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The President's Dispatch Charlie A. Newcomer



A Call to Arms

A large number of our Georgia Society's "body of men" have answered the call to serve in the 2007-2008 administration. Committee chairmanships are in place and already at work, and with the proposed reduction in the number of regions in the state, all Regional Vice Presidents positions will be filled. An important post that I have not yet filled is the editor of this publication. Out of necessity and with some fear and trepidation I have put together this quarter's newsletter. The articles in this edition are essentially those the membership have contributed.

The president of the society is the publisher of the quarterly newsletter. The editor, however, has always come from the membership. *The Hornet's Nest* has consistently been a gem among state SAR publications, and in recent years under the capable leadership of compatriots such as Jack McCord, Ben Miller, Richard Andrews, and Billy Templeton has twice been the winner of

the prestigious Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. award for NSSAR's best state news publication.

I know we have members with the skills and enthusiasm to help our society continue to excel in this area.

Please call or email me today if you are willing to assume the job as editor of the Georgia Society's *Hornet's Nest* for the upcoming quarters. It is an ambitious job but an essential part of the GASSAR's total program. I call for your help.

Officers and Chairmen Are Named

New officers for the Georgia Society were installed by President General Nathan White at the Annual Meeting in Athens on March 31. A complete listing can be found on page 2 of the *Hornet's Nest*.

Committee appointments have been made with a few new faces among the chairmen. Bill Hay of **Coweta Falls Chapter** will chair the

Americanism Committee replacing retiring Billy Thompson. The new Eagle Scout Program chairman is John Preston of the **Blue Ridge Chapter**, and outgoing President George Wheelless of **Casimir Pulaski**, will head the Historic Sites and Celebrations and Rambaugh O Committees. George Thurmond, **Piedmont**, has assumed leadership of the Graves Committee, and Ted Smith of **Joseph Habersham Chapter** now holds the Publicity post. William Moorhead of **Abraham Baldwin** heads the by-laws committee, and past President Dr. Milton Johnson, **Ocmulgee Chapter**, chairs the Awards committee.

Compatriots Lewie Dunn, Mike Tomme, Hugh Rodgers, Charles Hampton, Bob Sapp, David Jessel, Robert Cruthirds, Paul Prescott, Fisher Craft, Kline Pugh, Mark Webb, Jim Castle, and Larry Guzy have retained their positions of leadership.

You can find complete committee information on the GASSAR web site: www.gassar.org.



New officers for 2007-08: Charlie Newcomer, President; Bobby Towns, Sr. Vice President; Kline Pugh, Secretary; Chris Stokes, Registrar; Mike Tomme, Recording Secretary

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

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NEWS

of the
State Society

GASSAR Honors Youth Winners

Compatriots Gates, Prescott, and Wheelless Are Awarded Patriot's Medal

Recipients of the Georgia Society's highest award, the Patriot's Medal, was awarded for 2007 to Compatriots Dan Gates of the Coweta Falls Chapter; Paul Prescott, Piedmont Chapter; and George Wheelless, Casimir Pulaski Chapter. No more than three Patriot Medals may be awarded each year and are given to members who have demonstrated long, faithful and outstanding service to the Society.



Lisa Dzimianski of Norcross, representing the **Lyman Hall Chapter**, receives her award as Knight Essay winner from state chairman Hugh Rodgers as Pres. General Nathan White and George Wheelless attend.



George Wheelless (top left) is immediate past president of the Georgia Society. He is past president of the Casimir Pulaski chapter and serves presently as GASSAR's national trustee and as chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations and Rambaugh Oration Committees.



Cadet Command Sergeant Major Adrienne D. Hastings from Hart County High School was named Georgia's Outstanding JROTC



Paul Prescott (above) is an active member of the Piedmont chapter and is the commander of the award-winning Georgia Society, SAR Color Guard.



Eagle Scout Ric Newsom of Flowery Branch, representing **Lyman Hall Chapter** receives his trophy and award as this year's Georgia winner.

Fourth grader Sara Hardin, representing the **Piedmont chapter**, was the winner in the GASSAR Poster Contest . Judging was held at the annual meeting in Athens and Sara received her award at her school.



NEWS

of the State Society

The Georgia Society, SAR chapters, Haitians, and dignitaries pay tribute at Casimir Pulaski Monument at last fall's commemoration of the Battle of Savannah. (See article on page 5.)



COMPATRIOTS ATTEND STONE MOUNTAIN FRONTIER DAYS

Compatriots Lewie Dunn, State Education Chairman ; Mike Tomme; GASSAR State Recording Secretary; and Bo Hill , Chapter Vice-President; all of the **Marquis De Lafayette Chapter**; Terry Manning of the **Button Gwinnett Chapter**; and Jim Patton and Ted Smith of the **Joseph Habersham Chapter** participated in the Frontier Days event at Stone Mountain State Park. It was the first time the SAR had taken part in the four day activities where over 8,000 Atlanta area students participated.

The students especially enjoyed signing up for the Elijah C. Clarke Honorary Junior Militia, getting to drill and receive \$20 in Continental Script. The group had a lot of fun interacting with the students and answering a myriad of questions.

