center.

The Pedigree Resource File is similar to the Ancestral File and also gives the name of the submitter. For those persons who lived in the later part of the 1900's and obtained Social Security, the Social Security Death Index

provides in most cases both birth and death dates for the target person. Additionally, the location of the person at death is given. The value of the index is that the person's SSN is given. In those cases where the target person's parents are unknown, the Social Security application can be ordered using the SSN. The application should contain the parent's names.

The Vital Records Index is available on line for only Mexico and Scandinavia. Family History Web Sites are displayed for those web sites that have been recorded by LDS. The sites are by Surnames.

The second area on Family Search web site is the Family History Library Catalog. The search items are listed on the right of the page as: Places; Surname; Keyword; Title; Film/Fiche; Author; Subject and Call Number. The value of this site is in that it lists the books and records that are on file at the LDS Main Library in Salt Lake City. Many of the books and records have been microfilmed on reels or fiche. The treasure is in the many court, land, and will records along with church records that have been microfilmed. In addition to the US Censuses which are on microfilm, 31 States may have one or more Censuses which could be on microfilm. Some state censuses can bridge the 20-year gap in the US Censuses from 1880 to 1900 because they produced censuses on a ten-year cycle but on the fifth year (e.g. 1885 and 1895).

Although only one web site has been reviewed herein, the caveat for internet research is what the source of the information is and if it can be traced back to an original document. The original document sometimes reveals information that is not stated in the internet material. For example, although the internet information may indicate that a person was illegitimate, it would be of more value to find the parents indicated in a court action. This could be done by researching the court minute book for the county where the person was born.

Internet search caveat – search the internet to find leads to original sources.

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WELCOMB

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

Chapter	New Member	Patriot Ancestor	First Line Sponsor
Atlanta	Robert Boston Colgin	John Colgin, Sr.	(Transfer)
Button Gwinnett	Mark Allen Willard	Ephraim B. Willard	Harold Ford
	Dennis Robert Wolfe	Andrew Kachlein	Harold Ford
Coweta Falls	Thomas Maurice Barfield, Jr.	John Caldwell	Billy Hilton Thompson
	Rusty Callaway	Job Callaway	Hugh I. Rodgers
	James Daniel Crawford	Frederick Buckelew	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	Frank Grieve Lumpkin, III	George Lumpkin	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	David Boyd Maddox	William Cochran	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	Sean Joseph O'Bryan	Philip O'Bryan	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	Andrew Kyle Philpott	John Spinks	Davis Ronald Watson
	Jack Weldon Pope	Ephraim Ivey	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	Donald Eugene Stowe	Warren Stowe	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
	William Churchill Thomas, Jr.	Robert Thomas	George W. Dismukes, Jr.
Joseph Habersham	Frank Loden Hemphill	John Watkins	William Hughes Raper
Lyman Hall	Theodore Harold Golab	Warner Ford	(Transfer)
Marshes of Glynn	Raymond William White, Sr.	Israel Meadows	Gregory A. Hollis
Ocmulgee	Michael David Harrell	Wright Ryall	Russell Ray Crumbley, Jr.
	John Elliott Mosley, Jr.	Dioclition Davie	Christopher Stokes
Piedmont	David Edward Sandman	Charles McIntire	Robert A. Sapp
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	Joseph Patrick Sandman	Charles McIntire	Robert A. Sapp
	Michael Norbert Sandman	Charles McIntire	Robert A. Sapp
Samuel Butts	Robert Stewart Penn, II	Archibald Burden	Donald Paul East
Samuel Elbert	James Frederick McCurry	John McMullan	(Transfer)
William Few	Patrick G. Blanchard	Reuben Blanchard	Russell K. Brown

Kindle The Flame!

Piedmont Member

Participates in Wreath Presentation at the Congressional Cemetery

I had the rare opportunity recently to attend the Atlantic Middle States Annual Conference held in Washington, DC. My reason for attending was, due to tradition, the National Society's Executive Committee has their first meeting following appointments received at Congress. It is my honor to serve as a member of the NSSAR Executive Committee for 2006-2007.

The Atlantic Middle States Conference is comprised of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia. Each year, the attendees visit the Congressional Cemetery to place a wreath on the only Declaration of Independence signer buried there, Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts. Gerry is famous for the origin of gerrymandering and served as Vice President under James Madison.

The cemetery contains the remains of 38 Revolutionary War Patriots and a number of early members of Congress. During the Civil War, Arlington replaced the Congressional Cemetery as the burial site for Veterans and distinguished persons. Guardsmen from Maryland, Virginia and Georgia participated

in the brief ceremony, viewed by 90 attendees and wives.

Following the program, a walking tour of the four and a half acre Congressional Cemetery was provided by volunteers of the Historic Cemetery Preservation Society. The entire thirty-two and a half acre cemetery includes the remains of other famous people, such as John Philip Sousa. The Sousa grave attracts the Marine Corps band each fall, remembering their renowned leader.

The well-run program, hosted by the DC Society, included an evening concert and drill at the Marine Corps barracks. More than 4,000 were in attendance. Additional "perks" were a White House tour for the ladies (our hotel was one block away), lunch in the Senate Dining Room at the U.S. Capitol, a tour of Statutory Hall, the Rotunda and a private tour of the House chamber.

It was my honor and privilege to represent the Piedmont Chapter and Georgia Society at the NSSAR Executive Committee meeting following the Conference.

George Thurmond



Larry Gazy Wins Minuteman Award
Chuck Bragg (IN) escorting **Larry Guzy** (right) to the podium for induction as a Minuteman at the 116th Congress.

