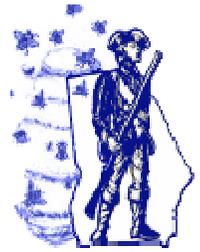


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# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch Charlie A. Newcomer



## Our Body Of Men Working Together

I, as the Georgia Society's President, was the brunt of a good deal of good natured ribbing in Williamsburg last month. At the awards banquet I had again and again stepped to the front to receive awards the Georgia Society had won—25 of them, three times more than the next closest state society. As the evening progressed, you could hear the murmurs: "It's Georgia, AGAIN!"

Time and again during the remainder of the Congress I was stopped, kidded about my treks to the podium, and then asked, "How do you folks down there do it?"

We "do it" because we are a strong Body of Men, working together to achieve the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution. I told my compatriots from other states, "We work hard, we record what we do, and we report what we

record."

With our whole body working hard we can insure that we continue to earn rewards as we continue to serve. Recent reports from chapter presidents show that we have started the new year well. Approximately a third of GASSAR chapter presidents used the automated Americanism report to the July BOM to show what their chapters are doing; another third used the older form to document activities. Hopefully late reports from the remaining chapters will demonstrate that these men *are* working too. The reports show good meetings, benevolent and patriotic service, membership growth, and support for America's youth. They show community involvement and profound respect for our republic of free men.

I urge each man in each chapter to continue to serve, to record, and to report. With all of us working together, next year's president can hear the murmurs at the Sacramento Congress: "It's Georgia, AGAIN."

*Below: Delegates to the National Congress in Williamsburg and wives pose preceding the Tuesday evening banquet. Eleven GASSAR chapters were represented at the annual national meeting. Not pictured are delegates Hall Martin and Terry Manning.*



July - September, 2007

## Large Delegation Attends National Congress

The Georgia Society sent 16 delegates to the 117th National Congress in Williamsburg, Virginia, in July. Eleven state chapters were represented, and thirteen spouses attended.

Highlights of the annual Congress included the Awards Program where the Georgia Society garnered 25 awards and the naming of Georgia compatriots to national leadership roles. Compatriot George Thurmond was installed as Vice President General for the South Atlantic District; George Wheelless was installed as the National Trustee for the Georgia Society; and Charlie Newcomer was elected to serve on the NSSAR 2007-2008 Nominating Committee. National Committee Chairmen from Georgia include Compatriots Thurmond, Newcomer, Larry Guzy, and Doug Stansberry.

A listing of the awards earned by the Georgia Society can be found on the website [www.gassar.org](http://www.gassar.org)

*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

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State Society



**GASSAR Chaplain Dan Gates has instituted a new program, designed to recognize the important job of the Sheriffs in Georgia's 159 counties and offers suggestions for local chapter involvement.**

**Thank you, Sheriff!** That's the message being sent through a new letter writing campaign sponsored by the Georgia Society's Chaplaincy Corps. A letter of appreciation is being sent to the County Sheriff of every county in the State of Georgia.

"It's a simple program," said Dan Gates, our Georgia State Chaplain. "The men and women of the local Sheriff's Departments are on the front lines of serving and protecting our communities." "This is simply a way for the 1,400 members of our Georgia Society to say thank you to each of them."

Chaplain Gates went on to say this is also an opportunity for a "follow-up" campaign by the local Chapters. "Each Chapter President is notified when a letter has been mailed to their local Sheriff." "This is an excellent opportunity to send a letter from the local

Chapter, as well." "And, also, a good time to consider a Law Enforcement Award for the local Sheriff's Office."

And there's a third motive behind the letter writing campaign. It has the potential of putting the S.A.R. logo in the hands of 159 county officials. "And," Chaplain Gates added, "I suspect the letters themselves may wind up being read to the Sheriff's Department personnel in staff meetings and, perhaps, posted on bulletin boards in Sheriff's offices around the state." "That can't hurt, can it ..?"

The Georgia Society Chaplaincy Corps simply hopes every chapter will consider the potential value of this campaign and explored possibilities of connecting to it locally. For more information, contact Chaplain Gates through the Chaplaincy Corps link at the Georgia Society website.

## GASSAR, Chapters, Members Earns Awards at Congress

While the Georgia Society was claiming awards at the National Congress in numerous categories, including CAR, DAR/SAR Membership, USS Stark Memorial, Robert Vance, Allene Wilson Groves, and President General's Awards, Georgia Chapters and individual compatriots were claiming honors in their own right. Georgia Chapters which were singled out at the Awards Ceremony included the Piedmont, Blue Ridge, Ocmulgee, Marquis de Lafayette, Button Gwinnett, and Coweta Falls Chapters.

