

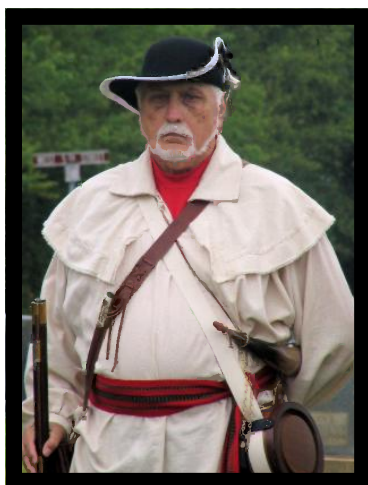


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# Hornet's Nest

**The President's Dispatch**

*January—March 2009*



**Past President Robert Towns**

This will be a transition issue of *The Hornet's Nest* as we have just finished the year topped off by the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting held in Athens, April 3 and 4.

This President/Editor had to take a little time to recuperate from the hours of planning and ultimate execution of this last event of the 2008-2009 administration. Now it is back to business.

First, tremendous appreciation is expressed to all State Officers, Committee Chairmen and Members, the Ladies Auxiliary, Chapter Officers and the Membership in general for the support and encouragement received during the last year. You are the best State Society in the nation!

It is sometimes said that this is a thankless job, but experience has shown this not to be the case. One certainly does not undertake

this position for the accolades, but rather to serve the Society. The thanks will and did come from many quarters. That is not to say that there were not bumps in the road here and there. But, with help from the team, these were quickly smoothed out. Again, thanks to all of you.

We all look forward to the new administration headed by President Terry Manning. Terry has already shown that he will be hands on in many areas. He undertook the daunting task of "rewriting" the By-laws of the Society. This was largely an editorial effort, but one that was greatly needed. Evidence of the great job done by Terry was shown in the unanimous vote of those in attendance at the Annual Meeting to accept the changes without discussion! Great job, Terry.

On a sad note, the Executive Committee had to recommend that the Charters be revoked for the Samuel Butts and the William Miller Chapters. The revocation of the charters were approved unanimously by the voting members at the Annual Meeting. The members of these two chapters who expressed a desire to remain active have transferred to other chapters.

As a positive, we were all treated to a very interesting and informative message from Registrar General David Sympton as he spoke on "The Patriotic Legacy of the Sons of the American Revolution". In addition to RG Sympton's address, members and guests enjoyed comments from Inspector General Larry Magerkurth, who traveled from California to be with us. IG Magerdurth is the nominee for the position of Treasurer General.

On a personal note, it was an extreme honor to join William Hay, Sr. and Dr. Hugh Rodgers as recipients of the Patriot Medal Award. This is the highest honor that a State Society can bestow upon one of its members. We are indeed grateful.

The highlight of the weekend, in addition to the election of officers, was the Awards Luncheon held on Saturday. Over 100 awards were given to Compatriots, Ladies, and Students. All were well deserved and appreciated.

To cap off this most enjoyable weekend, this President was very pleased to receive one of the most coveted pins one can have and it is that of "Past President"! In all the excitement, Terry was not presented with the car magnet signs signifying him as "President, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution". They were given to him after the luncheon! Look for them on his car as he makes his rounds to the many events he will attend during the year!

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TRANSITION**

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**AND  
WELCOME.....**

*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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## PRESIDENT TERRY MANNING

Terry brings an exciting new level of enthusiasm to the Georgia Society. He has already been very busy getting out memos to the Executive Committee outlining his plans to continue moving our Society forward to even greater heights.

He has an outstanding supporting cast to assist him. The Officers who were elected by you at the Annual Meeting are:

Senior Vice President Mike Tomme  
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Congratulations and welcome to these Compatriots who have agreed to serve your Georgia Society.

Committee Chairs and Members are in the process of being selected. These will be posted to the State web site: [gassar.org](http://gassar.org).

See Terry's own words in the next issue!

## Message From the



## Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

**Committee Chairmen Appointments:** The duration of appointments by a Society President applies only to his administration. All committee chairmen must be re-appointed by his successor.

**IRS Forms 990 and 990-N:** One of these forms must be filed every year by the 15th day of the fifth month after the chapter's fiscal year ends. For most chapters this is May 15. For further details contact the Georgia Society Treasurer.

**Communications:** From time to time communications are sent by the State Secretary to Chapter Presidents. In order to achieve maximum distribution he should forward the communications to his chapter members.

**DAR/SAR Sponsorship Award:** Every year at the National Congress our National Society awards the DAR/SAR award to the state society for whom the DAR has recruited the most members for SAR. This is a \$500 award that the SAR state society then presents to the DAR state society. The Georgia Society solicits the assistance of DAR in obtaining new members. When a DAR member has referred, recruited, or assisted significantly in obtaining lineage documentation, or in the preparation of an application, the sponsor of the applicant is urged to complete the form in Section 18.08.1F of our online Source Book and submit it with the application. This is a great opportunity for the Georgia Society to obtain recognition and to enhance our recruiting program. The Georgia Society has won this award in nine of the past ten years.

**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.

**Delegates to National Congress:** Recognizing the number of Georgia Society members that will attend the 2009 Congress in Atlanta will likely exceed the number of delegates allocated by National, the BOM approved a priority formula for selection. Although any member in good standing may attend, if one wishes to be considered a voting delegate I must have their name by May 15.

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## Report From The



## Georgia Society SAR Speakers Bureau George Thurmond

The following Video Tapes have been converted to DVD's and are available for use at chapter or outside groups requesting a speaker.