Report From The

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

Mike Tomme

On June 23, 2006, members of the Marquis de Lafayette Militia Color Guard and members of the Button Gwinnett and General Daniel Newnan C.A.R. Societies attended a book dedication at the Peachtree City Library. A local family, named **Wingo**, donated \$5,000.00 worth of books about the American Revolution and Marquis de Lafayette. Various SAR and C.A.R. members, dressed in period attire, told attendees about the life and times of the Colonial period. Preceding the dedication ceremony, muskets were fired by the Marquis de Lafayette Color Guard, and the children were signed up to be patriots.

On July 1, Marquis de Lafayette members joined with the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. in Jonesboro, GA to celebrate July 4th. At this

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event, held for the public, the C.A.R. Junior Color Guard escorted and, later, retired the colors. Re-enactors read from the Declaration of Independence, and the Militia Color Guard demonstrated the loading and firing of muskets. C.A.R. members attending were: **Benjamin, Daniel and Sarah Dorney, Jared Cline and Kevin Baker**, along with Senior Society President, **Lynn Dorney**. Marquis de Lafayette Chapter members attending were: **Paul Grimes, Lewie Dunn, Bo Hill and Mike Tomme**. Also, **Cilla Tomme and Liz Grimes**, a member of the Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter, attended.

On July 4th, Marquis de Lafayette Militia Color Guard members, Mike Tomme, Bo Hill, Lewie Dunn, Paul Grimes with Kevin Baker, C.A.R. National Corresponding Secretary, fired their muskets to start the parade. The State C.A.R. Junior Color Guard under



Fourth of July Parade

Commander **Daniel Dorney** followed the Marquis de Lafayette Color Guard. Button Gwinnett and General Daniel Newnan C.A.R. members and DAR members of the Augustin Clayton and General Daniel Newnan Chapters were also there for the parade.

In the afternoon, Marquis de Lafayette hosted a program, "Let Freedom Ring" for the C.A.R./DAR/SAR at the Fayette County Courthouse. Marquis de Lafayette member, **Jeff Lowe**, gave instructions to the children about ringing the bells to honor each of the original 13 colonies. **John Sloan** and **Ted Hackney** read aloud the names of the Patriots and their home colony. **Jim Robinson**, dressed as Thomas Jefferson, read parts of the Declaration of Independence to the crowd. Members **Joe Hixon, Scott Gilbert** and **Ernie Kearns** also assisted. Fayette County Commission Chairman, **Greg Dunn** thanked

the C.A.R./DAR/SAR and the public for attending as he noted the importance of our freedom secured by our fore fathers. An evening parade in Newnan was attended by participants who were at the earlier events.

On July 7, 2006, Cilla and I went to the S.E. Regional C.A.R. meeting in Charleston, SC. **Robyn Carroll**, S.E. Regional National VP and **Lois Swan**, Senior National VP, S.E. Region, conducted the 3 day business meeting.

The annual State Workshop for Georgia Society C.A.R. was held in Pine Mountain, GA on July 22, 2006. Information on next year's activities was available to those attending.

On August 13, 2006, State C.A.R. President **Art Hall** spoke to the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. about his State Project and the National C.A.R. President's National Project. He was introduced by Sarah Dorney, Chapter President and State 1st VP. A tour of Valley Forge was taken after the meeting. General Von Steuben made a special appearance and drilled the C.A.R. troops.

On September 10, 2006, the Marquis de Lafayette Color Guard with Junior Color Guards from the Button Gwinnett, General Daniel Newnan and Lucy Spell Raiford C.A.R.s participated in Patriot Day Ceremonies. A moving poem was read about a life lost in the Twin Towers attack. The program was about our forefathers who fought for this country; it emphasized the reason why Patriotism is so important to our freedom.

On September 16, 2006, Button Gwinnett C.A.R. member, Jared Cline joined the Augustin Clayton DAR and Marquis de Lafayette Chapter in two parade events: Wesley Woods Assisted Living Facility and Tyrone Founders Day Parade. Participants wore period attire or member pins.



"Let Freedom Ring" C.A.R./DAR/SAR

Governor Perdue Signs 100th Anniversary of SAR Congressional Charter



(left to right) Robert Cruthirds, Larry Whitfield, Rhett Williamson, Revis Butler, Jack Ferguson, Charlie Newcomer, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, George Wheelless, Bob Sapp, Larry Wilson, and Richard Ramsaur. (seated) Gov. Sonny Perdue

David Titus to Lead MOWW

WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND On August 5, 2006 during the 2006 National Convention held this year in Rhode Island, Army Lieutenant Colonel David R. Titus (retired) was elected National Commander of the 11,000 plus member Military Order of World Wars (MOWW). LTC Titus is a member of the William Few Chapter SAR. He

was attracted to the MOWW because it is committed to serving the cause of promoting patriotic education of our youth, maintaining law and order, defending the integrity and supremacy of our National Government and adopting and maintaining a suitable policy of National Security for the United States of America. These precepts constitute the Preamble to the Constitution of the MOWW.

The Military Order of the World Wars is a patriotic, nonpartisan Veterans organization that holds it is "nobler to serve than be served." Now in its ninth decade of service, the Order was conceived and founded by General of the Armies, John J. "Blackjack" Pershing in 1919 immediately following World War I and was chartered by Congress in 1992 as a patriotic organization. The MOWW is composed of Federally recognized Commissioned Officers who are citizens of the United States of good moral character. The MOWW is dedicated to providing service and support to Junior and Senior ROTC, Law Enforcement, youth leadership, and Boy and Girl Scout programs, as well as National Security and Homeland Security issues. With 143 Chapters Nationwide, the Order is represented throughout the United States and territories. MOWW clearly is not a self-seeking organization and the Order and its leaders are widely respected and listened to throughout all branches of the government and across the country.



