



The

January—March 2017

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



Wayne L. Brown

My first quarter as your president has come to an end and it has been a very busy quarter with a variety of events. This quarter's second major event was the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Brier Creek and I want to convey my appreciation to the newly formed Brier Creek Chapter for organizing this event. In addition, I would like to commend our new Color Guard Commander, Bill Palmer, for a job well done at this event and during his first quarter in that position. This was the second year for the Battle of Brier Creek Commemoration as a Georgia SAR event and many of our members including your president have Patriots that participated in this battle. It is my hope that this event will attract the attendance and reach the level of prestige as that of our annual Kettle Creek Commemoration.

During the first quarter, I had the pleasure of attending the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Col. William Few Chapter located in Augusta. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each member of this chapter for a job well done. For the past four decades, they have been working diligently in support of the Georgia SAR and our mission.

While traveling around the state and visiting our chapters, I am awed by those who work tirelessly and give so much of their time and resources to fulfill the mission of our great organization and to advance the public image of the Georgia SAR. I indeed realize

that I am in this position because I am standing on the shoulders of giants. I also sense a special bond with each of the members of this great organization. This bond is due to our Patriot Ancestors who established the United States of America, the greatest Nation on God's green Earth and it is a bond that binds you and me together like no other relationship that exist in any civic club or organization and I pray that the Georgia SAR never morphs into a club. We are much different. We are a kinship, a gentlemen's organization. You and I can agree or disagree on any given issue and yet not descend to pettiness and reprisal, but rise above and keep our eyes on the mission for which we have been charged.

**Secretary's Report
Georgia Society, Sons of
the American Revolution
Spring 2017**

Active Membership as of 31 Dec 1843
Less: DROPS (175)

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 1672

Plus: New Members 66
Transfers In 0
Reinstatements 19
Reinstatement-Transfers 0

Total Additions 85

Less: Deceased 8
Less: Resignation 0
Less: Transfers Out 0

Total Losses 8

Active Membership as of 01 Apr 1,749
Reported to National

Plus: Dual Members (Out of State) 27

Active Membership as of 01 Apr 1,776
Reported to BOM

George H. Wheelers, Secretary

Executive Committee Meetings

Wednesday April 12, 2017
Wednesday July 19, 2017
Wednesday October 11, 2017
Wednesday January 17, 2018

Executive Committee location:

**J Christophers
5482 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd
Atlanta, GA 30338**

Board Of Managers Meetings

Saturday April 29, 2017
Saturday July 29, 2017
Saturday October 21, 2017
Saturday January 27, 2018

BOM location:

**Garden Patch Restaurant
100 Southland Drive
(old hwy 41)
Barnesville, GA. 30204**

State Officers & Committees

NEWS

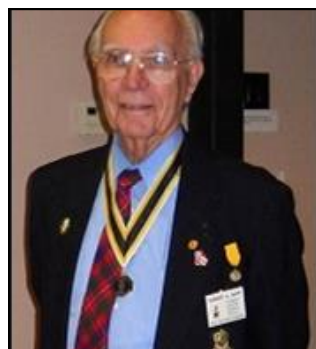


Bylaws Committee—Ed Rigel, Sr

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1st Quarter Activity: Action on the proposed amendment to Article V, Section 4, Historic Sites & Celebrations presented to the BOM for consideration at the January BOM meeting was postponed until the April BOM meeting.

The Committee is working on improved wording to that proposal for consideration at the July BOM meeting. A motion to postpone indefinitely the original proposal will be made at the April BOM meeting.



Georgia Society Registrar—Bob Sapp

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Status of applications received during the first quarter of 2017 is as follows:

Applications received for review were 71 of which all but two are reviewed. As of 3 April 2017, 57 applications were sent to NSSAR and 18 applications were pended by state registrar. One of which was returned to applicant. None of the 2017 applications have been reviewed by NSSAR.

The first quarter 2017 statistics are as follows:

97.2 % applications reviewed
80 % applications sent to NSSAR
25 % applications pended by State Registrar

Two contributing factors result in the long processing time at NSSAR. The Genealogist General has noted that the staff has been reduced over the past year by effectively one person. The genealogical staff has indicated that the quality of application packages also contribute to the long processing time. The quality deals with source documentation and application package content. Some examples are half page source documents and multiple source data dealing with the same event. Further communication dealing with these issues will be forthcoming from the State Registrar to all state society members.



Color Guard Committee—Bill Palmer

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Color Guard Staff: Bill Palmer (Commander). Allen Greenly (Deputy Commander – Northern Division), Jimmy Boatright (Deputy Commander – Southern Division), Sid Turner (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Northern Division), Steve Burke (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Southern Division), Ed Rigel, Jr. (Adjutant), Ed Rigel, Sr. (Immediate Past Commander and Advisor)

Year to Date

Membership: The Color Guard has added 2 members to the Militia, as first time participants to its roll this year to date. New Continental Line uniforms available from GG Godwin, any Compatriot who orders a new uniform is eligible to receive the \$100 stipend, even if they are previous recipients for old uniforms or Militia outfits.