Daybreak at the Cowpens	20 minute
Battle of Guilford Courthouse	30 minute
Kettle Creek (US Army film)	32 minute
Casimir Pulaski	23 minute
Many Faces of Old Glory	57 minute
The Road to Kings Mountain	9 minute
Sons of the American Revolution	35 minute
Moore's Creek Bridge	13 minute

These are the same movies that you will see while visiting National Park Service battle sites. They may be obtained on 15 day loan by e-mailing George Thurmond at [scotland@bellsouth.net](mailto:scotland@bellsouth.net) along with your mailing address.



*Report From The*

**Georgia  
Society  
SAR  
Education  
Committee**

**Terry  
Manning**

**Poster Contest –**

Congratulations go to the winning entries for the 2008 Americanism Poster Contest for the Georgia Society. Placing first was a student from Mt. Bethel Elementary School in Marietta (Piedmont Chapter). Second place went to a student of Unity Christian School in Rome (Rome Chapter). Third place was a student of Lincoln County Elementary in Lincolnton (Samuel Elbert Chapter). The winning student will be recognized at the annual banquet if they can attend. Other chapter entries included students sponsored by the following chapters: Blue Ridge Mountains, Button Gwinnett, Coweta Falls, Joseph Habersham, and Marshes of Glynn.

The real reward of this contest is seeing the many ways in which our youths express themselves in describing the selected theme. If your chapter has not entered the competition recently, you will find a new opportunity for the 2009 contest since Cub Scouts in the fourth and fifth grades will also be encouraged to participate, so use this opportunity to find new sources for competition and help them with that next badge.

Another known change for the contest next year will be a requirement that all text be handwritten on the posters. It looks like the plug on the computer is being pulled in favor of original work only.

**Education Outreach Recognition –**

Seven chapters reported that they reached over 1,000 students in their areas in 2008 and will be recognized at the annual conference with “Education Outreach 2008” flag streamers. The chapters were Button Gwinnett, Captain John Collins, Casimir Pulaski, Joseph Habersham, Marquis de Lafayette, Piedmont, and Sons of Liberty.

**NEWS***of the**State Society*

Individual recognition for excellence in 2008 goes to Ted Smith of the Joseph Habersham Chapter and Jo An Chewning sponsored by the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Plaques recognizing these as the outstanding male and female participants in a wide variety of education outreach programs sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR will be presented at the annual conference.

*Report From The*

**Northeast  
Region  
Vice  
President**

**Larry Wilson**

In spite of heavy rainfall, GASSAR attends the 228<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court House. The battle was pivotal in the revolutionary war in North Carolina which occurred March 1781 and cost the British and Gen. Cornwallis dearly in many casualties. It significantly altered the course of the war and months later allowed Gen. Nathaniel Greene to re-capture the South except Savannah and Charleston. Those attending the ceremony were Northeast Georgia Regional Vice-President Larry Wilson, State Genealogist Bob Sapp, Secretary-Treasurer of the William Few Chapter Robert R. Turbyfill, Jr., Former President of GASSAR George Wheelless, and Rhett Williamson of the Casimir Pulaski Chapter.

**Battle of Brier Creek**

Approximately 200-300 dignitaries, SAR members, DAR members, Screven County Middle School students, and many more braved the near freezing temperatures in Screven County, Georgia to remember the Battle of Brier Creek some 230 years later.

There were GASSAR Color Guardsmen in Revolutionary War Continental uniforms and militia uniforms. They carried flags, fired muskets and presented wreaths to remember the 150 American Patriots and 5 British soldiers who died in the battle. The soldiers are believed to be buried somewhere near the site where the memorial service was held, in the Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area, about 13 miles from downtown Sylvania.

As reported in the Sylvania Telephone Newspaper, Sunday March 15th, the “Remember Brier Creek” Committee and the City of Sylvania are leading efforts to create a national historic site commemorating the battle. The site would be on a 200 acre parcel in the Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area, which is a state owned 15,000 acre hunting and fishing preserve along the Savannah River.

The committee has applied for a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Interior's National Park Service, to pay for an archaeological study aimed at finding the battle lines and possibly the burial site. Alex Lee, unofficial county historian, said the group expects to learn whether it will receive the grant sometime this summer.

“The battle has not gotten the attention it deserves”, Jason Beard, chairman of the committee, told visitors attending the memorial service. “That could be because the Redcoats gave us a crushing defeat”, he said. “But that should not prevent the battle from being remembered”, he added. A memorial should be erected to honor the fallen soldiers and educate the public.

“It could be our own Pearl Harbor”, Beard said.

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**Report From The**

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

**Hal Dayhuff**



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About 30 eighth grade Georgia History students from Screven County Middle School attended the service, as well as some students from Community Christian School.

As Lee recounted the events leading up to the battle, two military jets passed overhead, interrupting his speech. "They'd have won if they'd had one of those," Lee joked.

"Out of town visitors for the memorial service, including some of the members of the color guard, contributed an estimated \$12,000 to the area economy," said Sylvania Mayor Margaret Evans. "If we can get that grant and get that place developed, it's no telling what can happen out there," she said.

It's the third year the ceremony has been held to honor the men who fought at Brier Creek. Last year, about 50 people attended the service.

The Rev. David Buie offered a prayer of remembrance. "May we always appreciate, be thankful and maintain the freedom for which they fought," he said.