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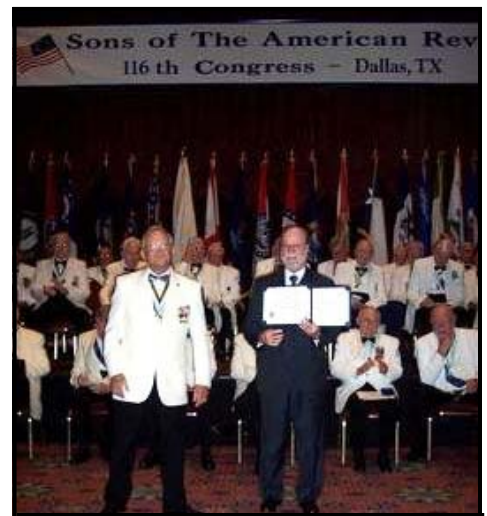
Congratulations are extended to the Joseph Habersham Chapter which has filed 27 published articles with the Georgia Society Publicity Committee in 2006. Their press releases have been published in the *Northeast Georgian*, *Franklin County Citizen*, *White County News-Telegraph*, *Home Town Neighbors*, and the *Toccoa Record*. The Button Gwinnett Chapter has filed 7 articles in 5 publications, and the Marshes of Glynn Chapter has filed 6 articles in 3 publications. If you're not having luck publishing your articles in a local paper, try another nearby source!

Our Georgia Society certainly has much to write about. The SAR Magazine has included 23 chapter capsules and feature articles in its last four editions (Summer 2005 – Spring 2006) covering 17 of our chapters.

Starting with our report for the Fall issue of the SAR Magazine (deadline was September 1), we have initiated the policy of submitting chapter capsule information taken from media clippings placed on file with the Publicity Committee when separate submissions are not sufficient to make a report. Please remember to forward your press clippings to the committee chairman throughout the year so that these may be included in our reports.

The next deadline for information on chapter activity for the SAR Magazine is for the Winter issue to be published in March. The deadline to the Georgia Society Publicity Committee is December 1 for the Winter issue. We particularly encourage submissions from the Abraham Baldwin, Altamaha, Athens, Atlanta, Blue Ridge Mountains, Button Gwinnett, and Cherokee chapters for the Winter issue, but reports from all chapters are welcome.

Terry Manning, Chairman



Georgia Society President **George H. Wheelless** (right) accepts the Liberty Bell Americanism Award from President General **Roland Downing** at the National Congress

General George Washington's Generals Major General Nathanael Greene

By: Compatriot David Hayball, Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR (reprinted with permission from *The Liberty Tree*, Donald N. Moran, Editor)

Major General Nathanael Greene of the American Revolution was General George Washington's most trusted General. Why he had that trust and how he earned it and maintained it is, in itself, a template for citizenship and patriotism for every generation. General Greene's dedication and service to this country was evident to his peers and fellow patriots during his lifetime. The Marquis de Lafayette proclaimed of him "...in the very name of Greene are remembered all the virtues and talents which illustrate the patriot, the statesman, and the military leader..." The only men to have served all eight years of the Revolution at the rank of General were George Washington and Nathanael Greene.

Nathanael Greene was born on July 27th, 1742, old style. The Gregorian Calendar, which we use today was not adopted by England or the colonies until 1752. March 1st was considered the first day of the year until the new calendar was accepted. In his father's journal, Nathanael is shown as having been born on the twenty-seventh day of the fifth month of the year.

He was named for his father, who was a respected minister of the Society of Friends (Quakers).

However, Nathanael Greene started out as a private in the Rhode Island Kentish Guards in October of 1774. Although he sought a commission, it was denied because he possessed a limp caused by a stiff knee since childhood. The powers that be in the group worried that he would make the Guards appear weak. His friends in the group insisted that he stay and he was allowed to do so as a private, but not for long.

On July 20th, 1774, he married Catharine Littlefield of Block Island. She was known as Caty, was very attractive and vivacious and would give Nathanael six children. Like many of the senior officers of the Continental Army, she would spend as much time as she could with her husband, enduring the hardships of campaigning. Caty was extremely popular among her husband's peers and was renowned for her dancing. She was a favorite dancing partner of General Washington. During those years she became a very close friend of Martha Washington.

Years later after setbacks at Guilford's Courthouse and Hobkirk's Hill although aspiring for decisive victories Greene wrote, "*We fight, get beat, rise and fight again.*" Perhaps, his lessons in military strategy began as life lessons in the Kentish Guards because on May 8th, 1775 Nathanael Greene received his commission in the Rhode Island forces and rose from the rank of private to Brigadier

General. He and his men were sent to Roxbury outside Boston almost immediately, at the end of May. Joining with forces of other colonies against the British in Massachusetts gave a resounding message to Britain: A new Nation was beginning to take form; a Nation independent of British rule. Nathanael Greene was made a Brigadier General in the Continental Army on June 22nd, 1775. The following month in July he served under Charles Lee at Prospect Hill during the siege of Boston and his service and dedication were called to the attention of George Washington. Nathanael, although raised a Quaker, had a passion for military history and through this interest and his own readings had developed a knowledge of it that both interested and impressed General Washington. An immediate affinity and mutual respect for one another seemed to happen and soon Washington began to include Greene on matters of military strategy.



