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Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch Charlie A. Newcomer



Georgia's Revolutionary Trail- From Vann's Creek to the Sea

With the upcoming ceremony at **Cherokee Ford/Vann's Creek**, near the South Carolina border, the Georgia Society will have made one more giant step in our mission of establishing for our citizens Georgia's Revolutionary Trail.

Vice-President General George Thurmond summed up our mission in these words:

During the American Revolution, Georgia, while the newest and least populated colony, was important to the success of our country in establishing a new nation. Essential to the war were 11 important battles in Georgia whose sites should be preserved for prosperity so that tourists, citizens of Georgia and the local community can learn and appreciate the significance of these locations. These sites should be promoted for the enjoyment, appreciation and visitation of those traveling in Georgia.

The first step on the trail began when the

Georgia Society instituted the Kettle Creek Remembrance which has grown into a major National event. Next came the **Fort Frederica** Event, an important and expanding Patriot's Day celebration. The role of **Augusta** and Patriots there during the American Revolution has been brought to mind through visits and ceremonies during Constitution Week. The **Fort Morris—Sunbury** Commemoration, an important part in blazing the trail, just saw its second successful "Come and Take It" program. The **Battle of Savannah**, once barely recognized, is now remembered with marches to the **Spring Hill Redoubt**, cannon and musket firings, a ceremony at the fallen Gen. Pulaski's Monument, and tributes to such Patriots as Samuel Elbert at Savannah's new Battlefield Memorial Park. The Georgia Society has played a significant role in all these happenings.

I recently organized a new state committee, headed by Regional Vice President, Larry Wilson, which has already begun work to mark and expand the trail we have started. We will be working with state and local officials to put our 13th Colony Revolutionary Trail on the map—both literally and figuratively. All compatriots are asked to help clear the paths in any way they can.

On the following pages you will find accounts of some of the events I have mentioned above, some having just been celebrated and others coming in the near future.

I hope all compatriots will seek an active part in building Georgia's Revolutionary Trail, promoting the concept with diligence and enthusiasm, and participating in events associated with it.

**Winter BOM Meeting
January 26, 2006
Forsyth Holiday Inn**

October-December, 2007



BATTLE OF
CHEROKEE FORD
11 FEB. 1779

IN HONOR OF
THE BRAVE MILITIA MEN UNDER
ROBERT ANDERSON, INCLUDING
CAPTAINS WILLIAM BASKIN, JR.,
JAMES LITTLE, JOHN MILLER,
JOSEPH PICKENS AND LT. THOMAS
SHANKLIN, WHO FOUGHT A SUPERIOR
TORY FORCE LED BY COL. BOYD
AT THE MOUTH OF VANN'S CREEK
AND THE SAVANNAH RIVER.
THIS ENCOUNTER WEAKENED
COL. BOYD'S FORCES THREE DAYS
PRIOR TO THE BATTLE AT KETTLE CREEK.

ERECTED BY THE SAMUEL ELBERT CHAPTER, SAR

Revolutionary War Site to Be Marked, Commemorated

The Georgia Society SAR and the Samuel Elbert Chapter GASSAR will unveil a memorial and commemorate the **Cherokee Ford/Van(n)'s Creek Revolutionary War Battle** at Richard B. Russell State Park on December 8th, 2007 at 11:00 am. The battle took place February 11, 1779 in what is now

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Other accounts of recent and upcoming Georgia Revolutionary War Battle events also appear on pages 3 and 4.

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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Cherokee Ford/Van(n)'s Creek Battle

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Elbert County, just three days before the successful victory of the Patriots led by Colonels Andrew Pickens, John Dooley and Elijah Clarke at Kettle Creek in Wilkes County which "stung" the British in the "Hornet's Nest". The Vann's Creek battle site is one of the top 11 battle sites identified in a report funded by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in 2002. History tells the following story of the battle:

The Fight at Van(n)'s Creek February 11, 1779.

In late 1778, Col. Boyd, commissioned by the British, had recruited about 600-900 men from North Carolina and South Carolina to provide reinforcements for the Tory forces which would be headquartered at Augusta, GA. Boyd was moving west toward the Savannah from Ninety Six, headed for the river crossing at Cherokee Ford, ten miles north of Fort Charlotte. Whig CPT Robert Anderson had posted LT Thomas Shanklin and eight militiamen in the blockhouse guarding the Ford with orders to not allow any Loyalists to cross. Reluctant to take casualties, Boyd moved his command five miles upriver to the high ground opposite the mouth of Van(n)'s Creek in present-day Elbert County. On 11 February Boyd crossed the Savannah River with their baggage on rafts, "swimming their horses" alongside. Captain Little and his Georgia Militia, and Captains Robert Anderson, William Baskin, John Miller, and Joseph Pickens and their South Carolina Militia, a total of about 100 Whigs, now opposed Boyd's Loyalists as they approached the Georgia bank of the Savannah. The Whigs lost one killed, 15 wounded, and 18 captured, among the latter being Captains Baskin and Miller (wounded in both knees). Colonel Boyd is said to have lost 100 killed, wounded, and missing, many of whom having deserted him and returned to their homes in the Carolinas. Pickens, Dooley, and Clarke continued the pursuit of Boyd, and they would overtake Boyd at Kettle Creek February 14, 1779.

The speaker at the ceremony will be **Steven J. Rauch**, Command Historian at the US Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia and an adjunct instructor at Augusta State University where he teaches courses on American Military History and the United States to 1877.

The **Yargo Community Concert Band** will accompany the ceremony with patriotic renditions and the GASSAR bagpiper **John Mortison** will play "Amazing Grace." The Georgia Society's award winning Color Guard will have a command performance along with their Elijah Clarke Militia Color Guard saluting with "black powder" muskets. **Mark Wade** will pay "Taps." There will be a wreath laying to honor those brave souls who fought there. Lunch at the Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course Café will be offered by "Dutch Treat" RSVP to 706-283-1726 or dlwilson@elberton.net.

Fort Morris Historic Site "Come and Take It!" Celebration

The "Come and Take It!" celebration at Fort Morris recently commemorated Continental Army Lt.Col. John McIntosh's defiant reply to the British demand for surrender on November 25, 1778, and honored the Revolutionary War defenders of Fort Morris, Sunbury and Liberty County, Georgia.

George Wheelless, Chairman of the GA Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebration Committee served as the moderator of the Ceremony. Lindsey Brock, Past President Florida Society SAR offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charlie Newcomer, President of the Georgia Society. Norm Hoffman SE Region Vice-President offered the Benediction.