Dates to Remember

June 9	Ramsaur Mill Commemoration	Lincolnton, North Carolina
June 14	Flag Day	U.S.A.
July 7-13	National Congress	Williamsburg, Virginia
July 28	Summer BOM Meeting	Forsyth, Georgia

Large Georgia Contingent Registered for Congress

Twenty –one GASSAR compatriots and their wives are signed up to attend this year's National Congress in Williamsburg, beginning July 7. Besides the business meetings and official dinners, activities include tours of Williamsburg and Jamestown, this year celebrating its 400th anniversary.



Col. George Thurmond is pictured as he receives the State Medal of Distinguished Service from outgoing President George Wheelless at the annual meeting in Athens, in March. Col. Thurmond has recently been named Vice President-General for the South Atlantic Region.



Terry Manning, Jim Patton, Mike Tomme, Robert Woody, Ted Smith and a young student posing with the group. There were several hundred instances of students having their picture taken with members of the SAR.



Webmaster Mark Webb was awarded Meritorious Service Medal at Meeting.

NEWS

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Chapters, Compatriots Garner Awards at Annual Meeting

President General Nathan White was in Athens at the end of March for the Georgia Society's Annual Meeting and assisted in presenting awards to chapters and individuals for outstanding accomplishments during the past year. You will find a complete listing of both chapter and individual awards on the state web site: www.gassar.org.



Recipients of the Silver Good Citizenship medal are Compatriots Robert Sapp, Piedmont Chapter; Larry Guzy, John Collins; and Larry Wilson, Samuel Elbert Chapter. Outgoing President George Wheelless presented the medals and certificates



Presidents Hank Sturgess, Atlanta Chapter; Roscoe McMillan, Lyman Hall; Robert Hale, Athens; Richard Ramsaur, Joseph Habersham; and Bill Ramsaur, Marshes of Glynn show certificates and streamers for their chapters' grave markings.

THE BATTLE OF SAVANNAH AND CASIMIR PULASKI MONUMENT

Hundreds fought and died that day. The Continental Army had prepared for an early morning assault on the Spring Hill Redoubt, a heavy defensive structure constructed by the British during the Revolutionary War. In the early morning hours of October 9, 1779, the Continental Army made its attack on the British Forces entrenched within the fortification. The battle to capture Savannah from the British had begun.

A heavy morning fog surrounded the battlefield. The sound of a lone British piper could be heard from the distant redoubt as the troops marched toward what was to be a bloody battle. Who were these men who were willing to sacrifice themselves for the cause of freedom? The 3500 allied force consisted of Polish freedom fighters, freed blacks who were volunteers from the West Indies, soldiers from the royal French Army, American patriot militia, and veterans of the Continental Army. In a sense, this was a world war. The battle lasted no more than one hour. The British held firm. When the battle ended, about 1200 of the allied force lay dead on the battlefield, including mortally wounded Polish General Casimir Pulaski. The allies failed to capture

Savannah.

Each year the Battle of Savannah is commemorated on the day and time the battle took place. The original location of the Spring Hill Redoubt has been uncovered, and a replica of its structure stands at one end of the battlefield. The Edward Telfair Chapter of Savannah, and many other SAR Chapters, pay respect to the fallen heroes of the battle by the placement of wreaths at the battlefield and at the Monument erected in memory of Casimir Pulaski located in Monterey Square.

The Edward Telfair Chapter urges compatriots to begin making plans now to attend the commemoration of the 228th anniversary of the Battle of Savannah on Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

Norman Hoffman

(See photo on page 4)



Cherokee President Billy Templeton (r) accepts Veterans' Award for his chapter.



Presidents of other chapters which received streamers, these with gold stars signifying multiple markings, accepted the honors at the annual banquet. Pictured above are Jim Weatherford, Coweta Fall; Harry Strickland, Blue Ridge; Bill Turbyfill, William Few; Mike Tomme with Paul Grimes, Marquis de Lafayette; Carl Tanner, Piedmont; and Terry Manning, Button Gwinnett Chapter.

Report From The



Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**

The Georgia Society Color Guard

Your Georgia Society Color Guard has been active in spite of the high cost of fuel. However, I am not seeing the level of attendance that we have had in the past. The color guardsmen in the area of the event are attending, but not traveling across the state. What that means is that we need more color guardsmen, particularly in the Central/Southern Region, the Eastern Seacoast Region, and the Western Region. That being said, the Georgia Society Color Guard has added two new members: Robert Faith, Cherokee Chapter; Knox Herndon, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. Another member has told me that he is acquiring a uniform.

The Georgia Society Color Guard is one of the most active in 50 States. For those of you who were not at the annual meeting, I reported that we had 69 members in 18 chapters who attended a total of 842 national, state and local events. This compares to California with 77 members in 14 chapters who attended 245 events; Ohio with 84 members in 15 chapters who attended 205 events. I'm sure other states will be sending in reports; however, they will have to go a long way to outdo Georgia.

This has been a typical year so far. January through April has been very active with battle commemorations and grave markings. Requests for the Color Guard in June through August have been heavier than usual and I have deferred most of these to the local chapters. Our active season will start again in September. I hope that you all have a great summer and will be ready to tackle the fall season.

Paul Prescott, Commander
Georgia Society Color Guard



West Central Regional Vice President and Education Committee Chairman Lewie Dunn (right), shown with Compatriot Larry Guzy, was awarded the Senior Honor Guard Medal.

Awards for outstanding color guard activities were plentiful at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Commander Paul Prescott, himself a recipient of the highly prized Patriot's medal for outstanding service to the Georgia Society, presented the awards at the Honors' Banquet.