**Major General Nathanael Greene
Painting By: Charles Wilson Peal
1783**

The bond between George Washington and Nathanael Greene was mutual and unquestionable. In 1775 Nathanael and his wife, Katherine Littlefield, named their firstborn son George Washington Greene, and two years later on March 14th, 1777 a daughter, Martha Washington Greene was born. There could be little doubt during the eight long years of the American Revolution that George Washington and Nathanael Greene stood shoulder to shoulder on all matters of policy and practice. General Anthony Wayne said of Nathanael Greene "*He was a great soldier, greater as a citizen, immaculate as a friend.*" With regard to these virtues, George

Washington and Nathanael Greene had much in common.

In addition to his emerging military skills, Greene also had experience in politics and diplomacy. In 1770 he served as a deputy of the Rhode Island Assembly through 1772 and again in 1775. While the Tory Governor Wanton of Rhode Island halted the Rhode Island forces march to the Massachusetts border on their way in support of Lexington and Concord, Greene was on his way with a committee assembling and consulting with the Connecticut Assembly providing for the common defense of the colonies in New England. The meeting commenced on April 22nd, 1775 and resulted in calling for the forces of 1,500 men as an "*army of observation.*"

On March 8th, Private Nathanael Greene became Brigadier General Nathanael Greene. Although some historians have been a bit bewildered by this incredible promotion from Private to Brigadier General, if one considers that as a veteran deputy in the Rhode Island assembly Greene enlisted as a Private, and although Rhode Island forces march to aid the cause at Lexington and Concord on April 19th and are thwarted by the Governor. On April 22nd Greene was instrumental in raising an army in conjunction with the Connecticut Assembly that went to Massachusetts as an "*army of observation.*" It is not that difficult to realize that on May 8th, 1775 Nathanael Greene was promoted to lead the army he helped create. As Alexander Hamilton observed of Greene, "*His qualifications for statesmanship were not less remarkable than his military ability.*" Both abilities seem evident as the American Revolution begins with the "*shot heard round the world.*" These moments moving toward the War of Independence demonstrate Nathanael Greene's ability to be patient and work towards a goal, and at the right time move very quickly to achieve that goal . . . skills that would once again be displayed during the southern campaign and ultimately the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Nathanael Greene was appointed to the rank of Major General on August 9th, 1776. He was in command on Long Island in April of 1776. Greene had taken ill and was not present for the Battle of Long Island and did not see combat again until the Battle of Harlem Heights. Although the American forces were greatly outnumbered by the British in the New York and Hudson area George Washington hoped to keep control of the territory. The two forts on either side of the Hudson River were

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Fort Washington on the east and Fort Lee on the other bank in New Jersey. Nathanael Greene reasoned that Fort Washington was essential in keeping the British from advancing into New Jersey as well as stemming the British threat to Westchester County and Charles Lee's forces. The strategy that Greene implemented was on the hope that he could draw the British into another Bunker Hill. It was true that the American forces had fared better in fighting defensively in conflicts with the British; and the supplies and material at Fort Washington were substantial as well as the 3,000 American troops stationed there seemed a great resource. Unfortunately when the British attacked on November 15 with 10,000 men under General Howe what resulted was a complete disaster. For a short time Washington himself lost confidence in Greene. Nathanael Greene said himself of the defeat "*I feel mad, vexed, sick, and sorry . . .*" The Major General had fought, gotten beaten, and now was about to rise and fight again. However, like many great leaders in history Nathanael Greene would learn from his mistakes, change his strategy, and alter the course of events.



**Major General Greene
Leading his Continentals at the
Battle of Guilford Courthouse
Painting by: Charles McBarron**

The accomplishments of Greene are almost too numerous to catalogue in a small article, however two essential assignments given him were decisive in the victorious outcome of the American Revolution, the assignment as Quartermaster General of the American Forces, and the assignment of Command of the Southern Campaign culminating in the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Taking on the task of Quartermaster-General of the Army was daunting. Greene himself was not keen on the idea saying, "*No one ever heard of a quartermaster in history.*" He finally consented to the assignment but insisted that he still retain some command and participates in battle. However, in spite of his reluctance to take the assignment he understood its vital importance to the cause and immersed himself to successfully carry out

the task. The American forces were underfunded, under supplied, and had little if any system of transportation of supplies. Greene's predecessor had not done well in allocating the scarce resources effectively. However Nathanael Greene got to work and turned the situation around. Sometimes he even spent some of his own money, and at one time guaranteed personally expenses that would cost him all of his holdings in Rhode Island, and the money and lands given him by the state of North Carolina at the end of the Revolutionary War.

However, the lessons he learned as Quartermaster-General would benefit him as a leader when he assumed command of the Southern Campaign. Allocation and distribution of scarce resources, transportation and mobility, as well as the crucial aspects of setting up and maintaining supply lines would be lessons that he carried with him to the South. His strategy would evolve into a comprehensive plan to conserve his troops and supply lines, striking when essential while at the same time exhausting the enemy's troops and harassing and overextending the British supply lines. This new strategy was one that both he and George Washington came to agree upon, or perhaps developed together. Once, when Washington placed Greene in charge while he went to attend a conference he said: "*In my absence the command of the army devolves upon you. I have such entire confidence in your prudence and abilities that I leave conduct of it to your discretion, with only one observation: that with our present prospects it is not our business to seek action, nor to accept one, except upon advantageous terms.*" Perhaps, in this short statement Washington with his one observation reveals the key to the Revolutionary Army strategy a strategy that Major Greene implemented with a religious devotion in the South.

