



The

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch

July– September 2009



President Terry Manning

SAR Fever

For the kids, it's back to school. For SAR, it's back to grave dedications, historic site celebrations, and youth programs. We all know that the fall season brings football fever. Hopefully this year the fall will also bring SAR fever!

You'll recognize the symptoms of SAR fever right away – increased levels of patriotism, more pride in your family heritage, and enhanced levels of interest in history. Fortunately, there's no known cure

for SAR fever. Never fear -- your annual dues provide for full medical coverage.

This year brings new strains of SAR fever as we move toward the second half of our administrative year. In mid-October we will learn if our request for a grant to continue the publication of *Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail* pamphlets will be approved. The *Wreaths Across America* program will be highlighted on December 12 with SAR participation at five national cemeteries. In April 2010, we look forward to statewide participation in *Patriots Day* celebrations.

We offer the following treatment regimen for dealing with SAR fever. Attend chapter meetings and SAR events, serve as a program chairman or committee member, visit the SAR websites, and read your chapter and state newsletters.

Terry Manning, President

Chapter Anniversaries

Several Chapters are celebrating the anniversary of their charters. We all join together in wishing them a Happy Anniversary and continued success. Contact the Chapter with your personal congratulations. They are:

Lyman Hall Chapter - 24 years as of September 28;

Casimir Pulaski Chapter - 8 years as of October 11;

John Collins Chapter - 9 years as of October 14;

Sons of Liberty Chapter - 3 years as of October 14;

Coweta Falls Chapter - 33 years as of October 23.

Congratulations to all of these fine Chapters and their members.



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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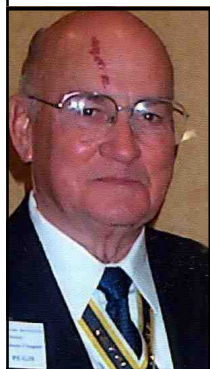
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ACTIONS AT SAR CONGRESS and GASSAR BOM (Revised August 12, 2009)

State and National Dues:

July 18, 2009, GASSAR BOM, the \$3.00 Congress assessment since 2004 will be continued as part of the dues structure. No overall State increases.

July SAR 119th Congress, effective with dues for 2010, dues will be increased \$5.00 to \$30.00 for adults and increased \$5.00 to \$10.00 for Junior members (Georgia does not have any Junior members, but two are now at National for approval; State dues for Juniors are \$5.00; there are no dues for Youth Registrants).

Summary: For 2010, Chapters should forward to Secretary \$43.00 for regular members (\$30.00 National, \$13.00 State), and \$15.00 for Juniors (\$10.00 National, \$5.00 State). The same applies for reinstatements.

National Lifetime Membership: After November 1, 2009, the National fee will increase from \$750 to \$900 for members 40 and younger, decreasing \$15.00 for each year over age 40. New application forms are forthcoming.

New Applications: Congress increased Adult application fee from \$60.00 to \$80.00 effective with applications received at National after January 1, 2010. **Applications, including Junior Membership, received at National after November 1, 2009, must include the \$5.00 dues increase since these will be for 2010 membership.** Thus the total amount to be submitted with application to GASSAR Registrar increases from \$108.00 to \$133.00 (includes \$30.00 National dues for 2010).

On Family Plan applications the increase of \$20.00 in application fee applies only to the first family member. **Additional family members are \$83.00 (includes fees and dues).** There are no changes in application fee for family member under age 25, Juniors, and Youth Registrants.

Monies submitted with applications for new members approved and registered at National before November 1st will be applied to the current year and dues for the following year are payable by December 31; monies apply to the following year if registered after November 1st. (A proposal that a new applicant's dues would count for two years was rejected at Congress.)

Application Submittal Date:

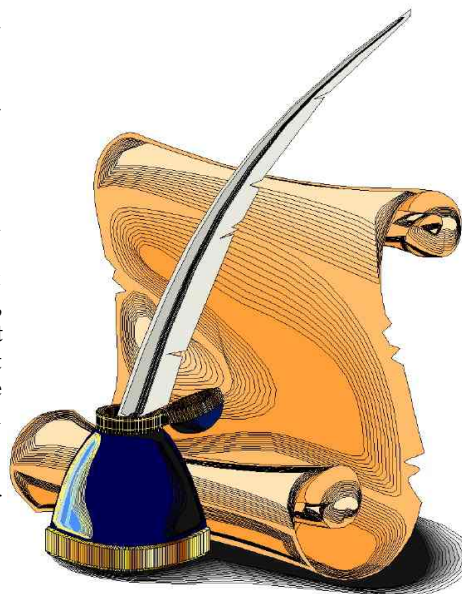
When Chapters submit an application, consideration should be given to the November 1st provision (above), and discussed with applicant. Further consideration is required regarding application fee increase effective with applications received at National after January 1, **and the dues increase on those received after November 1, 2009.** Allowances must be made for applications to be reviewed and approved by our State Registrar and processing by our Treasurer and Secretary to assure that applications meet the stated deadlines. At least 30 days should be allowed. **Thus it is important that applications forwarded to our State Registrar are properly documented, or else a delay for additional proof could result in paying the higher fee and dues.** Revised transmittal forms which are submitted with applications will be available later in the year with new fees.