Greetings were offered by two National Society officers- Col. George E. Thurmond, Regional Vice-President SAR and Kevin Baker, First Vice-President CAR. Other speakers included State Society Presidents: Charlie A. Newcomer Georgia Society SAR; Sarah Anne Dorney, Georgia Society CAR; Dr. Linda Harvey,

Georgia Society DAC; and Sagen Blackwell, South Carolina Society CAR.

The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, led by Commander Paul Prescott, were joined by representatives from the Georgia Society SAR Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia, Florida Society SAR Sons of Liberty Brigade, and Revolutionary War re-enactors from the Second Company Georgia Artillery, Continental Army and the British Light Infantry Company, 33rd Regiment of Foot. They provided an impressive Presentation of the Colors and honored the memory of the Liberty County Patriots with a Musket Salute followed by a Cannon Salute and Taps. There was a presentation of thirty-two wreaths

Attendees at the Historic Sites Celebration enjoyed lunch at Sunbury Crab Company on Saturday after the Ceremony. The location of the restaurant in Sunbury on the Medway River is where the port of the Georgia Navy Galleys was located during the Revolutionary War.

Kettle Creek Celebration Expanded; Set for Feb 8-10

The annual observance of the February 14, 1779, Patriot victory at Kettle Creek is scheduled for the weekend of February 8 - 10, 2008. This will be the eleventh consecutive year for the celebration sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR with the support of the Athens and Samuel Elbert SAR Chapters and several other Washington organizations.

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Revolutionary Days

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Celebrating the Anniversary of the
Battle of Kettle Creek—February 14, 1779

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Athens and Samuel Elbert Chapters

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The activities begin at 3pm on Friday afternoon with a presentation by Dr. Christine Swager, Revolutionary War author. It is entitled, "Revolutionary War in Georgia" and will be held at the Mary Willis Library in Washington. Also at that time, winners will be selected in the Kettle Creek Poster Contest sponsored by the Library, SAR and DAR.

Visiting SAR and DAR celebration participants will be joined by local Washington citizens for hospitality at Wisteria Hall at 5pm followed by Dinner at the newly renovated Pope Center. Dinner reservations at \$25 per person can be made by sending a check payable to Georgia Society SAR and mailing to George Thurmond 120 Cannonade Drive; Alpharetta, GA. 30004-4096.

A full day of Saturday activities that will delight young and old begins at 8:30am with a showing of the Kettle Creek Video at the Mary Willis Library. At 10am, SAR Color Guards representing several states, SAR, DAR & CAR dressed in colonial attire, Revolutionary War re-enactors and local youth organizations will participate in a Parade, starting at the Mary Willis Library and ending on the historic Washington Town Square. Then, Benjamin Franklin, Nancy Hart, Elijah and Hannah Clarke, Andrew Pickens, John Dooly and many others will perform in Living History demonstrations on the Square. Children will be taught colonial games and how to march with muskets and adults will be "encouraged" to sign an oath of allegiance and join the militia. A BBQ lunch will be served at the nearby Court Street Livery.

Throughout the day from 10am to 5pm an open house will be held at the Washington Historical Museum. The museum boasts a large collection featuring Revolutionary and Civil War relics, Indian artifacts, and a recreation of 19th century home life. Meanwhile, at the Kettle Creek Battleground located ten miles from Washington off SR 44, U.S. Army Historians will conduct walking tours from 10:30am to 12:30pm. They will trace the steps of the Loyalists and the Patriots as they fought for three hours on February 14, 1779.

Saturday's highlight will be the pageantry at the 2pm Battleground Memorial Ceremony at the Kettle Creek Monument on the top of War Hill. Wreath presentations by the various organizations and descendants will honor the memory of the Patriots who fought in the Battle of Kettle Creek. The Kettle Creek DAR Chapter will decorate the Commemorative Markers that list the names of the battle participants. Participants in the on-going archaeological study will discuss study findings.

Sunday will begin with a Colonial Church Service held at the Bethel United Methodist Church at 9:00am, and sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR Chaplaincy Corps. Bethel Church is located on Skull Shoals Road, about seven miles from Washington off SR 44.

Representatives of the Sons, Daughters, and of the American Revolution organizations will gather at the gravesite of Elijah Clarke for a Ceremony to recognize his part in the successful Battle of Kettle Creek. Additional Living History activities are scheduled at the Elijah Clark State Park on Sunday.

Most of the days' activities are free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Most Revolutionary Days activities are free and the public is encouraged to attend. For further info call the Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce at (706) 678-2013. "Revolutionary Days" Sponsors include Georgia Society, Athens and

Samuel Elbert Chapters SAR; Kettle Creek DAR Chapter; City of Washington; Wilkes County; W-W Chamber of Commerce; W-W Historical Foundation; Mary Willis Library; Washington Historical Museum and *The News-Reporter*

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 8

Revolutionary War in Georgia
Christine Swager. Author/Historian
Mary Willis Library, 3pm

Hospitality at Wisteria Hall, 5pm
Dinner at Pope Center, 6:30pm

Saturday, February 9

Battle of Kettle Creek Video, 8:30am
Mary Willis Library

Parade, Courthouse Ceremony &
Living History, 10am-12:30pm
Washington Town Square

BBQ Lunch, Court Street Livery
12:00 -1:30pm

Kettle Creek Battleground Walking
Tours 10:30am- 12:30pm

Kettle Creek Battleground Memorial
Ceremony 2:00pm

Washington Historical Museum Open
House
10:00am – 5:00pm

Inclement Weather—Pope Center

Sunday, February 10

Colonial Church Service-
Bethel UMC 9:00am

Elijah Clarke Grave Ceremony
11:30am; Other activities until
4:00pm
Elijah Clark State Park

Accommodations;

Wisteria Hall; 706 678-7779
Fitzpatrick Hotel; 706-678-5900
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595-6500
Best Western White Columns
Thomson- 706-595-8000

NEWS

of the
State Society



Button Gwinnett Chapter President Walker Chewning and his wife Jo An represented their respective SAR and DAR Chapters at the Kings Mountain Ceremony. Standing guard behind the Chewnings is Elijah Clark militiaman Ted Smith of the Joseph Habersham Chapter.