After the horrific defeat of General Horatio Gates by the British at Camden, South Carolina, on August 16th, 1780 Alexander Hamilton said, "*For God's sake, overcome prejudice and send Greene.*" Someone must have listened for indeed Major General Nathanael Greene was appointed commander of the Southern Campaign. Although the remnants of the battle were hardly enough to comprise an effective army, partisan guerillas led by men such as Francis Marion, Andrew Pickens, and Thomas Sumter were ready willing and able to harass the enemy, antagonize their supply lines and thwart the efforts of the British forces. As a matter of fact the victory of the Battle of Kings Mountain that on October 7th, proved the efforts of Patriot guerrillas against American Tories was as Major General Greene himself said "*the first turn in the tide in favor of the Americans*". Although the Battle of Kings Mountain did not directly hurt Cornwallis and his troops, it did defeat local Tory support in

North Carolina. Cornwallis retreated across the state. Major General Greene left Philadelphia on November 3rd, 1780 to take his position as Commander of the South, and arrived in Charlotte, North Carolina on December 2nd. The situation was bleak when he arrived. In charge of between 1,000 to 2,200 Continental and militia, Greene had to preserve what had already taken a serious beating and build support and supply lines. He was able to coordinate and command the efforts of separate partisan groups into a unified effective effort. Most notably he put the efforts of Francis Marion the "*Swamp Fox*," Andrew Pickens and Thomas Sumter in conjunction with one another and the Continental Army for



**"Spell Hall" Nathanael Greene Homestead
Kent County, Rhode Island**

the first time.

Additionally, Greene worked with local political leaders and militia to help increase local support and build supply lines, improve roads and build distribution networks in the area. His years as Quartermaster General and as a deputy in the Rhode Island Assembly paid off. It would take a good soldier and statesman to get the job done, but it would take the knowledge of the headaches of a quartermaster general to pull it off. Even if no one had ever heard of a quartermaster in history, no war was ever won without a quartermaster either. Nathanael Greene was a learning animal, and the harsh lessons he had learned transformed his native intelligence into military genius. Greene knew that he had to take care of the men as well as the politics. His awareness of his obligation to his soldiers is best exemplified in his statement "*no man will think himself bound to fight the battle of a state that leaves him to perish for want of covering.*"

After his concentrating on consolidating and coordinating his forces and supply lines Nathanael Greene made a bold move. He divided his forces and coordinated their efforts into a "flying army" thus spreading his resources even thinner, or at least that it was how it appeared to Cornwallis. This move by Greene confounded Cornwallis at first, but sensing this move to be one towards greater vulnerability of the American forces Cornwallis also divided his forces and sent Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton after the

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NEWS

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William Few



Compatriot **Russell K. Brown** (above, right), William Few Chapter, presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Sea Cadet CPO **Jacob Kyle Riffe** at the Augusta Navy Reserve Center. Jacob is the son of LT (USN) **Robert J. and Diane Riffe** of Hephzibah. He is a senior engineering student at A.R. John High School in Augusta and plans to attend Georgia Southern University after graduation.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet program offers nautically oriented training in patriotism,



Georgia Society President **George H. Wheless** places a commemorative wreath in front of the Colonel William Few monument in St. Pauls Churchyard in Augusta.

courage, self-reliance, teamwork and accountability to young people ages 13 to 17 years old. LT Riffe is the commander of the Augusta Division of the program.

The Georgia Society Color Guard, led by Commander **Paul Prescott**, participated in a DAR Constitution Day ceremony at the monument to Colonel William Few, signer of the U.S. Constitution, in St. Paul's Churchyard, Augusta, on September 15. Also present, in addition to DAR members, Few family members, civic leaders and school children, were SAR compatriots of the William Few Chapter, Augusta, and the Athens Chapter. William Few Chapter president **Dr. Richard**

L. Schuster and Athens Chapter President **Robert N. Hale** presented wreaths at the monument.

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Coweta Falls

On Monday, September 19, 2006, Coweta Falls Chapter SAR and the Lucy Spell Raiford Chapter of the C.A.R. gathered at The National Infantry Museum on Fort Benning to commemorate Constitution Week. The Museum has a bell that was cast in 1860 in Troy, N. Y., and was used during the Civil War.

A brief history on the formation, writing and adoption of The Constitution of the United States of America was presented, and then the bell was rung in honor of The Constitution.

Art Hall, President of the Georgia Society C.A.R. presented Museum Director **Frank Hanner** with a C.A.R. pin and explained his project, which is raising money for the new National Infantry Museum.

William M. Hay, Chapter President



(left to right) Members of the Coweta Falls Chapter SAR Color Guard, **Bob Galer**, **Neil Gillis**, **Bill Hay**, and **Jim Weatherford**, at the National Infantry Museum on Fort Benning, GA.

Captain John Collins

The week of August 21st was Patriotism Week for the Captain John Collins Chapter. Throughout the week the chapter made patriotic presentations at local high schools in the area. During part of the presentation **Kendall Abbott** portrayed Francis Scott Key as he wrote the *Star Spangled Banner*. Other compatriots had supporting roles as presenters; their topics ranged from the history and proper display of the American Flag to the Pledge of Allegiance. Compatriot presenters included **Jack Gibson, Jason Shepard, Tony Toth, Jimmy Flannagin, Skip Keaton, Ken Farris, Bill Coffeen, Larry Guzy, and Jim Castle**. State and local dignitaries also appeared to make short speeches about the importance of patriotism. Among them were U. S. Representative **Tom Price**, Brigadier General, **Lawrence Ross**, State Superintendent of Education, **Kathy Cox**, State Senators **Steve Thompson, William Hamrick** and **Don Thomas**, and State Representative, **Don Parsons**.