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. If he has advised the undersigned of a chapter Director of Communications these communications will also be sent to him for distribution.

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 12.08.IF 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 repeatedly. Keep up the good work!

The Georgia Society Source Book is online, and 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 online 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.

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Report From The



Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

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NEWS

of the

State Society

**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
JANUARY 23, 2010
10:00 am**



Canon salute by Second Company
Georgia Artillery
Ft. Morris

"Come & Take It!" Celebration, Fort Morris, Saturday, Nov. 21st at 11:00am

The Georgia Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee invites you to participate in the "Come & Take It!" Celebration on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Fort Morris Historic Site in Liberty County, near Midway, Georgia.

Fort Morris was where Colonel John McIntosh 231 years ago made his defiant reply to a British demand for surrender, "Come and Take It!" Fort Morris, Georgia's ONLY Revolutionary Historic Site with extensive earthworks, stands as a testament to the will and fortitude the Patriots exhibited during the American Revolution.

Starting in 2006, the Children, Daughters & Sons of the American Revolution have supported Fort Morris personnel in their "Come and Take It!" Celebration. Wreath presentations, Colonial living history demonstrations, musket and cannon drills, skirmishes and more are part of the annual celebration, which brings many visitors to Midway, Sunbury and the Fort Morris Historic Site.

Arthur Edgar, Manager of the Fort Morris Historic Site recently stated, "We appreciate the Georgia Society SAR's outstanding support of the Fort Morris State Historic Site and significant participation in the annual "Come and Take it!" Celebration.

Terry Manning, Georgia Society SAR's President will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia will be joined by Revolutionary War re-enactors from the Second Company

Georgia Artillery, Sunbury Militia and the British 33rd Regiment of Foot. They will provide an impressive Presentation of Colors and honor the memory of Liberty County Patriots with a Musket Salute followed by a Cannon Salute and Taps.

Wreaths will be presented by representatives of the U.S. Army, Third Infantry Division; National, Georgia and Florida CAR, DAR & SAR State Societies, many CAR, DAR and SAR Chapters as well as Daughters of American Colonists; Colonial Dames XVCII; and Daughters of 1812 Society.

A hospitality get-together and dinner at Steamers Seafood in Richmond Hill is scheduled for Friday evening with lunch at Sunbury Crab Company on Saturday after the Ceremony. The location of the restaurant in Sunbury on the Medway River is where the Georgia Navy Galleys were based during the Revolutionary War.

This summer, the Georgia Board of Natural Resources implemented budget cuts which affected the operations of many State Parks and Historic Sites. Those seriously impacted include Fort Morris which is now open only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Walker Chewning, Chairman, Georgia Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee said, "Your attendance at this year's 'Come and Take It!' Celebration is critical to help insure that the Fort Morris Historic Site remains open - a priceless piece of Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail."



GASSAR Color Guard
Ft. Morris



Present, Colors!

Report From The

**Georgia
Society
SAR
Speakers
Bureau
George
Thurmond**

Adult Education Program on the American Revolution in Georgia

Continuing the educational emphasis on the American Revolution in Georgia, the *Georgia Revolutionary War Trail Committee* will be making six presentations for the Adult Education program at Emory University every Thursday beginning October 8th at 11:20 am -12:20 pm, at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Emory. The institute is open to adults age 50 and above who pay a modest fee to enrich their lives by learning.

The classes are:

October 8th – Skeet Willingham, "Overview of the Battles of the American Revolution". Summary of the initial battles following Saratoga. And then review the decision by Cornwallis after the Battle of Brandywine to split his forces in an attempt to get greater support from the Tories in the South and discuss "The Southern Strategy".

October 15th. Dr. Hugh Rodgers. "The Battles of Augusta ". This topic will focus on the two major battles which occurred in Augusta, Georgia's Capital after the capture of Savannah.

October 22nd-Larry Wilson. "Overview of the Georgia Revolutionary War Trail" along with a presentation on "Georgia Military Leaders". There will be a "Living History" of Nancy Hart (Sara Lesseur) and Mammy Kate (Betty Slayton). There will also be a brief discussion of the plans for the trail. Biographies presented on Pickens, Dooly, Clarke, Elbert, McIntosh and others like Austin Dabney.

October 29th-Bob Sapp. "Battles of the backcountry", This segment includes descriptions and discussions of the battles at "Van(n) Creek", "Kettle Creek" and Brier Creek" giving the background of Colonel Boyd's assignment in the backcountry of Georgia and the Carolina's.

November 5th-Gordon Smith "The Battles of Savannah"; This session covers the British occupation of Savannah and the attempt by the French & Patriot forces to retake the city and ends with the evacuation by the British.