Dr. Al Freeland fired his cannon and answered questions from visitors. Presenting wreaths were: Charlie Newcomer, National Society SAR Trustee, Athens Chapter; Bruce Maney, President Button Gwinnett Chapter; Ron McCrosky, East Region VP, Mill Creek Chapter, Statesboro; Bill Ramsaur, Southeast Region VP, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, St. Simons Island; Jimmy Boatwright, Vice President, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, St. Simons Island; Robert Turbyfill, Past President William Few Chapter, Augusta; Larry Wilson, Northeast Region VP, Samuel Elbert Chapter, Elberton; City of Sylvania Mayor Margaret Evens; and VFW Commander Richard Montgomery.

This has been a great year for the Georgia C.A.R. The Georgia Society is proud on their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary to have the First and Youngest National President Kevin Spence Baker of the Button Gwinnett Society C.A.R and the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, SAR as the C.A.R National President. Through the many trips he has made over the country, he has made nanny lasting friendships. His **Project Ensuring American Patriotism** has been outstanding and many of you all have contributed to its success.

The Agustin Clayton Chapter, DAR started the year off with a reception for President Kevin Baker with SAR and C.A.R members in attendance.

Many of the SAR, DAR members have been contributors to the State President Carter Elizabeth Moore's project **Patriots Serving Patriots**. Her goal of \$3,000 has been met and thanks to each of you who contributed. During the year the individual Societies have had a great deal of support from the SAR and DAR by being asked to attend their meetings, bring greetings, presenting a program, march in parades, attend community meetings and receive proclamations, attend grave marking ceremonies and place a wreath from their chapter and state. It has all been most appreciated. It is by these associations that the C.A.R sees that it is fun to be in the senior organizations. Also, it is the youth of today who will be the leaders of the SAR and DAR in the future. We have to show them that what they do today is appreciated.

At their annual meeting in February, they competed for 48 individual and chapter recognition awards for service rendered to the National and State Society. President Baker commented that this is the only State Annual Meeting that started on time and ended on time.

There are 271 members in 17 Societies. At their annual meeting in February they competed for 48 individual and chapter recognition awards for service rendered to the C.A.R State Society. Many of these competitions will go to the National Society at its April National Conference for competition.

The following SAR members are leaders in the National and State C.A.R. Many others are in the individual Societies. Thank you for your service.

Kevin S. Baker National President Children of the American Revolution, J. Michael Tomme Jr National Senior CAR/DAR/SAR/SR, Chairman Public Relations, Corresponding Secretary, Robert Moore Sr.1<sup>st</sup> VP and CAR Magazine, Dorsey Stencil National Merit, Hal Dayhuff, National Presidents Project, Charles Hall Sr. Treasurer, Georgia State Supporters, Charles Hall Jr. GSCAR Web site, Terry Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Yearbook, Jr Color Guard, Paul Grimes, Jr. Color Guard, Dr Christopher Stokes, Archival Preservation\_ William Ramsaur. Librarian, Curator.

There are many positions for the SAR members to help in the individual societies and state level. All you have to do is let it be known that you want to serve.

This has been a great year, the National, State C.A.R individual Societies have done well, and their goals have been met. Thanks to each of you for your participation and cooperation with them to make it a most enjoyable year.



**Message From the**

**Georgia  
Society  
Genealogist**

**Bob Sapp**

## Notes from the Genealogist

Documentation of a lineage heritage is an important part of showing both the lineage connection between generations and historical facts associated with a particular individual. In the case of an individual's application for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution the documentation provided with the application provides a recorded lineage from the applicant to a patriot, who may at the time, be unknown and unrecorded. In addition this documented lineage provides historical research material for future researchers. Therefore each application should be accompanied with the best of documentation.

The use of other lineage organization applications as documentation has generated questions of adequate documentation of facts or evidence. The subject of other lineage applications became a point of discussion at the March 2009 NSSAR Leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. A change was proposed by several State Societies to consider centered checked NSDAR Record Copy applications as adequate and correct for use in NSSAR applications. An analysis of several center checked NSDAR applications showed that the supporting documentation on which these applications were based were with minimal or no documentation. Therefore the NSSAR Genealogy Committee, the committee that sets the genealogical standard for NSSAR, affirmed the long standing policy that NSDAR application copies may be used as long as the specific data used is documented.

This genealogist/registrar suggests that each SAR application be complete with primary and/or secondary

documentation to support each data entry. Each application should, where possible, stand on its own documentation for proof of lineage and service. Some will argue that it will take too much time and research to prepare a stand alone application. However, if a generation or patriot service is contested (pending) it will take twice as much documentation to resolve the issue. The first action to be taken is to resolve the contested issue with adequate documentation. And in some cases the second action would be to disprove the bases of the contested position [there may be an error in the assumptions made to contest (pend) the data].

The second reason for providing a completely documented application is to build a meaningful repository of genealogical data for the NSSAR Center for the Advancing of American Heritage [CAAH]. This building/collecting of primary/secondary genealogical data will take several years and your support. In working with the applicant to fully document the application you give him not only membership in a prestige lineage organization but also a documented lineage history connecting him to his patriot ancestor.

It is noted that many lineage organizations require full documentation for application to membership.

**Report From The**

**Georgia  
Society  
Registrar**

**Mike Tomme**

Below is a message from our Secretary General. This is talking about the DAR center check mark that I put into newsletter earlier when this information hit SAR Talk. I think it is important that you stay informed on what our National Genealogy Committee faces year in and year out. This is an important committee and it affects our membership today and future applicants.

Remember, please document all generations with the record of the day, secondary records, sourced family histories, etc. With these documents your application should go through without any problem.

Thanks for your continued support.

Compatriots,

This past week-end (March 6, 2009) at the NSSAR Leadership meeting, the Genealogy Committee voted decisively to uphold the long-standing SAR policy that only those DAR applications may be considered on which specific genealogical facts are documented.

