



The

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch

October - December 2009



President Terry Manning

With the beginning of a new year, I look back with pride on the local, state, regional, and national successes of the members, chapters, officers, and committees of the Georgia Society. With 20,000 miles of personal travel associated with attending SAR events during the year I can truly attest to the ongoing activity of the Georgia Society membership in 2009. Our members have again successfully promoted almost every SAR program with results that are often recognized nationally.

The year's activities included new student tuition programs, placement of monuments, involvement in tourism projects, history lecture series, new chapter formation, expanded local historic event celebrations, increased Color Guard participation, locating historic sites, more participation with veterans' organizations, additional C.A.R. sponsorship, and increased liaison with DAR.

Georgia's new and innovative approaches to accomplishing the historic, educational, and patriotic goals of SAR have often been the basis for creating new national programs or for making major improvements to established programs. You continued that tradition of success this year. Our members continue to serve on every major national committee and this year we chair many of them. You greatly contribute to the direction that national SAR programs take.

Thanks to each of you for all that you do -- some of you a little or a lot in an individual program and some of you participating in a variety of activity. No matter how little or how much you can contribute at this point in time, your combined efforts make

us a great Society. It is now time to look forward to the adventures of a new year. I told the members at a chapter meeting recently that having 29 chapters in a Society is like raising a dozen children. Although each one receives the same guidelines and is subject to participating in the same programs, each chapter develops its own personality and does things in its own unique way. This creates the adventure that makes membership in SAR exciting.

I look forward to hearing about and seeing the many ways in which you will contribute to our goals and objectives in 2010 and hope to see many of you January 9th at our first Color Guard banquet and April 2-3 at the annual conference.

Terry Manning, President



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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Message From the

Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

New Chapter Officers: Many chapters will have new officers for 2010. Please send this information to State Secretary as early as possible with email addresses.

Application Transmittal Form: The form has been revised and is now the appropriate form to accompany new and supplemental applications sent to our State Registrar. It reflects the increase in National dues and fees. See Source Book Sections 12.06F Transmittal Form, 12.07.1 Dues and Fees Chart, and 12.07.2 General Information.

Reinstatements: Members who did not pay their 2010 dues by December 31 may be reinstated through their chapter by paying current dues.

Membership Award: Chapters with at least 10 members that renew 100% of their 2009 membership for 2010 will receive recognition at our annual meeting and be presented with a certificate and a flag streamer.

PG Robert B. Vance, Sr., Membership Trophy: This rotating trophy is presented at our annual meeting to the member who had the most first-line sponsorships of new members registered at National during the previous calendar year.

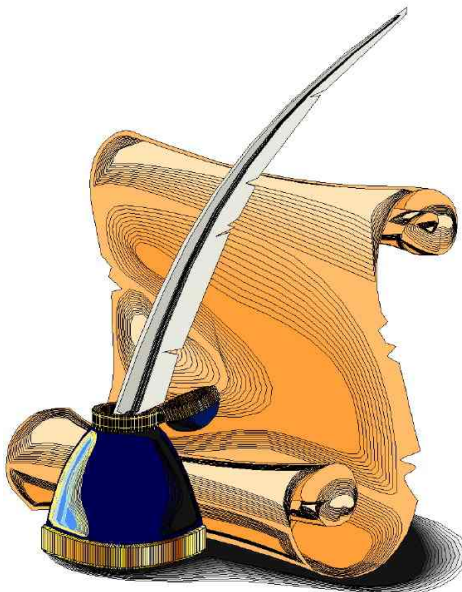
Communications: From time to time communications are sent by the State Secretary to Chapter Presidents. In order to achieve maximum distribution he should forward the communications to his chapter members. If he has advised the undersigned of a chapter Director of Communications these communications 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

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**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
January 23, 2010
10:00 am
RAMADA INN
FORSYTH, GA**

**NOTE: HOLIDAY INN IS NOW
RAMADA INN. SAME LOCATION.**



Report From The

Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Walker
Chewning

Let's Celebrate Patriots Day – April 19

A new initiative of the Georgia Society is to encourage each chapter to use the month of April, and especially April 19, to publicize stories of Patriots of the American Revolution in their community. President Terry Manning recently stated, "This initiative can take several directions. One approach is to highlight the Patriots for whom your chapter, county or town are named. Alternatively, you might decide to recognize the contributions of the Patriot ancestors of your own chapter members. Consider joining with the DAR, American Legion, or historical society to conduct a local public event. Or at least, you should use your April Meeting to highlight Patriots Day."

Implementation actions can include local governmental proclamations, newspaper articles, website announcements, library and school displays, school presentations, or public lectures. Other actions can include placing flags at the grave of Patriots or visiting sites on Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail. Terry added, "You might prepare a press

release with interesting tidbits about some of the Patriots or you might place white crosses with the names of Patriots in your town square or another historic location."

The Georgia Society Historic Sites & Celebration Committee is working on two projects to support the celebration of Patriots Day in Georgia. First, we are arranging for a State of Georgia Proclamation to recognize Patriots Day – April 19 as one of Georgia's Commemorative Days. Second, we are developing a colorful brochure to encourage Georgians to Celebrate Patriots Day on April 19. The brochure will include a brief description of the events at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775; pictorial examples of how to Celebrate Patriots Day; and brief sketches of the 64 American Revolution Patriots for whom Georgia counties have been named.

We would like to learn your recommendations to "Celebrate Patriot's Day."

Contact Bill Ramsaur, Marshes of Glynn Chapter at wframsaur@aol.com.

NEWS

of the
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SATURDAY
JANUARY 23, 2010
10:00 am**

"Revolutionary Days" February 12, 13, 14, 2010 Celebrating the 231ST Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek

Join your SAR Compatriots in Washington and Wilkes County, Georgia during the weekend of February 12, 13 and 14 for the Revolutionary Days Celebration. It was here on February 14, 1779, that a small group of Georgia and South Carolina Militia took on a British unit twice their size and prevailed by sheer courage and determination. Col. Andrew Pickens said, "Kettle Creek was the severest check and chastisement, the Tories ever received in South Carolina or Georgia." The militia leaders, Andrew Pickens and Elijah Clarke, would go on to further glory, but John Dooly would pay with his life for his role in this battle.

"The 231ST Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek is expected to be another exciting Celebration," reported Walker Chewning, Historic Sites Committee Chairman. Three memorable days include:

- Historical presentations at the Library, Reception and Dinner on Friday;
- Parade and Living History in Washington and Memorial Ceremony at the Battleground on Saturday; and
- Colonial Worship Service and Ceremony at Colonel Elijah Clarke's grave on Sunday.

Walker added, "This year's highlight will be a portrayal of the Kettle Creek Battle. Come and help us remember our Patriot ancestors and their sacrifices -- and also help us tell others about the daily life of Patriots in Wilkes County during the 1770s."

Report From The

**Georgia
Society
SAR
Speakers
Bureau
George
Thurmond**

Continuing the educational emphasis on the American Revolution in Georgia, the Georgia Society's *Revolutionary War Trail Committee* this fall presented a series of programs for the Emory Adult Education - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Emory University in Atlanta. The institute was open to interested adults age 50 and above who paid a modest fee to enrich their lives by learning new and challenging topics.

Compatriots from several Georgia chapters presented programs for the eight-week long session. Jack Ferguson of Piedmont Chapter with assistance from Billy Templeton of Cherokee Chapter, in the role of Benjamin Franklin, gave an overview of the American Revolution, and subsequent programs dealt primarily with Georgia's role in the fight for independence. Dr. Hugh Rodges of Coweta Falls Chapter, Larry Wilson of Samuel Elbert Chapter, Bob Sapp of Piedmont, Gordon Smith of Edward Telfair and Bill Ramsaur of Marshes of Glynn, emphasized Georgia engagements and heroes, heralding the events and people at Augusta, in the Georgia Backcountry, in Savannah, and Sunbury, and on Georgia Golden Isles. Representative from DAR chapters assisted with "living history" presentations.

The recently developed Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail program and its eight informational pamphlets formed a basis for much of the successful program's curriculum. A copy of each GASSAR Brochure explaining the major Georgia battles and patriots can be downloaded from the webpage-- www.grwt.gassar.org. Copies of the brochures are available also through Georgia Visitor Information Centers. Contact: Pam Cain, Manager, Georgia Visitor Center (I-20 East GA/AL Line), P. O. Box 595, Tallapoosa, Georgia 30176, telephone 770-574-2621, email pcain@georgia.org or www.exploregeorgia.org/.



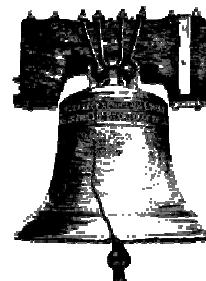
Larry Wilson in Continental dress stands with DAR members Sara Lesseur as Georgia Patriot Nancy Hart and Betty Slaten as Mammy Kate. Mary Fortson Johnson(R) served as host for the Georgia Revolutionary War Trail's classes at Emory University.



Report From

**Georgia
Revolutionary
War Trail
Committee**

Larry Wilson



Help Wanted to Publicize Georgia's
Revolutionary War Trail

Two magazines have recently included articles publicizing the Revolutionary War Trail. The October issue of *American Revolution* featured the 1778 fighting at Fort Morris, and the Fall issue of *Georgia Voyager* included an article entitled, "The Revolutionary War at Sea" which included descriptions of the Battle of the Riceboats in Savannah and, the Frederica Naval Action.

To encourage people to visit the Revolutionary War sites on the Trail, an advertisement is now available with the theme — "*Discovering History is more fun and memorable when experienced in person.*"

Our first priority is to enable people to view the ad on the Internet. We request you to place the ad on your Chapter website or link to our Trail website. Also, can you contact historical, heritage and tourism organizations to accept the ad or at least link to the GRWT website?

We need SAR Compatriots and Chapters to help "place" the ad in local newspapers, magazines and other types of publications — especially those related to families and tourism.

We can change the photo in the advertisement to meet different objectives, including showing your members at one of the historic sites. Please contact Bill Ramsaur at wframsaur@aol.com for further information and to volunteer to help publicize Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail.

Discovering Our Heritage and History ...

Major Georgia
Battles

Georgia's Revolutionary
War Trail

**American
Revolution Trail**

1. Elbert County — Fight at Van(n)'s Creek
GPS: N34.162 W82.744
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 — Sunbury, Fort Morris & Midway
GPS: N31.764 W81.279
8. St. Simons Island — Frederica Naval Action
GPS: N31.224 W81.393

Found in the Present!

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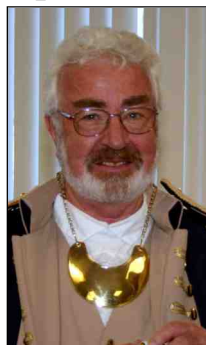
- Learn how out-numbered Patriots fought British Loyalists at Vann's Creek near Elberton
- Walk where Elijah Clarke defeated British Loyalists alongside Kettle Creek near Washington
- See where "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest" John Dooly and Elijah Clarke lived near Lincolnton
- Follow "Light Horse Harry" Lee's cavalry during the capture of Fort Cornwallis in Augusta
- Stand where Samuel Elbert courageously fought British Highlanders at Brier Creek near Sylvania
- Imagine hearing the French cry "Vive le roi" at Spring Hill Battleground in Savannah
- Listen for John McIntosh's "Come and take it" defiant shout at Fort Morris earthworks
- Visualize the Georgia Navy's capture of British ships in the Frederica River at St. Simons Island

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Plan your trip on the Trail website: www.grwt.gassar.org



Report From The



Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**



2009 in Review The award-winning Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Col. Elijah Clarke Militia unit had another very good year. Member participation set a new record. The Color Guard had 849 member participations in 62 events, which is an increase of 91 member participations over the old record. The active roster stands at 76 members with 82 percent participation. Six (6) Color Guardsmen participated in a national or state event for the first time this year. The Color Guard participated in 74 events, two events off the record set in 2006. The largest participation was at the Kettle Creek Wreath Ceremony, where 37 members participated.

The Georgia Society Color Guard donated, in the name of the Georgia Society, \$250 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The Marietta First Baptist church donated the money to the Color Guard for presenting the Colors at the church on July 4.

The active membership for 2009 stood at 76 members, a loss of three over last year. Any SAR member with a uniform - continental, militia, or kilt - is welcome to participate with the Georgia Society Color Guard. If a member has not participated in a national or state event for three years he is dropped from the active list. Five (5) Color Guard members were dropped this year for non-participation.

Paul Grimes made 10 toy muskets that he presented to the Color Guard. William Ramsaur presented the America Liberty flag, the first flag of Georgia. The flag was added to the Color Guards collection of historic flags and has been carried at several events.

Upcoming Color Guard Opportunities

January 16	Daniel Morgan Wreath Ceremony, Spartanburg, SC
January 16	Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC
January 23	BOM, Forsyth, GA
January 30	Austin Dabney grave marking, Pike County, GA
February 13	Kettle Creek Skirmish, Parade, and War Hill Celebration
February 14	Elijah Clarke wreath presentation, Lincolnton, GA
February 27	Battle of Moores Creek Bridge, Currie, NC
March 5-6	NSSAR Leadership Conference, Louisville, KY
March 6	Last Naval Battle Observance, Cape Canaveral, FL
March 13	Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC
March 27	O'Rear/Jackson grave markings, Bartow County, GA
April 2-3	GASSAR Annual Conference

GET INVOLVED WITH THE AWARD WINNING COLOR GUARD NOW!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Altamaha	Ned Leland Shuman, Sr.	Adam Brinson	William H. Carswell
Athens	Christopher Wayne Carter John Walter Gaissert Gary Lynn Wilson	Vines Collier Simon Terrell Obadiah Moore	Robert F. Towns Robert F. Towns Robert F. Towns
Atlanta	Harold Logan Brooks Charles DeHaven Wheeler	John Martin Abraham DeHaven	H. Lowrey McNeel T. Fisher Craft
Casimir Pulaski	Charles Lawson Brooks Raymond Chester Umlauf	Elisha Brooks Nicholas Gibbs	(Transfer) Kline O. Pugh
Cherokee	Eric Christopher Arthurs	John Binkley	Billy J. Templeton
Coweta Falls	Freeman Rowe O'Neal	Patrick McGriff	Hollis Daniel Sigman
Edward Telfair	Jack Tarver Harrison	Lewis Jenkins, III	Julian D. Kelly, Jr.
Joel Early	William Arthur Bramlett	Zoath Spooner	David Neal Spooner
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Athens

Members of the Athens Chapter recently visited Oconee County elementary schools, presenting framed copies of the Declaration of Independence and giving Revolutionary War era talks using the Georgia Society's fully assembled "Traveling Trunk." Chapter President Jackson Guest in militia attire and Compatriot



Guest and Newcomer share items from Traveling Trunk with Fourth Graders

Charlie Newcomer in Continental dress appeared on the schools' televised morning news programs, and afterwards as the trunk was unpacked brought alive to the fourth graders of the schools the story of the Founding Fathers and life in the Colonial Era. Teachers and students were informed of the annual Americanism Poster Contest for fourth graders. An additional feature of the programs was an overview of Georgia's role in the American Revolution, using GASSAR's Revolutionary War Trail pamphlets, and an invitation to the teachers and students to attend the commemorative events at nearby Kettle Creek and Vann's Creek/Cherokee Ford.

NEWS
of the
Georgia Society
Chapters

Dalton

Four "wounded warriors" from the Army National Guard unit headquartered in Dalton, Georgia, along with their families, were honored by the Dalton Chapter, GASSAR, at a special "Salute to Veterans" dinner on Veterans' Day, 2009. Sfc Jeffrey Boyles, Cpl. Andrew Sullens, Spc. Anthony Landowski and Spc. Nate Watson from Charlie Troop were recognized for their patriotism, love of country and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. The men were wounded in Afghanistan in two separate incidents shortly after the unit



Wounded Warriors, members of the Georgia Army National Guard, and their wives being honored at Veterans Day Banquet in Dalton

arrived in the war-torn nation last spring.

Dalton Chapter President Fred W. Snell and past president Larry Winter who coordinated the

evening's program presented each of the soldier heroes framed "Wounded Warrior" certificates signed by President General Edward F. Butler, Sr. Wives and mothers of the four men received engraved plaques and bouquets of roses in appreciation of their support and sacrifice.

"The program was the best ever for any SAR program I have attended," said long-time SAR member and Past President Zack Norville. "At no time have I heard a message so astoundingly historic, patriotic, and army original."

Joel Early

Georgia's Joel Early Chapter received the first place ribbon in the adult group for its patriotic entry in the Harvest Festival Parade in Donalsonville, Georgia in late fall.

Pictured in front of the float are Registrar Tom Peters, Fletcher Dunaway, Secretary-Treasurer Larry Grant, Harry Dunaway, Robert Dunaway, and Chaplain Clayton Penhallegon. Chapter President Neal Spooner holds the Blue Ribbon won by the



organization.



William Few

Augusta, Georgia, 15 November 2009, Past GA Society SAR Treasurer and member of the William Few Chapter, LTC David Titus received the Military Order of World Wars Gold Patrick Henry Medallion (MOWW) from Past Chapter Commander and Chaplain General, MAJ Charlie R. Beasley, presenting on behalf of immediate Past CINC LT General Sam Wetzel..



Companion and spouse Carol Titus stands proudly by David. Past MOWW CINC LTC Titus was given this award for his many years of supporting MOWW Youth Activities and Patriotic Education Programs.

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Marquis de Lafayette

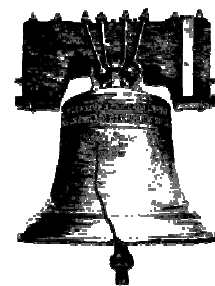
On September 5, 2009, the Marquis de Lafayette and Ocmulgee SAR Chapters hosted the grave marking of Patriot Thomas Green in Lamar Co., GA. We had a wonderful turn out by the C.A.R., DAR and SAR. On September 12th, Mike Tomme and Lewie Dunn attended the grave marking of Patriots Arendall and Fannin in Franklin Co. Mike Tomme attended the Elijah Clarke DAR Chapter's Constitutional event in Athens with the posting of colors on September 17th. David Jessel, Brenda Jessel, Mike Tomme, Cilla Leed-Tomme and Doug Stansberry attended the Fall Leadership and Trustees meeting in Louisville.

On October 4th, Mike and Cilla Tomme attended the grave marking of Patriot Helton in Dahlonega. On October 6th, Mike and Cilla Tomme attended the grave marking of Patriot Hambright in Grover, NC. On October 7th, Lewie Dunn, Bo Hill, Robert Hites, John Meiller, Mike and Cilla Tomme and dual member Wayne and Wink Rouse attended the celebration of Kings Mountain. That afternoon, Mike and Cilla Tomme and Wayne and Wink Rouse attended the grave marking of Patriot McClanahan in Greenville, SC. On October 11th and 12th, Mike and Cilla Tomme traveled to Washington, DC to attend convention planning and board meeting of N.S.C.A.R. On October 13th, Cilla presented a Colonial Dress program to the Augustin Clayton CAR Chapter. On October 15th, Mike and Cilla presented their Colonial Living History program to the Sons of Liberty SAR Chapter. On October 19th, Mike and Cilla Tomme and Wayne and Wink Rouse took part in the wreath laying at Governor's Nelson grave in Yorktown, VA. That afternoon they marched in the Yorktown Parade. On October 24th, Mike Tomme, Bo Hill, Paul Grimes, took part in the Elijah Clarke Militia. Also, Liz Grimes of the Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter and Jarred

Cline of the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society took part in the ceremony in Louisville, GA. On October 29th, Mike and Cilla Tomme and Bo Hill presented their Colonial Living History School program to J.C. Booth Middle School.

On November 2nd, Mike and Cilla presented their Colonial Living History School program to Ola Middle School. On November 7th, Mike Tomme, Knox Herndon, Lewie Dunn, Paul Grimes, David Jessel and Jarred Cline took part in the Veterans Day Parade in Atlanta. On November 12th, Mike and Cilla presented their Colonial Living History program to the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter. On November 21st, Mike and Cilla took part in the ceremony at Fort Morris.

On December 5th, Mike Tomme, Kevin Napier, Paul Grimes, Walt Reed, David Jessel, Lewie Dunn, Bo Hill, Liz Grimes and Peggy Cline of the Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter and Brenda Jessel of the General Daniel Newnan DAR Chapter, Christine Napier of the Pulaski DAR Chapter, Jarred Cline, Abby Napier, Jordan Napier, David Napier and Alison Napier of the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society took part in the McDonough Christmas Parade. On December 6th, David Jessel, Bo Hill, Lewie Dunn and Walt and Linda Reed took part in the Newnan Christmas Parade. On December 10th, Mike and Cilla presented their Colonial Living History program to the Atlanta SAR Chapter. On December 11th, Mike Tomme along with the GASSAR Color Guard posted colors at the State Capitol for "We the People".



Washington-Wilkes

Mayor Willie Burns and Washington Commissioner's Samuel Moore welcomes in the new Washington-Wilkes Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution with proclamations to declare "Washington-Wilkes" Day. With approximately 70 guest seated, President GASSAR Terry Manning officially presented the new chapter's president David Jenkins with a Charter to admit the new Washington-Wilkes Chapter into the Georgia Society SAR. President of the Samuel Elbert Chapter acted as the host with President Jim Lloyd presiding. In addition to the two proclamations highlighting the charter banquet, Kettle Creek NSDAR member Betty Slaton was presented with the prestigious Martha Washington Medal and Certificate for her role in the organization of the new chapter. The award winning GASSAR Color Guard under the commander Paul Prescott presented the colors for the ceremony.

Since 1998, when the first Kettle Creek Battle Ground

Celebration was created by Rev. Jack R. Bozeman and Lt. Col. Robert A. Galer, a need for a local chapter for GASSAR was recognized. (Note: The American Revolution battle at Kettle Creek in Wilkes County occurred February 14, 2009, where commanders Elijah Clarke, Andrew Pickens, and John Dooly led a Patriot victory over the Tories (British) to

hand Georgia one of the few state's victories during the American Revolution.) In August 2008, Samuel Elbert Chapter member NE GA. Reg. VP Larry Wilson asked State Genealogist Robert A. Sapp to lead a genealogy conference in Washington, Georgia (at the Mary Willis Library –thanks to Librarian Lillie Crowe for scheduling our meeting room). Bob agreed to MC each organizational meeting and help with the membership. At the same time NSDAR Kettle Creek Chapter member Betty Slaton was asked to help facilitate a prospective member drive to began a campaign to create a new chapter in Washington, GA – the home of the Kettle Creek Battle Site Commemoration. After GASSAR members and interested

Chapter, Samuel Elbert Chapter Registrar Larry Richardson, Olds Harris, Dr. Joe Harris, David Jenkins, and several other GASSAR members, to develop a new chapter. It was not long afterwards when more than 60 prospective members were identified and the work began. Several new members were admitted to the new chapter, about 17 members of the Samuel Elbert Chapter were identified who could transfer to the new chapter and after several organizational meetings prospective chapter officers were identified. David Denton Jenkins was selected as president, Dr. Joseph Harris accepted the treasurer's role, Tom Owen, secretary, Don Ray Thomas, Sr. accepted the sergeant-at-arms role, David McClearn

accepted the registrar's role, J. Larry Pinson accepted the vice-president slot, attorney David Chesnut accepted the role as chaplain. Presently the new Washington-Wilkes Chapter has 17 members and counting.

Anyone wishing to join the new Washington-Wilkes Chapter should contact the local registrar David McClaren at 706-678-1664, secretary Tom

Owen at 706-678-5024, or Dr. Joseph Harris at 706-678-2818. Charter Membership is still open.



**Charter members Washington-Wilkes Chapter
December 17, 2009**

citizens of Washington, Georgia and with Betty Slaton's help and help from several other DAR ladies, and with help from former State Presidents Charlie Newcomer and Robert F. Towns, and help from State Vice President Michael Tomme (former state registrar), Metro Reg. VP Walker Chewning, Samuel Elbert



Atlanta

The October meeting of the Atlanta Chapter featured a presentation on "Migration Trails up to 1870" by Mrs. Elaine McConnell, a member of the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, DAR, in Lawrenceville. Her charts showed clearly the several migration routes into Georgia and other southern states. Many of our members recognized the routes followed by their ancestors. Also, at this meeting, 2nd Vice President, Guyton McCall presented a Certificate of Commendation to John And Carol Dietrichs for the proper display of the United States Flag at their home. The flag is an all weather one, adequately lighted at night. John responded with interesting remarks regarding his collection of artifacts from all wars from the Revolution to the current conflicts.

Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., well known genealogist and columnist, spoke at the November meeting, outlining in some detail several aids in researching for ancestral information and records. He is especially well known for the "genealogy column" he writes for the Atlanta Journal/Constitution. A Certificate of Commendation was presented to Dr. Brett Jacobsen, Head Master of the Mount Vernon Presbyterian School. The school proudly displays the United States Flag, and each morning the students recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The school day begins with a prayer. Terry Manning, President, GASSAR, and a member of the Atlanta Chapter, presented President Bill Hays a beautiful medallion, known as a "Challenge Coin", with the challenge to continue good works for SAR.

A view into the life and times of the

Revolutionary War period, presented by Compatriot Mike Tomme and his wife highlighted the December meeting. In period dress, they explained many of the clothing items used in those days, as well as several of the customs that prevailed at that time. The Nominating Committee Chairman, Compatriot Ed Floyd, presented a slate of officers for the next year for consideration by the Chapter. Voting for officers will take place at the January meeting, and the new officers will be installed by GASSAR President Terry Manning at the February "Washington Birthday Luncheon". Chapter Secretary, Compatriot Fisher Craft, complete with reindeer antlers, regaled us with his own particular brand of humor (followed in some instances by "groans" from those who did not appreciate Fisher's offerings).



President Bill Hays presents George Washington half-dollars to Mike and Cilla Tomme

On September 29th Compatriots Terry Manning and Guyton McCall represented the Atlanta Chapter at the Annual Constitution Week Luncheon, sponsored by the Georgia State Society, NSDAR, at Ansley Golf Club. Terry, as President of the GASSAR, brought greetings on behalf of that organization. The

speaker, Tim Miller, a history teacher at Fayette County High School, spoke about events of the War, and expressed confidence in the youth of today.

Compatriots Manning and McCall again represented the Chapter at the Celebration of the 229th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7th. Some 60 or 70 wreaths were presented, with Terry presenting the Georgia State Society wreath. On the 6th of October, attendees enjoyed a reception hosted by the North Carolina State Society, and on the 7th the South Carolina State Society provided a selection of delicious warm biscuits with ham, chicken, etc.

Members of the Atlanta Chapter, on October 15th, were treated to an outstanding reception hosted by

President Bill Hays and his charming wife, Ann, at their home. The home was beautifully decorated and an array of tempting items was graciously served. A large group of members and wives enjoyed the evening.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers on November 12 Compatriot Phil Potts was named to the newly created position of Roll Master, with responsibility for maintaining a current roster of members and publishing the annual yearbook.

The year 2009 has been a good one for the Atlanta Chapter, and we are committed to an even better year in 2010. Visitors are welcome at our meetings, held at Petite Auberge Restaurant in Toco Hills Shopping Center on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of July and August. No reservations necessary.



DAR HELPING SAR



After nearly a decade of scanning, indexing, and other behind-the-scenes work by DAR members and employees, the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the availability of the DAR Genealogical Research System on our public website. Here are the direct links:

http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm or www.dar.org (and click on the Library button at the top, then the second tab in the left-hand column).

The GRS is a growing collection of databases that provide access to many materials collected by the DAR over the past 119 years. Included in this collection of databases is the GRC National Index which has been available to researchers for the past few years. There are still some kinks we're working out here and there.

When you go to the link above, you will find several tabs that will enable searching in the various databases:

Ancestor – established DAR Revolutionary War Ancestors and basic information about them with listings of the applications submitted by descendants who joined the DAR [updated daily]

Member – limited access to information on deceased/former DAR members – not current members.

Descendants – index of generations in applications between the DAR member and the Revolutionary War ancestor. There is much eighteenth and nineteenth-century information here. [ongoing indexing project]

GRC – every name index to 20,000 typescript volumes (some still being indexed) of genealogical records such as cemeteries, Bibles, etc. This index is not limited to the period of the American Revolution at all.

Resources [In particular, the digitized DAR Library Revolutionary Pension Extract Card Index and the Analytical Index Cards. Other information sources will be coming in the near future, mostly relating to Revolutionary War service, bibliographies, *Forgotten Patriots* (updates), etc. Read the introductions to these to learn why these are both important genealogical indexes. For example, the Rev. War pension index includes the names of people mentioned in those pensions that were abstracted (not just the pensioner or widow)!!!!]

Library Catalog – our book, periodical, and manuscript holdings

Each of these has interrelated content, and a description of each is given more fully on the website. You will notice restricted information in many search results. This is the result of a concerted effort to protect the identity of our members while providing historical genealogical information to researchers.

The national numbers of members (without the names of living members) given in the search results are needed to order copies of applications and supplemental applications. They do not lead online researchers to any other information about the member.



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



Gone but not forgotten.

Robert Douglas Bishop
Valdosta Chapter
October 4, 2009

Roy Eldon Gunnells
Samuel Elbert Chapter
November 19, 2009

Charles Eason Hall
Coweta Falls Chapter
December 4, 2009

Thomas Morton Fort, Jr.
Coweta Falls Chapter
November 1, 2009

James Harvey Telford, Jr.
Lyman Hall Chapter
November 19, 2009

Vincent Malone Greene
Coweta Falls Chapter
December 13, 2009

E. Ragan Pruitt
Atlanta Chapter
December 14, 2009



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference Registration Form – April 2-3, 2010

Marriott Atlanta Gwinnett Place
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, Georgia 30096
Reservation Phone (770) 923-1775 – Rooms: \$79 plus taxes
(Exit 104 on Interstate 85 in Gwinnett County)

Please return the following information by March 17 with check payable to “Georgia Society SAR” to Terry Manning, 1201 Timber Glen Ct SW, Lilburn, GA 30047-7439

Registration Fee (SAR Members Only): \$ 25.00

Schedule of Events - Friday, April 2:

2:00-5:30 pm Registration & Hospitality Suite
6:30 pm Reception (Cash Bar)
7:00 pm Member Awards Banquet (Members, wives, guests) ___ x \$35 = \$ _____
(Black Tie, Business Suit, Uniform)
Guests of Honor: President General and Mrs. Edward Butler

Schedule of Events – Saturday, April 3:

8:00 – 8:30 am Late Registration
8:30 am Memorial Service (Members, wives, guests)
9:15 am Spring Board of Managers Meeting (Members)
9:15-10:00 am Ladies' Program – The Woman's Colonial Clothing
10:15-11:00 am Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting
10:45 am Annual Meeting: Election of Officers (Members)
11:45 am Chapter and Program Awards Luncheon ___ x \$25 = \$ _____
& Installation of Officers (Members, wives, guests)

Total Remitted (Registration, Friday Banquet, Saturday Banquet) = \$ _____

Registration Information

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Member): _____

Name of Chapter: _____ E-mail: _____

State Title(s): _____

Chapter Title(s): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Wife): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Guest): _____

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