November 12th-Bill Ramsaur "Fort Morris/Sunbury/ & Midway combined with the Three Florida Expeditions, including the Frederica Naval Action". This final session covers the military activity in the Coastal Georgia area during the early years of the American Revolution.

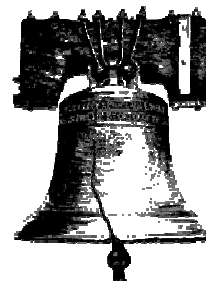




Report From

Georgia Revolutionary War Trail Committee

Larry Wilson



Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail

One of the objectives of the Georgia Society SAR is to help promote, preserve and perpetuate the historic Revolutionary sites in Georgia. In implementing this objective, a current SAR project is to identify, document and publicize the ten major Revolutionary War battles that occurred in Georgia as a part of "Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail."

The Georgia Society SAR has prepared a series of eight brochures that describe Georgia's ten major battles and date and place of the Annual Celebration. The summary Trail brochure, "Major Georgia Battles in the American Revolution," includes a time-line of the key events in Georgia during the Revolutionary War, summaries of the ten major battles and photos of some of the historic sites and celebrations. Eight locations are identified on the Trail map, and the highlighted area along the Savannah River and the Atlantic Ocean reflects Georgia's Original Counties created in 1777.

"Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail" Map –

Exploring Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail, you can discover where the past can be found in the present. You can stand on the Savannah battleground where General Casimir Pulaski was mortally wounded, or visualize the naval battle in the Frederica River, or walk where Colonel Elijah Clarke fought Loyalists alongside Kettle Creek in Wilkes County. At the Fort Morris earthworks in Liberty County, you can imagine hearing Lt. Col. John McIntosh shout, "Come and take it" or imagine hearing the French cry, "Vive le roi" at the Spring Hill redoubt in Savannah.

Standing with your back to Brier Creek in Screven County, you can suppose Colonel Samuel Elbert surrounded by British Highlanders, or visualize "Light Horse Harry" Lee's cavalry during the capture of Fort Cornwallis in Augusta. You can honor the memory of Revolutionary War Patriots buried at Colonial Cemetery in Savannah, St. Paul's Cemetery in Augusta, and the Midway Cemetery in Liberty County. If you explore Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail

during the Annual Celebrations, you can hear historians describe the Revolutionary War action and see personalities who portray the men, women and children who fought for our freedom.

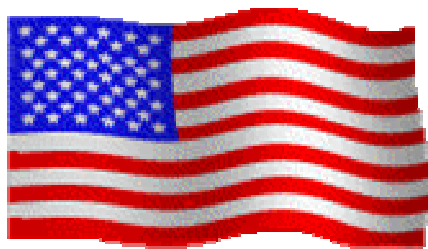
Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail

MAP OF
GEORGIA,
1778

American Revolution in Georgia

- 1** Elbert County – Fight at Vann's Creek
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- 2** Wilkes County – Battle of Kettle Creek
GPS: N33.691 W82.886
- 3** Lincoln County – Elijah Clarke & John Dooly:
Heroes of the Hornet's Nest
GPS: N33.856 W82.410
- 4** Augusta – Sieges of Augusta and Revolutionary
Capital of Georgia. GPS: N33.476 W81.964
- 5** Screven County – Battle of Brier Creek
GPS: N32.811 W81.466
- 6** Savannah – Battles of Savannah,
Royal & Revolutionary Capital of Georgia
GPS: N32.076 W81.100
- 7** Liberty County – Midway & Fort Morris
GPS: N31.764 W81.279
- 8** St. Simons Island – Frederica Naval Action
GPS: N31.224 W81.393

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2009 GEORGIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE

As of 10/5/2009

1. 6 Oct – Patriot Frederick Hambright Grave Marking
2. 7 Oct – Battle of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, SC, 1100 hrs
3. 7 Oct – Patriot Grave Marking, Taylors, SC
4. 8 Oct -- Patriot James Wilson Grave Marking
5. 9 Oct – Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA, 0730 hrs
6. 9 Oct – Samuel Elbert Wreath Laying, Savannah, GA, 0900 hrs
7. 9 Oct – Casmir Pulaski Monument Wreath Laying, Savannah, GA, 1000 hrs
8. 9 Oct – 230th Anniversary of Mortal Wounds to General Count Casimir Pulaski, Ft. Pulaski, Savannah, GA, 1400 hrs
9. 10 Oct – Patriot William Lord Grave Marking
10. 15 Oct – Flag presentation, Dalton, GA's new city hall. (details to follow)
11. 19 Oct – Yorktown Days, Yorktown, VA
12. 24 Oct – Patriot Gen. James Gunn plus 12 more Grave Markings
13. 29 Oct – Governor's Annual Veterans Day Proclamation, State Capitol, Atlanta, GA, 1300 hrs
14. 14 Nov – Patriot Benjamin Wofford, , Bartow County, GA, 1100 hrs
15. 21 Nov – Ft. Morris – Come and Take It, Midway, GA, 1100 hrs
16. 5 Dec – Battle of Vann's Creek, Elberton, GA, 1100 hrs
17. 11 Dec – “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution”, Georgia State Capitol, 0800 hrs
18. 17 Dec – Washington-Wilkes Charter Celebration, Washington, GA

If you have not signed up for an event(s) in which you wish to participate, please notify the Color Guard Commander as soon as possible.

It has been 3 great months for the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution.

President Kevin Baker received the Gold Good Citizenship Medal from the National Society Sons of the American Revolution for his accomplishments as National President for the Children of the American Revolution 2008-2009. The award was presented at the C.A.R. National Congress in July in Washington D.C.

Other awards received by members of the Georgia Society C.A.R. Blue Merit Award --Martha Stewart Society Red Merit Award-- Lucy Spell Raiford, Button Gwinnett Society National First Vice President Award --- First Place Georgia Society National Treasurer Award--- Martha Stewart Bullock Carter Elizabeth Moore was elected National South Eastern Vice President

Many of you have met our new State President Daniel Dorney who has attended two grave dedications - Nathaniel Dobbs and John Lewis. He also attended a Naturalization Ceremony at the National Archives, which was quite impressive.

During the Annual SAR Congress held in Atlanta, he manned the Georgia C.A.R. table to show the attendees the Georgia state project. He brought greetings during the opening session and presented to President General Appleby his state project pin and a flash drive. He attended the youth luncheon where National President Emily Falkenstein brought greetings from the Children of the American Revolution around the country.

Daniel Dorney, State President 2009 gave a presentation on his state project. His theme "Supporting the Real American Heroes" and his goal is to raise \$4000 to be split equally between the four Veteran's Hospitals in Georgia. He has T-shirts, pins and Jump Drives to raise money towards his project. Please make a donation for these project items.

At the state work shop the Seniors for the coming year were announced. Fifteen SAR members have been selected to be

Report From The



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

Hal Dayhuff

Seniors this year to C.A.R. State officers; Robert Moore First VP, Terry Manning 2nd VP, William Moore Chaplain, J. Michael Tomme Corresponding Secretary, Charles E. Hall Sr. Treasurer, William Ramsaur Librarian. Society Seniors are Walker Chewing Allen Howard- Lilburn, William Moore ,Count D'Estaing-Athens, General James Oglethorpe-St. Simons Island William F. Ramsaur.

The Agustin Clayton DAR Chapter was honored to present the National Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service Medal to Cilla and Mike Tomme in recognition of their years of service to the children of the C.A.R. and local communities presenting a program in period attire to the many school children with many artifacts showing the ways the patriots of our country lived during the revolution. These presentations have been made here in Georgia and surrounding states.

If you want a good presentation at your chapter meeting please ask the local C.A.R. Society to come and make their presentation. You will be proud of the work they are doing. The C.A.R. appreciates all of the SAR members who are seniors for the state and local societies and all who wear the many state project pins from the years past. With out your assistance the C.A.R. would not be able to accomplish their goals.

Thank you all for your support and participation.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET.

My Favorite War

General Sherman was right, "War is Hell!"
To die or be maimed is not too swell;
Still all wars are not uniformly bad,
One in particular is the best we've had.

Which one do you say carried the day?
Does the Civil War or WWII hold sway?
These conflicts were pivotal you beseech,
From Cold Mountain to Omaha Beach.

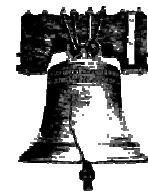
My favorite war remains the Revolution,
Which brought liberty and our Constitution,
Lincoln, Lee and McArthur deserve our praise,
But Ben Franklin and Thomas Paine are my craze.

Without this war we'd be subjects of the king,
Not the Star Spangled Banner proudly sing;
We wouldn't have the red, white and blue,
The Union Jack would just have to do.

Bunker Hill and Yorktown will long persevere,
As will Nathanael Greene and Paul Revere;
And Washington and Jefferson are number one
In this sublime wartime pantheon.

So when it's all said and done,
Wars and battles *aren't* much fun;
But if a favorite one you must pick,
The Revolutionary War is here to stick!

**Philip K. Curtis
Chancellor
Georgia Society SAR**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

	<i>Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Athens	Kenneth Scott Collins Robert Eugene Fears	Richard Bellamy William Fears, Jr.	Robert F. Towns Robert F. Towns
Button Gwinnett	David Cline Anderson	James Anderson, Sr.	Ray W. Anderson
Cherokee	Lee John Arthurs	Felix Binkley	Billy Jack Templeton
Coweta Falls	Kenneth Edward Bailey David White Hall David Brooks McAfee	Theunis Cronkhite Lot Haskell Edward Lacey	Billy H. Thompson Richard R. Simpson William M. Hay
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John Milledge	Harry Eugene Drake	Exum Drake	William G. Neely, III
Lyman Hall	David James Hawk Franklin McMillan Renfrow	James Malcom John Gilchrist	James B. Hawk Roscoe D. McMillan
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Rome	George Edward Mundy	James Williams	James E. Clark
Samuel Elbert	John David Chesnut Thomas Milne Owen James Lawrence Pinson, Sr. A. C. Thomas Staso Jerome Zinda	Alexander Chesnut Stephen Richmond Daniel Marshall Lazarus Reeves John B. Webb	Charlie A. Newcomer, III James Larry Wilson Robert A. Sapp Don Ray Thomas, Sr. Larry N. Richardson

Athens

The Athens Chapter of the Georgia Society recently was asked by Hebron Presbyterian Church in a nearby county to assist in a dedication ceremony for restored graves in the cemetery of the two hundred fourteen year old church. Time was short as the ceremony was planned for the church's annual Homecoming event, less than two weeks from the time of first notification. The Chapter accepted the challenge and in the process discovered that the cemetery held the "Scottish tombs" of at least six Revolutionary Patriots who had assisted in founding the church in 1794, soon after they moved to Georgia with Revolutionary War land grants. It is highly probable that other patriots, perhaps as many as twenty, are buried in unmarked stone tombs there. Research on that probability is ongoing.

The chapter organized a complete Grave Marking Ceremony and with assistance from compatriots from the Joseph Habersham, Lyman Hall and Button Gwinnet Chapters of the Georgia Society and the Elijah Clarke DAR Chapter joined church members, descendants and visitors in an impressive ceremony in the churchyard. Research proved the existence of six patriot graves, and a wooden model of a monument bearing the patriots' names and emblazoned with the SAR insignia was unveiled by a proud patriot descendant. Since then a Georgia granite marker has been purchased and will stand permanently near the historic stone tent-shaped Scottish tombs in which the Revolutionary War Patriots rest.



Color Guardsmen from Athens, Lyman Hall, and Button Gwinnett Chapters, GASSAR, stand before "Scottish Tombs" of American Revolutionary War Patriots in Hebron Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Banks County, Georgia.

NEWS

of the

Georgia Society Chapters

Altamaha

Jordan Davis, Melody Davis and Morgan Tomberlin have been selected as the three inaugural recipients of the Dr. Alexander Jackson Gordon Memorial Scholarship given by the Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The three recipients and their parents were honored with an awards banquet Saturday, Sept. 12 at Western Sizzlin in Jesup. Jason Deal, chairman of the scholarship committee, made the presentation on behalf of committee members Buddy Bennett and Bill Carswell and the membership of the SAR. Special guests at the banquet included Terry Manning, President of the Georgia Society of SAR and Bill Ramsaur, regional vice president of the SAR.

Mr. Davis, son of Joe and Tempie Davis of Jesup, is currently attending Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville. He plans to become an anesthesiologist and hopes someday to return to Wayne County to give back in service to the local community.

Miss Davis, daughter of Drew and Vickie Davis of Jesup, is currently enrolled at the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick. She is studying to obtain a degree in dental hygiene and plans to transfer to Armstrong Atlantic University in Savannah to complete her studies.

Miss Tomberlin, daughter of Robbie and

Paige Tomberlin of Odum, is now a student at Augusta State University in Augusta. She plans to study psychology and would like to eventually be a high school counselor or social worker.

All three recipients are 2009 graduates of Wayne County High School.

The Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution administers the scholarship. Three scholarships of \$3,000 each were awarded this year. A



L to R: Morgan Tomberlin, Melody Davis, and Jason Davis.

\$3,000 scholarship will be offered annually to a Wayne County High School senior. The Gordon Memorial Scholarship was created from a gift bequeathed by Dr. Gordon's daughter, Marjorie Gordon Hamrick. Dr. Gordon was a prominent Wayne County physician. Mrs. Hamrick was a well-known local educator.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is a patriotic and fraternal organization dedicated to maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom, an appreciation for true patriotism, a respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship. The SAR is a men's organization whose membership is comprised of descendants of Revolutionary war soldiers and those who helped the war effort.

Jason Deal
Staff Writer
The Blackshear Times

George Walton

The August Meeting was held at Stalvey's restaurant on August 15, 2009 and was a very enjoyable and informative meeting with thirteen members and guests in attendance.

The program featured our special guest, John W. Dorminy, who was accompanied by his mother Ann.

Billy, as he prefers to be called, was the George Walton Chapter entry in the 2008 – 2009 SAR George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest where he was awarded First Place in the GASSAR competition which automatically entered him in the National contest. Unfortunately he did not win at National but it is quite an achievement to reach that level and compete with winners from all of the other States.

We were fortunate to have Billy represent our Chapter since he is from McDonough and would normally represent the Samuel Butts Chapter which is now inactive. We are pleased that he decided to submit his essay to us and congratulate him on winning the GASSAR award which consisted of a Certificate of Recognition, a handsome medal and a cash award which will be used to help finance his college education.

Attendees at the lunch were privileged to hear Billy read his winning essay, entitled "The Age of Enlightenment and the United States Constitution", which was a very impressive presentation.

Ann Dorminy has promised to email to our Secretary a copy of the essay which we will share with the membership.

The Knight Essay competition is open to all high school students currently, at the time of submittal, enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school. The essay content must deal with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the Constitution. It must be an original researched and proven topic, written in English, with at least five (5) published references which allow for verification.

Georgia State President, Terry Manning, presented the award at our Chapter meeting since Mr. Dorminy was unable, due to a previous commitment, to be present at the State Annual Meeting in April 2009. The George Walton Chapter also presented Mr. Dorminy with a certificate recognizing his achievement.

The Chapter also commends Mr. and Mrs. Dorminy for their excellent work in home schooling Billy and for instilling in him the values that have made our Country great. Billy has a strong interest in history, government and mathematics and is enrolling at MIT in September.



Knight Essay winner Billy Dorminy receives award from GASSAR President Manning

Chapter Activities

The next Quarterly Chapter meeting will be in November and will center on recognition of Veterans Day and honoring those who have served our Country in times of war and peace.

Details of the meeting will be made known as plans are developed. It is our hope that more members will join with us for this occasion.

The Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to the Monroe Golf and Country Club for properly displaying the US Flag at their clubhouse. If you know a business, organization or individual who is deserving of this recognition please inform a Chapter officer so that we can make a presentation. The GASSAR is encouraging this activity for all chapters.

Joseph Habersham

Revolutionary War soldier William Ferguson was honored recently as family and friends gathered at Mossy Creek Methodist Church Cemetery in White County for a dedication ceremony at the grave.

The event was conducted by the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and Tomochichi Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

About 100 people braved the threat of rain to honor Ferguson. He was born in Virginia and moved to what was then Habersham County, now White County, just before he died in 1834.

Following the ceremony, which included the reading of proclamations from the White County Commissioners and 10th District State Representative Rick Austin, family members unveiled a special marker in honor of Ferguson.

Members of the award winning Georgia SAR Color Guard and the Elijah Clarke Militia participated in the ceremony. The militia, led by Commander Jay Guest, dressed in Clan Ferguson tartan kilt, fired a musket salute and rendered mourn muskets while Taps was being played.



Members of Militia and Color Guard present Colors at Ferguson grave site as family and friends render salute

Marquis de Lafayette

On July 3rd the 119th NSSAR Congress opened and ran through the evening of July 8th. Mike Tomme, Cilla Leed-Tomme, Ted Hackney, Wayne and Wink Rouse, David and Brenda Jessel, Hal and Barbara Dayhuff, Doug and Carole Stansberry, John and Susan Sloan, Lewie Dunn, Geoffrey Oosterhoudt and Bo Hill all volunteered at the Congress. Thanks to all who volunteered for this important event. The Vice Chairmen of the GASSAR Congress Committee was Mike Tomme and Doug Stansberry. Cilla Leed-Tomme was in charge of the Ladies Hospitality room along with other duties.

During Congress Mike Tomme was elected to a 4 year term on the George Washington Endowment Fund Board and was also named as Vice Commander of the NSSAR Color Guard. He also was appointed National Americanism Chairman.

At the awards ceremony our Chapter won the President General's Activities Competition for members 50-99. Our Chapter and another chapter were recognized in the Public Service and Heroism Awards program with having 2 of 54 medals given nationally. We were also recognized along with the State Society and other chapters (within our state) the awarding of 11 of the 106 Law Enforcement Medals awarded nationally. Our Chapter along with the State Society and one other chapter were recognized for the awarding of 4 of the 71 Fire Safety Medals awarded nationally. Our Chapter also received recognition in receiving a Partner in Patriotism certificate.

On August 15th, our Chapter held its annual picnic. Two newly approved members were sworn in that day. The Chapter provided the BBQ and the members and wives brought food to share with all who attended.

On August 25th, Flag Chairman John Sloan and member Ernie Kearns presented a flag certificate to the Robert Morgan family of Fayetteville, Georgia. Robert is a neighbor of Ernie Kearns and has been properly displaying his flag.



John and Abishai Meiller receive the oath of membership from Chapter Vice President Lewie Dunn and the Marquis de LaFayette picnic.



L to R Ernie Kearns, Robert Morgan, and Flag Chairman John Sloan at the Flag Certificate presentation to the Morgan family of Fayetteville, GA.

Marshes of Glynn

The Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation recently awarded an education/literacy grant to the Marshes of Glynn Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for their efforts to make history come alive for local students.



The community foundation grant will provide school media centers with reading materials that complement the events and characters portrayed. Whit Chapman and Jimmy Boatright, portraying the Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence, Button Gwinett and Dr. Lyman Hall receive the check from Diane Doster, community foundation grants officer.

From Our Friend in Alabama

Cracking the Code on Recruiting Notable Members

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Author of “Cracking the Code on Rapidly Growing SAR Membership Rolls” (*Leader Express* Summer 2008) and “Cracking the Code on Recruiting New Members, Researching Their Ancestry, and Submitting Their Applications” (*Leader Express* Winter 2008), also accessible from the www.alssar.org home page

As the chairman of the Membership Committee's Task Force For Notable New

Members and Patriots, I've been challenged to figure out a way to recruit notable members. I've had negligible success myself, but I keep thinking “SOMEONE must have recruited our seventeen presidents; how did they do THAT?”

Who qualifies as a “notable new member?” Certainly, presidents do, but the list includes other government and community leaders, history teachers, and descendants of Black, Native American, and female patriots. Those of us who have tried “cold calling” patriotic authors and others whom we were “JUST SURE” would want to join our organization have generally met with a close-to-zero response rate. At times, we may get back a polite “my boss doesn't have time for this,” meaning that the nice letters we prepared didn't get past the “handlers,” or secretaries.

After I polled subscribers to SAR-TALK, respondents universally agreed that the best form of recruitment is to know someone of “importance” and to contact them on a personal level. In my chapter, each member is considered a recruiter. And, it's safe to say that each member of every chapter is also a member of one or more church groups, veteran's associations, historical and genealogical associations, and civic clubs. THAT'S where the recruitment should take place, and THAT'S where notable new members also can be found.

With all chapter members being recruiters, they need to know who in the chapter is willing and capable to sponsor these new members. At least one chapter member needs to be up to speed on researching the ancestry for these interested individuals and preparing their applications for them. In my chapter, it's the registrar. (Recruiters in my chapter may sign as the co-sponsor and pin the rosette on the new member during the induction ceremony.)

Once a notable recruit expresses interest in joining the SAR, it shouldn't be necessary for him to even have traced his ancestry. A good recruiter and a good sponsor will assure the individual that the chapter will do ancestry research for him, with his assistance of course, and that if there is a patriot ancestor in his “tree,” then there's a fair chance one will be found, along with the documentation necessary to complete the application.

Here is a real opportunity for us all to do something about our dwindling chapter membership rolls. Chapter presidents: Make a pitch at your next chapter meeting for everyone to become a recruiter. Recruiters: Invite a Revolutionary War-uniformed

member of your chapter to speak at your club meetings. His pitch can include a short segment on the benefits of SAR membership. Our efforts WILL pay off!

LPC

Remember the 30 Georgians

“Remember the 30 Georgians” is our battle cry,
As on Kings Mountain brave men did die;
Patriots and Loyalists would lay down their lives,
Once at Grays Chapel the Georgians arrived.

Please indulge me a few words to set the stage,
For what would turn out to be a battle for the age;
Cornwallis and Ferguson came from the North,
To lay waste to the South and blithely sally forth.

First Charleston then Camden fell to the sword,
Why it seemed like any day we'd bow to a lord;
Proud Patriots and families were in disarray,
As it appeared England would carry the day.

Nothing seemed safe or sacred or secure,
As the rude Royalists felt confident for sure;
Fellow travelers even rallied to their cause,
And the South could only hope for a pause.

It became clear that the Thirty had to fight,
To protect *their* families, liberty and right;
So they joined the fray against terrible odds,
With makeshift muskets, cannons and rods.

British commanded the heights by chance,
As the brave Georgians began their advance;
Joining their brethren they reinforced the line,
This pack of Patriots seemed almost divine,

Up the hill the forces of freedom assailed,
They knew they simply had to prevail;
The battle proved decisive as it could be,
As the Georgians helped ensure victory.

The engagement lasted for only an hour,
But the British strategy had turned sour;
Overmountain Men turned the tide of battle,
By shooting the Major out of his saddle!

When on this historic conflict we reflect,
We should never forget in retrospect,
The proud achievements of all of these men,
And “Remember the 30 Georgian

Philip K. Curtis, Chancellor, GASSAR



In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2009



Gone but not forgotten.

William Kenneth Mattox
Edward Telfair Chapter
March 26, 2009

John Burl Hulsey, Sr.
Lyman Hall Chapter
July 16, 2009

Gilbert Orson Maulsby, Jr.
Coweta Falls Chapter
August 27, 2009

William P. Carter, Jr.
Samuel Elbert Chapter
May 14, 2009

Clarence Douglas Johnston
Coweta Falls Chapter
July 20, 2009

Jerome Ingold Tomasello
Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
August 29, 2009





Georgia Society Fellows Fund

George Thurmond
Chairman

Georgia Fellows

From time to time there are requests for funding for projects, activities, supplies, or equipment that are not included in the annual budget. Committees or officers may have valid needs for funds in addition to the budget. The Georgia Society Fellows Program was established for the purpose of funding or reimbursing worthy activities, events, or needs of the Georgia Society that are considered to be valid expenditures not included in the annual budget.

Georgia Fellows are persons who choose to distinguish themselves or who are recognized or memorialized by others by a special purpose contribution of \$250 to the general fund of the Georgia Society. Designation as a Georgia Fellow is not limited to members of GASSAR. Georgia Fellows may also be other members of SAR, friends, relatives, spouses, or other individuals, living or deceased, having an interest in furthering the goals of the Georgia Society or that are being recognized or memorialized.

The Georgia Fellow is recognized by a distinctive lapel pin displaying the Betsy Ross flag and the words, "SAR" and "GEORGIA FELLOW." The Georgia Fellow Pin is presented in a forum that will both recognize the contribution and promote the program to other members.

A complete list of Georgia Fellows is maintained by the Georgia Society Fellows Board and kept current in the *Source Book* on the Georgia Society web page.

You may become a *Georgia Fellow* by visiting the Georgia Society website and click on State Info/Membership & Renewal/Donate to the SAR or by contacting board members Charlie Newcomer, Hal Dayhuff or Georgia Thurmond.

Congratulations to **Ed Rigel** and **Ted Golab** for becoming the newest Georgia Fellows!

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

BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
JANUARY 23, 2010
10:00 am

Items of Interest from the Leadership Conference of September 26-29, 2009

Center for Advancing America's Heritage

– The Georgia Society needs about 152 additional members to make a contribution to the building fund to achieve the national goal of 20% participation by the membership. Donations from corporate sponsors often depend on the level of member participation, so even a \$20 donation is important.

Congress in Atlanta

– The National Congress in July had 512 registered attendees and was the second largest attendance since 1998 in Orlando. First was the Congress in Williamsburg in 2007.

DAR Finder Forms

– In 2007, 8 states submitted 64 DAR Finder Forms. In 2008, 20 states submitted 264 forms with Missouri winning the annual \$500 cash award. As of August 14, 2009, 28 states submitted 267 forms.

George Washington Endowment Fund

– Three percent of the national membership (780) are George Washington Fellows. The fund now exceeds \$1 million.

Military Records Committee

– This committee seeks to insure that every SAR member who has served in the U.S. military has a brief description of his service on file in the SAR Archives.

Partners in Patriotism

– At the 2009 Congress, 17 State Societies and 79 chapters received PIP certificates. Eligibility dates for the next Congress cover June 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010 for taking part in the planning and enactment of a program of mutual interest with a veterans group.

Patriotic Education

– This committee would like to hear about programs being done around the nation.

Public Service and Heroism Ribbons

– A proposal is pending to award chapters a streamer if they present each of the public service medals during the year (law, fire, EMS, and heroism). National Chairman Warren Alter (warrenalter@cox.net) should be notified of medals presented during the year (include names, dates, town, etc.).

Leadership Conference Attendance

– Georgia had the third highest state society attendance.

SAR Magazine Subscriptions for Libraries

– The next issue will include details for

providing subscriptions for \$5 a year to libraries and teachers, a project that local chapters might wish to participate in.

National Color Guardsman of the Year

– In future selections (March 2010), each state will be allowed one vote and each prior recipient of the Gold Medal will receive a vote for those attending the committee's meeting. Georgia would be eligible for up to three votes under this criterion.

Americanism Scoring for Militia

– A recommendation to authorize points for firing a weapon was turned down by suggestion of the Color Guard Committee. A sub-committee was created to address requests for changes in scoring in order to make suggestions to the national committee.

Color Guard National Rankings

– A suggestion to have a system for assigning ranks uniformly to color members (such as Captain to all State CG Commanders) was turned down. Another motion to establish District Color Guard Commanders was turned down.

Eighth Grade Essay Contest

– A new contest will likely start in the fall of next year. Local chapters are encouraged to begin such a program at the local level prior to then if interested.

Eighth Grade Brochure Contest

– The Americanism Committee approved a proposal to start a new contest using the same theme as the annual poster contest. Eighth graders will create tri-fold brochures, but only original artwork will be allowed.

Poster Contest

– It was clarified that computer artwork and text will still be allowed in the poster contest.

Americanism Committee

The Committee voted not to add the wording "no computer generated" material to the poster contest rules.

The Committee also voted to add a new contest. This contest will be the 8th grade students contest or Middle School contest.

The Committee voted to table the request for musket volleys at Patriot Grave marking until after the Color Guard met that afternoon.

No changes on the PG or Americanism Contest at this time.

The Committee also voted to form a sub-committee to address requests that come to

the Chairman to review and address. They will make recommendations back to the Chairman and Committee at the next Leadership meeting.

Color Guard

Members who received the Gold Color Guard medal will vote on the Color Guardsman of the Year. Each State will have one vote.

Terry Manning
President

[NSSAR Web Site](#)

A new National web site has been launched which is somewhat different from what you may have been accustomed to using. The new site requires that each member set up a login to access certain information. You can create this login account by following the simple steps shown on the opening web page.

There are some features you may view without having a login account. Among them is the NSSAR Long Range Plan.

President General Ed Butler has requested that each member be provided the line to this very important plan. You may view this plan by going to www.sar.org and clicking on the caption "Long Range Plan". Or, you may go directly to the Plan by entering the web address: www.sar.org/News/Long-Range-Plan-NSSAR. This will open the LRP for your viewing.

Please read the Long Range Plan! It is important that you have an understanding of where SAR is heading so you can be a part of it!