A large contingency from the Georgia Society Color Guard traveled to Kings Mountain, South Carolina on October 7 for the annual commemoration activities at Kings Mountain National Park. A number of the members of the group traveled from Kings Mountain directly to Savannah to participate in the Battle of Savannah events beginning the following day. Accounts of the Savannah events appear on pages

Report from Georgia Society Education Committee

Lewie Dunn,
Chairman

The Georgia Society was pleased to host **Colleen Wilson**, National Education Director of the SAR, at the Georgia Social Studies Educators Conference week in October. Colleen said, "Georgia continues to lead the National Society in its Education Programs and outreach programs."

She lauded us for our "commitment to education of our youth and of the many chapters and their members who give of their time and resources to get out our national message about the American Revolution and the freedoms that we mostly take for granted that were hard earned by our ancestors."

Senior Vice President **Bobby Towns** and his wife **Robin** made Colleen feel at home with their Southern Hospitality in Athens. Athens chapter president **Robert Hale** also did his part to add to her experience.

Your state Education members **Ted Smith, Jim Hubert, Jay Guest, Mike Tomme** and **Cilla Tomme** took part either by being part of our presentation or the posting of colors. That was old "Left-Right Face?" of your Georgia

Color Guard that performed so well for the hundreds of attendees.

Special thanks to Marquis de La Fayette Chapter Vice President **Bo Hill** for his role as Colleen's driver while she was in Georgia. She was treated to a special VIP tour of both the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers and the Georgia Archives and National Archives in Morrow before she left on Friday.

Official information on all of the contests can be found on the National Website. This website serves as the only official information on all of the contests and should be consulted for information related to any contest. This site is updated as needed about the contests.

State Deadlines should be referred to the state website as well as to the chairman of the state committees.

Please Note:

Americanism Poster Contest

All chapter entries should be delivered to the Georgia Education Chairman at the registration table no later than two hours prior to the opening Banquet. Official Entry forms may be obtained from the National Website.

**** VOTING in the contest will be limited to those members and guests attending the Banquet. No voting by proxy will be allowed in the poster contest. ****

*****The winning posters will be taken from the banquet to the National Congress by the chairman of the Education Committee for judging*****

Requests for National Educational materials from National should go to cwilson@sar.org.

Lewie Dunn

Date to Remember

December 8

Cherokee Ford/Van(n)'s Creek
Richard Russell State Park

January 19

Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony
Spartanburg, SC

January 19

Cowpens Battle Commemoration
Chesnee, South Carolina

January 20

Executive Committee Meeting
Decatur, Georgia

January 26

Winter BOM Meeting
Forsyth, Georgia

February 8-10

Kettle Creek Commemoration
Washington, Georgia

February 21-23

Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky

Report From The

Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**

Georgia Society COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE

December.2007-February, 2008

- 1 Dec – Daniel Higdon Grave Marking, Columbus, GA, Sponsored by Coweta Falls, 1115 hrs
- 2 Dec – Jenkins Grave Marking, Sponsored by Ocmulgee Chapter, Barnesville, GA, 1400 hrs:
- 7 Dec – We the People, GA Capitol, Atlanta, GA, 0730 hrs
- 8 Dec – Cherokee Ford/Vann Creek Marker Dedication, Russell State Park, Ruckersville, GA, 1100hrs
- 14 Dec – Battle of the Great Crane Brake, near Simpsonville, SC
- 15 Dec- DAR member grave marking, Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, GA, 1300 hrs:
- 19 Jan – Daniel Morgan Statue, Spartanburg, SC, 1030 hrs
- 19 Jan – Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1400 hrs
- 26 Jan – Board of Managers, Forsyth, GA, 1000 hrs
- 10 Feb – Colonial Church Service, Washington, GA, 0900 hrs
- 10 Feb – Elijah Clark State Park Ceremony, Lincolnton, GA, 1100 hrs

Color Guardsmen sign up for events with Commander Prescott.

The Rest of the Storyabout our Graves Publication

By Mary Jane Galer

The original edition of "Georgia Revolutionary War Soldiers' Graves" was published in 1993 and the copyright given to The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

It was the brainchild of H. Ross Arnold and he hoped to use it as a model for other states to follow. He indicated he started the work about 1987 with the encouragement of Bob Vance, former State President and National President General. He enlisted the aid of a college student, Henry Clifton (Hank) Burnham. Hank used known genealogies, county histories, pension records and other research materials to locate as many of the soldiers and patriots already recorded in the counties of Georgia, compiling them into this list. He carefully recorded references for each person for use of future researchers. By the time the first edition went to press Ross knew that more work had to be done. The list of French soldiers and sailors had been compiled by Dr. Julian Kelly, Jr. and would be included in a later edition. Also, all of the work done by Hank Burnham was from books and printed materials, facts and data already known. Ross knew there were more graves out in the counties that other people would have knowledge of.

Ross received a grant from the R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation, who helps authors publish books that record Georgia data prior to the 1850s, and from the Patterson-Barclay Memorial Foundation, Inc. of Atlanta.

After the publication of the first edition Ross sought help from SAR members in one or two regions of the

state. When that was not productive, about 1995 or 1996, he and Bob Vance called on me one Super Bowl Sunday afternoon to outline a plan for finding other graves out in the counties. They agreed to pay me a minimal, way below scale, hourly wage to try to find the graves. They felt that since I had an organized office in my home and was retired I should have place and time to take on the task. I accepted. Ross left with me a file box of 159 DOT county maps, which had cemeteries marked on them.

I organized the state into sections and for at least four years sent out a letter to the Legal Newspapers (those that published legal notices as required by law) until all the counties in the state were contacted. The local newspapers all published the letter asking anyone with knowledge of Revolutionary War graves in the area to contact me. The response was good and I communicated with people throughout Georgia by letter and by phone. Over those four years I was able to add over 100 new graves and many corrections to the book.

The new edition, "Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots and Pioneers", was published in 2001. It included Julian Kelley's list of French Soldiers and Sailors, and my additions and corrections. The file box with the maps, and ultimately with some of my correspondence and notes on conversations, was turned over to Tom McIntosh when he served as state Graves Chairman.

Mrs. Galer, of Columbus, has distinguished herself as an educator, author, and public servant. She is an ardent supporter of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Chapters Add Streamers, Stars; GASSAR Graves Resource Posted Online George Thurmond, Graves

Chairman

By the end of the year, we will have marked 24 Patriot graves and 3 Compatriots graves involving 12 Georgia Society chapters and chapters in Connecticut, South Carolina and Texas. The following qualified for flag streamers or stars for CY 2007:

Streamer Cherokee

Star

Athens (1) Lyman Hall (1) Button Gwinnett (6) Coweta Falls (7) Piedmont (2) Marquis de Lafayette (1) Joseph Habersham (1)

Remember that graves marked must be reported for the chapter to be eligible for a streamer and stars.