The last three months have found our chapter searching for a meeting place home since our previous meeting place home went out of business in June. We have recently come upon three possibilities, and we believe that we are close to finding our next home.

The last quarter has seen some spirited debate over whether to invite candidates for

Educator's National Award

Kendall Abbott, member of the Captain John Collins Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, received The Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award (the National Educator's award) during the National Congress of the SAR in Dallas, TX. The award is given to the compatriot who best furthered the preservation of the History of the United States and its traditional teachings in our schools. Many high school students in Cobb and Paulding counties would probably better recognize Kendall in his early 1800's outfit which he has worn in 11 high schools before student populations totaling over 7,000. He plans to visit another six high schools next month.

Kendall developed a program in which members of his SAR chapter along with various dignitaries go to high schools one week a year to discuss the history and the need for respect of the American Flag and National Anthem. Kendall plays the role of Francis Scott Key with other members dressed in replicas of uniforms worn by George Washington's Color Guard.

In addition to the high school presentations, Kendall has presented several free genealogy classes to the general public at the Marietta and Smyrna libraries. He has also assisted Boy Scouts in attaining their genealogy merit badges. And, dressed in his



(left to right) **Rodney Pritchett, Skip Keaton, Principal Leigh Colburn, Kendall Abbott, Brigadier General Lawrence Ross, Curtiss McWaters, Superintendent Dr. Emily Lembeck, Jack Gibson, and Larry Guzy** at Marietta High School during Patriotism Week.

public office to be speakers at chapter meetings. There were also discussions about the importance of following the provisions of the chapter by-laws regarding proposed amendments to the by-laws. Our Founding Fathers did not agree on everything either, but they were usually able to come to some sort of

common ground. Of course, they also had dueling pistols. Our chapter ultimately dismissed dueling pistols as a viable way of settling our disagreements, and decided that when we can't agree, we'll just have to decide to disagree amicably.

Jim Castle, Chapter President



President General (left) **Roland Downing** congratulates Compatriot **Kendall Abbott**

Revolutionary War color guard uniform, Kendall has worked closely with more than a dozen high school JROTC programs, visited several elementary schools and helped educate hundreds of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts on flag etiquette and flag retirement ceremonies.

Kendall comes down the educational path naturally. His mother taught in elementary schools in Cobb County for 25 years, his grandfather was a teacher and school

Superintendent in Vermont and Massachusetts, four of his five sisters have taught in Georgia schools, and several other ancestors were educators and authors of history books. One of his ancestors founded the Abbot Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, which is now the "female" portion of Phillips Academy where both George Bushes attended high school.

Dalton



Dalton area Eagle Scouts with scoutmasters at the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner.

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

With over 65 in attendance, 20 Eagle Scouts from Whitfield and Murray Counties along with many family members and their Scoutmasters were recognized by the Dalton Chapter SAR. The Scouts were honored with a dinner and framed certificates of recognition Thursday, September 14, at *The Filling Station* in Dalton. The tables were appropriately decorated with historic flags of the Revolution, each flag being accompanied by a description of its historic use and the place where each was flown. Informational brochures available on each table described the history and purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution, discussed the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Program and identified Constitution Week as September 17th – 23rd.

Dr. John Turrentine, Chapter President, welcomed the members and guests, after which Compatriot **James Clark** gave the invocation. The presentation of the colors and pledge of allegiance to our flag was led by Eagle Scouts **Rob Griffin** and **Charlie Gravlee** of Troop 2, **Jim Shaheen**, Scoutmaster. **Dale Harrison**, Chapter Vice President led the pledge to the SAR.

After dinner, Chapter 2nd Vice President, **Fred W. Snell**, introduced the Eagle Scouts and their Scoutmasters and presented the National Sons of the American Revolution Recognition Certificates to each Eagle Scout. Those receiving certificates were Rob Griffin and Charlie Gravlee of Troop 2, Scoutmaster, Jim Shaheen; **Justin Faulknor** of Troop 43, Scoutmaster, **Lemuel Faulknor**; **Austin Gallman**, **Bryan Day**, **Cleve Miller** and **Chet**

Sanders of Troop 60, Scoutmaster, **Bo Grimes**; **Cody Easley** and **Lloyd "Anthony" Osborne** of Troop 73, Scoutmaster, **Charles Smith**; **Daniel Albertson** and **Brent Haley** of Troop 75, Scoutmaster, **Ed Kinney**; **Zach Amos** of Troop 98, Scoutmaster, **Tim McIntosh**; **Sean O'Boyle**, **John Bruner** and **Payton Sellers** of Troop 111, Scoutmaster, **Bob Oxford**; and **Carmelo Apodaca**, **David Haller**, **Andrew Hare**, **Macey Ponders** and **Kile Dilbeck** of Troop 172, Scoutmaster, **Michael Tedder**.

For nearly a century, SAR has enjoyed a close working relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, actively supporting Scouting programs that build character and good citizens. President Theodore Roosevelt, a distinguished SAR member and ardent supporter of the Scouting movement, earned the distinction of being the first and only man designated as the "Chief Scout Citizen". In 1980, the SAR ties to Scouting were further strengthened with the establishment of its Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program. For over 25 years, SAR's partnership with the Boy Scouts of America has actively promoted patriotism and honored young patriot Scouts, in communities across America, awarding nearly \$200,000 in scholarships to these outstanding young men, thereby promoting a renewed spirit of patriotism and preserving our cherished American heritage.