Participation: The number of members participating was awesome! Militia turnout has been outstanding.



Graves Committee—Sonny Pittman

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First Quarter, January-March, 2017, Report:

On Friday, February 10, the **Atlanta and Col William Few Chapters** conducted a **SAR Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony** at the site of the grave of **Col Elijah Clarke** in Elijah Clark State Park near Lincolnton, GA. Form 26.07F was completed, a headstone photo attached, and the GA SAR Grave Registration Site was updated. The Ceremony was held as part of a weekend of celebration for the Battle of Kettle Creek.

On Saturday, March 25, the **Altamaha Chapter** conducted a **SAR Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony** for **David B. Dukes, Sr.** at the site of his grave in the Priester Family Cemetery near Jesup, GA. Compatriot Dukes Sr. was a charter member of the Altamaha Chapter at its inception in 1992, and served as President, Registrar and Genealogist for many years. He was also a Southeastern

Regional Vice President for the Georgia Society for a number of years.

Please note that after completing a grave dedication ceremony your Chapter is responsible for registering each grave dedicated by reporting it together with headstone photo using the electronic form presented in Chapter 26, Section 26.07F or in Chapter 10 of the Source Book Web Edition. Note either Form 26.07F or Form 10.10F is for both Patriot and Compatriot Grave Registrations. Click on “Patriot” after “Registry Type” to get the drop down for the Compatriot Form.

Patriot and Compatriot Grave Markings and appropriate documents are to be submitted to the Webmaster and Graves Committee Chairman.

All Georgia SAR Chapters should have received copies of the two volume set, Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers by Ross Arnold and Hank Burnham, which will help in locating Patriot Graves.

Chapters are reminded to include in their grave marking program a Grave Dedication Statement presented by the Georgia Society President, Chapter President or Senior Compatriot attending.

President Brown's Goal:

All chapters are encouraged to seek out Revolutionary War Patriot Graves and Conduct Grave Marking Ceremonies.

President Brown's goal is to have each Chapter conduct at least one Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in 2017.

Graves Committee Membership:

Sonny Pittman, Chairman. 2202 Holly Haven Court, Augusta, GA 30907. (706) 860-1050. sonnypittman@comcast.net. Committee members include Jerry Brigham, Donald Burdick, Roger Coursey, Bruce Maney, Bill Tankersley and George Thurmond.

If any Compatriot would like to serve on the Georgia Society Graves Committee, please contact President Brown or Graves Committee Chairman Sonny Pittman. Our goal is to have at least one committee member in each region of the state.



Eagle Scout Committee - Bill Coffeen

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Our committee has received 23 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date which is about the same as last year at this time. There have been several changes among chapter recognition chairs this past year. **If any chapter has designated a new Eagle chair since the beginning of this year please let me know as soon as possible.** Those changes will soon be reflected in updates to our Georgia Society website. Please note that many, but not all BSA Councils throughout the State are willing to share information about their newly minted Eagle Scouts. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to contact your local Council please call me at 770-419-2549.

The Georgia Society can approve up to three compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. This is an award for any SAR member who has distinguished himself over the years serving the Scouting program. So I remind all chapters to consider a chapter member who you think deserves such recognition and forward the application to me. You may download the application from the National website and forward it along with a check for \$20 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs and we'll provide support and direction to help you grow. As a reminder, the Georgia Society deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2017. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me by email to billcoffeen@gmail.com. **It is essential that all 2017 applicants use the current application available on the National website. No others will be accepted.**

ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Liaison CommitteeLCDR David G. Jessel USN Retptljessel@charter.net

Committee Members: Chair LCDR David G. Jessel USN Ret., LTC Bloise A. Hill USA Ret., CPT Jimmy Flanagin NG, CAPT Roger W. Coursey USCG Ret. and LCDR Michael N. Henderson USN Ret.

Georgia Society Outstanding Cadet 2016-2017, C/Maj Katelynn Bruce AFJROTC Warner Robins High School sponsored by the Ocmulgee Chapter GASSAR is representing the Georgia Society in the NSSAR competition. Cadet Bruce received a \$600 award from the GASSAR. All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should strongly encourage these Units to participate in the JROTC Enhance (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2017-2018. The top three OC's in the NSSAR Contest receive cash awards with the winner receiving \$4,000 and up to \$1,500 in travel expenses to the NSSAR National Congress (this year in Knoxville, TN) to

receive the award from our President General Mike Tomme member Marquis de Lafayette Chapter GASSAR.