Compatriot **Larry Guzy** won honorable mention as editor of the John Collins Chapter newsletter, and **Robert A. Sapp** was awarded the Col Stewart Boone McCarty Award for his work in our schools. Receiving the new Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award from Georgia were (see **AWARDS, page 4, column 1**)

GASSAR President Charlie Newcomer receives from President General Nathan White one of the many certificates the Georgia Society garnered at the 117th National Congress in Williamsburg, Virginia

## Georgia Society Set for Lafayette Celebration



Marquis de Lafayette

With the 250th anniversary of his birth approaching, the Georgia Society and its chapters statewide are planning activities in honor of the French hero Marquis de Lafayette, widely loved and respected for his character, intelligence, and talent, and, among Americans particularly, for the role he played in establishing the United States of America.

A proclamation from Governor Sonny Perdue will establish September 6, the Marquis's birthday, as Marquis de Lafayette Day in Georgia and set the stage for September celebrations statewide.

In June the French frigate Lafayette started the celebration when it docked in Savannah amid much Franco/America interaction, including noticeable participation by the **Edward Telfair Chapter** and the State Society. (See the account of activities in the Chapter news on page 12.)

A highlight of the September celebration will be a Birthday Banquet sponsored by the **LaGrange Chapter** and the local DAR chapter on September 6 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall in LaGrange, Georgia, at 6:30. The banquet will be an Old South barbecue in the fashion that the Marquis would have experienced on his triumphal tour of Georgia in 1825. Reservations must be in by September 1. A form to be used for registering for the event can be found on page 4. See **BIRTHDAY, page 4**



# NEWS

of the

## State Society

### BIRTHDAY (con't from page 3)

The **Marquis de Lafayette Chapter** chose to observe the special birthday by attending the signing of a proclamation honoring its namesake at the Fayetteville City Council Meeting in August.

Every chapter in Georgia is urged to observe the Marquis de Lafayette's birthday. A program on the young French general, a local poster contest, or a proclamation are a few ideas from Chairman George Wheelless and the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee.

### Georgia Society Approves New Chapter

The petition for Georgia's 31st chapter, the **Patrick Carr Rangers**, was approved unanimously at the July BOM in Forsyth. The new chapter will receive its charter at its inaugural banquet in Waynesboro on December 8.

The **Patrick Carr Rangers** will start their chapter with near 20 members. Officers are President Frank E. Lackman, Jr.; Secretary David L. Hargrove; and Treasurer Roy Barefield, Jr.

Organizing efforts for the new chapter began in January, 2006, when Central East Vice President Larry Wilson (organizer), Membership Chairman Larry Guzy, Genealogist Bob Sapp, Charlie Newcomer, and William Few Chapter officers Bob Turbyfill and Russell Brown met in Waynesboro with interested candidates for membership and local DAR members, Regent Sarah Carter and Brenda Lackman.

### AWARDS (con't from page 3)

Compatriots **Charles L. Bausch** of Coweta Falls; **Alvis M. Weatherly**, Atlanta; and **H. John Preston**, Blue Ridge. Col **George Thurmond** won the Color Guardsman of the Year Award, and **George W. Dismukes, Jr.** of Coweta Falls Chapter was awarded the Liberty Medal for recruiting new members. **William H. Raper** earned an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Liberty Medal he received earlier.

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

### RESERVATION FORM

#### 250th Birthday Celebration Banquet for Marquis de Lafayette

Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 207 North Greenwood Street, LaGrange, GA

MENU: Barbecue, Brunswick Stew, Cole Slaw, Bread, Pickles, Chips, Iced Tea, Birthday Cake

NAME (s) attending \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for total at \$10.00 per person

SEND TO:

Clark Johnson, 115 Ashling Drive, LaGrange, Ga. 30240

**Reservations must arrive by September 1, 2007.**

### Dates to Remember

September 6	Marquis de Lafayette Birthday Party	LaGrange, GA
September 15	DAR Constitution Day Luncheon	Atlanta, GA
September 15	Francis Marion 275th Birthday Event	Eutawville, SC
September 16	Executive Committee Meeting	Decatur, GA
September 22	Last Battle of Am Rev. Commemoration	Chattanooga, TN
September 28-29	Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 7	King's Mountain Commemoration	Kings Mt, SC
October 9	Battle of Savannah Commemoration	Savannah, GA
October 13	Fall Board of Managers Meeting	Forsyth, GA

### Board of Managers Approves Donations

The Board of Managers at its July Meeting approved expenditures in excess of \$1500 for projects which promote the aims of the Georgia Society., Sons of the American Revolution.

In its only venture outside the State, the Board voted to contribute \$500 to the Jamestown- Yorktown Foundation. With the donation a Brick bearing the name of the Georgia Society will be placed on Quadracentennial Plaza, a new area of welcome at the threshold of Jamestown Settlement's museum galleries and interpretive areas.

A contribution of \$1,000 will be presented to the Washington Library in Macon to further the collection of genealogical references.

The BOM also voted to send \$25.00 to the Georgia Memorial Day Association and Avenue of Flags, supporting the event at the National Cemetery in Marietta.

### FRIENDS OF THE SAR LIBRARY

(FOL) are a group of compatriots and others who recognize that the value of a library lies not in the beauty of the building, but in the books and materials inside the library.