Clare Newcomer, Lynne Ramsaur, Cindy Abbott, and Nancy Prescott received their official "camp follower's awards" for aide they rendered their Georgia Color Guard husbands.



Receiving the Bronze Color Guard Medal for three years of participation in State Events as well as the Silver Medal for National event participation are Compatriots Paul Prescott, Charlie Newcomer, Kendall Abbott, Richard Ramsaur, and Joe Ventura.. Michael Tomme is shown accepting the award for recipient Brett Osborne.

Be sure the state secretary has your email address to insure you are kept informed of Georgia Society news and events

Welcome

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

Atlanta	William Grady Hays, Jr.	Thomas Hayes	T. Fisher Craft
Button Gwinnett	Richard Lance Bivings John Edwin Purks Benjamin F. Ventress, Jr.	James Morris Littleton Mapp, Sr. William Bennett	N. Walker Chewning Harold Ford Robert H. Bennett, Jr.
Cherokee	Isaac Eldridge Grove, Jr. Roy Queen Richard Edwin Webb	Theobald Keefer James Cone	Mark H. Webb (Dual) Mark H. Webb
Coweta Falls	James Branche Mize, Jr. Mark Stephen McCollum Larry Arnold Taylor	Charles O'Kelley John Daniel John West	Billy H. Thompson Wayne C. Cartledge Wayne C. Cartledge
Dalton	Robert W. Weathersby, II	Cade Weathersbee	George D. Wright, Jr.
Edward Telfair	James Leighton Bunnell Lewis Higbee Strickland	Titus Bunnell Daniel Lake	Julian D. Kelly, Jr. (Transfer)
John Collins	Randy Wallace Aitken William Richard Coffeen Loring Charles Covington James Allen Waide	Elisha Stevens John Coffeen John Mark Verdier Moses Waid	Larry T. Guzy Larry T. Guzy Larry T. Guzy Larry T. Guzy
John Milledge	John Robert Lough Ralph Wayne Shepherd	Michael Kiser John Hatcher	Thomas L. Wood Robert L. Bridges, Jr.
Joseph Habersham	David Samuel Burton Joshua Fong Hendrix	John Cobb David Smith	William H. Raper John Perry Hendrix, Sr.
Lyman Hall	Marion Lee Arnold Carlton Barry Martin	Thomas Arnold, Sr. Edward Wade, Sr.	Hall A. Martin Carlton James Martin
Marquis de Lafayette	Hugh Russell Grimes Charles Thomas Hughes John Clifton Powledge George Russell Powledge Russell William Powledge	Elizabeth Whitehead George Donnell Samuel Sewell, Jr. Samuel Sewell, Jr. Samuel Sewell, Jr.	John Michael Tomme, Sr. John Michael Tomme, Sr. John Michael Tomme, Sr. John Michael Tomme, Sr. John Michael Tomme, Sr.
Marshes of Glynn	Clark Oran Allen Charles Vernon Braddock Eugene Deboe Braddock Gregory Spencer Braddock Oscar Spencer Braddock, Jr. Richard Reddon Braddock Richard Reddon Braddock, Jr. Carey Leer Brock Frank Stewart Coleman Raymond Fred DuBose Jay Braddock Jackson Paul Griffin Jackson Malcolm Parks Johnson Harry Colsen Lewis William B. McKinnon, Jr. Lewis Ernest Stokes	John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock Henry Guthrie John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Cutler Braddock John Weld Nathanael Greene John Cutler Braddock	William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur Herbert M. Henry William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur Gregory A. Hollis William F. Ramsaur William F. Ramsaur

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Welcome



New Members since last publication (continued)

Chapter Sponsor	New Member	Patriot Ancestor	First	Line
Marshes of Glynn (con't)	Jonathan Kennedy Tennant	Richard Tennant	Gregory A. Hollis	
	Larry Ross Trawick	James Hayes	Gregory A. Hollis	
	Michael Elliott Zahm	Matthias Zahm	Gregory A. Hollis	
Mill Creek	Ottis Wilbur Waters, Jr.	John Hendricks	Frank C. Parker, III	
Ocmulgee	Charles Fredrick Daniel, Jr.	William Daniell	Leon Darrell Johnson	
Piedmont	Jeffery Lance Johnson James David Sympson	Turner Hamner, Sr. William Sympson	Robert A. Sapp (Dual)	
Rome	Randall M. Anderson, Sr.	Matthew M. Branch	(Transfer)	
Valdosta	Daylon Craig Brown Timothy Christopher Brown	James Bratten James Bratten	Alexander B. McFadden Alexander B. McFadden	
William Few	Roy Barefield, Jr. Robert Donald Edenfield Byron Laverne Newton	Charles O'Kelley Lucas Zeigler Phillip D. Newton	Robert R. Turbyfill, Jr. Robert R. Turbyfill, Jr. Robert R. Turbyfill, Jr.	

Chapters conduct Grave

Markings; Qualify for Streamers/ Stars in 2009

By George Thurmond

The following grave marking activity has been accomplished since our Annual Meeting.