The names, birth dates, death dates, and burial counties for the 3,702 **Georgia Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors, Patriots and Pioneers** has been extracted by Ralph Nelson (FL & DE Society member) and posted at www.rsar.org/rosters/docustak.htm#GA This is an exciting new development and can be very helpful in validating Revolutionary War service.



Report From The
**GASSAR
Eagle
Scout
Committee**
**John
Preston.
Chairman**
**Eagle Scout Scholarship
Program Most Rewarding**

Working with the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program is a very rewarding experience. Why? Because you work with the very best. To become an Eagle Scout is no simple task. It takes setting a goal. Then spending years of diligent work climbing the advancement ladder from Tenderfoot through Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and then Eagle. Along the way he must earn a minimum of twenty one merit badges. He has many nights camping, serving in officer positions in his troop, becoming involved in many service projects. One is a major effort before appearing before the Eagle Board of Review. There is one last requirement which is developed along the way, that of C H A R A C T E R a n d D E P E N D A B I L I T Y. These are the traits that are so important in the life of an Eagle Scout as he enters manhood and will serve him well for the rest of his life. Eagle Scouts are the best.

The Eagle Scout Scholarship Chairman in each chapter has a very special opportunity and yes, privilege in recognizing and rewarding excellence.

Chapter Presidents, if you do not have a chairman actively promoting this program, you are missing a great opportunity to recognize and promote the best in your chapter area and also garner recognition for your chapter.

Chapter Chairman, please remember to have your chapter's first place winner, along with all supporting documentation to me, no later than December 31, 2007. Thank you for your service.
John Preston

**Knight Essay Contest
2007-2008 Deadline
Nears**

The state deadline for students to turn essays in to chapters for the Knight Essay Contest is 18 Jan 2008. Chapters may set an earlier deadline but communicate such to potential participants. Chapters will need to get their chapter winner's essay to the Georgia Society committee no later than 8 Feb 2008.

For a review of contest rules, please visit

www.sar.org/youth/knightrules.htm

For Georgia Society information, see www.georgiasocietysar.org/knightessay.htm

Thanks to chapter presidents and essay contest committees for your good efforts in this significant youth activity.

**Hugh Rodgers, Chairman
Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest**
(e-mail: h_slrogers@knology.net)

**Greetings Sent from
Americanism Chairman
Bill Hay**

Compatriots, we are getting close to the end of the year and several Chapters have not reported presentation of Flag Certificates during 2007.

I have reports from the following:

- Button Gwinnett
- Edward Telfair
- Joel Early
- Marshes of Glynn
- Sons of Liberty
- Athens
- Lyman Hall
- Marquis de Lafayette
- Piedmont
- Atlanta

If your Chapter is not listed above, please make arrangements for at least one Flag Certificate presentation. If your Chapter is listed above, in error, let me know that also, but follow up with a presentation.

If you need one or two blank certificates, let me know and they "will be in the mail". Bill Hay

(Photo Below)

Twenty-five outstanding Boys Scouts were recognized recently in a special program in Dalton upon their becoming Eagle Scouts. Read details of the presentations in Dalton Chapter news on page 12.



Welcome

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



<u>Chapter</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot Ancestor</u>	<u>First Line Sponsor</u>
Atlanta	David B. Caimbeul, Jr.	John Campbell	(Transfer)
Blue Ridge Mountains	Clint Lane Ledford Terry Emerson Legg	Matthew Stewart Joel Legg	Harry B. Strickland Henry J. Preston, Jr.
Cherokee	James Edward Traylor	Joel Traylor	Billy Jack Templeton
Coweta Falls	William Nolan Murrah, Jr.	John Goodman	Wayne C. Cartledge
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John Milledge	Ben Gause Gauthier	Chesley Bostick	Robert L. Bridges, Jr.
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Mill Creek	Fred Darwin Womack	William Womack	Frank C. Parker, III
Ocmulgee	Ronald Lee Crutchfield Homer Lanier Haygood, Jr. Joseph Lanier Haygood Richard Allen Lenhart Beverly Barksdale Sanders Cobert Dean Wilson Homer Estes Wilson Robert Edward Wilson	Henry Crutchfield Benjamin Haygood, Sr. Benjamin Haygood, Sr. Daniel Carpenter Joshua Sanders Anthony Pate Anthony Pate Anthony Pate	Christopher Stokes Christopher Stokes Christopher Stokes Christopher Stokes Floyd Hunt Sanders Christopher Stokes Christopher Stokes Christopher Stokes
Patrick Carr Rangers	Steven Earl Burke Aaron Neal Stewart Harold Warren Stewart, Jr.	Phillip D. Newton John Tiller John Tiller	Albert H. Beveridge, II Albert H. Beveridge, II Albert H. Beveridge, II
Piedmont	Thomas Allen Crisman William Chappell Gordon	Jacob Chrisman, II Abner Chappell	Robert A. Sapp Robert A. Sapp
Rome	Joseph Huggins Umbarger Alexander Whyte Whitaker, IV	Heinrick Umberger John Donelson	James E. Clark James E. Clark
William Few	Richard Alan Noegel	Nathaniel Boddie	Albert H. Beveridge, II

Message From the**Georgia Society Secretary****Kline O. Pugh**

Dues for 2008: Dues are payable to Chapters by December 31. The State Secretary must receive dues by January 15, 2008, from the Chapters to avoid disruption in membership. Chapters that renew 100% of their 2007 membership by that date will be recognized at our annual meeting and receive a certificate.

Significance of November 1st: New members whose applications were registered by National prior to November 1, 2007, will owe 2008 dues by December 31st. Dues submitted with applications that are registered on or after November 1, 2007, will be applied to 2008. These rules also apply to dues submitted with reinstatements.

“Approved” and “Registered” Dates: The “Approved” date for new members appearing on the Application Status page of our National web site is the date it cleared the genealogy department. The “Registered” date is the meaningful date that appears on one’s certificate and on the record copy of his application. This date is assigned by the National Registrar.

National Life Members must pay Chapter and State dues annually. Membership of National Life members will be suspended if State dues are not received.

Dual Members whose primary membership is in another state must pay their National dues through that state in order to maintain dual membership in Georgia.