All the Eagle Scouts were encouraged to participate in the SAR Scholarship Program, and brochures were distributed to everyone present describing the procedures involved.

Any currently registered Eagle Scout in an active unit who has not reached his 19th birthday in the calendar year of his application is eligible to apply for the scholarship. Application involves completing an entry form signed by the Eagle Scout and his parents/guardian, completing a four generation Ancestry Chart, and writing an original essay, not to exceed 500 words, on an American Revolutionary Patriotic Theme with footnotes and bibliography. A winner is chosen by each SAR Chapter; the SAR State Society selects state winners. Winners of each State are then judged for a SAR National scholarship winner. The deadline each year for applications is December 1 and should be sent to The Dalton Chapter SAR, c/o Fred W. Snell, P.O. Box 1591, Dalton, Ga. 30722. For a full explanation of the program, go to www.sar.org/youth/eagle

After dinner, the Eagle Scouts, Scoutmasters and parents were all recognized, and the Scouts were presented framed National Sons of the American Revolution Certificates of Recognition. Fred W. Snell then introduced **Chick Harvey**, Scout Executive of the Northwest Georgia Council, who delivered a brief inspirational address directed to the Scouts who had earned the most coveted and highest rank in Scouting. Mr. Harvey advised to always give 100% to any task, to be prepared to serve community and country and to never forget to say "thank you" to those who have offered guidance along the way.

In closing, the colors were posted by the Eagle Scouts of Troop 2 and the SAR Recessional led by SAR founding Chapter President **George Wright**.

Joseph Habersham



National Constitution Week was celebrated with a proclamation issued by the Habersham County, Georgia Commissioners. Commission Chairman **Lynne Dockery** is shown signing the proclamation. The proclamation is a joint effort of the Joseph Habersham Chapter SAR, and the Tomochichi Chapter DAR. Witnessing the signing are **Nancy B. Bowen** (left), Tomochichi Chapter Regent and **Richard M. Ramsaur**, Joseph Habersham Chapter President.

Marquis de Lafayette

The third quarter of 2006 saw the chapter have its busiest time of the year. Our committees were hard at work as usual.

Americanism: Chairman **Bo Hill** called for local churches to observe Allegiance Sunday. Churches in Henry, Fayette and Coweta counties took part with patriotic programs.

On July 4th, committee member **Rev. Jeff Lowe** and his 1st Baptist Church of Riverdale rang hand bells as part of our "Let Freedom Ring" program. Members of the "Skull Shoal's" detachment of the Col. Elijah Clarke's Militia included **Bo Hill, Mike Tomme, Lewie Dunn, Geoff Oosterhoudt, and Paul Grimes**. Also attending was the State C.A.R. Junior Color Guard under the command of **Daniel Dorney**. Junior Guardsmen included **Kevin Baker, Benjamin Dorney** and **Jarad Cline**. Again this year, our master of ceremonies was **John Sloan** and our own **Jim Robinson** re-enacted Thomas Jefferson.

C.A.R.: Chapter President Mike Tomme and his wife **Cilla** attended the C.A.R. Southeastern in Charleston, S.C.

National Congress: **Doug Stansberry** attended in Dallas, TX.

Flag: Co-Chairmen **Doug Stansberry** and **John Sloan** presented five flag certificates. Chapter members attending were Mike Tomme, Bo Hill, Paul Grimes and Walt Reed with C.A.R. members **Jarad Cline** and **Abraham Todd** also attending. Members of

the D.A.R. and the Ladies Auxiliary were there also.

Eagle Scout: Chairman '**Chip Harrington**' has presented 143 Eagle Scout Certificates in the first half of 2006.

Parades: On the Fourth of July, members of the "Skull Shoals" detachment began the Peachtree City parade with a Musket salute.

In the evening, our chapter had the honor of escorting returning War on Terrorism veterans in the city of Newnan's Fourth of July Parade.

Our chapter took part in the annual Peachtree City Patriot's Day celebration. Our own **Rev. Knox Herndon** gave the invocation.

On September 16th, we took part in the 1st annual Wesley Woods Homecoming parade in Madras, Georgia, at the retirement community.

Later in the day we participated in the Annual Tyrone Founder's Day parade.

Public Safety: Chapter President Mike Tomme presented a Law Enforcement award to Henry County K-9 officer **Matthew Perry**.

Veterans: Chairman **Ted Hackney** arranged for the chapter to sponsor three summer interns at the Atlanta V.A. Hospital.

Chapter members Mike Tomme, David Jessell and Walt Reed attended the opening of the new East Point Clinic of the V.A. Hospital.

The chapter has contributed over 1000 magazines and toiletries to V.A. Hospitals in the first half of 2006.

NATIONAL SOCIETY PRESENTS PATRIOTISM AWARD TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PATRIOTISM

At an impressive ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia, President General **Roland Downing** honored the National Museum of Patriotism for its active promotion of patriotism as an important part of American history and heritage. The prestigious Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award was presented to **Mr. Nick Snider**, Founder of the Museum.

President General Downing described the award as a major new initiative by the National Society to promote educational opportunities for the general public to experience the spirit of patriotism and all it represents for citizens of this country. **Jim Randall**, Executive Director, NSSAR, discussed the educational programs provided by the Society, and **David Sympson**, Historian General, briefly described the Museum of the Society and invited members to visit the Louisville facility.

Mr. Snider, in responding to the presentation of the award, gave a stirring talk on the absolute necessity of restoring Patriotism as an integral and continuing component of the American way of life. He noted that there are many forces seeking to destroy the fervor with which many of us honor the historic past.