The NSSAR Executive Committee expressed its appreciation to Genealogist General Joe Dooley and Genealogy Committee Chairman, Dick Fetzter for conducting the meeting in a fair, professional, and impartial manner, giving each side equal time to speak, and providing a learned parliamentarian to assist the chair.

All members of the committee acted as gentlemen, which is a credit to our society. The committee room was packed with members standing in the back and overflowing into the hallway. Thanks go to all who participated in ratifying the interpretation of the Genealogist General on this issue.

Fraternally,

Ed Butler, NSSAR Secretary General.

**BOM  
MEETING  
SATURDAY  
JULY 18, 2009  
10:00 am  
HOLIDAY INN  
FORSYTH, GA**

**Hornet's Nest Deadline  
June 15, 2009  
Make sure your Chapter news  
gets published!**

*Report From The*



**Georgia Society Color Guard**

**Paul Prescott  
Commander**

**COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE**

- 25 Apr – Patriot Nathaniel Dobbs Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Buford, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Billy Templeton, Roscoe McMillan, Ed Rigel
- 2 May – Patriot Henry Holcombe Grave Marking, Piedmont and Cherokee Chapters, Cherokee County, 1100 hrs: Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Bo Hill, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Charlie Newcomer, John Mortison, Billy Templeton
- 9 May – The Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL, 0815 hrs: Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Charlie Newcomer, Bill Ramsaur
- 9 May – Revolutionary Monument Dedication, Baldwin Co, AL, 1600 hrs: Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Bo Hill, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Charlie Newcomer, Bill Ramsaur, Robert Cruthirds
- 16 May – Piedmont Chapter Meeting: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond
- 23 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA, 0900 hrs: Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Bo Hill?, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, James Lynch, Larry Guzy, Charlie Newcomer, Bob Faith

**BOM MEETING  
JULY 18  
HOLIDAY INN  
FOSYTH  
10:00 am**

- 30 May – 229<sup>th</sup> Anniv of Buford's Massacre, Lancaster, SC, 1030 hrs: George Thurmond, Charlie Newcomer
- 6 Jun – Georgia Society Picnic (tentative date), at ????, 1100 hrs: Terry Manning, George Thurmond?, Charlie Newcomer, Jack Ferguson, Robert Cruthirds, Billy Templeton
- 13 Jun – Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC, 1000 hrs: Larry Wilson, Terry Manning, Bruce Maney, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Charlie Newcomer, Bill Ramsaur
- 20 Jun – Piedmont Chapter Meeting: Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond
- 20 Jun – Patriot Patrick McGriff Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Norristown, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Billy Templeton
- 4-8 Jul – 119<sup>th</sup> National Congress, Atlanta, GA: Terry Manning, Bruce Maney, Bo Hill, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp, James Lynch, Richard Ramsaur, Charlie Newcomer, Bill Ramsaur, Roger Coursey, Ted Smith, Robert Cruthirds, Billy Templeton, Mike Tomme
- 18 Jul – Piedmont Chapter Meeting: Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**BOM MEETINGS (10:00 AM)**

**JULY 18 FORSYTH**

**OCT 3 FORSYTH**

**OTHER DATES:**

**APRIL 30 EXCOM MTG**

**MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY**

**JUNE 6 GASSAR PICNIC**

**JUNE 25 EXCOM MTG**

**JULY 3-8 NATIONAL CONGRESS**

**SEP 17 EXCOM MTG**



## Marshes of Glynn

Marshes of Glynn Chapter donated 13 Children's books to the St. Simons Public Library on February 10, 2009. These books were novels set during the Revolutionary War and were selected by the Librarian, Mrs. Maureen Hersey, who was very pleased to add these selections to the Library's inventory.



Pictured from left: Brent Taylor, John Morgan, Jimmy Boatwright, Bill Ramsaur, Ed Ginn and Maureen Hursey.



**See 2009 National Congress information on pages 13—15**

**Hornet's Nest Deadline**  
June 15, 2009  
Make sure your Chapter news gets published!

# NEWS

of the

## Georgia Society Chapters

## Atlanta

The Genealogy Department of Washington Memorial Library, located in Macon, GA, is considered by many to be the best source for genealogical research in the southeast. Their holdings include an extensive collection of records from the Colonial Period. This centralized collection minimizes the need for researchers to travel to more distant locations. Members of the Atlanta Chapter appreciate this facility, and for a number of years have been pleased to make an annual contribution to promote its growth and consequent value.



Dr. T. Fisher Craft, (R) former Vice President General, recently presented a \$650 check from the Atlanta Chapter to Mr. Willard Rocker, (L) Head of the Genealogy Department.



## Coweta Falls

NEWS. The long-awaited dedication of the Sons of the American Revolution Revolutionary War Infantryman monument took place March 13th on the grounds of the new National Infantry Museum. The ten-foot granite replica of a Continental and Militia infantryman, America's First Soldier, was presented to the national Infantry Foundation by the Coweta Falls Chapter of the Georgia Society.

Over 200 people attended the one hour ceremony conducted by President William Hay and Monument Chairman Bob Galer. Featured were the President General David Appleby of Ozark, MO and Georgia President COL (Ret) Robert Towns of Athens, GA, the Vice



(L to R) Pres. Hay, Pres. Towns, PG Appleby

President General of the South Atlantic District Lindsey Brock of FLSSAR and the main speaker, COL (Ret) Ralph Puckett of the Coweta Falls chapter. Also on the program was the 35-piece U.S. Army Infantry Band from Fort Benning, GA and uniformed representatives of the Alabama, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, Florida Color Guards and members of the award-winning Georgia Society Color Guard, all commanded by Paul Prescott of the Piedmont chapter.