May 1	Bob Bauchspies (member) Arlington, Virginia Piedmont Chapter
May 5	Jordan Holcombe Gainesville, GA Lyman Hall Chapter & Piedmont Chapter
June 2	William Alexander Goggans Tallapoosa, GA Casimir Pulaski Chapter
April 14	Joel Dorsey Decatur County Joel Early Chapter
April 21	Samuel Moseley Eastanollee, GA Joseph Habersham Chapter
April 28	Richard Christmas & Alston Massey Columbus & Harris Co. Coweta Falls Chapter
April 29	William S. McAiley(member) Old Purity Cemetery, Chester, SC Daniel Morgan Chapter (SCSAR) & Piedmont Chapter
June 23	James Cone & Robert Anderson East Haddem, CT Piedmont Chapter
	Two members are working on marking graves of their ancestors outside the state.
	The flag streamer program will run on a calendar basis effective April 1, 2007.

BOM Meeting July 28, 2007

Col. Dave Titus of the **William Few Chapter** and his wife Carol attended the annual Red, White and Blue Celebration in Evans, GA on May 26. Prospective chapter member Col. Robert Deshler attended the Red, White and Blue Celebration, the Veterans of All Wars ceremony, and the Memorial Day observance at the Georgia Veterans' Home in Augusta on May 28.

At the GASSAR annual meeting in March, William Few Chapter was awarded a streamer, gold star and three white stars for its grave marking activities. The chapter has marked a total of eleven patriot graves in the area since 1990.. Photos, bios and GPS locations of the grave sites may be found at the GASSAR grave registry website.



In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots January-May, 2007



Compatriot William "Bill" Perkins Nash, III
Coweta Falls Chapter
January 9, 2007

Compatriot Andrew S. Davis, Jr.
Atlanta Chapter
Georgia Society President - 1988-1989
February 9, 2007

Compatriot Craig Ennis Sturkie
Coweta Falls Chapter
March 9, 2007

Compatriot John Sylvester Shruptrine
Altamaha Chapter
January 28, 2007

Compatriot Benjamin Franklin Miller
Capt. Samuel Butts Chapter
State Color Guard Chairman - 1995-1996
March 7, 2007

Compatriot Richard Webb
Cherokee Chapter
May 22, 2007

Samuel Butts Chapter Pays Tribute to SAR Leader Miller

The **Samuel Butts Chapter** mourns the loss of one of our finest members. Benjamin Franklin (Bennie) Miller, age 70, of McDonough, GA died Sunday March 7, 2007. He was born in Newton County, GA to the late Lucious Washington and Susan Eunice Chaffin Miller.

Bennie served our country with the Army and retired as a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in McDonough where he served for many years on the Administrative Board, and sang in the choir until health would not permit. He was the church Historian for many years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and Military Order of the Stars and Bars. He served as State Color Guard Commander for the SAR, being the first to receive the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medal in the State. He received the prestigious Medal of Honor from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, JoAnne Floyd Miller, McDonough, GA; son, David Franklin Miller, Bennett, CO; grandchildren, Andrew Garrett Miller, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX; Michael Vincent Miller and Jonathon David Miller, CO; sister, Ida Lou & Palmer Sims, Locust Grove, GA; sister-in-law, Bessie Miller, Conyers, GA; nieces & nephew, and cousins.

Many members of several organizations will be forever grateful to him for helping them with their applications to the DAR, SAR & SCV.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at First United Methodist

Church, McDonough with Rev. Dana Everhart and Rev. Mack Riley officiating. Interment was at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. The funeral was made especially moving by the presence of the SAR Color Guard and many members of the DAR and SAR. The Samuel Butts Chapter held a memorial service for Ben on Saturday, May 12, 2007 with Chaplain East officiating. The service was followed by members telling their own stories about him. Ben's presence among us will be greatly missed, but we will always be thankful for the time he spent with us. He contributed greatly to our Society.

By Paul East



Ted Smith of **Joseph Habersham Chapter** is shown demonstrating loading his musket to a group of Boy and Cub Scouts who had gathered on Memorial Day at the Marietta National Cemetery to honor fallen Americans. Flags were placed that day at over 18,000 graves as part of the annual Memorial Day Commemoration.

The Georgia Society posted the colors for the Saturday event and placed flags at the graves of two American Revolutionary soldier buried there. The Elijah Clarke militia fired a three volley salvo at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Compatriot Miller served several terms as President of the Capt. Samuel Butts Chapter and for several years was GASSAR's Central Regional Vice President. He held numerous medals including the Georgia Society's Patriot Medal.

Report From The



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

by
**Mike Tomme
Chairman**

**Children of the American
Revolution**

As we start 2007 the Children of the American Revolution are getting ready for a very busy year. The CAR took part in the Kettle Creek parade that was held on February 10th. The C.A.R. also took in the grave ceremony at the Battlefield of Kettle Creek. The Societies laid wreaths and they also put out 13 flags for the original colonies. The C.A.R. State Conference was held on March 9 and 10th in Columbus, GA. At the conference, new State Officers were elected. New State Officers for 2007-2008 are

- Sarah Dorney- President**
- Carter Moore-1st Vice President**
- Daniel Dorney-2nd Vice President**
- Clint Moore-Chaplain**
- Erin Moore-Recording Secretary**
- Nicole Dewberry-Organizing Secretary**
- Jordan Napier-Corresponding Secretary**
- Benjamin Dorney-Treasurer**
- April Connolly-Registrar**
- Eric Hall-Historian**
- Patrick Garner—Librarian-Curator**