(See **Friends** next column)

### Friends of the Library (con't)

It is unfortunate that this circumstance has been ignored in the ongoing mad rush to fund the Center for Advancing American Heritage. While the CAAH is indeed important, it is not the only part of the Society that needs money. The library budget has always been meager, and the FOL was begun to assist in this regard. An endowment fund was started to generate income, and 80% of all contributions goes into the endowment. The balance is used for urgent requirements.

It was brought to the attention of the BOM that Georgia ranks very poorly in numbers of FOL members. At last report, we had 4 members, Texas 15, Alabama 14, and Florida with the most at 50. As the leading state society, surely we can do better than this! State societies, chapters, compatriots, and anyone else interested can become a member for a donation of only (gasp!) \$25.00. Larger sums are exceedingly welcome.

Action has already begun in the GASSAR and our number of FOL members will continue to rise if you will write a check to "Friends of the SAR Library" and mail it to Librarian, NSSAR, 1000 South 4th St, Louisville, KY 40203.

You may then bask in the euphoria of having done a very good deed.

T. Fisher Craft, PhD, Chairman  
Library Committee

*Message From the*

## Georgia Society Secretary

**Kline O. Pugh**

### I.R.S. Non-Profit Filing:

Beginning in 2008 small tax-exempt organizations which previously were not required to file a return with the I.R.S. may be required to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N. This will be a new experience for most SAR Chapters and State Societies. I.R.S. has not released the exact format of the filing requirement. Communications from our National Society will be forwarded to chapters.

### Significance of November 1<sup>st</sup>:

New members whose applications were approved by National prior to November 1, 2007, will owe 2008 dues by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Chapter Registrars and Sponsors should so advise applicants on applications to be submitted during latter part of year. Dues submitted with applications that are approved after November 1, 2007, will be applied to 2008. These rules also apply to dues submitted with reinstatements. To avoid a backlog for our State Registrar, we encourage forwarding late year applications to our Registrar with a note attached if they are to be held and become 2008 approvals.

**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](http://www.georgiasocietysar.org). Some sections may be restricted to members only, requiring an I.D. and password. You may contact the undersigned for access.

(right photo) CAR Vice President Kevin Baker, speaks about the National CAR tour for 2007 and the activities in all nine national regions.

### SECRETARY (continued)

**Delinquent Dues:** Members of the Georgia Society whose 2007 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> above.

Kline O. Pugh, Secretary



## GEORGIA SOCIETY

### The Button Gwinnett Chapter, Children of the America Revolution,

joined by local DAR chapters and the Marquis de Lafayette SAR chapter, participated in the Peachtree City Fourth of July Parade. C.A.R. National Vice President Kevin Baker joined the SAR group in firing a musket volley to get the parade started. Also attending the event was G.S.C.A.R. President Sarah Dorney, The C.A.R. members participated later in the day at the *Let Freedom Ring* Event at the Old Courthouse in Fayetteville, and in the evening joined the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter in Newnan for that city's Independence Day

(see next column)



parade.

**Count D'Estaing and Martha Stewart Bulloch C.A.R. Societies** recently toured the William Harris Homestead where they were joined by Compatriots Terry Manning and Walker Chewning, from Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter dressed for the occasion as pirates.

G.S.C.A.R. President Sarah Dorney presented her State Project to SAR members at the July BOM. Her project involves placing a copy of the book *Pirates and Patriots* in every school in the State of Georgia which has a fourth grade. Her goal is to raise \$8000.00

The organizing and recruiting party for the **General James Oglethorpe CAR Society** was held at St. Simons on July 28. Guests from several SAR and DAR chapters statewide as well as the **Lucy Spell Raiford CAR Society** joined Organizing President Bill Ramsaur of Marshes of Glynn Chapter at the event.

Compatriots from numerous chapters continue to show support for the G.S.C.A.R. through attendance at C.A.R. society meetings and workshops .



C.A.R. National Vice President Kevin Baker joined the SAR group in firing a musket volley to get Peachtree City Fourth of July parade started.



Children of the American Revolution play colonial game *Catch the Ring* at General James Oglethorpe Society organizing and recruiting party on St. Simons.

**News From The**

## Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott  
Commander**

### Hill Assumes Command of Militia Unit

Compatriot and Color Guardsman Bo Hill of the **Marquis de Lafayette Chapter** assumed command of the Elijah Clarke Militia in a formal ceremony at the July BOM Meeting. Hill will serve also as Deputy Commander of the Georgia Society Color Guard.

Commander Hill replaces Georgia Society President Charlie Newcomer of the Athens Chapter who had filled the positions since the formation of the Militia unit three years ago.

The Elijah Clarke Militia plays a significant role in the overall program of the Georgia Color Guard. Dressed as the militiamen of Revolutionary times might have dressed, the soldiers march behind the Continental group and often fire their muskets in salute to their Patriot ancestors.



Newly commissioned Deputy Commander of the Georgia Society Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Commander Bo Hill (l) marches ahead of fellow militiaman Richard Ramsaur at Fort Frederica ceremony.