New Chapter Officers: Many Chapters will be installing new officers for 2008. The State Secretary should be advised 2008 officers as soon as possible with phone numbers and email addresses. Names will be published in the SAR Magazine in the Spring.

The Georgia Society presents the President General Robert B. Vance, Sr., Membership Trophy at our annual meeting in April to the member who had the most first-line sponsorships of new members registered by National during the past calendar year. The trophy is on a rotating basis.

The Georgia Society Source Book is now on-line, and CDs will no longer be produced. The Source Book is a guideline of operating procedures of our State Society and Chapters. Chapter Presidents and State Committee Chairmen should review sections pertaining to their activities, and suggestions for upgrading are to be sent to the undersigned who is the Committee Chairman/Editor. The on-line Source Book may be accessed at <http://sourcebook.gassar.org> or from our web page: www.georgiasocietysar.org. Some sections may be restricted to members only, requiring an I.D. and password. You may contact the undersigned for access.

Delinquent Dues: Members of the Georgia Society whose 2008 dues were not paid on schedule 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 a member’s recent membership was in another state, Form 0918 is required along with a check for \$10.00 made to NSSAR. See significance of November 1st above. *Kline Pugh, Secretary*



The Rev. Dan Gates heads the GASSAR Chaplaincy Corps whose members now wear pins signifying their role in the Society.

**The Reverend Dan Gates
Georgia Society Chaplain**

Chaplains all across the state are wearing a bright new lapel pin with a sense of pride and renewed dedication to their commission as Chaplain's in the Georgia Society. The pin, red and black, trimmed in gold, shows the outline of a Colonial Chaplain kneeling in prayer. Above him the words, "Georgia Society S.A.R.," while at the bottom of the pin, the words read "Chaplaincy Corps."

"I received my new lapel pin in our October meeting," writes Chaplain John Jones of the Captain John Collins Chapter, "and I will wear it with pride." Chaplain Walt Reed, the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, echoed those sentiments. "I was very surprised and pleased to receive the new pin from President Mike Tomme at our meeting in October. I will wear the new pin proudly at all SAR functions."

I am extremely proud of the Georgia Society's Board Of Managers for continuing a precedent established several years ago with the adoption of a Chaplain's Lapel Pin. The former pin was no longer produced, nor available. However, the new Chaplaincy Corps lapel pin was designed by the Georgia Society specifically for Georgia Society Chaplains and supplies are adequate for new Chaplains in the years to come.

To serve the Georgia Society as a Chaplain is truly an honor. In a letter received by each Chaplain, along with their new pin, I have reminded them, "Of the 1,400 members of the Georgia Society, only 27 will wear this Lapel Pin. I charge you to wear it with distinction, honor and commitment to the office you hold as one of the Georgia Society's finest." *Dan Gates*

Message From the



Georgia Society Genealogist

Bob Sapp

Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based upon a lineal heritage. Each member shows a lineal connection to a Revolutionary War Patriot. This lineal connection is established by a genealogical study that provides evidence of blood relationship between each generation. Some members of the society have joined to provide proof to themselves that their genealogical research is correct and flawless.

However, many members have piggy-backed on the research or membership of earlier ancestors such as grandmothers and aunts in the Daughters of the American Revolution or uncles that are members of the SAR. In some cases, a professional researcher or SAR member prepared membership papers for an applicant. In most chapters the responsibility of preparing applicants membership papers falls on the chapter Registrar. The Registrar's real function is to ensure that the application and supporting documents fulfill the requirements for membership.

Membership is vital and the life blood of a chapter and it seems to grow slowly. Considering the Revolutionary heritage of Georgia as a resource for membership, there should be a chapter in every corner of the state. Chapter growth basically comes through chapters that build their membership from the fringe areas of their meeting place. These fringe members in a common locality become the nucleus of a new chapter.

Reflect back on your preparation to become a member of the SAR. How were you helped and guided in preparing your application? Was the process interesting and revealing in the location of research material? Did you find information that was interesting or surprising about your ancestors?

For those SAR members that would encourage, aid and counsel a new applicant in preparing his membership papers, there is a recognition provided by the Society. The SAR member that aids an applicant is generally the first line signer on the application. The SAR member that is the first line signer on 10 approved applications

is awarded the Liberty Medal for his service to the Society.

What would happen to the membership of the Georgia Society if each of the 29 chapters in the state had a new Liberty Medal recipient at the next congress? That would mean 290 new members but most importantly there would be a bond between the applicant and his sponsor. Make sponsoring a new member your personal goal and in so doing make a new friend and fellow compatriot.



Mike Tomme, Chairman

Georgia Society

Children Of the American

Members of Georgia CAR chapters along with supporters from Georgia SAR and DAR groups continue to participate in events throughout Georgia as well as in surrounding states.

Activities surrounding the 250th birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette included CAR members joining local SAR and DAR chapters in receiving a commemorative proclamation from the Fayetteville City Council.

The Georgia Society CAR in September marched with SAR compatriots in the Tyrone Founders Day parade and in October joined other celebrants at Kings Mountain and at Yorktown. At the end of the month compatriots Terry Manning, Buddy, Bridges, Bill Moore, Dorsey Stancil, Christopher Stokes, Charles Hall, Sr., Charles Hall, Jr. and Art Hall attend State CAR Government Studies in Macon.

November activities were rounded off with participation in the Atlanta Veterans' Day Parade and commemorative activities at Fort Morris.



Georgia and South Carolina CAR members join Chairman Tomme at Kings Mountain.



Jarret Cline of Button Gwinnet CAR holds Marquis de Lafayette Proclamation. Also pictured at Fayetteville City Hall are Cilla Tomme, Liz Grimes, National CAR 1st VP Kevin Baker, Hal Dayhuff, Paul Grimes, and Mike Tomme.



Benjamin Dorney, SC CAR Pres. Sagen Blackwell, Sarah Dorney, Kevin Baker, and Daniel Dorney present flags at Ft. Morris.



GSCAR President Sarah Dorney, Button Gwinnett Chapter President Daniel Dorney, and General Daniel Newnan CAR Chapter President Abraham Todd laid wreaths at the Allan Gay Grave Dedication. Jarred Cline of the Button Gwinnett CAR chapter marched with the SAR Color Guard Militia unit.

Georgia Society Leads in Savannah Revolutionary War Events

A contingency of Georgia Society Color Guardsmen, compatriots and family members traveled to Savannah in early October for special events commemorating the struggle in that city for American Independence.

One noteworthy sideline of the trip was a visit by Color Guard members to the dedication of the statue honoring the Haitian soldiers who with the French were a part of the Battle on October 9, 1779.