On March 24th, we had members of the CAR attend the grave dedication held in Bogart, GA. On March 31st, Georgia CAR State President, Art Hall attended this year Annual Georgia State SAR Meeting and Awards meeting along with Sydney McRee, Past CAR State President. Art Hall gave his report on his State Project. He reported that he was short of his goal of \$5k. At that time Chairman Tomme put a challenge that Marquis de Lafayette had given Art \$60.00 plus dollars and stated he wanted Art to make his goal. The goal was met and he had \$200.00 plus over the goal. Thanks to the SAR and DAR members for helping Art make his goal. Afterwards, Art was presented the Bronze SAR/CAR Medal of Appreciation by Chairman Mike Tomme and this was presented to him by President General Nathan White. Art was taken back to have this medal presented to him by PG. Thanks Art for a great year.

On April 19th, Mike Tomme and Cilla Leed-Tomme traveled to Washington, DC to take part in the National CAR Convention. Members from the Georgia State CAR Society also took part. Mike served as an Usher and Cilla served on sales table. Art Hall gave a summary of his year and his state project for the year. While there elections for National Officers took place. Kevin Baker was elected as National 1st Vice President and Sydney McRee was elected as National Assistant Registrar. On Sunday April 22nd, newly elected National Officers, Senior National Officers, State Presidents and Senior State Presidents were sworn in. Sarah Dorney was sworn in as Georgia CAR State President at Mount Vernon. This was another great time with the CAR members, Senior Leaders and families from around the United States.

On April 28th, members of the State CAR Societies took part in the Richard Christmas grave dedication held in Columbus, GA and the Alston Massey grave dedication held in Harris Co., GA.

On April 29th, Mike and Cilla Tomme traveled to Chester, SC for the dedication of Compatriot William McAliley. We were met by members of the GA Society Color Guard, Member Mark Anthony, Sagen Blackwell, SC CAR State President and member Will Flint also of SC CAR.

On May 19th, members of the Button Gwinnett CAR Society attended with the Marquis de Lafayette SAR Chapter, Living History at the Holliday Dorsey Fife House in Fayetteville, GA. Attending from MDL were: Lewie Dunn, Paul Grimes, John Lynch, Scott Gilbert. DAR members were: Lynn Dorney, Augustin Clayton, Liz Grimes, Augustin Clayton and Peggy Cline, Augustin Clayton. CAR members were Jared Cline, Historian, Button Gwinnett, Sarah Dorney, CAR State President, Daniel Dorney, 2nd VP State CAR and President of Button Gwinnett, and Benjamin Dorney, CAR State Treasure and 2nd Vice President, Button Gwinnett.

On May 19th, Mike Tomme was invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Awards brunch that was held by the General Daniel Newnan DAR Chapter. Mike Tomme was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Regent Terry Fopiano and NW Regional Director, Brenda Jessel, Past Regent of the General Daniel Newnan DAR Chapter. At the meeting, Mike Tomme, President, Marquis de Lafayette along with Registrar David Jessel, sworn in Larry Parkes, Regent Fopiano's father. Also attending were members of the General Daniel Newnan CAR Society. In attendance were Abraham Todd, Society President and Lorena Todd, Senior Society President and other members of the local

Society.

On May 20th, Mike Tomme, Scott Gilbert, John Lynch and Lewie Dunn, members of MDL again attended the living history event at the Holliday Dorsey Fife house and had several inquiries into joining the CAR, DAR and SAR. Cilla Leed-Tomme also attended.



Samuel Elbert Chapter

Dwight Harley of the **Samuel Elbert Chapter**, made a significant donation to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Awards to area youth have been made. JROTC Bronze Medal Awards were presented to Cadet Maj. Matt Berkland, of Elbert Co. High School, and Cadet Capt. Alexa Berrong, of Hart Co. High School. Nicholas Childs, of Blackwell Elem., won the poster contest and received a check from Chapter VP Tom Cade at the Blackwell Elementary honor assembly.

The chapter will be marking the gravesites of Dozier Thornton and Michael Garr at the Vans Creek Baptist Cemetery near Elberton on November 3

Falling Creek Elementary fourth graders toured the Kettle Creek. Battle Field and were assisted by historian Skeet Willingham, SAR members Stuart Lyle and Larry Wilson. The Mary Willis Library, in Washington, Ga., presented a film to the students graders prior to the battlefield tour.

Pleas Glenn has identified the locations of the relocated gravesites of John and James Watkins, from the old Petersburg Cemetery to the Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery, outside Elberton. Anyone descending from these Revolutionary Soldiers are asked to contact Olds Harris or Larry Wilson.

Olds Harris

NEWS

of the
Georgia Society
Chapters

Joseph Habersham Chapter

Joseph Habersham Chapter completed its 2006-2007 school program by awarding 11 Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates. They went to a superintendent of schools, 5 JROTC Cadets, 4 DAR members and an elementary student. It is noteworthy that the student who received the Good Citizenship Certificate, fourth grader Drew Wilson, recited the entire Declaration of Independence when we were at his school presenting our school program.

Also awarded by the chapter were 6 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and 6 Outstanding Certificates, one to a school system, one to a school and 4 to different grades. There were 31 School Appreciation Certificates, 31 Flag Certificates, and 6 framed copies of the Declaration of Independence awarded.

The Chapter is in the process of raising \$16,000.00 to further expand its charitable programs which include Education, Boy and Eagle Scouts and Veterans.

Ted Smith

Piedmont Chapter

Piedmont Chapter, Georgia Society member William S. McAliley was honored at a recent grave marking service. The dedication service was under the direction of SAR member Mark Anthony of Greenville, SC and held at Old Purity Cemetery in Chester, South Carolina.

Several members of the Piedmont Chapter and the Georgia Color Guard participated in the service. Special guests included McAliley family members.

This brings to 12, the member graves marked by the Piedmont chapter.

Members of the Piedmont Chapter joined with the **Lyman Hall Chapter**, and local DAR and Colonial Dames chapters later in the spring to honor Revolutionary War Patriot Private Jordan Holcombe.

The Georgia Society Color Guard participated in the service.

The dedication service was held at the Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville.

George Thurmond

Captain Samuel Butts Chapter

On April 19, 2007, Paul East represented the **Captain Samuel Butts Chapter** at the annual Patriots Day celebration of the Battle at Ft. Frederica on St. Simons Island, GA. Paul presented a wreath in memory of Capt. Samuel Butts. Paul's wife, Gail, presented a wreath for the William McIntosh Chapter, DAR in memory of William McIntosh.

Paul East

Dalton Chapter

The **Dalton Chapter**, Sons of the American Revolution held the First Annual Colonel Stephen E. Gordy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Awards Dinner on April 26, 2007 at the First Presbyterian Church in Dalton. The dinner was renamed in honor of the late Colonel Stephen E. Gordy (U.S. Army Retired) in recognition of his dedicated and exemplary service in originating and maintaining the dinner honoring outstanding JROTC cadets. Mrs. Stephen (Edith) Gordy was presented a Certificate of Recognition for Col. Gordy's service to the Dalton Chapter. Cadets

honored were Cadet Sergeant Major Jose Trejo, Dalton High School; Cadet 1st Lt. Donald Burrow, LaFayette High School; Cadet Lt. Colonel Zachery McCulley, Lakeview/Fort Oglethorpe High School; Cadet Corporal Natasha King, Murray County High School; Cadet Colonel Brad Robertson, Ridgeland High School; and Cadet Captain Tim Lieving, Ringgold High School. The Lakeview/Fort Oglethorpe JROTC Color Guard posted the Colors at the opening ceremony and led the diners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Speaker of the evening was Matt Evans, 1997 graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and presently the pastor of the Rock Bridge Community Church in Dalton.. His presentation on duty to our country and the trust of our servicemen and women to do the job was timely and inspirational. The event was attended by Military Instructors of each school, parents, friends and members and families of the Dalton Chapter. It was an honor to be among these outstanding young men and women. Many thanks to Compatriot Vice-President Fred Snell for all his work in planning and presiding over this most important event.

George D. Wright, Jr.

William Few Chapter

The **William Few Chapter** held its quarterly meeting on April 24. Chapter President Richard L. "Chip" Schuster gave an informative talk on the personalities of some of the Founding Fathers.

During April the chapter presented or provided JROTC awards for deserving cadets at twelve high schools in three counties. Among the presenters were compatriots Don Anderson,

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Piedmont member Bob Sapp presents certificate to Mrs. Elizabeth McAliley at the marking of her late husband's grave in South Carolina as other family



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Button Gwinnett Chapter

This spring has been a busy period of joint projects with the Allen Howard Society C.A.R. and William Day and Philadelphia Winn Chapters NSDAR. Our recent projects have included recruitment displays at the Gwinnett Council for Seniors Extravaganza, Clarke-Oconee Genealogy Expo, and Snellville Days. Our mock "log cabin" parade float at Snellville Days was awarded first place, and our "Stars and Stripes Forever" float in Dacula on Memorial Day was great fun. On Memorial Day weekend we placed over 200 flags on veterans' graves in Snellville, participated in a flag replacement ceremony, placed flags and did maintenance at the graves of four area Patriots, and laid wreaths at Snellville City Hall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

We continue giving our popular Flag History Program within the community to such groups recently as the Harmony Grove Baptist Church and Athens Montessori School, and our members are active volunteers and tour guides at the Gwinnett County Veterans Memorial Museum.

James Gilmer spoke to us about supporting Veterans Benefits programs in May and Compatriot Mark Webb will speak on "Cavalry of the Revolutionary War" at our June meeting. Terry Manning



Pictured at Dacula's Memorial Day Celebration are R. Walker Chewning, Jr. of the C.A.R.; prospective member Rob Sanders; Terry Manning; R. Walker Chewning; N. Walker Chewning; Eddie Walters; and Kurt Doner

Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Services in remembrance of our fallen warriors were conducted at the memorial square on the beautiful grounds of the historic Glynn County Courthouse in Brunswick on Memorial Day 2007. Sponsored by the Veterans Council of the Golden Isles which includes the **Marshes of Glynn Chapter** of the Sons of the American Revolution as well as ten other veterans groups, a crowd of over one hundred observed the speeches, and wreath presentations. Photos below show **Marshes of Glynn** President Brent Taylor presenting the SAR wreath. In lower photo are pictured other SAR attendees: Robert Lear, Brent Taylor, and Raymond White.