**George Thurmond** of Piedmont Chapter (Left with President General Nathan White) was named Color Guardsman of the Year for the National Society, SAR at the Williamsburg Congress in July. The award is given annually to the compatriot who is the best representative of Color Guards and the best example of service to the ideals of the Sons of the American Revolution by his service as a color guard.

Compatriot Thurmond, past president of the Georgia Society, former trustee for the state, and member of the NSSAR Executive Committee, was installed at the congress as Vice-President-General for the South Atlantic Region.

Ten Georgia Society Color Guardsmen dressed out for Memorial Ceremonies at the Williamsburg Methodist Church at the 117 Congress. (Front l to r) Terry Manning, George Wheelless, Bob Sapp, Glynn Acree, Geof Oosterhoudt. (back row) Doug Stansberry, George Thurmond, Charlie Newcomer, Bobby Towns, and Mark Anthony.



### Grave Marking Activity Remains High

Grave marking activity remains high with around 17 Patriots to be honored during the year. There could be more by year end as several chapters are working to mark graves.

The Cherokee Chapter has now qualified for a flag streamer and eight chapters will be adding stars to their streamers for their 2007 activity.

One of the most eventful programs will occur in Elbert County on November 3 where five Compatriots Guardsmen will travel from Texas to honor a Patriot ancestor, Michael Gaar. This program will be joined with a second grave marking nearby with lunch in between the programs. Other states have been invited to send representatives and we anticipate a grand and glorious event, hosted by the Samuel Elbert Chapter.



### April Patriots Day Celebration Set for St. Simons Island

Plans are being formulated for the fourth annual Patriots Day celebration on St. Simons Island on April 18-19, 2008. Marshes of Glynn Chapter President Brent Taylor and Bill Ramsaur, chairman of the chapter's event committee, anticipate the 2008 event to be the biggest yet. Early plans call for attendees to be joined this year by President General Bruce Wilcox.

The victory of the Georgia Navy in the Frederica Naval Action occurred on April 19, three years after Lexington and Concord and gives special reason to observe Patriots Day on St. Simons. At least 300 people have attended the celebrations in previous years, including many Georgia and Florida DAR and SAR members

Activities are currently being planned but will include on Friday, April 18, historical tours on St. Simons and the Frederica River; historical marker dedication or Patriot grave marking; a reception and dinner. On Saturday morning the Memorial Ceremony will begin at 8:30, followed by a parade and living history performances. Lunch and tours on St. Simons will round out the day's activities.

# Welcome

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

	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
<b>Altamaha</b>	Andy Rudolph Beaver Rudolph Monroe Beaver, Jr. Homer Sylvester Durden, III Robert Coleman Fields Lee McDaniel Grier	George Bishop George Bishop Robert Dixon Jonathan Coleman John Rozer	David B. Dukes, Sr. David B. Dukes, Sr. Francis Jenarel Shuman Francis Jenarl Shuman Francis Jenarel Shuman
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<b>Atlanta</b>	Nicolas Ignacio Quintana Rowland Andrew Radford, Jr. Bruce David Wanamaker	Abner Graves Thomas Atkinson Henry Hunter	(Transfer) Kendall Jerome Zelif, Jr. T. Fisher Craft
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	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
<b>Patrick Carr Rangers</b>	Albert Ernest Cooper, Sr. Robert Leonard Hammond, Sr. Frank Edward Lackman, Jr. Jesse Collins Stone Paul Andrew Stone	Jeremiah Matthews John Patterson James Hervey Giles John Stone John Stone	Albert H. Beveridge, II Albert H. Beveridge, II Robert R. Turbyfill, Jr. Albert H. Beveridge, II Albert H. Beveridge, II
<b>Piedmont</b>	John Edward Boushell Robert Henry Boushell James Watford Rice, III	John Eames John Eames Thomas Seale	Larry T. Guzy Larry T. Guzy Robert A. Sapp
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<b>Sons of Liberty</b>	Christopher Robin Boyce	Stephen Ashby, Sr.	Kendall E. Abbott
<b>Valdosta</b>	Carl Michael Cates	Robert Patton	Alexander B. McFadden
<b>William Few</b>	Edwin Sharpe Presnell	William Millikan, Sr.	Albert H. Beveridge, II

**WELCOME, COMPATRIOTS , TO THE GEORGIA SOCIETY,  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



**Bob Sapp**  
**Georgia Society**  
**Genealogist**  
**Chairman**  
**Membership**  
**Committee**

\*SAR Medal of Appreciation and Martha Washington Medal

\*Use media releases to inform the public about who we are. (See 35 media examples in Georgia Society Source Book)

<http://sourcebook.gassar.org>—No Expense. Advertise, advertise, advertise!

\*Charter new chapters

**Retention**—each year we drop about 17%

\*Retention starts with the presentation of a new membership certificate

\*Chapter/State newsletter, web site, frequent communication

\*70% of membership do not attend chapter meetings, thus communication is vital to a successful retention.