Ted Smith, Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Charlie Newcomer, George Thurmond, Larry Wilson, Bob Sapp at new Haitian Monument in Savannah

Along with members of the Edward Telfair Chapter, the group on Monday before the dedication ceremony enjoyed a Trolley Tour of Savannah under the tutelage of Savannah Compatriot/historian/ author/ GASSAR Chancellor Gordon Smith. In the evening they joined members of the local chapter for a Dutch Treat Dinner.

At 7:30 am on Tuesday, October 9, the Georgia Guardsmen led the parade to the Spring Hill Redoubt, the exact time and day of the original march in 1779. The field of battle, just as that day 228 years before, was shrouded in fog.

The dedication of Battlefield Memorial Park, under the direction of the Coastal Heritage Society, was impressive. The ribbon was cut, and wreaths were laid to honor the Revolutionary War patriots. Later the Georgia State Color Guard stood in front of the huge flagpole which flies the Betsy Ross flag and lead the dedication of a granite plaque inscribed with the name of Samuel Elbert

Details of the Dedication of the Samuel Elbert marker can be found on page 15 in Edward Telfair Chapter news.

Before leaving Savannah, the Georgia Society group moved to Monument Park to pay tribute to Polish Gen. Casmir Pulaski, a friend of America and a casualty of the Battle in Savannah in 1779.



Color Guard at Battlefield Memorial Park



President Charlie Newcomer lays GASSAR wreath at Battlefield Memorial Park



Cannon smoke and fog loom over Spring Hill Redoubt



The Georgia Society Color Guard leads the parade to the Spring Hill Redoubt on a foggy morning reminiscent of the day of the fateful battle 228 years before.



Polish Attaché with Ga Society President at Pulaski Monument Ceremony

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Dalton Chapter

Twenty-five outstanding Boy Scouts of America from the Conasauga District, NW Georgia Council BSA were honored with Certificates of Recognition for their attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout on Thursday, September 13. The proceedings were sponsored by the Dalton Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Attending along with the Eagle Scouts were their families, Scoutmasters, and members and guests of the Dalton Chapter, SAR. All were treated to a buffet dinner at "The Filling Station." Honored guests included guest speaker Mr. James Jolly and his wife Judy, and Mr. Andy Brubaker, a Scout Executive of the Conasauga District.

Mr. Jolly, an Eagle Scout, gave an inspiring and challenging presentation on the twelve values of the Scout Law and integrated them into today's society, life, and work.

Eagle Scouts honored were Patrick O'Neill, Stephen Hamby, Brandon Peters, John Williams, Daniel Tinson, Spencer Haley, Jonathan Kimbrough, Michael Barnes, Benjamin Dindoffer, Charles Barrett, Luke Pulliam; Matthew Smith, Justin Blankenship, Cody Hamill, Daniel Harris, Juan C. Perez, Daniel Shields, Richard Sloan, Robert Sloan, Robert Stephens, Matthew Robinson, McKenney Pittman, Stephen Callaway, Patrick Geren, and Christopher Deal.

(See photo on page 5)

State and Chapter Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Compatriots are urged to submit articles of interest for publication in the quarterly *Hornet's Nest*.

Atlanta Chapter

Compatriot James E. Clark, Past President of the Georgia Society, spoke at the **Atlanta Chapter's** June meeting on the subject of "Bands from Revolutionary Days to the Present". Jim used a series of slides to show the transition of military bands from earliest times. He also discussed several early band instruments. He is well qualified to speak on this subject, having been a Band Director in high schools for 21 years and at Berry College for 17 years.

The **Atlanta Chapter** began its fall meetings on September 13 with an interesting presentation by Past President Phil Curtis. His talk was entitled: "George Washington: The Good, the Bad, and the (not so) Ugly". He provided several little known stories on the life of General Washington in a very informative program.

Our October meeting featured Compatriot Dr. T. Fisher Craft, Past President of the Georgia Society and of the Atlanta Chapter. His subject was "Generally Speaking: Cornwallis versus Greene". He presented a number of contrasts in the military lives of these two leaders – how a humble Quaker outfoxed the product of the best military education of the day.

In November we looked centuries ahead as our speaker, Dr. Paul Hudson, Chairman of the Department of Business and Social Sciences at Georgia Perimeter College, spoke on the "Crypt of Civilization Time Capsule" housed at Oglethorpe University and not to be opened until 8113! His description of the capsule and its diverse contents was quite educational. A thirty year service pin was awarded to Compatriot Don Boney.

Also at the November meeting, the Chapter was honored to award the **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal** to **Sgt. Richard Straut**, Atlanta Police Department. The Citation accompanying the award read, in part:

"In 1989, rookie Richard Straut, answering a call to a dispute between a cab driver and his patron over a \$5.40 fare, was fired upon several times, and left for dead. A bullet is permanently imbedded in his brain. After

Marquis de La Fayette Chapter

The last quarter of 2007 has seen the chapter quiet busy. The chapter took part in the Atlanta Veterans Day parade in Atlanta. The chapter also has taken part in the annual Christmas parades in McDonough and Newnan. This finishes up the parade season for the chapter where thousands of people have seen the SAR in costume and on the march. The chapter had to say a sad goodbye to our longtime parade float driver **Owen Cook**, who removed back to Tennessee to be closer to his family. **Paul Grimes** have filled his duties. Our parades have seen fewer members as other commitments and health has drained our ranks this year. We hope in the next few years to gain some of the male CAR's who will be becoming SAR's.

Chapter president **Mike Tomme** and his wife **Cilla** have played a large role in all segments of our chapter for the last two years; they will getting a long deserved break from the leadership role of the chapter. In coming president **Bo Hill** and his wife **Cindy** will be stepping into a large pair of shoes next year.

Several of our members have been on the sick call list this last few months. We wish each of them speedy recoveries.

We welcome several new members to the chapter (see elsewhere in the *Hornet's Nest* for their names and ancestors).

Thanks to all of the members of the SAR for allowing this officer to serve up the news of the Marquis De La Fayette chapter for the last few years, Mike Tomme will take over these duties next year. Having to deal with now 16 newspapers in our area has grown to be a great task in keeping our organization in the news and on the front page as well as on the web in cyberspace.

induced coma for 30 days, Straut was told he would never walk again. . . . In just over a year he was working full time with a "light duty" desk job. Five years after Straut was shot, rehabilitation counselors found him to be physically capable of doing any job. He has earned two promotions . . . Prior to his pistol wound, Straut had on more than one occasion

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Joseph Habersham Chapter



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survived being shot at, and had bested suspects who wanted to brawl. [He] is an example of the very best tradition in Law Enforcement. His devotion to duty and fearless performance are to be commended. . .