John Milledge Chapter

The **John Milledge Chapter** met on April 19 at the Milledgeville County Club and welcomed guest speaker Bob Wilson, Professor of History at Georgia College and State University. Wilson spoke on the life of Paul Revere, dispelling many myths surrounding his "Midnight Ride." Revere, said Wilson, was actually discreet on his ride, seeking not to attract the British sympathizers.

Guest speaker at the May meeting was Mike Tomme, past president of the **Marquis de Lafayette Chapter** and liaison for the Georgia Society to the DAR and CAR. Compatriot Tomme spoke about his work with these organizations.

Bill Neeley is President of the John Milledge Chapter.

William Few Chapter (continued)

Albert Beveridge, Russell Brown, Robert Turbyfill, Chip Schuster, and David Titus. In addition, Compatriot Brown presented the GASSAR annual award for senior ROTC to a cadet at Augusta State University.

William Few Chapter continues to process membership applications for the new Waynesboro chapter. We have submitted twelve new member applications for future Waynesboro members, plus one reinstatement. Seven of the new applicants have been approved at national and five are pending approval. In addition, three active members of the William Few Chapter will transfer to the Waynesboro chapter after it is formed. We hope to have the Waynesboro petition to charter approved at the July BOM meeting.

Compatriots Beveridge and Turbyfill and chapter applicant Ed Pressnell represented GASSAR at the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans of All Wars Monument in Augusta on May 28. Compatriot Brown displayed the SAR colors at the Memorial Day ceremony in Grovetown where the new Columbia County Veterans Memorial Wall was dedicated on May 28.

Grovetown city councilman and former chapter member Dick Manion was announcer for the Grovetown ceremony. Compatriot Titus, in his capacity as National Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars, and his wife, Carol, attended Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery and met at the White House with President and Mrs. Bush.

Russell Brown

MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

May 28, 2006

The Veteran's Gardens
Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia

Sponsored by
The Coweta Falls Chapter
Sons Of The American Revolution
**A MESSAGE OF TRIBUTE AND
HONOR**

Insomuch as: We gather, as Americans, on this day of special commemoration dedicated to the ideals of freedom and liberty;

Insomuch as: We gather, as Americans, remembering that our freedom and liberty were purchased by the blood and sacrifice of our forefathers in a War of Independence;

Insomuch as: We gather, as Americans, reminded of the millions, who, down through the decades of our history, selflessly gave their fortunes, their dedication, their very lives to protect that freedom and liberty;

Insomuch as: We gather, as Americans, aware that even now, young men and women stand in harm's way to protect us and assure us a continued freedom and liberty,

We hereby: Remember the hallowed dead, whose blood cries from the earth, duty, honor and country. And we honor the living, who stand now, wrapped in the red, white and blue of this nation's flag to echo that same determined shout of victory; Duty, Honor, Country. And in so remembering

We Do Honor; The dead, who will remain in our memories forever young; forever vigilant! And the living, who by their everyday acts of commitment, reflect the highest ideals of America.

So Pledged Under My Hand Today,

Charlie A. Newcomer, III

President, The Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Coweta Falls Chapter

The Coweta Falls Chapter sponsored a Memorial Day observance on May 28, 2007. This second annual ceremony was held at the Veterans' Gardens in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, GA.

Over 100 people witnessed the colorful ceremony which was led by the Rev. Dan Gates, Georgia Society State Chaplain and member of the Coweta Falls Chapter.

Included in the program were five color guard members in full uniform: Bill Hay, Dan Gates, Bob Galer and Charles Hall, Jr. Coweta Falls Chapter members speaking at the commemoration were Jim Weatherford, Bill Hay, LTC Leon Kircher, Dan Gates, Bob Galer and Charlie Bausch.

Guest of honor for the event was Mrs. Sharon White. Mrs. White received a Certificate of Honor from the Coweta Falls Chapter in honor of her father, LTC Hezekiah Ross, a recently deceased WWII veteran of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

The day's activities included Color Guard presentations, patriotic readings, patriotic music, pledges to the American flag and to the SAR and the laying of wreaths. A very special presentation, "A Table of Remembrance" was performed by a local high school JROTC.

Representatives from the NSDAR, the CAR, Boy Scouts of America, and Russell County High School JROTC assisted with the program.

The group dismissed after the playing of *Taps*.

The Russell County, Alabama, High School JROTC presents a tribute to all those who have given their lives in defense of the United State throughout her history as the they present, "A Table Of Remembrance."



Mr. Sharon White, accompanied by her husband, Larry, receives a Certificate Of Honor in her father's honor from Coweta Falls Chapter President, James A. Weatherford.



Georgia Society Chaplain Dan Gates is surrounded by up and coming SAR and DAR members following the Coweta Falls Chapter Memorial Day tribute.



Sons of Liberty

The Sons of Liberty Chapter had its Charter Banquet in Hiram, GA with 42 attendees and 16 charter members (includes full, dual and pending members). President Charlie Newcomer, Secretary Kline Pugh, Col. George Thurmond and Larry Guzy all participated in the event. The Paulding County High School JROTC Color Guard presented the colors. Colonel Stan Crowder, 35-year veteran of the Naval Reserve and Army National Guard, 7-year veteran of Cobb County and Marietta Police Department, and professor of Criminal Justice at Kennesaw State University was the guest speaker.

The new chapter is off to a good start. Already members of the chapter have presented medals at eight high school JROTC and two college ROTC units and have attended a total of ten high school programs.



Regional Vice President George Thurmond presents charter to founding president Kendall Abbott.



State Secretary Kline Pugh installs new officers at charter event.

Message From the



Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

Significance of November 1st:

New members whose applications were approved by National prior to November 1 will owe 2008 dues by December 31. 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 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. Some sections may be restricted to members only, requiring an I.D. and password. You may contact the undersigned for access

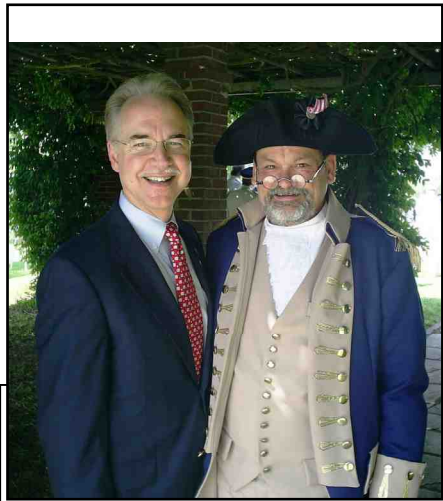
Delinquent Dues: Members of the Georgia Society whose 2007 dues have not been paid may be reinstated by sending National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer: \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter dues. No form is necessary. If a member's recent membership was in another state, Form 0918 is required along with a check for \$5.00 made to NSSAR. See significance of November 1st above.

Members of the newly chartered Sons of Liberty Chapter participated in the Scout Day at Marietta's National Cemetery and Memorial Day activities at the Marietta National Cemetery and in downtown Dallas.



Presentation at East Paulding High School in Dallas, GA

US Representative Tom Price at the Marietta Nation Memorial Cemetery Ceremony with President Kendall Abbott



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ATLANTA CHAPTER

On February 24, 2007, the **Atlanta Chapter** celebrated the birthday of George Washington at Anthony's Restaurant in Atlanta with some 50 members and guests present. Sam Massell, former Mayor of Atlanta, was the guest speaker, furnishing an update on real estate developments in the area. Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Compatriots A. Henley Sturgess and T. Fisher Craft. All officers received Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions during the past year. New officers were installed by George H. Wheelless, President, Georgia Society, with Compatriot Sturgess assuming the office of President.

Compatriots Sturgess and Craft attended the January BOM in Forsyth. At the March BOM in Athens, Compatriot Terry Manning was elected Vice President of North Central District. Compatriots Sturgess, Craft and Revis Butler also were in attendance.

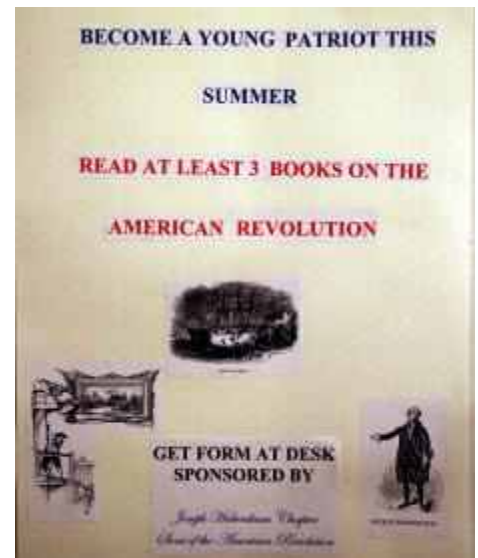
The Chapter has been well represented at various ceremonies. Compatriot Sturgess presented a wreath at the Battle of Kettle Creek Celebration, as well as at the Confederate Memorial Celebrations at Decatur Square and at Westview Cemetery and at the National Memorial Day Ceremony at Marietta National Cemetery. Several other members also participated in these activities.

Flag Certificates have been presented to the Roswell Road Branch of First Security National Bank and the Atlanta Realtors Center.

At the Chapter meeting in March Joe Pugh discussed the background and influence of DeKalb in the Revolutionary War. The April meeting featured a presentation by Compatriot Ed Conley on the history of Jamestowne. At the May Meeting Compatriot Ed Floyd outlined the history and actions leading up to, and during, the Battle at Saratoga. Compatriot Manning was commissioned Chaplain of the Atlanta Chapter.

The Chapter is enjoying a new meeting location, the Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center.

Guyton B. McCall



In keeping with the *Reading is Patriotic* program sponsored by the Georgia Society's Education Committee, the poster depicted above has been placed in ten Northeast Georgia libraries by **Joseph Habersham Chapter**. Students earn certificates from the chapter for participating.. Contact Education Chairman Lewie Dunn for information on the program for your



Nicholas Childs , a student in Mrs. Linda Lester's fourth grade class at Blackwell Elementary, is the **Samuel Elbert Chapter's** winner in the patriotic poster contest on the subject of *Yorktown, the Final Major Battle of the American Revolution*. Master Childs drew the setting of the battle showing the French Fleet in the Chesapeake Bay with General George Washington and General Rochambeau setting the trap for General Cornwallis. Nicholas placed fourth in the State of Georgia.

Shown presenting the winner is Larry Wilson of the **Samuel Elbert SAR** and behind is Vice-President Tom Cade Smith who presented the award to Nicholas.

(Photo: Linda Lester, Tom Cade Smith, Larry Wilson and Nicholas Childs)