## More Atlanta

We began the New Year with an overview of the Society of the Cincinnati presented by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Guyton McCall. He explained that this organization, formed at the behest of George Washington, its first President, continues the legacy of the Officers of the Continental Army. Headquartered in a thirty room mansion in Washington, DC, the Society maintains a very comprehensive library of books, manuscripts and maps relating to the Revolutionary War. An outstanding museum is also active in preserving artifacts of the early days of this country. The Society engages in several educational activities, including the publishing of teaching materials available to schools.

In February we celebrated the birthday of George Washington with a special luncheon at Anthony's Restaurant. The Colors were posted by COL George Thurmond and Dr. Revis Butler. Our guest speaker, Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Genealogy Columnist for the Atlanta Journal/Constitution, gave a helpful and informative discussion of available research materials and recommended locations for research activity. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the current officers, and Compatriot Fisher Craft was honored with a special Certificate of Appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the SAR at local, state and national levels. Laurel Craft was awarded the SAR Medal of Appreciation, recognizing her support of the SAR. The following new officers were installed by COL George Thurmond, Former Vice President General, NSSAR, and Past President of the Georgia Society:

President – William G. Hays  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Rowland A. Radford  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Guyton B. McCall  
 Secretary – Dr. T. Fisher Craft  
 Treasurer – Phillip W. Potts  
 Registrar – Joseph R. Warnick  
 Chancellor – L. Jack Swertfefer  
 Chaplain – Terry E. P. Manning  
 Sgt.-at-arms – Lewis Bates Davis  
 Historian – Dr. G. Revis Butler, Jr.

The gavel was passed to President Hays by COL Thurmond, and President Edward T. Floyd assumed the role of Immediate Past President.

In March, at the Petite Auberge, we were treated to a brief history of one of Georgia's little known ethnic groups, the Salzburgers, by a recognized student and authority on the subject, Mrs. Shelby Alderman Whitson. The Salzburgers fled Salzburg to avoid religious persecution, and settled near the coast, establishing the town of Ebenezer. Poor

quality of farm lands eventually led to their dispersal to many other parts of the country. Currently there is an organization of some 1,700 descendants which meets annually.



Shelby Whitson

We were pleased to present the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Mr. James H. Brannon, Jr., in recognition of his long time service as a poll worker, his thirty years service as a Public Health Service Officer and his active membership in the Commissioned Officer's Association, U. S. Public Health Service, and the Military Officer's Association of America.

Eagle Scout Christopher A. O'Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim O'Connell, was recognized as the runner-up in the Georgia Eagle Scout Scholarship Award program for 2008. He was presented a check in the amount of \$400 and a



member of the Atlanta Chapter, SAR

A Certificate of Commendation for the proper display of the United States Flag was presented to Lee's Golden Buddha, Inc., and Mo Mo Ya Japanese, Inc. Manager Douglas Chang received the Certificate for the restaurant. He said that the management was concerned that the flag might be too large. He was assured that it was not, and that it served as a patriotic reminder for the many motorists passing the site every day.

The Atlanta Chapter meets at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in Toco Hills Shopping Center at 12:00 Noon on the second Thursday of each month, except for July and August. Visitors are welcome. No reservation required.

## Joseph Habersham

Joseph Habersham Chapter sponsors annual ceremony honoring the memory of Captain Hilliard A. Wilbanks, United States Air Force, Medal of Honor Recipient on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February. Members of the *Award Winning* GASSAR Color Guard presented the Colors and the Elijah C. Clarke Militia fired a musket salute and performed 'Mourn Muskets' as part of the ceremony

John Mortison played several bagpipe renditions and the Habersham Central High School's Air Force JROTC unit performed a saber salute when the wreaths were presented.

This was the second year the Chapter has sponsored the event and many Veterans attended and some from away as Montana. One of the memorable moments of the program was the finale when the six planes from the Bird Dog Association did a fly-by.

Lt. Col. Christopher Cronk commander of the 17<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron which provides terminal attack and liaison services to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment and its 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Regimental Special Troops Battalions, and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Groups was in attendance at the Captain Wilbanks Ceremony. Chapter President Ted Smith made arrangements to present the Squadron a framed painting of Captain Wilbanks' heroic actions that cost him his life. In 2001 the Department of Defense paid tribute to Captain Wilbanks by naming the Squadron's headquarters' building after him.



On the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> of March before the American Revolution Infantry ceremony President Smith presented the Squadron the picture and a certificate of appreciation, a distinguished service and thanked the unit for their service to our country.