In August the Chapter was pleased to recognize the outstanding contribution of Past President **Al Weatherly** to the Boy Scout program, both locally and statewide. Al was presented the prestigious **Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award** by Compatriots Guyton McCall and Ed Conley. We are deeply saddened by Al's death on September 23rd. His leadership and counsel will be missed.

Flag Commendation Certificates have been presented to the Residence Inn by Marriott on Piedmont Road and to the Fountain Oaks Kroger Store on Roswell Road, both in Atlanta. These organizations display very large U. S. Flags, visible to thousands each day.

Under the leadership of Compatriot Craft, the chapter continues its strong support for Veterans, contributing a variety of supplies and magazines to the Atlanta VA hospital.

Guyton McCall, 2nd Vice-President

Hank Sturgess, President of the Atlanta Chapter, and Chapter Member Fisher Craft are shown at the conclusion of Fisher's talk at the Atlanta Chapter's October meeting .



An 8th grade student (with Cherokee Indian turtle rattle), Ted Smith, Richard Ramsaur (with Peace Pipe) of the Joseph Habersham Chapter and some of the 8th grade students at White County Middle School participated in "Rain Dance" that some are crediting for the rain that came the next 2 nights.

Over 600 eighth and ninth grade students at White County Middle School and Ninth Grade Academy recently had a unique treat to meet members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. The students had an opportunity to hear and ask questions about this period in our history.

To illustrate the interaction between the settlers and the Cherokee Indians during this period the students were shown several 'authentic' Indian items made by craftsmen in Cherokee, NC. The one they found most interesting was a rattle made out of a turtle shell and used in various ceremonies. **Joseph Habersham Chapter** President Richard Ramsaur and VP Ted Smith, both dressed in their Militia Color Guard outfits, decided since we are in a drought and need rain very badly that they would get the students to participate in a 'rain dance'. It was a lot of fun for all and it seemed to have worked as there was rain in the area for the next two nights.

Through the Chapter's fund raising program chapter members raised over \$2,500.00, in cash; new men, women and children's clothing; gift cards; toys and various toiletry items which were donated to the VA Hospital in Milledgeville, and the DAR's Tamassee School in Salem, SC.



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William Few Chapter

The **William Few Chapter** held their fall quarterly meeting at Logan's Road House restaurant in Augusta. About twenty members and guests attended. Chapter President Robert "Chip" Schuster welcomed and inducted new member Ed Presnell, a local credit union executive. Ms. Lynn Thompson of North Augusta's Living History Park was guest speaker and gave a spirited presentation on colonial dress and the activities of her organization. GASSAR members will remember that Lynn was hostess at last year's colonial dinner at St. Paul's Historic Church during the 225th battle anniversary celebration in Augusta.

Chapter members participated in appropriate ceremonies on Veterans Day. Compatriots Bob Turbyfill, Don Anderson and Ed Presnell presented a wreath at the Veterans of All Wars Monument during the annual observance on November 12. Compatriot Russell Brown was a volunteer serving lunch for the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band at the Augusta Museum of History. After lunch, Compatriot Brown attended the Patriotic Musical Salute at Heroes' Overlook at Riverwalk Augusta. Congressman. Paul Broun, and Brig. Gen. Jeff Foley, Fort Gordon commanding general, attended the Veterans of All Wars service, the lunch, and the musical salute.

In his capacity as Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), chapter member David Titus and his wife Carol attended the Veterans Day National Observance at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, when Vice President Dick Cheney was the featured speaker. Later the same day Dave and

Samuel Elbert Chapter



Descendants of Revolutionary War Patriot Michael Adam Gaar from as far away as Texas and Louisiana gathered with Georgia and Texas Society Color Guardsmen at Van's Creek Baptist Church on November 3 to mark his grave in a ceremony sponsored by the **Samuel Elbert Chapter** and attended by a large group of compatriots and guests. The group met after the ceremony at Rucker Plantation for lunch before returning to the historic church in the early afternoon to pay tribute to Patriot Dozier Thornton who was pastor of the church in its earliest days.

New members of **Samuel Elbert Chapter** include Billy Neal, Charles Neal, Jonathon Neal (SAR youth), John Neal, Allen Burton, James Burton, and Jim Burton (right photo)



Samuel Elbert Chapter President Olds Harris presents Law Enforcement Commendations award to Elbert County Sheriff Barry Haston. Other Commendation Awards went to sheriffs in surrounding Lincoln, Wilkes, Madison, and Hart Counties. (left photo)



Carol were present at the General John J. Pershing Memorial in Arlington where the General and World War I veterans were remembered. Mr. Frank Buckles, President of the WWI Veterans Association, 107 years old, was the guest of honor.

On Sunday, November 18, Compatriots Donald Anderson, Albert Beveridge, Russell Brown, and David Titus attended the MOWW- sponsored Massing of the Colors at Fort Gordon. Compatriot Beveridge posted the chapter colors on behalf of GASSAR and NSSAR. Russell K. Brown



William Few Chapter members Don Anderson (left) and Bob Turbyfill presented a wreath at Veterans Day ceremonies in Augusta (members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the background).

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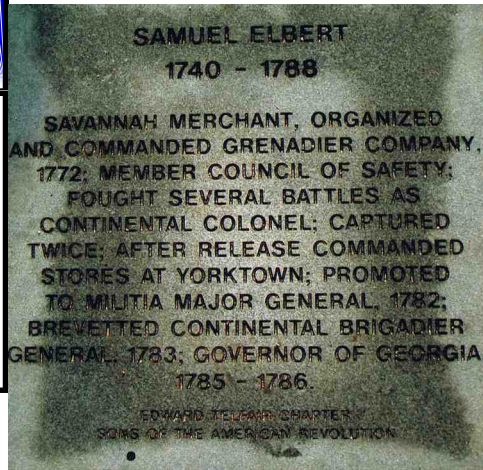
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Edward Telfair Chapter

The October 9, 1779, Battle of Savannah was commemorated on the anniversary of the day it was fought. This year's commemoration took on the aura of special significance because of the notable recognition of Revolutionary War patriot, SAMUEL ELBERT.