**Involvement**—a “happy camper” is an easy membership renewal. Try to get all involved. Use media releases frequently on chapter activity.

**MRI**—  
**Membership, Retention, Involvement !**

• **WE NEED AN MRI**

**Membership** growth? Why? Because the leadership five years from now are not yet members of the SAR! How to go about this:

\*Best growth is from member referrals

\*DAR—medals for providing three new adult members



**In Memory of**  
**Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons**  
**Our Compatriots**  
**June—August, 2007**



**Compatriot Robert P. Siler, Jr.**      **Captain John Collins Chapter**  
**Charter Member**  
**Date of Death—July 1, 2007**

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## Georgia Society Chapters

### Coweta Falls Chapter

#### Chapter works with Infantry Museum on Monument to Revolutionary Infantryman

**Coweta Falls** members are shopping around for the best deal on a monument to America's First Infantryman. One concept ( shown) has been approved by the chapter Board of Managers, followed by the members in meeting. The seven-foot high granite monument will have a brief dedicatory message and a listing of the 13 original states with a facing etching of the Continental Soldier who by his patriotism, courage and sacrifice in the Revolutionary War won liberty for the United States of America.

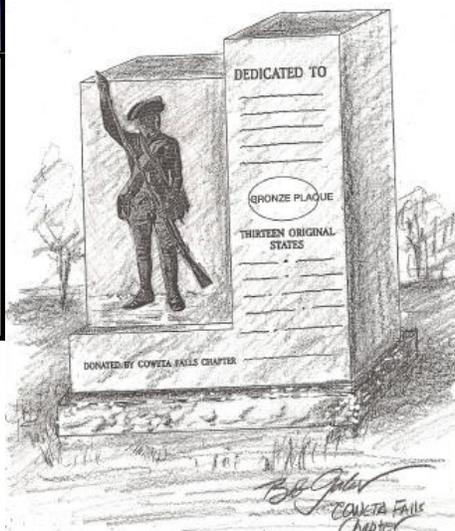
Chapter members accepted the principal funding. Requests for assistance will be made to the the endowments of State Societies, such as Georgia, and the National Society.

The new National Infantry Museum and Heritage Park is an \$80 million, 200 -acre Museum Experience that covers the history of the Infantry, features an IMAX Cinema and artifacts and memorabilia of the storied Infantry Men and Women who served our country. From parade grounds to monuments in Heritage Park the Museum will educate, promote and honor the service of our soldiers and veterans. The SAR will erect a monument in Heritage Park to remember the Continental Soldier of the American Revolutionary War -- and the First Infantryman. **Coweta Falls Chapter** president is Jim Weatherford and the chairman for this project is Bob Galer.

Fourth Grader Sara Hardin, Georgia's entry in the Poster Contest, won third place in the National Competition.

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Lists of Eagle Scouts will soon be in the hands of Chapter Eagle Chairmen reports State Chairman John Preston, Blue Ridge Chapter.



The seven-foot high granite monument will honor the Continental Infantryman.

### Atlanta Chapter

#### Atlanta Compatriot, Scouter, Honored with National Award

Compatriot Alvis M. Weatherly, Jr., has been awarded the prestigious *Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award*, including a medal with ribbon, a miniature medal, a certificate and a Boy Scout COA square knot. The award, requiring approval of the National Society, recognizes outstanding volunteer service of an SAR member in support of activities of the Boy Scouts of America. Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in scouting, are the basis of selection of recipients of the award.

Compatriot Weatherly devoted much of the last 35 years to planning and executing programs and activities for the Scouts of the Atlanta area. His contributions to scouting have been recognized through many highly respected awards by the Boy Scouts, at national, state and local levels. Until a recent illness, Compatriot Weatherly remained an active volunteer and a respected mentor.

Presentation of this award was made by Compatriots Ed Conley and Guyton McCall of the **Atlanta Chapter**.

The June meeting of the **Atlanta Chapter** featured an interesting and informative discussion of "Musical Instruments of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century", presented by Past State President James E. Clark of the Rome Chapter. Jim's professional career includes the direction of music programs at several high schools and

concluded with his years of service in the music program at Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

The **Atlanta Chapter** suspends meetings for the months of July and August. An ambitious fall program is planned as meetings are resumed on September 13. Meetings are held on second Thursdays at 12:00 Noon at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center in Atlanta.

Visitors are always welcome.

Guyton McCall

### Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Fort Frederica DAR Chapter and General James Oglethorpe CAR Society conducted a "Let Freedom Ring" celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> as part of St. Simons Island's Sunshine Festival held in Neptune Park. The highlight of the celebration was the tolling of a bell in honor of the Delegates from the thirteen original Colonies who adopted the Declaration of Independence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July in 1776. One of the **Marshes of Glynn** members, Ray White, restored an old bell which was used for the first time during the ceremony. (See **MARSHES** page12)



Alex Morgan announces 13 colonies with Fred Davis and Meredith Trawick observing.



Ray White tolls bell in honor of the Signers of the Declaration Of Independence.