Please consider the Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program to be totally separate programs.

Information on ROTC/JROTC Programs can be found at <https://www.sar.org/> and under Education click ROTC/JROTC. Unfortunately the wording was changed without any input from me and it is at best confusing; however, GASSAR Source Book Index 27 - Youth Recognition & Awards Program has all the information one needs and/or you can call the Chair. We will correct the SAR web site JROTC Pages.

Fourteen Silver ROTC Medal Packages were provided to eleven Georgia Universities for presentation to outstanding cadets/midshipmen selected by the ROTC Program. 10 GASSAR Chapters are being asked by email to present these Medals on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. There is no reason for any chapter to expend funds on a Silver ROTC Medal Package, as this is a function of the GASSAR Awards Committee. If a college/university contacts a chapter about a medal please refer them to the ROTC/JROTC Committee Chair. All ROTC Programs do not rate a medal because they are considered a Cross-town Unit that falls under a Host Unit (University). Your assistance in this area is appreciated. Chapters involved should record these presentations on the BOM Quarterly Report Form.

Chapters have started presenting Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units within the chapters' area of operations. Recipients are selected by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI).

Award Criteria:

- *Awarded to cadet currently enrolled in the JROTC Program
- *A junior (in his/her 3rd year of a 4 year program or 2nd year of a 3 year program)
- *Top 10% of the JROTC class
- *Top 25% of his/her class

Parent Services disseminate these requirements to JROTC Units by directives. SMI's may need to be reminded of the criterion for our award, well in advance of the Awards Ceremony. Whenever I mail or hand carry the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal Package to the SMI, the award criteria is included in the cover letter.

Chapters are strongly encouraged to have a compatriot present the medal in person, rather than mailing the medal and having the SMI present the award. Military, Color Guard, or Militia Uniform is appropriate attire, as is, a sport coat and tie for presenting SAR Medals. Chapters record these medal presentations on their BOM Report. Please ensure that your JROTC Units have been advised that they have a POC (Point of Contact) within your Chapter and that the JROTC Unit knows that they should communicate directly with the Chapter. If there is a problem or if you have questions, do not hesitate to phone or email me.

The ROTC/JROTC Committee does not maintain a list of JROTC Units supported by a given chapter. New JROTC Units are assigned to a chapter in the area. Inquires about the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal are referred to the President of the chapter assigned to support the Unit. Liaison between the chapter representative and the JROTC Unit should have already occurred and chapter should be arranging for a compatriot to present the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal at the Unit's Awards Ceremony.

Sea Cadet Units may nominate a cadet for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and there is now a Sea Cadet Ribbon to go along with this medal. Sea Cadet Ribbon is a separate item when ordered from NSSAR Store. There are several Sea Cadet Units in Georgia. If there is a Sea Cadet Unit within your Chapter area of operation, please contact them and let them know that your chapter can provide them a BGCM if they request the medal and provide a letter of justification. As with the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal, it is highly recommended that a member of the chapter present the BGCM at an official Sea Cadet Meeting (Muster). Visit the NSCC web site <http://homeport.seacadets.org/display/Manuals/Awards+Manual.NSCC+AWARDS+MANUAL+23+Mar+2014+PAGES+4-11/12> spells out the criteria for the SAR BGCM.

NOTE: Sea Cadets have two groups of cadets. Sea Cadets (junior) 6, 7, 8th grade are not eligible for the SAR BGCM & Sea Cadet ribbon. Sea Cadets (senior) 9, 10, 11, 12th grade may be awarded the BGCM.

The BGCM may be awarded to adults and children. A chapter could award BGCM to the Chapter Enhanced Program OC Runner-up or to a Civil Air Patrol Cadet (CAP) or to a retiring JROTC Instructor. I have JROTC Lapel Pins for \$25 (funds go to the NSSAR JROTC Endowment Fund) that can be awarded to anyone associated with JROTC: Officer, Enlisted, Chapter POC (males or females).

The Georgia Society SAR supports three DOD (overseas) JROTC Units (Kadena HS Okinawa, Shape HS Belgium, and Vicenza HS Italy). SAR Bronze ROTC Medal Packages were mailed under cover letter to these Units in March 2017.

The ROTC/JROTC Budget for 2017 is \$1,650. Questions about ROTC/JROTC Programs should be directed to the Committee Chair.



Source Book Committee—Edward P Rigel, Sr

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1st Quarter Activity: Follows is a list of Source Book sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 1st Quarter 2017:

05.1.23 Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.doc
 10.06.0F Chapter Report to BOM Annual Report Form.doc
 16.0.1 Recipients--Medals, State & National.doc
 16.0.1.10 Recipients--Liberty Medals.doc
 16.0.1.10 Recipients--Liberty Medals-1.doc
 16.0.1.7..2 Recipients Molly Pitcher Medal.doc
 17.0 - 2017 Americanism Update to Source Book.docx
 17.01 - 2017 Georgia Americanism Addendum.xls
 17.02 - 2017 Target Points for Americanism Distinction & Excellence.xls

State and Chapter Officers, State Committee Chairs and Members, are encouraged to review sections in the Source Book pertinent to their area and submit either suggestions for improvement and/or proposed revisions to Source Book to the Committee for consideration.