The **Edward Telfair Chapter** spearheaded the recognition of Samuel Elbert one of eight hundred, at the newly dedicated *Battlefield Memorial Park* in Savannah. With the generous help from the Georgia State Society, Sons of the American Revolution and the George Washington Endowment Fund, the Chapter was able to have the marker placed and engraved by the Coastal Heritage Society of Savannah.

Chapter president, Norman Hoffman, led the marker dedication with a prayer. State President, Charlie Newcomer and Regional Vice President and member of the Samuel Elbert Chapter, Larry Wilson, addressed the group gathered for the dedication. Elaine Lester, Bonaventure Chapter Regent, DAR, respectfully placed a flower upon the marker. Georgia State Color Guard, led by Commander Paul Prescott, stood before the granite Donors Plaque bearing the inscription: *The Georgia State and National Society, Sons of the American Revolution*, and the fifty foot flagpole flying the Betsy Ross Flag. **Edward Telfair Chapter** Vice President Gordon B. Smith then read the wording inscribed on the SAMUEL ELBERT MARKER which is shown in the next column.



Samantha Pogorelsky (below), director, Coastal Heritage Society, is presented a check for \$3000 from Chapter President Norman Hoffman to be used for a marker and plaque at Battlefield Memorial Park in memory of Rev. War Patriot Samuel Elbert. Funding was made possible through efforts of the **Edward Telfair Chapter**, Georgia Society, and National Society, Sons of the America Revolution



Battlefield Memorial Park Monument Savannah, Georgia



Accounts and photos of other segments of the October Savannah commemorations can be found in other sections of the *Hornet's Nest*.

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Compatriots Albert Beveridge (left) and Russell Brown of the **William Few Chapter** pose with the SAR colors before the Massing of the Colors at Ft. Gordon



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Sons of Liberty Chapter

The **Sons of Liberty Chapter** stays extremely busy. Through our education outreach program we have now had the opportunity to have met with over 14,000 high school students and staff to present a bit of history on the American Flag, Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem. We even had the opportunity this year to have a young Benjamin Franklin participate.



Larry Guzy, of **John Collins Chapter**, Kendall Abbott, Tony Toth (Benjamin Franklin), Ken Farris



Students at Kell High School participate in **Sons of Liberty** Education Outreach Program.

John Milledge Chapter inducted three new members at the September meeting. Georgia Society Central Region Vice President and chapter member "Buddy" Bridges, stands with Ben Gautier, Dan Dixon, and Sonny Dixon, after pinning SAR Rosettes on each.

Our October meeting was blessed by the presence of Georgia CAR President Sarah Dorney. She spoke on one of the famous Patriots Thomas Paine. Vice President Jimmy Flanagan also reviewed the status of our newly supported CAR society for the area which we hope to get going soon after the first of the new year.

In November, we had the opportunity to participate in three flag retirements. The one on November 2 was in North Georgia with over 200 Girl Scout leaders from across the state of Georgia who will take what they learned back to their scouting troops. We also had the pleasure of putting on a Flag Retirement program for several cub scouts in the Paulding County areas. And because of these activities, what was more fitting than have the Executive Director of the Boy Scouts for the area, Robert Garrett, speak at our November meeting to discuss the history and growth of the Scouts in the area.



Sons of Liberty Chapter sponsored three flag retirement ceremonies this fall.

For Veterans' Day we participated in the Patriotic Program at Hiram High school which was led and directed by the JROTC cadets at the school in addition to attending the local Veterans' Day parades. And, in honor of our Veterans, several hundred books, magazines, and toiletries were taken to the VA Hospital in Atlanta. We are in the process of one more big push for items for the hospital before Christmas.

As the end of the **Sons of Liberty Chapter's** first year draws to a close, we look behind with a feeling of accomplishment and we look ahead at the opportunities that will arise.

Kendall Abbott, President

Americanism reports for the year for each chapter are to be closed out on December 31 and are due to the Americanism Chairman as soon as possible thereafter.

John Milledge Chapter



John Milledge Chapter President "Bill" Neely, stands with guest speaker Bill Moffat of Maxeys, Georgia. Moffat spoke on Revolutionary battles in Georgia at Kettle Creek, Wrightsborough, Georgetown, and



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Piedmont Chapter

The quarter starting with September was initiated by a Proclamation recognizing Lafayette's birthday from Cobb County Commission. The Proclamation was received by representatives from both **Piedmont and John Collins chapters**. A birthday party for Lafayette was celebrated by the **LaGrange chapter** with Piedmont compatriots in attendance.

Members of the **Piedmont Chapter** welcomed new American citizens at two Immigration swearing in ceremonies at the Richard Russell Federal building. Brochures were handed out to over 140 new citizens at each ceremony held in September and November.

Proclamations for Constitution Week and Veterans Day were received from local municipalities. Constitution Week Proclamations were received from six city councils and Veterans Day Proclamations were received from four cities. Constitution Week was celebrated with Georgia DAR ladies at their Constitution Week Luncheon.

In addition to the Veterans Day Proclamations, chapter members participated in five Veterans Day events. The most significant one was the Fallen Heroes Memorial dedication at the Alabama State House in Montgomery, Alabama. The chapter color guard presented colors at two events and attended as representatives at two other events.


The Chapter presented wreaths at five grave markings along with presenting a wreath at Kings Mountain ceremony, Battle of Savannah ceremony, Casimir Pulaski monument and the Ft Morris "Come and Take It" celebration.

The speaker's bureau made presentations to three schools and ten organizations. Most importantly the speaker's bureau with Billy Templeton of the Cherokee Chapter made presentations to over 4000 school children who visited the Georgia History Time Line program presented by Reinhardt College's Funk Museum over a four day period.

Georgia Society Compatriots George Thurmond, Charlie Newcomer, Paul Prescott, State Veterans' Chairman Robert Cruthirds, and Larry Wilson were at the Georgia Capitol for the Veterans' Day Proclamation Signing. All five compatriots are veterans.



Georgians from numerous veterans' organizations and groups gathered at the Capitol for the official proclamation signing for Veterans' Day, observed on November 11. The Georgia Society was represented in the group. (Center, Fourth Row)



IN MEMORIAM

Nelson Dagg Mallery, Jr.
13 June 2007
Atlanta Chapter

James Cleveland Miller
5 September 2007
Samuel Elbert Chapter

Alvis M. Weatherly
23 September 2007
Atlanta Chapter

James Donald Denney
16 October 2007
Casimier Pulaski Chapter

Charles Edgar Irvin
11 November 2007
Samuel Elbert Chapter