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*Sons of Liberty Chapter*

Members of the **Sons of Liberty Chapter** have been involved with the Eagle Scout project in Powder Springs to properly install a flag that is now proudly displayed in front of Powder Springs First United Methodist Church. Also, much work has been done working on the upcoming Patriotism Presentations that are being presented jointly with Captain John Collins Chapter starting the week of August 20. We have some great speakers and guests including representatives from National. More will follow in the next edition along with several pictures.

We have met with local DAR chapters and hope to work on some shared engagements including the Christmas parade in downtown Dallas.

Jimmy Flanagin is working diligently on the establishment of a new CAR chapter .

One of our own has decided to be heard on some of the major issues facing us currently in society and has determined the best way to be heard is to run for President of these United State. Check out his website at <http://banksforpresident.com> .

We are hoping our monthly Genealogy program run by Registrar Dick Huber will continue to grow and feed our chapter with new members.

Kendall Abbott, President

Members and guests at **John Milledge Chapter** meeting try Colonial dances under the direction of guest speaker and instructor Amelia Pelton (upper right corner).

*Samuel Elbert Chapter*

Retired Elbert County High School history teacher, Mr. Joe Glidewell, was the guest speaker at the June, 2007 dinner meeting of the **Samuel Elbert Chapter**, Sons of the American Revolution. His topic was "The Revolutionary War in the South". His talk revealed that the Southern Colonies, from Maryland to Georgia, were more highly populated by sympathizers to the English Crown than the New England colonies. The Crown sympathizers, known as loyalists or Tories, actually prevailed numerically and in wealth in Georgia and much of the South, thus making the fight for self-governing colonies of Britain, and later, for separation and independence from the Crown much more difficult. Being outnumbered, the fighting in Georgia for independence became more bloody.

Mr. Glidewell's subject knowledge and easy manner of delivery made his subject very interesting.

*Pictured Below (L to R): Chapter VP Tom Cade Smith, Historian Joe Glidewell, President Olds Harris.*

R. Lee Aston

*John Milledge Chapter*

Summertime meetings at the John Milledge Chapter are proving to be varied and interesting. In June Chapter President Bill Neely welcomed Amelia Pelton who spoke on the dances of Colonial times and gave members and guests a chance to try the routines on the dance floor.

In July GASSAR President Charlie Newcomer visited the chapter , presenting a program on flags in American History and officially welcoming new chapter members *Ed Walraven (pictured below with President Neely)* and Harold Roupe.

Jimmy Paul



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### Marquis de Lafayette Chapter

The **Marquis de Lafayette Chapter** hosted the *Let Freedom Ring* event at the Old Courthouse in Fayetteville on the Fourth of July, joined by members of the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society, Augustin Clayton DAR, John Waldrop DAR, General Daniel Newnan DAR. C.A.R. American Indian Chairperson **Virginia Baker** also joined us at this event. At the event, Fayette County Commission Chairman, **Jack Smith** spoke briefly on the importance of this event. Compatriot **Jeff Lowe** again provided the bells for ringing and had his bell ringers were ready. **Jim Robinson** (aka) **Thomas Jefferson** made an appearance to bring us information on the Declaration of Independence. At the end a musket volley was fired by the Marquis de Lafayette Color Guard. That evening, the **Marquis de Lafayette** traveled to Newnan for the evening 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Members of the General Daniel Newnan DAR Chapter and General Daniel Newnan C.A.R. members joined our Chapter for the evening parade.

As our Chapter split forces, **Bo Hill**, Mike Tomme, Jim Robinson, Cilla Leed-Tomme and **Linda Robinson** traveled to the City of McDonough, where we did a school presentation for the children and adults. Children and adults were urged to research their family genealogy to see if they had a Patriot or a Compatriot during the American Revolution. The children were told if they could document this they could join the C.A.R. and their parents could join the DAR and SAR. Bo Hill, Mike Tomme and Cilla Leed-Tomme carried in the colors and children were selected from the crowd to carry wooden muskets during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event in McDonough. Jim Robinson (aka) Thomas Jefferson talked about and read a portion of the Declaration of Independence. We were well received.

Recent visitors to chapter meetings include C.A.R. National First Vice President Kevin Baker who spoke about this year's nine Regional Meetings around the country and about the National President's Project, Endowment Fund Chairman Jared Cline,

and Compatriot Wayne Rouse, Vice President of the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter, Virginia Society, and his wife Wink Rouse.

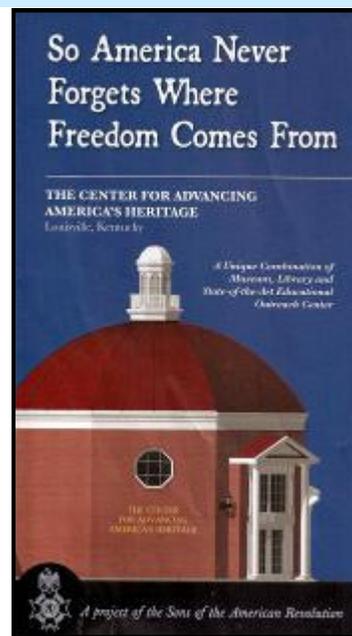
### Button Gwinnett Chapter

The Allen Howard Society C.A.R. recently presented **Button Gwinnett Chapter** President Walker Chewning with a quill holder in recognition of joint educational programs held this year on the signers of the Declaration. President Chewning also took on the role of gunsmith this summer when he created a replica of a Revolutionary War cannon for the C.A.R. to use in militia demonstrations.