The National Museum of Patriotism was founded by Nick Snider, a retired Vice President of UPS, in fulfillment of a promise he made to himself to develop a museum "whose focus is to inspire and educate people about patriotism." Initial steps were taken in 1996, and the Museum has continued to expand from that meager beginning to its current outstanding display of artifacts and memorabilia, providing an interesting and educational opportunity for visitors to reflect on the real meaning of Patriotism. **Mr. Jason Wetzel** of the Museum Staff and a Member of Piedmont Chapter, SAR, presided over the ceremony which began with the Presentation of the Colors by the following members of the Color Guard of the Georgia Society: **Revis Butler, Terry Manning, Walker Chewning** and **Skip Gray**.

Col. George Thurmond, past President of the Georgia Society, welcomed members and guests, with special recognition of a number of members. The Museum very graciously provided light refreshments for the group.

The following Georgia Society Chapters were represented by one or more members: Atlanta, Athens, Button Gwinnett, Marquis de Lafayette and Piedmont.

Guyton B. McCall
Atlanta Chapter, SAR



Marquis de Lafayette Compatriots (left to right), **Bo Hill, Paul Grimes, Walt Reed, Doug Stansberry** and **Mike Tomme**, presenting a Flag Certificate to the manager of Truett's Grill.

Edward Telfair

The Edward Telfair Chapter was treated to an outstanding program presented by Rita Elliott (pictured), Curator of the Coastal Heritage Society. The program was entitled THE BATTLE AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE SPRING HILL REDOUBT. She discussed the savage Revolutionary War battle that took place on the site she recently uncovered. The site is located near Martin Luther King Boulevard in Savannah. Uncovering this site of Revolutionary War significance took months of study involving old maps of the City of Savannah along with the hard work of digging to uncover the remains of the Spring Hill Redoubt.



The Redoubt will be the site of the Battle of Savannah Commemoration to take place in October of 2006. President Norman Hoffman and members of the Edward Telfair Chapter will be working with the Coastal Heritage Society to participate in the Commemoration by laying a wreath at the battle site.



National Trustee **Col. George Thurmond** at the Nathanael Greene Monument dedication, Greenville, SC

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Revolutionary forces under Daniel Morgan. Cornwallis considered Morgan to be a more eminent problem than Greene's forces and decided to move northwest to cut off any chance of retreat by Morgan from Tarleton. Nathanael Greene received reports of this plan and sent a message to Morgan stating, "Colonel Tarleton is said to be on his way to pay you a visit." What resulted was the victory of Morgan's forces at the Battle of the



**Major General Nathanael Greene
Historical Marker at His Gravesite
Savannah, Georgia**

Cowpens.

Inflamed by the news of Tarleton's complete defeat by Morgan, Cornwallis wanted revenge and complete victory over the Revolutionary Army. He marched toward Morgan and the Cowpens but Morgan reckoned that this might occur and quickly evaded him and moved to reunite with the main force and Greene. What resulted has been called the "race to the Dan" River. When Greene heard that Cornwallis was in hot pursuit, he said, "Then he is ours." and indeed that is what he became, eventually at Yorktown. The race to the Dan exhausted Cornwallis and his troops on every level. Cornwallis said of the ordeal, "Greene is as dangerous as Washington. I never feel secure when encamped in his neighborhood. He is vigilant, enterprising, and full of resources." After the race to the Dan River Greene continued to thwart and exhaust Cornwallis and his forces. After the British claimed a pyrrhic victory at Guilford Courthouse the British statesman Charles James Fox exclaimed, "Another such victory would destroy the British Army."

Other battles leading to the defeat of the British included Hobkirk's Hill, siege of the Ninety-six, and Eutaw Springs. Each time Greene's forces reinforced one another where they might have been defeated alone. The irregulars, partisan guerillas and militia were coordinated into a united effort with his main army. The main army would have been annihilated in short order, but the other groups

harassed and cut off British supply lines to the point of exhaustion. Nathanael Greene commented on his strategy saying, "There are few Generals that have run oftener, or more lustily than I have done... But I have taken care not to run too far and commonly have run as fast forward as backward, to convince our enemy that we were like a crab, that could run either way."

A little over a month after the battle of Eutaw Springs, Cornwallis surrendered to Washington at Yorktown. Major General Greene wrote of the surrender at Yorktown "We have been beating the bush and the General has come to catch the bird." Although we remember the victory of Yorktown as the end of the Revolutionary War, it was not until 1783 with the Treaty of Paris that it was over. Nathanael Greene held his army together until that event and paid them with almost all of the money awarded him by the state of South Carolina. Furthermore, because of the dishonesty of a businessman named Banks, Greene had to liquidate all of his fortunes in Rhode Island and his awards from southern states in order to pay for war expenses that were supposed to be financed by Banks. Banks had asked Nathanael Greene to personally guarantee his financing and then Banks himself never paid the debts. Years later Nathanael Greene was exonerated, but this was not until after his death. Congress reimbursed his family some



**Major General Nathanael Greene
Monument
Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina**

of the expenses.

After liquidating his assets and losing all of his fortune in Rhode Island Nathanael Greene went to live at Mulberry Grove, an estate outside Savannah, a gift of the State of Georgia in the fall of 1785. In less than a year, at the age of forty-five he was dead. He is said to have died of sunstroke and heat exhaustion. It was June 19th, 1786. No one will ever know what he might have become in the years ahead, but Thomas Jefferson was certain when he wrote of Greene, "Second to no one in enterprise, in resource, in sound judgment, promptitude of decision, and every other

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