Contact the Chairman to obtain Source Book contents while the GA SAR website is down.



Treasurer Report—Bob Shaw

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All accounting transactions for the first quarter of 2017 have been performed including bank account reconciliation.

The audit of the Society's Books of Account was performed by the audit committee and were found to be in good shape. No material deviations were noted by the committee. Assisted in the research for information relative to general liability and director's and officers liability insurance.



State Historian—Dr. David A. Ludley

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Objectives for 2017:

Create a catalog of the items contributed in 2017, belonging to the GASSAR, and carried to the Atlanta History Center.

Update the Georgia Society Website section "History of Georgia" for the year 2017.

Activities of the past quarter:

During the 1st Quarter of 2017, additional items were added to the Digital Catalog and placed in storage at the Atlanta History Center, Kenan Research Center.

The flash drive catalog has been updated. A broad index of Items archived at the Kenan Center is included in this Digital Catalog.



Information Technology Committee - Ed Rigel Sr.

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Activities consisted primarily of salvage efforts as the website was repeatedly being hacked with malware that created an “unsafe site” which browsers would not access. Compatriot Tom Roberts has been working diligently to solve the problem, including updating the website’s Zoomla platform. The access to the site is not available as of this date. Membership will be notified when the problem is corrected,

As a reminder, share the following with your Chapter members:
BOM Members distribution list: gassar_bom@googlegroups.com
Color Guard Members distribution list: gassar_colorguard@googlegroups.com

The Committee works very diligently to keep the information on the Society website www.gassar.org current but is very reliant on the Society’s Officers, Committees, and Chapters to provide the information necessary to keep the website current.

Specific information the Committee is seeking: **New Chapter Officer** information, Chapter Meeting dates and places, Chapter Events with dates for sharing with the Society, Members’ Deaths, Graves Registry information, and etc.



Friends of the Library —Hugh Rodgers

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Friends of the Library brochures were distributed at the Annual Conference in January and will be available at the forthcoming Board of Managers meeting. The chairman has also contacted Chapter presidents and BOM members by e-mail.

The membership numbers for the first quarter 2017 follow:

19 Chapters
1 Georgia Society SAR
1 Georgia Society NSDAR
41 compatriots and friends
62 Total Georgia Society memberships

The Georgia Society still maintains the lead over other state societies—we are 10 members ahead of our closest challenger. Thanks to chapters and compatriots, wives, and DAR members who support the FOL and are helping to make the SAR Genealogical Library one of the best in the nation.

Membership in the Friends of Library is available for \$25 annually for chapters and individuals. Membership can be renewed and extended at any time. Keep the Georgia Society a national leader in FOL.



Georgia Fellows Board Chair—Edward P. Rigel, Jr

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The Georgia Society Fellows donation form and roster of Georgia Fellows can be found under Section 23: Endowment Funds of the Georgia Society SAR Source Book.

Welcome William Tankersley as a new Georgia Fellow. Compatriot Tankersley resides in Appling, GA, and is a member of the Col. William Few Chapter.

Requests for Distribution of Funds Year-To-Date

There have been no requests for funds this year. Until further notice, there is presently a standing approval for \$100 stipends towards the purchase of a Continental Line uniform or Militia outfit. The stipend is given to members joining the State Color Guard upon proof of purchase of such an outfit and confirmation by the State Color Guard Commander that such uniform has been obtained and worn at a State or National Color Guard event. No Color Guard members have received the stipend in 2017.

With new Continental Line uniforms available from GG Godwin, any Compatriot who orders a new uniform is eligible to receive the \$100 stipend, even if they are previous recipients for old uniforms or Militia outfits. Compatriots interested in the new uniforms should contact Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer.



Public Relations Committee - John Trussell

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A big project was developing a power point program, " The Revolutionary War in the South", to be used in public education and new member recruitment. We worked on this project for many months and I hope you find it useful. Please note the link at the bottom of this email that you can copy and paste into your browser. It is 76 slides covering the Revolutionary War in the South, family genealogy and joining the SAR and DAR. It is meant to be both educational and entertaining so that other civic and educational groups, which are a rich ground for new members. I also hope that this program can be added to our GASSAR web site in the near future, so it can be viewed by present and potential new members.

You can add it to your laptop or download it onto a thumb memory drive so it can be inserted into a smart TV, which is available at many hotels and meeting centers.

It can be edited by your local chapter to add in slides from your local activities or used in the present state. The slides are self explanatory, all you have to do is read the caption and quickly move through the program. If you pace the presentation to only 10-15 seconds, or less, per slide, you can cover it in less than 15 minutes. I highly recommend that you save all questions and discussion until you are finished, or the program could become too long. If you have any questions or comments , please let me know.

Copy and paste this web address into your browser to get the program-----https://1drv.ms/p/s!AjM7hagCs_wKf19QJ5GD2dGUzK8

Also, in other business, we sent in some information to the SAR Magazine about the formation of two new chapters in Georgia, the Brier Creek and Mount Vernon Chapters , with photos. Hopefully they will print this info in an upcoming issue. We are also working on an article for the magazine dealing with the use of cadaver dogs to locate Revolution era grave sites, a highly interesting topic.

President Wayne Brown is hoping to highlight more Georgia SAR chapters in the SAR Magazine , so if you wish to send me information on interesting projects or news from your chapter, forward it to jtrusswr@cox.net or call me at 478-953-9320.



Membership Committee—Gordon L. Woodard

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1st Quarter Activity:

Attended January 2017 Georgia State Conference, reaching out to several Chapter Presidents to learn status of their membership and outreach programs.

At end of March, received communication from President Brown with a request to reach out to a specific chapter. Will include results this inquiry in 2Q 2017 report.

Have communicated with Compatriot Bob Sapp via email expressing my support to his Motion to Redistrict Georgia Society sent to the GASSAR BOM on 3/20/2017.



Education Outreach Committee—Rick Reese

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Poster and Brochure Contest Judges needed:

If you will be attending the BOM meeting in Barnesville on April 29th, and are willing to be an **impartial judge** for the Posters and/or the Brochures to be considered to GASSAR awards, please contact me by phone (847-778-9235) or email (RickReese68@att.net) Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Youth Protection Training Reporting

It is important to note that a growing number of school systems have instituted a "Youth Protection Training" program for individuals such as us who make presentations to school aged children.

You may recall that one of the first initiatives from President General J. Michael Tomme was related to Education Outreach programs, with an emphasis on what is known as "Youth Protection Training". It was considered particularly important for any of us who made presentations of any kind to school aged children. Each chapter was asked to designate a "Youth Protection Training Team Leader" to coordinate having their chapter members making presentations to school children take the Boy Scouts online training course.

DAR Referral Awards



Georgia Society President Wayne Brown presented the Grace Martin DAR Referral Award to regent Catherine Jimenez, Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter (28 referrals) and the Rachel Martin DAR Referral Award to Kay Ragan, Bainbridge Chapter (20 members, 8 referrals (40%)).

Daughters of Liberty Medal

Susan Griffin, SAR Merchandise, was awarded the Daughters of Liberty Medal on behalf of the Georgia SAR in recognition of her long standing support of the Society's bulk purchase program. Her efforts along with those of Compatriot Paul Prescott have resulted in several thousands of dollars to the Georgia Fellows Fund. Thanks and congratulations to Susan and Paul.



L to R: Douglas Collins, Paul Prescott, Susan Griffin, Georgia Society President Wayne Brown and President General J Michael Tomme, Sr.





Training Tomorrow's Leaders



The Eagles of Liberty Society conducted a very special the Flag retirement ritual. Boy Scouts helped Mr. Cook with setting and safely extinguishing the fire. C.A.R. members really got it. They learned a lot and set a great example of how to properly retire a worn US flag.

Vance Award

Bob Cohen

SAR 2016 Robert B. Vance Award Contest Results

Chapters: There were 28 entries in the Chapter category of the contest.

Vice Chair IT Committee

Vance Award Contest

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Place</u>
Piedmont SAR Chapter, Georgia	1 (tie)
Cherokee SAR Chapter, Georgia	1 (tie)
George Washington SAR Chapter, Virginia	2 (tie)
Alexander Hodge SAR Chapter, Texas	2 (tie)
Gen Richard Montgomery SAR Chapter, Alabama	3

States: There were nine (9) entries in the State/Society category of the contest.

<u>State/Society</u>	<u>Place</u>
Texas SAR	1
North Carolina SAR	2
Alabama SAR	3

Setting a Granite Grave Marker

Don Burdick



The saleable metal in bronze grave markers make them easy targets for taking by unscrupulous persons. Because of this it has been suggested that granite markers be used. The ones the Athens Chapter uses are 6"(W) X8"(L)X2"(D). Since taking cement and water to the gravesite is cumbersome, we have resorted to the following method suggested by Jay Guest to embed the markers in cement.

- Obtain a Four-foot-long, 12-inch (nominal diameter) circular cardboard "Quick-tube building form" from Home Depot. We have found that Home Depot's product is actually about 11 1/2 inches in diameter which is ideal for centering the 6X8-inch marker.
- Draw around the circumference of the cardboard "Quick-tube" 6 inches from one end.
- Use a fine-tooth hand saw to cut off a 6-inch (depth) circular section.
- Place this 6-inch section on a piece of scrap cardboard on an outside table and fill with cement (Sakrete Topping and Bedding Mix) to about 1/4-inch from the top. Note: Carefully add water to the Sakrete in small amounts while mixing to obtain a workable mixture that is not too "soupy."
- Allow the cement to "set-up" for a few minutes. Water will rise to the top. Much of this water can be removed by blotting with paper towels. Do not let the cement "set-up" too long before embedding the marker. Also, it is best to do this in the shade.



To preclude the cement possibly clogging the inscription on top the granite marker, cover the top with a 6X8-inch piece of paper and secure around the sides with strips of painter's tape about 1/8-inch down the sides. Note: Prepare the covered marker ahead of time.

Center the covered marker on top of the cement. Wiggle carefully from side to side while pressing down to embed the marker in the cement insuring it is centered and level. Allow about 1/4 inch of the marker to extend above the cement and cardboard tube. Smooth the cement around the granite marker with a small trowel.

Let set for two days or longer. Carefully remove the paper cover and painter's tape.

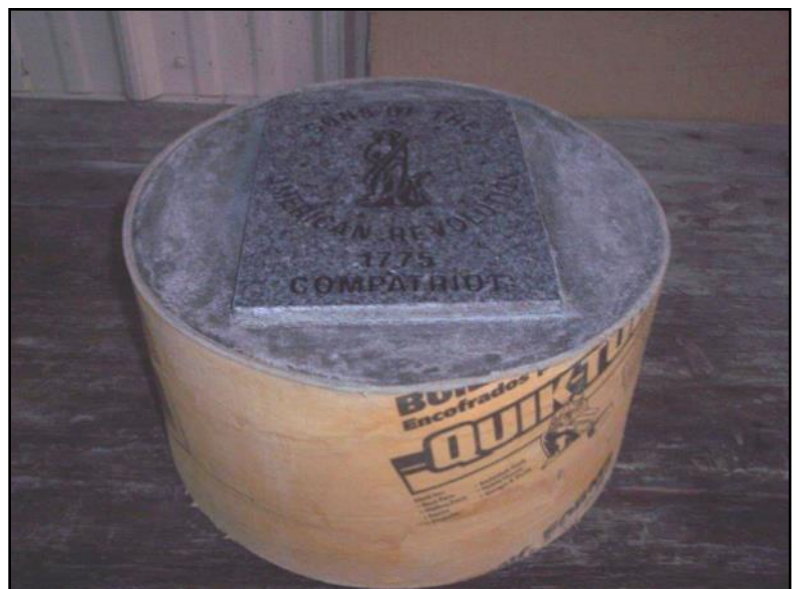
Take the finished marker with cardboard form to the gravesite. Do not remove the cardboard form. Use a post hole digger to make a circular hole in the ground about 12-inches in diameter and 6-inches deep.

Place marker with cardboard form in hole, level and smooth soil around the marker.

Voila! A nice looking, easy placed Grave Marker.

Questions??- Contact me at 706-376-6660 or

email: dnburdick@comcast.net



Chapter NEWS

Atlanta



Atlanta Chapter and William Few Chapter of SAR, Elijah Clarke and William Heard Chapters of NSDAR, Friends of Elijah Clark State Park and the Lincoln County Historical Society joined to sponsor a Grave Dedication and marking on February 10, 2017.



David Noble of the Atlanta Chapter served as the keynote speaker.

Athens



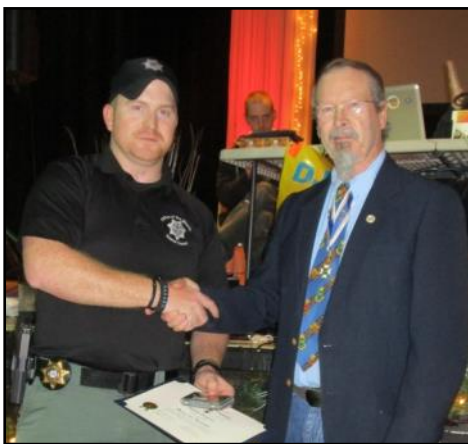
Athens Chapter made recognitions at the George Washington Birthday celebration meeting. L -R: Reginald Long - Knight Essay Award, Brendan Jackson Gibson - the Eagle Scout Scholarship, Kate McDaniel - Bronze Good Citizen Medal, CPL Charles Parker - Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Clare Newcomer - SAR Medal of Appreciation, SPO Daniel Whitney - Heroism Award, Scott Wooten - EMS Commendation Medal.

Athens - Continued



GA SAR President Wayne Brown installed Athens Chapter officers for the new year. L to R: Virgil Palmer—Vice President, Don Burdick, Jay Guest, Joe Neighbors, Wilber Mull—Chaplain, ?? Bill Galt

Blue Ridge Mountains



Chapter President Sid Turner presented the SAR Heroism Medal to Towns County Sheriff's Department Sgt Aaron Deyton.

Installation of 2017 Officers



L to R: Jack Duggar, David Cook, Devon Turner, Paul Danner, Sid Turner



Blue Ridge Mountains Compatriots attended the Cowpens battle commemoration.



Wayne Elliott receives his 40 year pin.

Captain John Collins



Naturalization Ceremony

Twenty-five countries were represented on March 24 during the naturalization ceremony held for 45 new American citizens in Rome, GA. The twice yearly ceremonies are held in the District Court.

Four members of the Captain John Collins chapter attended – Curtis McWaters, Lee Hulsey, Earl Cagle, and Larry Guzy, along with Larry's wife, Karin. Two members from the Rome Chapter Bob Evans, Joe Boyd along with his wife and several DAR members also attended. Bob Evans one of the Rome compatriots was there to watch his British wife become a citizen.

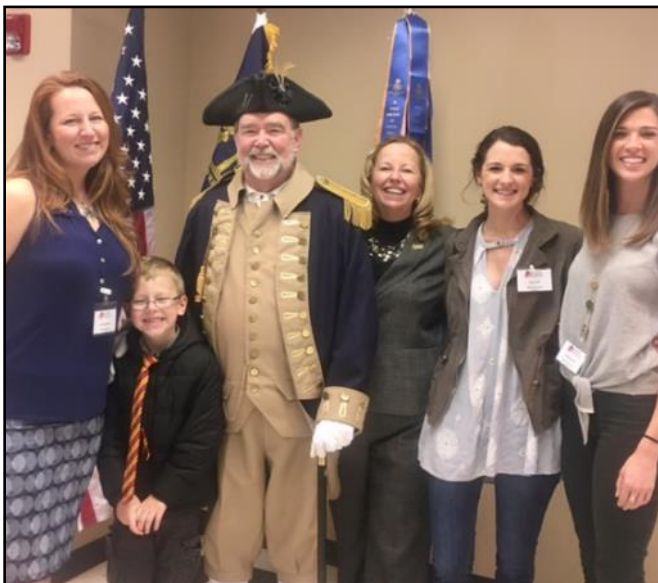
Presiding judge Honorable Harold L. Murphy discussed the rights amendments to the Constitution after applicants were sworn in. The new U.S. citizens then proceeded through a receiving line where they were given American flags, copies of the Constitution, and good wishes from those attending.

Compatriots attended the naturalization ceremony.



Lyman Hall

Junior Member



Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr welcomed the Chapter's first Junior Member with Granny, Mom and Aunts at their induction of to the NSDAR. More family is expected to join SAR soon.

Silver ROTC Medal



Compatriot James Parker, PhD Professor Emeritus at the University of North Georgia represented Lyman Hall Chapter at the annual US Army ROTC awards ceremony in Dahlonega on March 28th. The Silver ROTC medal and certificate was presented to Cadet Private Justin Massey.

Marshes of Glynn



Past President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Jimmy Boatright presented William "Gene" Broadwell with a Patriots Plaque in commendation for his Distinguished Service in the Navy during WW II.

Mr. Broadwell shared many of his experiences as a communications, provisions and gunnery officer. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1943. Shown here L to R- Jimmy Boatright, Gene" Broadwell and Steven Ford, Chapter President.



Marshes of Glynn Chapter honored their Knight Essay competition winner at the January meeting.

Presenting the certificate L to R: Tim Harper, Evan Harper, Knight Eagle Essay Winner Donald Lajoie and Steven Ford .

Eagle Scout



L-R: Steven Ford, Donald Lajoie, Harry Clements, Steven Hinson and Scoutmaster Jay Torbert

Recently the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented Harrison "Harry" James Clements of Troop 248 on St. Simons Island with the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Certificate.

Harry is the son of Lee and Cathy Clements of St. Simons Island. Troop 248 is sponsored by St. Simons United Methodist Church with Jay Torbert as its Scoutmaster. He has earned 39 Merit Badges with numerous community service hours and over 50 days and nights of camping.

His Eagle project was restoring a Memorial Garden at St. Simons United Methodist Church. Compatriots Don Lajoie (AKA Ben Franklin), Chapter President Steven Ford and Chapter Vice-President Steven Hinson presented the certificate

William Few

During the first quarter of 2017, Col William Few Chapter members attended the February 10 Elijah Clarke Grave Marking and the February 11-12 Revolutionary Days events in Washington, including the Battle of Kettle Creek Parade, Skirmish, and Ceremony. On February 22, our chapter held a George Washington's Birthday celebration in Augusta organized by chapter compatriot Jerry Brigham. Several chapter members attended the Battle of Brier Creek Ceremony on March 10th.