The chapter's Color Guard was joined by Dennis Wolfe this summer upon receipt of his Washington Guard uniform. Color Guard members Chewning and Terry Manning joined Treasurer Jerry Winsness and Knight Essay Chairman Jim Lynch on August 16 with DAR members from the Philadelphia Winn and William Day Chapters to celebrate August birthdays at the Decatur VA Nursing Home. Gift sets were presented to 30 veterans and all enjoyed punch, cake, and pie for the occasion which we sponsor twice each year.

A Flag History Program was given at the AARP luncheon in Lawrenceville on July 26.

Our June program featured Compatriot Mark Webb of the Coweta Falls Chapter discussing cavalry of the American Revolution. The July meeting followed up with a presentation on "Musket Makers of Colonial America." The subject in August was, "A Historical Look at the Funeral Procession." We now meet at the Blue Marlin Seafood Restaurant in Duluth on second Thursdays.



Can you pledge your support today?



Button Gwinnett President Walker Chewning visits with a VA Nursing Home patient on the veteran's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Fayette County Commission Chairman Jack Smith joined Marquis de Lafayette members and members of local DAR and CAR groups at the *Let Freedom Ring* event on the Fourth of July.

**Edward Telfair Chapter**

**LA FAYETTE ARRIVES IN SAVANNAH**

Cannons boomed a welcome from Old Fort Jackson as the French frigate, La Fayette-710, sailed up the Savannah River to dock for a three-day stay. The ship was on a tour to help celebrate the 250th birthday of the Marquis de La Fayette, a Revolutionary War hero who was instrumental in aiding the colonists to win independence.

The ship's captain Jean-Phillip Rolland and his crew greeted officials and patriotic dignitaries of the city aboard the ship. Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution President Charlie Newcomer and **Edward Telfair Chapter** President Norman Hoffman were piped aboard the ship. They extended a welcome to the captain and crew members. State President Newcomer and Chapter President Hoffman, presented Captain Rolland with a framed certificate which paid tribute to our compatriot, the Marquis de La Fayette and to our friendship with the French nation.

A solemn ceremony was later held at Battlefield Park Redoubt, site of the fierce battle between the British and an attacking force comprised of Colonials, French, and Haitian soldiers. The crew of the La Fayette, paraded to the Redoubt. In uniform, State President Newcomer led the group while he proudly carried the Betsy Ross Flag and represented the colonial forces. Captain Rolland laid a wreath to honor those who gave their lives in the battle.

The Coastal Heritage Society of Savannah, with support from the **Edward Telfair Chapter**, hosted a low-country boil for the officers and crew of the ship to help celebrate the spirit of our friendship that began with the battle for our Nation's independence. The three-day visit concluded with a friendly soccer match between the La Fayette crew members and local Savannah players.

The Colonials won!

Norman Hoffman



Capt. Jean-Phillip Rolland is flanked by GASSAR President Charlie Newcomer and Chapter President Norman Hoffman as he receives a framed certificate in tribute to the Marquis de Lafayette aboard the French frigate in Savannah harbor.



(above) Beneath the American Betsy Ross, the Haitian, and the French flags, Capt. Rolland speaks of French/American ties at the Redoubt in Savannah's Battlefield Park.

Billy Templeton (far right), his grandsons, Zachery and Grayson Darnell, and Sr. VP Bobby Towns perform *Mourn Muskets* ceremony at **L y m a n H a l l Chapter** grave marking for Patriot Jordan Holcombe in Gainesville.



**Marshes of Glynn (con't from p.9)**

On Saturday, July 21, the **Marshes of Glynn Chapter** participated in an Appreciation Picnic for 165th Air Support Operation Squadron and 224th Georgia Air Force National Guard. The picnic, sponsored by **Marshes of Glynn** and other units of the Veterans Council of the Golden Isles, was held for the families and soldiers who recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.



**ATHENS CHAPTER****Chapter members find “lost”  
Patriot graves**

Recently **Athens Chapter** Registrar Bobby Towns had occasion to do some research to assist a writer for a local paper who was doing an article on Revolutionary Soldiers in Oconee and Clarke Counties. Using the *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers* as one of his sources, Bobby discovered that the burial information for one of the soldiers was listed in Oconee County, but the descriptive location described an area familiar to Bobby as being in Clarke County.

This prompted him to start making some phone calls to verify which information was correct. He solicited the assistance of Chapter President Robert Hale to double the effort of finding out just where this Patriot was buried. Robert hit pay dirt when he contacted Elaine Neal, wife of chapter member, Richard Neal, who told him that she thought the cemetery was in a neighborhood just east of Georgia Square Mall.