***New Members Since Last Issue***

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
<b>Athens</b>		
Gerald L. Brown	(no application)	(Dual)
Jack Harward Clay, Jr.	David Clay	Robert F. Towns
Noah Harrison Clay	David Clay	Robert F. Towns
John Thomas Orr	Jemima Johnson Fontaine	Charlie Newcomer
William Brinson Orr	Jemima Johnson Fontaine	Charlie Newcomer
William Wood Orr, Jr.	Jemima Johnson Fontaine	Charlie Newcomer
<b>Atlanta</b>		
William Jordan Gillis	Joseph Duncan	T. Fisher Craft
Thomas Brook Gurley	Isham Gurley, Sr.	T. Fisher Craft
Stephen M. Huntley, Jr.	Ann Hawkes Hay	G. Revis Butler, Jr.
Joseph M. Scherberger, Jr.	James Jones	T. Fisher Craft
<b>Edward Telfair</b>		
Eldon Evans Gardner, Jr.	John Hunt	(Transfer)
<b>Coweta Falls</b>		
Mark Burnham Atkinson	John Stryker	William M. Hay
Steven Douglas Downey	George Hightower	William M. Hay
James Dee Slayton	George Slayton	William M. Hay
Michael George Slayton	George Slayton	William M. Hay
Robert Bruce Thompson	John Jesse	John E. McCutcheon
Anthony Patrick Vye	Richard Lockhart	Clarence D. Johnson
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>		
Steven Mason Kelly	Edward Miles Nash	David G. Jessel
Charles Daniel Mooney	Edward Miles Nash	David G. Jessel
John Robert Odom, III	Thomas Green	Paul S. Grimes
Malcolm Edward Williams	William Stewart	G. C. Oosterhoudt
<b>Ocmulgee</b>		
Benjamin Joseph Haygood	Benjamin Haygood, Sr.	Christopher Stokes
<b>Piedmont</b>		
Austin Robert Chatham	Zachariah Kitchens	Robert A. Sapp
Robert Dewitt Dickson	Josiah Dickson	Robert A. Sapp
Robert Sean Dickson	Josiah Dickson	Robert A. Sapp
Trevor DeVan Woodbury	Peter Woodbury (Third)	Robert A. Sapp
<b>Samuel Elbert</b>		
Douglas Edward Lunsford	Archibald Burden, Sr.	Larry N. Richardson



# In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2008-2009



Arthur Boyd Outz, III  
Samuel Elbert Chapter  
December 15, 2008

Wendell Lavelle Gunn  
Joseph Habersham Chapter  
February 24, 2009

Winfred Alexander Gaines  
Samuel Elbert Chapter  
December 25, 2008

Earnie Rowe Breeding  
Cherokee Chapter  
February 27, 2009

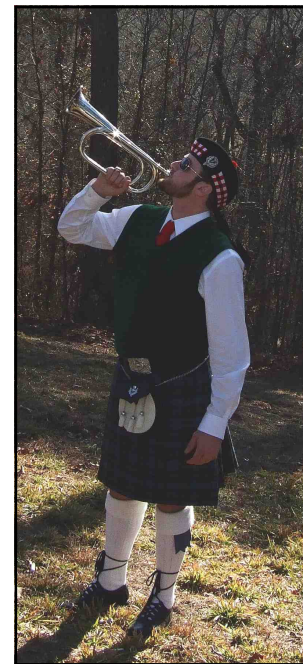
Eugene Harold Shepard, Sr.  
John Milledge Chapter  
December 30, 2008

William Edward Bailey, Sr.  
Atlanta Chapter  
March 22, 2009

George Addicus Ward, Jr.  
Samuel Elbert Chapter  
February 4, 2009

Francis Vivian Pease  
Coweta Falls Chapter  
April 3, 2009

Joe Tom McMullan  
Samuel Elbert Chapter  
February 4, 2009



**Gone but not  
forgotten.**



*Message From the*

**Georgia  
SAR  
Ladies'  
Auxiliary**

**Robin Towns  
Past President**

**Message from  
Ginny in  
the next issue  
of  
The Hornet's  
Nest**

We have had a wonderful first year as the NEW Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary. Our Charter Year is now complete. Sixty Charter Members had joined by the time of our official chartering on April 4, 2008, at the SAR State Conference last year. Since then, twenty more new Charter members have joined the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary.

As I have visited SAR Chapters around Georgia with my husband, State President Robert Towns, I have met so many enthusiastic ladies who are generously serving SAR with their time and talent. Ladies Auxiliary members are crafting beautiful table arrangements, setting up for meetings, manning registration tables, presenting wreaths, fund raising, and helping their SAR Chapter run smoothly in so many ways. We are also supporting the objectives of SAR with our attendance at Revolutionary commemorations, grave markings, SAR meetings and so many other events! Ladies Auxiliary members enthusiastically helped with the Georgia SAR Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation held in December.

Remember that your membership in the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary is simply a recognition of the long time support of the ladies for Georgia SAR. We wear our lovely pin to display our support for our husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons who are loyal and active Sons of the American Revolution.

As a member of the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary, you are also a member of the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary. Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary has no requirements for meeting attendance. We already attend enough meetings. Our activities consist of just what we are already doing: supporting SAR Chapters and the Georgia State Society.

Jane Bradley, National President, invited us to form Auxiliary in Georgia. She is very proud of our enthusiasm and success! By having a Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary, all of our Georgia ladies have the opportunity to join the Ladies Auxiliary and wear the distinctive SAR Ladies Auxiliary pin.

We have fun, social activities at SAR State Conferences, just as the National Ladies Auxiliary has activities at the National Conference. Our Chartering Tea in 2008 was a fun, social event enjoyed by all who attended. This year we are having a Ladies Coffee and Tour of the historic T.R.R. Cobb House in Athens.

The entire amount of our dues collected go to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution for support of important projects, like the current Ladies Auxiliary project: providing furnishings for the proposed *Center for Advancing America's Heritage*. It was indeed an honor and a pleasure to present our Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary's check for \$500 to the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage at the SAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on March 7, 2009. Through your membership in the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary, you are expressing your loyal support for Georgia SAR and the objectives of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

I have enjoyed serving as your Organizing President. It has been a rewarding experience to meet so many wonderful ladies who do so much to help Georgia SAR. Thank you to each of you for your generous service to SAR!

With best regards,

*Robin Towns*

Past President

**The 2009-2010 Officers  
Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary :**

**President: Ginny Manning  
1st Vice President: Cilla Leed Tomme  
2nd Vice President: JoAn J. Chewning  
Secretary: Camille R. Baxter  
Treasurer: Robin R. Towns  
Chaplain: Patricia K. Pugh  
Historian: Nedra T. Johnson  
Parliamentarian: Laurel G. Craft**

**👛 2009-2010 Dues are due 👛**

**An email reminder was sent to members who have email. Thank you very much to the many members who have already paid their \$5 dues. If you have not paid your 2009-2010 dues yet, please mail a check for \$5 to**

**Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary  
P.O. Box 48851  
Athens, GA 30604**



**REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 119TH ANNUAL CONGRESS**

To: National Society SAR, 1000 South 4th St, Louisville KY 40203

Enclosed is my Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to NSSAR for these events:

My Registration for \$285 \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse / Guest Registration(s) at \$285 each.  
 (These fees apply to Registrations received on or before June 1;  
 after this date, fees increase to \$310.)

National Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Society \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Time Attendee

National Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City / State / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Events You Will Attend (Check the appropriate numbers)  
 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9   
 10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19

Name of 2nd Guest (Please provide this name for nametag)  
 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9   
 10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19   
 Events Your Guest Will Attend (Check the appropriate numbers)

Name of Additional Guest (Please provide this name for nametag)  
 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9   
 10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19   
 Events Your Guest Will Attend (Check the appropriate numbers)

During the Congress, I / we plan to stay at: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Congress Events Included in Registration Fees**

- (1) Host Society Reception
- (2) Sunday Memorial Service
- (3) Youth Awards Luncheon
- (4) Tuesday Banquet
- (5) Wednesday Banquet \$285.00

**Optional Congress Events**

- (6) Genealogy Seminar  
 Pri. Jul. 3, 8:00am - 12:30pm \$ 20.00
- (7) Golf Tournament  
 Pri. Jul. 3, 10:00am - 3:30pm \$ 82.00
- (8) Social Hour  
 (after dinner on your own)  
 Pri. Jul. 3, 7:00pm - 10:30pm \$ 10.00
- (9) The Booth Museum  
 Sat. Jul. 4, 9:00am - 2:00pm \$ 57.00
- (10) Kennesaw Mountain Park  
 Sat. Jul. 4, 9:00am - 2:00 pm \$ 50.00
- (11) Color Guard Breakfast  
 Sun. Jul. 5, 8:00am - 9:30am \$ 24.00
- (12) Council of State Presidents  
 Breakfast  
 Mon. Jul. 6, 7:00am - 8:30am \$ 25.00
- (13) Southern District Breakfast  
 Tue. Jul. 7, 7:00am - 8:45am \$ 24.00
- (14) Atlantic Middle States Breakfast  
 Tue. Jul. 7, 7:00am - 8:45am \$ 26.00
- (15) Ladies Luncheon  
 Tue. Jul. 7, 11:30am - 2:30pm \$ 44.00
- (16) George Washington Fellows &  
 VPSG Luncheon  
 Tue. Jul. 7, 12:00pm - 1:30pm \$ 37.00
- (17) SAR 1000 Breakfast  
 Wed. Jul. 8, 7:00am - 8:45am \$ 24.00
- (18) Cyclorama and City Tour  
 Wed. Jul. 8, 11:30am - 3:30pm \$ 50.00
- (19) Stone Mountain Park  
 Wed. Jul. 8, 11:30am - 4:30pm \$ 68.00



**YOUR PARTY**

Yes, Congress in Georgia is YOUR PARTY and it is soon. If anyone mentions a Congress in any particular State for the past 118 years, it is not the General Officers nor is it the National Society that they remember. They recall the welcome they received, the events they enjoyed, and the people they met. This is one time when YOU become the means of making your guests from across the Society know they are welcome. Since the South is renowned for Hospitality, IT IS UP TO YOU to make the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress **the Congress** against which others are measured. Yes this is a monumental task and one that many have believed in since it was conceived in 2000, but we are up to the challenge.

If you are Proud of your Chapter and State, your duty is clear when this Congress arrives: Reaffirm your faith and help in whatever way you can. We have made this easy and memorable for you as well. See the enclosed participation form and submit it today. We need to max out our delegation count with fully registered delegates as well as demonstrate why the South has risen! Larry Guzy, Host Chairman

## 2009 Congress Interest Friday 7/3 through Wednesday 7/8

Congress was last in Georgia in 1983, 26 years ago. It is the closest it will be in a long time next summer.

You as a member of the Georgia Society have helped fund the Host Reception on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> and thus are welcome to attend that function even if you do not plan to Register. As part of that function, held from 4-6PM at the Waverly Hotel at I285 & I75 in Marietta, there will be a special program. After it is over and around 6PM, we are offering a "Dutch Treat" dinner at local restaurants. The plan is to match local attendees with others from out of State who do not have vehicles. Since the Host Reception whole idea is to welcome attendees to Georgia, your participation could be an excellent way to continue this welcome.

If you feel you will **register to attend** the whole Congress, please provide the following information:

1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Chapter cell/home # and email address—if you would drive during the "Dutch Treat" Dinner fill in 3 below

If you feel you will **attend** the Host Reception **but not register** please provide:

2.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Chapter cell/home # and email address

3.

\_\_\_\_\_  
If you could participate in the "Dutch Treat" Dinner how many could you take in your car (2 additional, 3 additional, etc)

4. Would you volunteer to work during Congress? Day(s) and Time(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

This preliminary information will help us properly reserve food/drink for Saturday and assess manpower needs. **Please mail or email this information to:**

Michael Tomme            678-432-1161  
1008 Landmark Drive    404-312-9649 cell  
McDonough GA 30252  
[mtomme@bellsouth.net](mailto:mtomme@bellsouth.net)



## Congress Events

The 119th Annual Congress is being hosted by the Georgia Society in Metro Atlanta. Our Host Hotel is the Marriott Renaissance Waverly in Cobb County/Marietta. The Georgia Society last hosted Congress in 1983 so they are ready to show us Southern Hospitality (with grits to be served instead of potatoes!) This is the last Congress over the 4th of July so they have some exciting events to offer working with this special occasion. With great rates and important pieces of business to resolve, the attendance is expected to be high so early Registration is encouraged. Complete the form and mail it Today. For complete information on all events, visit SAR.org and go to 119th Congress.

Registration of \$285 includes the (1) Host Reception Saturday 4-6pm, (2) Memorial Service Sunday 2:30-3:30pm, (3) Youth Awards Luncheon Monday, (4) The President General's Banquet Tuesday, and (5) The Installation Banquet Wednesday. Although Registration includes these items, for proper seating and arrangements check the form to indicate your intention to attend them. Registration after June 1st is \$310.

The optional events are as follows:

(6) Fri July 3, 8:00am-12:30pm **Genealogy Seminar.** Join us at 8:30am for a morning session of great speakers. Registration is \$20 SAR/DAR, \$25 all others, after

June 1st \$30 for all.

(7) Fri July 3, 10:00am to 3:30pm "Four-ball" 18 hole **Golf Tournament** at City Club of Marietta. 18 holes, cart and lunch, all inclusive cost is \$82

(8) Fri July 3, 7:00-10:00pm Join us after your dinner for **Social Hours.** First drink included \$10

(9) Sat July 4 - two tour possibilities: 9:00am-2:00pm **Tour 1: The Booth Museum and Cartersville.** Fantastic Presidents Hall and Western Art Collection. Lunch included, \$57

(10) Sat July 4, 9:00am-2:00pm **Tour 2: Kennesaw Mountain National Park & Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History.** The Engine General calls this home. Lunch included, \$50

(11) Sun July 5, 8:00-9:30am **Color Guard Breakfast.** Planning and coordination working breakfast for any Color Guardsmen. \$24

(12) Mon July 6, 7:00-8:30am **Council of State Presidents Breakfast** for current, immediate past and potential future State Presidents. Nominations for the 8 slots for the Nominating Committee are started here. \$25

(13) Tue July 7, 7:00-8:45am **Southern District Breakfast.** Deep South folks enjoying their own language and carrying on business \$24 (grits spoken here).

(14) Tue July 7, 7:00-8:45am **Atlantic Middle States Breakfast.** If you are one, join them for the only breakfast with potatoes. \$26

(15) Tue July 7, 11:30-2:30pm **Ladies Luncheon,** terrific food and great program in the Habersham Ballroom in the Hotel. \$44

(16) Tue Jul 7, 12:00pm-1:30pm **George Washington Fellows and VPsG Luncheon.** Join those who choose to support the GWEF for an entertaining fellowship lunch. VPsG will depart at 1pm for their meeting. \$37

(17) Wed July 8, 7:00-8:45am **SAR 1000 Breakfast.** Join all those who support the various funds of the SAR in celebration of another great year. \$24

(18) Wed July 8, 11:30am-3:30pm **Tour 3: Cyclorama and City Tour.** See the Battle of Atlanta in this historic Diorama where the Engine Texas calls home, preceded by a tour of the City. Lunch included \$50

(19) Wed July 8, 11:30am-4:30pm **Tour 4: Stone Mountain Park.** You thought Mt. Rushmore was big, the carving on the face of this 800ft granite rock dwarfs the carvers other famous one in S. Dakota. All attractions including the lift to the top and lunch included. \$68



## Larry T. Guzy Candidate for Treasurer General 2009-2010

Compatriots,

The nominating committee has spoken, but **the only votes that count will be your votes** as representatives of your State Societies at the July Congress. I will be nominated from the floor and have chosen to continue pursuing the office of Treasurer General.

I am asking for your vote.

I believe that this election is not only about the conservative stewardship of your funds, but also about the future direction of our society. We are at an important turning point – one at which we can choose to make our society relevant to the needs of our country. Patriotic education, so strongly pursued at local chapter and state levels, needs to be pursued just as seriously at a national level.

Yes, the economy right now is tenuous, but I have proven my skills at dealing with the financial strains. For 24 years I have steered my own company through good and bad, growing it to its best ever volume in 2008, and hiring new employees in both 2008 and 2009. The annual revenue and number of employees of my company are similar to the SAR. As Congress Planning Chairman, I have planned and executed budgets for the last two Congresses – one with record high attendance and one with a recent record low attendance – both ended in the black through attention to details and making practical choices.

As your Treasurer General, I will apply those same skills to oversight of the SAR monies. Every dollar you contribute to the society is important and should be wisely spent.

Just as important, in my view, is to stay focused on keeping the SAR accessible to every member. Our focus now and in the future should be on membership and on our stated mission. Inclusive communication to each member will insure that we are all moving toward the same goals. Our effectiveness in performing our mission will result in increased membership.

I am ready to serve the membership in the upcoming year and those beyond. I will appreciate your vote.

Among those endorsing my candidacy are The Great Lakes District, The Georgia Society, The Florida Society, The Alabama Society and many Individual Compatriots



What others say:

"Nothing like running a small business – no safety net!" GT

"His business experience will serve him well in this position" BM

"He will continue to provide outstanding leadership and commitment as Treasurer General" LB

"He has my wholehearted endorsement" RB