We met Monday evening, March 27, to celebrate our 40th Anniversary as a chapter. Our chapter was formed in 1976 with the assistance of the Augusta, College Hill, and North Augusta Chapters of the NSDAR. Compatriot Sonny Pittman presented a program titled "Col William Few Jr: A Founding Father."



GASSAR President, Wayne Brown, NSSAR Secretary General, Larry Guzy, several Regents from area NSDAR chapters, and numerous friends and guests joined our members for the celebration. Compatriot Bill Palmer led the GASSAR color guard.

US Air Force JROTC Cadet Major Jalene Smith of T.W. Josey High School in Augusta was awarded the 2nd place medal and certificate in the GASSAR enhanced essay contest.

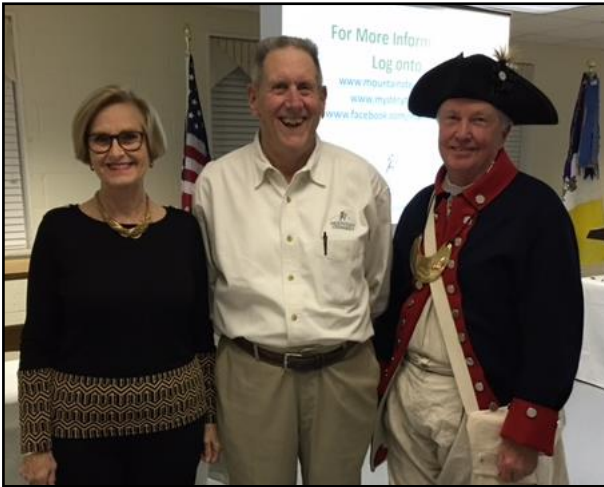
Another highlight of the event was the reading of a portion of a proclamation by Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis Jr., that declared March 27, "Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Day" in Augusta, Ga.



New compatriots David and Jerry Donehoo, Bill Ferguson, Jack Howle, Clint Yarborough, C.J. Yarborough, Patrick Yarborough, and Will Yarborough were inducted and a supplemental ancestor certificate was awarded to Dr. Jamie Lemley.



Wiregrass



Joint Meeting with DAR

The Gov David Emanuel - Adam Brinson Chapter, DAR and the Wiregrass Chapter, SAR held their annual joint meeting on February 9, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church social hall at 6:30 p.m.

Wiregrass Chapter Color Guard did the "Presentation of the Colors at the beginning of the meeting and at the end of the meeting they did the Retirement of the Colors. Those SAR Color Guard members were Commander Steve Burke, Ruskin Powell, Lee Smith, Tommy Christopher, George King and Dess Smith III.

Also participating on the program were SAR members President Wilder Smith, Jr. and Chancellor Julian Sconyers.



Wiregrass Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution met January 12, 2017. With President Wilder Smith presiding, we had 35 in attendance. The Senior Vice-President for the GASSAR Wayne L Brown installed our 2017 Officers. Those installed were President Wilder Smith, Jr., Vice President Steve Burke, Secretary/Treasurer Ruskin Powell, Registrar/Genealogist Dess Smith III, Chancellor Julian Sconyers, Wiregrass Courier Editor Chip Durden, Chaplain Emory Fennell, Sgt-at-Arms, George King, and Historian Mark Price.

Senior VP Wayne Brown also presented a program on the "Marblehead Militia", commanded by Col John Glover. Col Glover, later became a Brigadier General in the Continental Army. Col Glover and the Marblehead Militia or "Glover's Regiment" which became the 14th Continental Regiment, evacuated Washington's Army to Manhattan in a surprise nighttime operation, saving them from being entrapped. General Washington had just lost the Battle of Long Island in August 1776 and somehow needed to get across the East River undetected.

Militiaman of the Year

Compatriot Steve Burke selected as the Militiaman of the Year for 2016. Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr., the Commander of the Georgia Society Award Winning Color Guard, presented Steve with his certificate at the Annual GASSAR Conference in Duluth, GA on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Steve was also selected as the South Region Militia Adjutant for the Georgia Society. Compatriot Burke was a Charter member of the Wiregrass Chapter when it was chartered in April 2011 and is very active in our Chapter and participates in more than thirty Revolutionary events each year.

He collects "road kill" and produces many hats, coats, pants and other items that early 1700's men would need to survive. Steve also has built a 6-pounder Naval Cannon that he uses in events all across Georgia each year. Congratulations to Compatriot Burke on this Award that he has earned through service to the NSSAR.