Bobby and Robert set out to locate the cemetery and, hopefully, the grave of Lieutenant David Wood Meriwether, Revolutionary Soldier. And find it they did. As Robert describes it, “One of the prettiest stacked field stone walls you ever saw encircled several grave sites.” And indeed, one of the headstones bore the name of David Meriwether and indicated his service in the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant in Virginia.

This was quite a find. Imagine a cemetery in a residential section, hidden from view of passersby, but well known to the residents of the area. Specifically, the address of the home behind which the cemetery is located, is 405 Cherokee Ridge, Athens. Bobby took the GPS reading while Robert cleaned off the headstone.

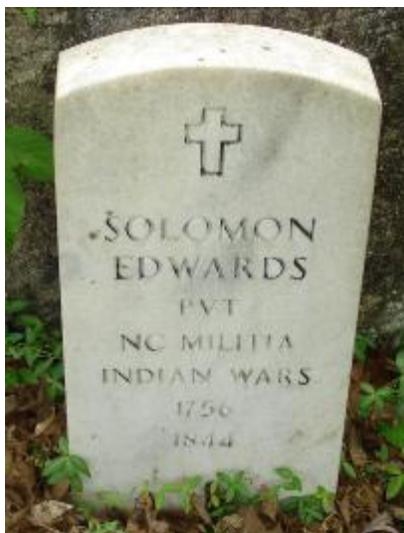
But, that is not all. The juices are flowing now. A friend of Bobby's was riding a trail bike recently and in a discussion about SAR when Bobby was telling him about musket firing at grave markings, his friend told him he had run across an old cemetery recently and he thought it contained the grave of a Revolutionary Soldier! The cemetery was near an area being cleared for housing construction.

Bobby was concerned that the developer might just push over the cemetery if it was in the way of grading! So, he contacted chapter member Jim Hubert and off they went in search of a possible cemetery. They, along with Robert Hale,

did some research and had an idea that the cemetery the bike rider thought he remembered seeing was located near the former YMCA Pine Tops Camp (which both Bobby and Jim attended as boys), on a bluff overlooking the Oconee River. After a walk of about a mile along the river bank, much to their delight, they saw yet another stacked field stone wall. Behind it was the marker of Solomon Edwards, Patriot, and a private in the North Carolina Militia!

The Athens Chapter is in the process of trying to determine and contact any descendants of these two Revolutionary Soldiers and preparation is being made to mark these graves with an appropriate ceremony.

Additional information on both these Patriots can be found in the *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers*, which, by the way, is available for purchase through the GASSAR by contacting Georgia Society President Charlie Newcomer in Athens.



Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers were found in obscure cemeteries in Clarke County.

**Samuel Elbert Chapter Appeals  
DNR's Denial**

Stuart Lyle and the **Samuel Elbert Chapter's** preservation ad-hoc committee over two years ago petitioned to the State Director of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Site Becky Kelley to mark the historic battle site of Van Creek/Cherokee Ford which occurred in Wilkes County (now Elbert County) on February 11, 1779. The original petition was denied based upon 1) it occurred in SC, 2) it was not a battle, and 3) there was no historic marker already.

That decision is presently being appealed through DNR Commissioner Noel Holcomb. The following describes the historic battle.

**VAN CREEK/CHEROKEE FORD  
SKIRMISH**

On February 11, 1779, during the American Revolution in the South, Col. Boyd, British Commander was on a recruiting mission and had orders to rally North Carolina, South Carolina and North Georgia and bring a large force of Loyalists to Col. Archibald Campbell at Fort Augusta. However, Patriots Col. Andrew Pickens and Col. John Dooley were tracking Boyd's militia and were only a few miles behind Col. Boyd. Col. Andrew Pickens dispatched Capt. Robert Anderson to attack Boyd and delay Boyd until Pickens and Dooley positioned themselves. Boyd, attempting to avoid Pickens and Dooley, went further up the Savannah River and was planning to cross at Cherokee Ford on the Savannah River into Wilkes County (now Elbert County). However, McGowens' Blockhouse was manned by Patriots Lt. Thomas Shanklin and 8 enlisted men armed with 2 swivel guns who bluffed Boyd into changing his course. Boyd moved five miles north and adjacent to Van Creek intending to cross the Savannah River there. As they crossed, Capt. Anderson on the Georgia side of the Savannah and his militia confronted the Loyalist while crossing and Anderson's 100 men delayed Boyd with his 700-900 militia as long as possible and then retreated. Boyd lost 100 men either killed, wounded or deserted. Capt. Anderson lost 20-38 men captured, killed, or wounded. This skirmish somewhat depleted the Loyalist force down to 500-600 troops and affected the outcome at Kettle Creek 3 days later where Boyd was killed and the Patriots routed the Loyalists so they could not rendezvous with Col. Campbell in Fort Augusta. (sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution)