



The

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch

January - March 2010



President Terry Manning

What's In It for Us?

David Sympson, Secretary General, paid the Georgia Society the highest kind of compliment when he visited with us during Revolutionary Days at the Kettle Creek celebrations in February. He is a resident of Kentucky but noted that he belonged to several State Societies other than Kentucky because of ancestors he had that came from those areas. He had no ancestry out of Georgia. Yet, he has belonged to the Georgia Society for several years because he admires how active we are and how

much is accomplished by the Georgia Society and appreciates how closely our membership works with each other in achieving all of the things that we do.

I have heard or seen similar remarks by a variety of people outside of our Georgia Society during the last year. Our committee chairmen, our web site, our publications, and our Source Book are common reference sources for the National Society and other State Societies seeking to improve or initiate programs of their own.

The impact of leadership coming out of the Georgia Society is reflected in almost every aspect of the public image of the Sons of the American Revolution. Look at the list of National Society committee membership and you will see a Who's Who of Georgia Society members. Look at the winners of national awards and contests and see the many Georgians and Georgia chapters listed therein. Look at the history of the Society's Color Guard program and see the inspiration and success represented by Georgia. Many of our individual chapters exceed the success of most other State Societies.

While outside Georgia there are members, committees, chapters, and societies asking, "What's in it for me," we in Georgia ask, "What's in it for us," and we respond enthusiastically in a team effort to achieve the goals of the Society. We drive across State lines to make historic site celebrations successful throughout the region, we report Americanism points for the benefit of the State Society regardless of how small our chapter might be, we enter our local students at the State and national level in contests because their dream of competing as the best is our dream for them, and we work with the DAR and C.A.R. because they are our Partners in Patriotism and their goals are our goals. Pride in our patriotism, love of our history, and commitment to education – that's what's in it for us.

Thank you for all that you do and thank you for making my period of service as President of the Georgia Society one of the most treasured years of my life.

Terry Manning



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**

This is my last article as State Secretary. After 12 years I am stepping down. I was elected State Registrar in 1996 and served two years under Presidents Fisher Craft and Jim Clark. Then I was elected State Secretary and served under Presidents Kit Braselton, Ed Sterrett, Larry Guzy, Roger Lamb, Milton Johnson, John Gillette, George Thurmond (2 terms), George Wheelless, Charlie Newcomer, Bobby Towns, and Terry Manning. While Secretary I served on the Executive Committee.

During the 12 years I signed over 1,700 new member certificates, 400 more than our present membership. I've signed 75% of the certificates of our current membership, not counting handling the numerous supplemental applications.

I am genuinely appreciative of being honored with the Meritorious Service Medal, the State Distinguished Service Medal, and the Patriot Medal, although I did not carry out the duties of Secretary with the expectation of receiving awards. My reward was the satisfaction of doing the job to the best of my ability and without partiality.

For the past three years I have also been Chairman/Editor of the Source Book Committee, a position I have agreed to continue for a while.

The Georgia Society is healthy and has strong leadership. Billy Templeton has been named by the Nominating Committee as my successor, subject to election at the annual meeting, and he is well qualified for this position. He and I have conferred extensively on the responsibilities of the job, and I am convinced there will be a smooth transition.

My wife, Patricia, has been supportive and patient during this period when the Georgia Society was my first priority after family, and before our other interests. I am fortunate to have such an understanding partner.

It is a pleasure to be a member of an organization of gentlemen of high integrity. And I hope to continue the fellowship I have enjoyed over the years.

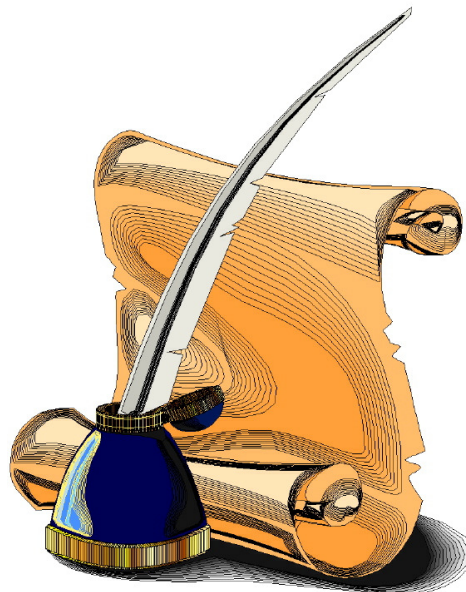
Patriotically yours,
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Editor's Note:
 Readers may have noticed but not been aware of the significance of the quill and ink bottle together with the sword. This is a pictorial of the expression - "The Pen is Mightier than the Sword".

Such has been the information provided to the Georgia Society by our beloved Secretary, Kline Pugh. All who know him, know that he has been a calming influence in all situations. He has a wealth of knowledge about this Society and has always been willing to share that knowledge when asked.

As Editor and as a Past State President, I offer a salute to you, Kline, and thank you for all that you have meant to me and to GASSAR!

BOM & ANNUAL MEETING
MEETING
SATURDAY
April 3, 2010
9:15 am
Marriott Atlanta Gwinnett
Place
Duluth, GA



Report From The



**Historic Sites & Celebration
s
Committee**

**Walker
Chewning**

NEWS

of the

State Society



Reverend Willis Delivers Invocation at Dabney Marking



**Patriot Austin Dabney
Marking Ceremony Held**

On January 30th, the Coweta Falls Chapter and the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, co-sponsored a historic Grave Marking Ceremony in Zebulon, Pike County, GA. The grave of Patriot Austin Dabney, a freed slave who served the cause for

Unit offered a Musket Salute. Thirty-three wreaths were presented, including Genealogist General Joe Dooley, representing the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. A brass quintet from Fort Benning made the event even more enjoyable. Coweta Falls Grave Chairman Bob Galer planned and directed the event, which had the cooperation and assistance of several government bodies.

SAR marked Dabney's grave with a Patriot marker

Following the Grave Marking Ceremony, the Lamar-Fayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a reception at Life Springs Church. About 135 people attended the reception.



American Independence was marked with a bronze SAR grave marker, the first Black Patriot to be so honored in Georgia. About 225 people came out on a cold, rainy morning to pay tribute to Patriot Dabney. The GA Society Color Guard posted the colors and the Elijah Clarke Militia

Dabney served with the Georgia Militia under Elijah Clarke and John Dooley during the Battle of Augusta and the Battle of Kettle Creek. Dabney was wounded during the Battle of Kettle Creek and was cared for by a family named Harris. After the war, Dabney received a land bounty for his service and more or less adopted the Harris family, and sent Harris' oldest son to school, and afterwards to college. The younger Harris later studied law with Hon. Stephen Upson, and eventually became a lawyer. The grave site of William Harris and Austin Dabney has been maintained by the Harris Family descendants for 180 years. A Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter placed a wooden marker at the grave site over 100 years ago. The Harris Family placed the head stones on the graves and the



U.S. Naval Sea Cadets join Color Guard



L to R – NSSAR Genealogist General Joe Dooley, Coweta Falls Chapter President Bill Hay, Chapter Graves Chairman Bob Galer, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Graves Chairman Paul Grimes, and MDL Past President David Jessel



Report From The



**Georgia
Society
SAR
Graves
Registration**
George
Thurmond



Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week May 9-15, 2010

The Georgia Society has taken steps to honor all Peace Officers during Police Week by obtaining a proclamation from the Governor recognizing the observance to honor those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and peace officers. The Memorial takes place on May 15, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial falls.

The holiday was created on 1 October 1961 when Congress asked the president to designate 15 May to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. According to a proclamation by George W. Bush in 2002, "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism." Much of the holiday centers on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., whose walls feature the names of the more than 17,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

So whether you're in Washington, DC, or your own community, show your support for our nation's law enforcement officers during National Police Week. And don't forget to lower your American flag to half staff on May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day — it's the law

Message From the**Pastor Dan Gates**

**Georgia
Society
SAR
Chaplain**

My dear Compatriots;

In a few days will come the official end of my service as the Georgia Society's State Chaplain. After six years duty it's time for me to "share the wealth." You see, being your State Chaplain has been a blessing that has far exceeded my expectations.

In this six year span, I have sought to make the Chaplain's position more than just an "Invocation" and "Benediction" duty. Instead, we have created a "mission" for the Chaplains; an outreach to every member of each Chapter. We have created a website for the Chaplaincy Corps that has had hundreds of visitor and which has led to several other State Chaplains asking for information on which to build their respective state programs. We have created a Chaplain's Training CD, which has gone to each of our Chaplains and has been sent, free of charge, to dozens of people who have requested it. And, something that I feel tops the list, we have created and proudly wear the Chaplain's Lapel Pin, a one-of-a-kind recognition for our chaplains and the work they do.

State Chaplain (elect) Whit Chapman, who now serves as the

Marshes Of Glynn local Chaplain, will take the lead. I appreciate this young man tremendously and I know he will be a great State Chaplain. I ask you, humbly, to support this young man as you have supported me in my six years of service.

I have deeply appreciated the support of each of my Chaplains, the Board Of Managers and every member of the Georgia Society during my tenure. May God bless the Georgia State Society. And may God bless America.

Chaplain Dan Gates
Georgia Society State Chaplain

New 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. Therefore, 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. It is not the intent of the Georgia Fellows Program to create another endowment fund, supplant an existing fund, or to amass a large balance in the face of current needs. The authorization and change of the Georgia Fellows concept is in the hands of the State Society Board of Managers. New Fellows to be recognized at the 2010 Annual Conference:

Charlene Maney, Clare Newcomer, Ed Rigel, Jr., Ginny Manning, Paul Grimes, Joan Rigel, and Jimmy Flanagan. Many thanks for your contributions to this worthy fund.



GASSAR's Traveling Trunk

The Georgia Society has two traveling trunks available for loan to chapters for use in living history displays and lectures. Each item in the trunk has a brief description that can assist any of your chapter members in making a presentation. The Georgia Fellows Fund was the primary source of funds for the trunks. Thanks also go to the following persons that have made recent additions to the trunks:

Bruce Maney (Button Gwinnett Chapter) – 4 beeswax candles, 2 bundles of yellow root

Ginny Manning (GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary) – 2 mob caps, 2 sets of pockets, 2 iron cooking spoons, 2 haversacks

Ed Rigel (Lyman Hall Chapter) – 1 rifleman's pouch, 2 glass bottles, 1 sundial compass, 1 bar of soap, 1 section of block tea, bag of musket balls, pieces of flint, pewter buttons, 1 clay pipe, 1 cone of sugar

Terry Manning (Button Gwinnett Chapter) – 2 copies of "Almost Invisible: Black Patriots...", 2 copies of "Francis Marion...The Swamp Fox," 1 copy of "American Flag Q&A,"

George Thurmond (Piedmont Chapter) – copies of Independence Broadside, copies of the Dunlap Broadside



Report From The



Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**



Hats off to Garnett (“Jack”) Ferguson who, as of 10 September 2009, passed a remarkable milestone. In less than nine years in the SAR, Jack has recorded over a thousand events in his Continental uniform, traveling inestimable miles every year and spending from half a day to a weekend for each event – and all at his own expense. You must know Jack: he’s the Piedmont Color Guardsman from Georgia who, at 82, still insists on carrying the SAR flag with many, many streamers.

The Georgia Society Color Guard Luncheon honored Jack with an engraved gorget and a plaque commemorating the occasion. Jack’s wife Lou received the Martha Washington Medal for her years of support of her husband.

Since 2001, Jack has participated in 70 national Color Guard events, 238 state events, and 692 chapter events, for a grand total of 1,000 Color Guard events. He received the GASSAR Commander’s Certificate for attendance at the most state and national events for the years 2003 and 2005. He was second for the years 2002 and 2004. He also received the GASSAR Exemplary Service Award (exceeding 100 national and state Color Guard events) in 2005. Of course, Jack has received both the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals for his participation in the many Color Guard events.

But that’s not all Jack has done. Jack’s real love is talking to schoolchildren, and they respond to Jack accordingly. Since 2001 Jack has spoken to 702 classes, for a total of 18,589 children, about Revolutionary War subjects. In 2005 Jack received the Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award for his work with children. He “teaches” history by telling the students a series of stories about his subject of the day. The students are fascinated by the stories and, as a result, remember both the history lesson and Jack. When Jack revisits a school where he has taught, both students and staff greet him enthusiastically.

Jack has a wealth of knowledge and an incredible memory, which he also shares with adults. During the same eight-plus years, Jack has spoken to 105 adult groups, totaling 4,572 attendees.

Jack has received numerous chapter awards and certificates, including the Service to Veterans Medal (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and others. He has served as Chapter Color Guard Commander.

When Jack turned eighty, he said he was going to “hang it up.” Saying and doing are two different things, and Jack has done anything but “hang it up.” His dedication and loyalty are indeed an inspiration.

A thousand “Huzzahs” to Jack, and a thousand thanks to his devoted camp follower, Lou.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Athens	Samson Charles West	Anthony Mandeville	Robert N. Hale, Sr.
Atlanta	Charles Wesley Gollmar, III David Alfred Hartmann Victor Louis Riccardi, Jr.	William Eugene Imlay Samuel Davis Giles Sage	(Transfer) (Transfer) T. Fisher Craft
Button Gwinnett	Alfred Willett Studwell Alfred Willett Studwell, Jr.	Anthony Studwell Anthony Studwell	Harold Ford Harold Ford
Coweta Falls	Dorian Thomas O'Bryan	Philip O'Bryan	Roger L. O'Bryan
George Walton	William King Manos	Moses Tyler	William P. Freese
John Collins	Earl LeVaughn Cagle, Jr. Ronnie Franklin Cagle Terry Allen Gibbs Dennis J. Rebman	Henry Cagle Henry Cagle Henry Wood, Sr. George G. Klock	Earl L. Cagle, Sr. Earl L. Cagle, Sr. Larry T. Guzy Larry T. Guzy
Joseph Habersham	Morris Clayton Pulliam Morris Michael Pulliam	John Stonecypher John Stonecypher	William H. Raper William H. Raper
LaGrange	Christian F. S. D. Johnson Forrest Clark Johnson, IV	Daniel Wagnon Daniel Wagnon	Forrest Clark Johnson, III Forrest Clark Johnson, III
Lyman Hall	Ronnie Daniel Huff	James Barr	Edward P. Rigel, Sr.
Marshes of Glynn	Troy B. Fields	John Fields	William F. Ramsaur
Piedmont	Kleber Miller O'Neal, Jr. Michael Kleber O'Neal William Patrick O'Neal	John Miller John Miller John Miller	Robert A. Sapp Robert A. Sapp Robert A. Sapp
Washington-Wilkes	Robert C. Johnston, Jr. Charles Keeley Owen, Jr. Thomas Keeley Owen Tynan Jaymes Owen	(Dual; primary in Alabama) Stephen Richmond Stephen Richmond Stephen Richmond	Thomas M. Owen Thomas M. Owen Thomas M. Owen

Athens

The George Washington Birthday Celebration was a very nice event, it was held at the T.R.R Cobb House in Athens with over 55 guests in attendance. The chapter was honored to have Terry Manning, State President joining us for the event. During the celebration the chapter honored a slate of public safety officers as well as many chapter members and other individuals that have been active in helping the Athens Chapter with our community involvement activity.

During the event, Terry Manning, State President, swore in the new slate of chapter officers.



Athens Chapter Officers (R to L) are Jackson W. Guest, Chapter Chaplain; Virgil W. Palmer, Chapter President; John W. Gaissert, Chapter Vice President; Robert N. Hale, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer; Col. Robert F. Towns, Chapter Registrar.

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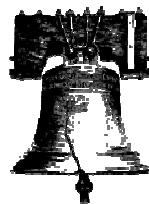
Dalton

Jimmy Clark, our Chaplain and Poster Contest Chairman, and Fred Snell, Chapter President, pose with Olivia Tidwell, winner of the Dalton Chapter Poster Contest. Olivia is a 5th grade student at Westwood School in Dalton. Olivia's winning poster of "The Battle of Bunker Hill" has been sent to and was received by GSSAR Pres. Terry Manning for inclusion in the state judging



Snell, Tidwell, Clark

There were also two runner up winners and each was presented a check at the Chapter meeting on Friday March 5, recognizing their achievement.



William Few

Past President Robert Turbyfill, Jr. presented a chapter wreath at the annual Kettle Creek observance on 13 February 2010.

Compatriot Russell K. Brown represented GASSAR and the William Few Chapter at the Augusta State University ROTC Information Forum on 16 February, 2010. Approximately 90 cadets and 6 members of the department faculty attended. Brown discussed SAR mission, programs and goals with approximately 30 individual cadets and passed out informational brochures and flyers to many others. Cadet Jacob England, who was in attendance, told Brown that he had been the recipient of a \$1,500 SAR Eagle Scout scholarship when he was a senior in high school.

The chapter quarterly dinner meeting on 22 March 2010 was well attended. The featured speaker was Bill Baab, retired outdoors editor of the *Augusta Chronicle* newspaper. Bill's topic was his book, *Augusta on Glass*, a review of old-time pottery containers found in the local area.

Hornet's Nest Deadline

June 15, 2010

Make sure your Chapter news gets published!

**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
April 3, 2010
9:15 am
Marriott Atlanta
Gwinnett Place**

Atlanta

Mary Ellen Brooks, Emeritus Director of the University of Georgia Hargrett Library, was the guest speaker at our January meeting. William Few, one of Georgia's two signers of the Constitution of the United States, was the subject of her presentation, featuring William Few's handwritten autobiography. Her discussion of Few's military service during the Revolutionary War and his successful political and banking careers included many little known facts of his life. The Chapter unanimously elected the new slate of officers, to be installed at the February meeting.

Continuing a long-time tradition, the Chapter celebrated the birthday of George Washington at its February meeting at Anthony's Restaurant in Atlanta where food and service are always outstanding. President Bill Hays presented the Martha Washington Award to Mrs. Lynette Rosinger, Regent of the Fort Peachtree Chapter of the DAR, in recognition and appreciation for her efforts in identifying and assisting prospective SAR members. Guyton McCall, 2nd Vice President, presented a Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate, with Citation, to Phillip W. Potts for his outstanding performance as Treasurer and Editor of the Yearbook. Current Officers were presented Certificates of Appreciation. Mrs. Ann Hays, wife of President Bill, was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing her support of the Chapter, and in special thanks for the outstanding party she and Bill hosted for Chapter members and their guests. Dr. Fisher Craft described a new Chapter Award, The Second Mile Award, designed to recognize long and dedicated service to the Chapter. Guyton McCall was the first recipient. President of the

Georgia Society (and Chapter Chaplain), Terry Manning, wearing a uniform like those often worn by Sailors in the Revolutionary War Navy, discussed the features of the uniform and described other items and events in the life of a Sailor of that period



“Sailor” Manning

The following officers were installed by Terry Manning:

R. Carlisle Young – President
 Woodrow M. Hughes – 1st Vice President
 Guyton B. McCall – 2nd Vice President
 Dr. T. Fisher Craft – Secretary
 G. Edgar Conley, Jr. – Treasurer
 Dares E. Wirt – Registrar
 L. Jack Swertfeger – Chancellor
 Terry E. P. Manning – Chaplain
 Douglas T. Stephens – Sgt.-at-arms
 Dr. G. Revis Butler, Jr. – Historian

President Young presented the Past President's Pin and Certificate to retiring President Bill Hays, expressing thanks for his outstanding leadership during the year.

Benjamin Franklin, in the person of Billy Templeton, attended the March meeting. He very closely resembles the “real Ben” and spoke in the “first person” with remarkable knowledge about Franklin's life and accomplishments. His discussion of Franklin's many inventions was



“Ben” Templeton

especially enlightening, and he demonstrated one of them, a device for retrieving library books from high shelves.

Secretary Craft reported on the Board of Trustees meeting recently held in Louisville, furnishing current information on the new headquarters building. Victor Riccardi and Charles D. Wheeler were welcomed as new members of the Chapter.

Visitors are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings, beginning at 12:00 Noon on 2nd Thursdays at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center on North Druid Hills Road in Atlanta. Luncheon charge is \$15.00. No reservation required.

Lyman Hall

Washington Birthday Celebration 2010

In the late 1990's, Lyman Hall Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution raised funds to commission the erection in Gainesville of a monument and bust to honor America's First President, George Washington.

On February 22nd, 2010, Lyman Hall Chapter sponsored a Celebration of Washington's Birthday. Forty



Washington's Birthday Celebration
(R to L)

Chapter Vice President Ed Rigel, Mayor Ruth Bruner, Rep. Tommy Benton, Chief Deputy Jeff Strickland, Sheriff Steve Cronic

people attended the event including Gainesville Mayor Ruth Bruner, City Council members Myrtle Figueras and George Wangeman. Also in attendance were Georgia State Representative and SAR member Tommy Benton, Hall County Sheriff Steve Cronic, Sheriff's Deputies, Officers from Gainesville City Police Department, SAR and DAR members, and members of the public.

The Award Winning Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, Compatriot Paul Prescott Commanding, presented the Colors.

Lyman Hall Chapter Vice President Ed Rigel, Sr. presided over the event. Compatriot Charlie Newcomer, Alternate National Trustee, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, brought greetings from the National Society. Marcie Fletcher, Regent, Col. William Candler Chapter, NSDAR, gave a program on President Washington. Lyman Hall Chapter Past President Hall Martin, Sr. presented a wreath in honor of President Washington.

Members of the SAR and NSDAR are lineal descendants of Patriots who provided support to the cause of the American Revolution.



Marquis de LaFayette

On 30 January 2010, NSCC Pathfinder Excursion Squadron was invited to participate in a unique event. The squadron was invited to be a part of both the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard and Honor Guard for this ceremony. The weather was a challenge. The temperature was in the low to mid thirties for the entire day with occasional drizzle and

freezing drizzle. The wind was about eight to ten knots from the NW and I would guess the wind chill was in the mid twenties.

SAR grave dedications are common place. What makes this event unique is that this particular soldier, Private Austin Dabney was a freed slave. Mr. Dabney was freed by his owner at the time to enroll in the Georgia Militia as a replacement for himself. Private Dabney was seriously wounded at the Battle of Kettle Creek. On August 14 August 1786 Mr. Dabney became the only African American to receive a land grant for his service in the American Revolution. The Georgia legislature also provide seventy pounds to emancipate Mr. Dabney from his owner Richard Aycock.

For more details go to <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-3298>

Robert Wylie
Marquis de LaFayette Chapter
NSCC Pathfinder Excursion
Squadron



Members of NSCC Pathfinder
Excursion Squadron
U.S. Naval Sea Cadets



Coweta Falls

Bob Galer Honored at Kettle Creek

Bob Galer of the Coweta Falls Chapter was recently honored as the "Father of Revolutionary Days" in Washington, Georgia by a proclamation issued by the Mayor, Willie Burns. Compatriot Galer was recognized for his role in identifying and developing the Georgia Society's first Historic Sites program 13 years ago.

Bob has been a member of the National Society's Historic Sites Committee from its origin in 1995 and a frequent participant along with his wife Mary Jane in most events in the southeast over the years.

Below is a reprint of the proclamation:

By the Mayor of Washington, Georgia

A Proclamation

LTC (Ret) Robert F. Galer Day

- Whereas:** *February 14^h, marks the date in 1779 when the combined Militia forces of Colonel Andrew Pickens, Colonel John Dooly and Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke attacked a superior force of British Loyalists at a location in Wilkes County now known as Kettle Creek, and;*
- Whereas:** *While outnumbered by more than two to one, the Patriots attacked and after a spirited battle lasting two hours, completely routed the British Loyalist unit commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Boyd, and;*
- Whereas:** *The Patriot victory prevented a serious rallying of Tories in the South at a critical early time, resulting in "the most serious check and chastisement the Tories ever received in South Carolina or Georgia", and;*
- Whereas:** *Revolutionary Days serves to remind the citizens of Washington-Wilkes of our Revolution and the sacrifices endured during the eight years of struggle for American independence, and;*
- Whereas:** *The history of this battle was researched and the results presented by LTC (Ret) Galer to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution to be added for an annual observance by the SAR beginning in 1998, and;*
- Whereas:** *As the person responsible for establishing the annual observance, LTC (Ret) Robert F. Galer is henceforth known as the "Founder, Revolutionary Days and the Annual Observance of the Battle of Kettle Creek."*

***Therefore; I, Willie E. Burns, Mayor of the City of Washington, do hereby proclaim the date of
February 13, 2010 as***

LTC (Ret) Robert F. Galer Day

*And encourage the citizens to congratulate LTC Galer for his outstanding achievement in establishing
Revolutionary Days in Washington, Georgia.*

Willie E. Burns, Mayor

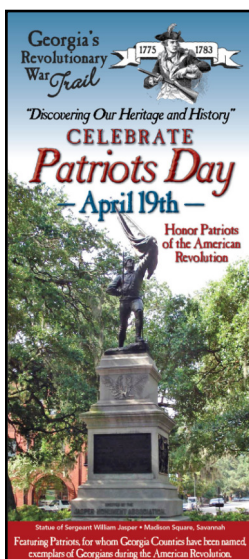


Let's Celebrate Patriots Day – April 19

An initiative of the Georgia Society SAR is to use the month of April, and especially April 19, to honor Patriots of the American Revolution in communities throughout Georgia by Celebrating Patriots Day. Depending on the interest in your chapter, you could recognize the Revolutionary contributions of Patriots for whom your chapter, county, town or nearby counties are named; Patriots who lived, fought or died in your county; Patriot ancestors of your chapter members; Patriots who fought at Lexington and Concord or all the above- there is no limit to Patriots we can and should honor on Patriots Day. We have been working on two projects to support your Patriots Day celebrations-

State of Georgia Legislative Resolution – Along with the GA State DAR, we are working with the GA Legislature to designate April 19 as one of Georgia's Commemorative Days. House Resolution 1394 has passed and the Senate Resolution is still being considered.

Celebrate Patriots Day brochure- The Georgia's Revolutionary Trail Committee prepared a brochure which includes a brief description of the fighting at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775; photo examples of ways to Celebrate Patriots Day; a Georgia Map with counties highlighted that have been named for Revolutionary Patriots and brief paragraphs of the Revolutionary activities of those Patriots. Copies of the brochure were distributed to many chapter representatives at the Kettle Creek Ceremony and additional brochures will be available at the Georgia Society SAR Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 3rd.



Consider some of the following activities for your chapter to Celebrate Patriots Day:

1- Patriots Day Proclamation- Arrange for your city or county to issue a Patriots Day Proclamation, describing the Lexington and Concord actions of April 19, 1775, and providing information about Patriots of local interest.

2- Patriots Day Newspaper article- Arrange for a newspaper article that focuses on the significance of Patriots Day and descriptions of Patriots of local interest. Describe ways in which individuals can "Celebrate Patriots Day".

3- Public Observance of Patriots Day - Read the Patriots Day Proclamation, or present information about specific Patriots of local interest. Read or distribute portions of the Declaration of Independence or Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*. Conduct the ceremony at local site of historical interest with the DAR, American Legion, or historical society.

4- Patriots Day Program at SAR Meeting – Highlight Patriots Day in your April Chapter Meeting. Distribute Patriots Day brochures and focus on the Patriots for whom 64 Georgia Counties are named. Provide names and describe the Revolutionary War actions of Patriot ancestors of chapter members.

5- Patriots Day Program in Schools- Conduct a presentation about specific Patriots of local interest. Read or distribute portions of the Declaration of Independence. Show and tell about the various Revolutionary Battle flags. Provide a list of books about the American Revolution or arrange for a display of the books in the school library.

6- Patriots Day Awareness - Create a Patriots Day display in the public library, including books about the American Revolution or about specific Patriots of local interest. Place flags at the local burial site of Revolutionary War Patriots or place white crosses with the names of Patriots in your town square or local historic site.

Following are specific Patriots Day plans announced by some of the Georgia SAR Chapters-

Athens - Proclamation honoring Elijah Clarke by Mayor at a Commission meeting with uniformed Chapter Color Guard in attendance. Proclamation will be read at a public ceremony with newspaper coverage. Also, proclamations will be given by Watkinsville Mayor and Oconee County Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Blue Ridge Mountains - Display SAR and Betsy Ross Flags at the Historical Museum on the Square in Blairsville with a member of Continental Color Guard distributing Patriots Day Brochure. Proclamations requested for five local Counties with photos in the

newspapers.

Button Gwinnett- Button Gwinnett Day Proclamation with Ceremony on April 19 at 12 noon at Patriots Park at the Gwinnett County Justice Center to acknowledge Patriots buried in Gwinnett County. Display about life of Button Gwinnett and Declaration of Independence at Gwinnett County Justice Center accompanied by chapter members in Colonial attire.

Captain John Collins - Gravesite ceremony in remembrance of chapter namesake, Captain John Collins, on April 19, at 12 noon in the Mars Hill Cemetery on Mars Hill Church Road in Kennesaw.

Coweta Falls – Patriots Day Proclamation by City of Columbus and Muscogee County.

George Walton - Proclamations requested by Newton and Walton Counties and the City of Monroe to honor their namesakes.

John Milledge- Proclamation by City of Milledgeville to honor John Milledge and Archibald Baldwin with newspaper coverage. Patriots Day brochures distributed to the local Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Lyman Hall - Patriots Day Ceremony, Monday, April 19 at 4:30pm at the Northeast Georgia History Center of Breneau University in Gainesville, with Col. Wm. Candler Chapter NSDAR. Proclamation honoring Dr. Lyman Hall issued by Hall County and City of Gainesville. DAR & SAR members will be available at the History Center to demonstrate a variety of Colonial personalities.

Marshes of Glynn – Celebration during the weekend of April 16-18 at St. Simons. Co-Sponsored with GA Society SAR, Brunswick DAR, Fort Frederica DAR and other local organizations. Parade and Living History on Saturday morning with Memorial Ceremony on Saturday afternoon and Colonial Worship service on Sunday. Proclamations requested by Glynn, Camden, McIntosh and Liberty Counties.

Piedmont – Patriot's Day Proclamations honoring John Milton will be presented at the City Commission Meetings of Alpharetta, Milton & Roswell, and another Proclamation presented at the Cobb County Commission Meeting with the Captain John Collins Chapter.

Samuel Elbert - Patriots Day Proclamation honoring Samuel Elbert will be presented at the Elbert County Historical Society April Meeting with an article published in the Elberton newspaper.

Washington-Wilkes - Obtain Proclamations from Wilkes County and the City of Washington. Provide an Award for the best paper explaining the importance of John Wilkes in Wilkes County schools and General Benjamin Lincoln in Lincoln County schools.



In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2009 - 2010



David Louis Sinclair
Atlanta Chapter
December 23, 2009

Joseph Gregory Taylor
Coweta Falls Chapter
January 10, 2010

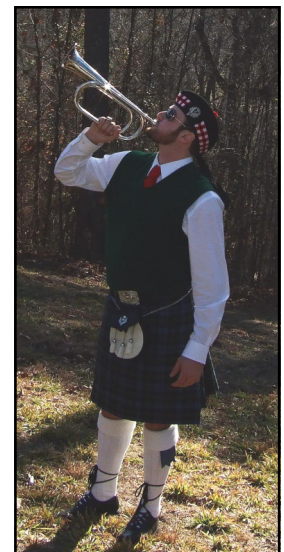
Edward Remer Cone
Marshes of Glynn Chapter
January 27, 2010

George Huston Morrison, Jr.
John Collins Chapter
(Date Unknown)

Joseph Paul Powell, III
Ocmulgee Chapter
January 18, 2010

Paul Grady Moss, Jr.
Piedmont Chapter
February 7, 2010

Gone but not forgotten.



Georgia Society Email Lists

The Georgia Society has two email lists and you may have already seen email from one or both of these lists. These mail lists and any future mail lists will appear to come from the domain name gassar.org. If you have strong spam filters in your email system, **you may need to authorize email from the gassar.org domain or from the specific email addresses shown below.**

BOM Email List

The first new email list is BOM@gassar.org. As this email address implies, it is for emailing Georgia Society BOM Reports or notices. **You have to be a member of this list to SEND or RECEIVE BOM Reports and notices.** I originally set up this Email list with the 2009 State Officers State Committee Chairmen and Chapter Presidents or Highest Ranking Chapter Officer in the absence of a Chapter President Email address.

All future BOM Quarterly or Annual Reports and BOM notices should be emailed directly to BOM@gassar.org. As a consequence, your report or notice will automatically be forwarded to all BOM members. If you are a new officer, committee chairman, or interested compatriot not currently subscribed to this list, you can **SUBSCRIBE or UNSUBSCRIBE** by visiting the below link and following the instructions given on the web page:

http://mail.gassar.org/mailman/listinfo/bom_gassar.org

Grave Marking & Revolutionary Site List

The second new email list is GraveMarking@gassar.org. As the name implies, GraveMarking@gassar.org will be used for Patriot and Compatriot Grave Dedication Notices/Invitations and Revolutionary Site event notices. The list may contain not only Georgia Society SAR members, but DAR members and other individuals who are interested in keeping apprised of Grave Markings and Revolutionary Site events sponsored by or in-part-by the Georgia Society. **You have to be a member of the GraveMarking@gassar.org list in order to send or receive these types of Georgia Society Email.** Because this list is open to more than just members of the Sons of the American Revolution, it will be more tightly monitored for appropriate content.

All future Grave Marking Dedications or Revolutionary Historical Site Notices should be emailed directly to GraveMarking@gassar.org. I have initially subscribed all Georgia Society members with an email address to this list. Anyone wishing to **SUBSCRIBE or UNSUBSCRIBE** to the GraveMarking@gassar.org list may do so by visiting the below link and following the instructions given on the web page:

http://mail.gassar.us/mailman/listinfo/gravemarking_gassar.org

Membership in both of these email lists is both a privilege and a responsibility. As a member of the Georgia Society you will have ready email access to all other Georgia Society members. However, that continued privilege depends on the manner in which we conduct our business as Sons of the American Revolution.

**Thanks to Billy Templeton
GASSAR Secretary Nominee**

GEORGIA COUNTIES NAMED FOR PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The American Revolution greatly affected the hearts and minds of Georgians who sought to memorialize the Patriots by naming 64 counties for numerous figures evocative of these historic times. Similar to Georgia's uneven performance during the war, the Patriots demonstrated strengths and shortcomings; achieved some victories but experienced many more defeats. The Georgia Patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes until more powerful support under the leadership of General Nathanael Greene could come to their assistance to remove the British from Georgia.

On February 5, 1777, the Constitution of Georgia created eight counties from the colonial parishes and named seven for British champions of American Independence and the eighth county, Liberty. In the years following the Revolutionary War, Georgia legislators named 56 additional counties for Patriots — exemplars of Georgia's efforts during the American Revolution. Georgia has more counties named for Patriots of the American Revolution than any other state.

With this rich inheritance, we demonstrate honor for the named Patriots, as well as the many other men and women who fought and supported the American Revolution. During the next several issues of the Hornet's Nest, we will list a group of counties and describe the actions of the Patriot for whom the county was named.

Following are the eight Original Counties created during the Revolutionary War listed in geographical sequence from north to south. A summary description is provided for the seven British citizens who had never even visited America and were considered Georgia's first acknowledged Patriots. A more detailed study of these men would reveal their significant impact on both English and American 18th century political philosophy, and especially the American Revolution.

WILKES County honors John Wilkes, known for his arguments of freedom of the press. Wilkes edited a weekly publication, *The North Britton*. In 1763, the king felt insulted by Wilkes' publications and had general warrants issued for his arrest. Parliament expelled Wilkes, but he gained re-election and continued to oppose the war with the American colonies. Wilkes also supported the Association Movement and religious tolerance.

RICHMOND County honors Charles Lennox, 3rd Duke of Richmond, a colonel in the 33rd Regiment of Foot. In 1765, he received appointment as ambassador extraordinary in Paris. In the policy debates that led to the American Revolution, Richmond was a firm supporter of the colonists. In 1778, he initiated a debate in the House of Lords calling for the removal of British troops from America.

BURKE County honors Edmund Burke, who took a leading role in the debate over constitutional limits to the executive authority of the King, arguing strongly against unrestrained royal power. Burke frequently expressed support for grievances of the American colonists in the House of Commons.

EFFINGHAM County honors Thomas Howard, Lord Effingham, 3rd Earl of Effingham. 1775, he resigned his military commission as captain rather than fight in America, which he considered incompatible with his obligations of a citizen. He became known as "The Earl of Effingham, who did not forget the Citizen in the Soldier." In addition to Effingham County, Commodore John Barry's warship was named the *Effingham* in his honor.

CHATHAM County honors William, Lord Pitt, 1st Earl of Chatham. In 1775, the House of Lords rejected his bill for reconciliation with the American colonies. After the war broke out, Chatham warned that America could not be conquered.

LIBERTY County honors the early zeal for independence of the settlers of St. John's Parish, dominated by the most implacable citizens who significantly influenced Revolutionary Georgia. Its citizens elected Dr. Lyman Hall to represent them at the Continental Congress, Georgia's only representative in 1775.

GLYNN County honors John Glynn, a lawyer known for his pleading skills, who engaged in numerous celebrated cases. Elected to Parliament for Middlesex in 1768, Glynn's speeches supporting the cause of American Independence received wide notoriety.

CAMDEN County honors Charles Pratt, 1st Earl of Camden. In 1761, as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, he earned wide popularity based on his ruling against the general warrant under which John Wilkes was prosecuted. Camden became Lord Chancellor in 1766, but his constant denunciation of the government's policy toward the American colonists and opposition to the taxes imposed on them resulted in his dismissal in 1770.

Additional details about the Patriots for whom Georgia counties are named can be found in Gordon Burns Smith's book, *Morningstar's of Liberty: The Revolutionary War in Georgia 1775-1783*. To obtain this book see website -- <http://factorswalk.com/morningstar/morning1.htm>

**Thanks to Bill Ramsaur
Southeast Region Vice President**





Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference – 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)

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)
(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
& Installation of Officers (Members, wives, guests)

