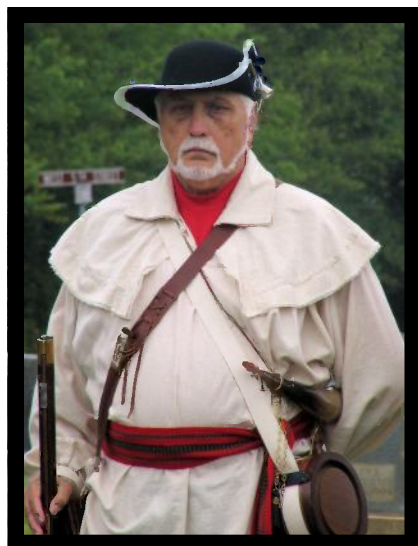




The

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



COL Robert F. Towns

This will be a first for this President! I have never before edited a newsletter. So, I am asking my fellow compatriots to have patience as the learning curve is quite steep.

I am very grateful for the guidance I have received from **Mark Webb** and **Billy Templeton**. They will take no credit for what is presented here. I might hasten to add, they will accept no blame, either!

So, with all the disclaimers in place, here goes my first effort at putting together *the Hornet's Nest*.

Upfront, I want to thank the chapters and committee chairmen

who sent me information to include in this issue. They have great faith!

As you read every single word of this publication, I ask that you make notes of any mistakes you see and share them with me. This especially applies to those areas where names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses may appear. This reminds me, I am going to insert a special place somewhere in this newsletter asking for your current e-mail address.

This is particularly important since the method of distribution of the newsletter will be by e-mail! Again, **Chapter President's** are encouraged to print a copy of *the Hornet's Nest* and make it available at your meetings for those who do not have access to online reading.

This brings up another important point. Some of you may not subscribe to an internet service provider (ISP), or you might not even have a computer. There is an answer for you, however.

You may go to your public library and use the computer there, free of charge. You simply click on "Internet Explorer" and when the screen comes up, you can use such services as yahoo.com, hotmail.com, or gmail.com (just to name a few.) to set up a free e-mail account. Ask your librarian for assistance. They are very happy to oblige. They will also show you

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how to access our State web site and you can read *the Hornet's Nest* found there, as well other exciting information posted to the site.

This may be an abbreviated newsletter for this first attempt. I promise to add more information as my proficiency increases. And I do hope and pray that is the case!

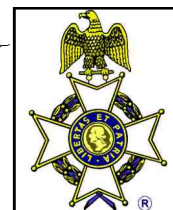
My job will be made easier (I think) when more and more chapters provide information about their activities. After all, this is your State Society and your fellow compatriots are interested in knowing what you are doing.

Your President has been very busy since being installed in April. With one week to go in June, my wife, Robin, and I have participated in five grave markings, dedicated one historical marker, visited four chapters including the **Patrick Carr Rangers** Chapter, took part in **Patriot's Day** and **Memorial Day** celebrations, and accompanied **PG Bruce Wilcox** and others on the SAR tour of Scotland.

Now, here comes *the Hornet's Nest!*

Wish me luck!

RFT



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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NEWS

of the
State Society

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter again hosted the Patriot's Day celebration on St. Simons Island on Saturday, April 19th. This year's event was especially meaningful as **PG Bruce Wilcox** and his lovely wife, **Theresa**, were in attendance.

The activities began Friday evening with a dinner reception hosted by Chapter President, **Brent Taylor** and by the XXX DAR Chapter and Regent XXX.

On Saturday morning, the celebration of the Frederica Naval action was held consisting of remarks by **PG Wilcox**, the presentation of wreaths, a musket salute by members of the **Elijah Clarke Militia**, followed by a beautiful rendition of Taps. Georgia Society President **Robert Towns** was the narrator for the event.



President Towns and Color Guard at Pikes Bluff

The afternoon's activities included the dedication of an historical marker at a location near Pike's Bluff, a significant lookout point for the Patriot forces as they kept a watchful eye out for the British naval vessels. This event also included wreath presentations and participation by the **Color Guard** and the **Elijah Clarke Militia**.

President Towns delivered the



Commander Paul Prescott and the Georgia Society Color Guard Patriot's Day 2008

dedication address.

At the end of May, **Memorial Day** observances were conducted throughout the State. In Columbus, **Chaplain Dan Gates** and the **Coweta Falls Chapter**, led by Chapter President **Bill Hay**, conducted a very moving service at Park view cemetery. **President Towns** presented a proclamation honoring all soldiers who had fallen in battle protecting our Nation.

President James McIntire and **The Piedmont Chapter** conducted flag retirement ceremonies in the Atlanta area.

An observance was held at Warner Robins Air Force base sponsored by **President Tucker Haught** and members of the **Ocmulgee Chapter**. This was a well attended event which included members of the **Color Guard** and the **Elijah Clarke Militia**.

Many chapters are now in the midst of planning observances of our Nations' birthday, **July 4th!**



The **Piedmont Chapter** is participating in the program known as **Let Freedom Ring**. They are

encouraging churches, courthouses, town halls and individuals to participate in the National Bell Ringing ceremony to take place on **Independence Day** at 2:00 pm EDT. The program WILL include tolling the bell 13 times in honor of the delegates from the 13 colonies

who adopted the Declaration of Independence.

The program. Authorized in 1963 through a joint Resolution of Congress, is sponsored by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution and will have nationwide participation.

This year marks the 232nd anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Let us get as many Chapters as possible involved in this initiative.

Let Freedom Ring!



Some upcoming events of note:
118th Annual Congress
July 5-9, Sacramento, CA

BOM meeting, July 19
Forsyth, 10:00 a.m.

Fall Leadership/Trustee meeting
September 26-27
Louisville, KY

BOM meeting, October 4
Forsyth, 10:00 a.m.

Battle of Kings Mtn, October 7

Battle of Savannah, October 9

Vann's Creek Celebration
December 6
Elbert County

Message From the

Georgia Society Secretary

Kline O. Pugh

By-Laws Amendment Proposal: The By-Laws Committee and the Executive Committee recommend a favorable vote at the July 19 Board of Managers meeting at the Holiday Inn in Forsyth. Article III, Section 2 pertains to nomination of officers. The proposed amendment would add a sentence as follows: "For the office of Senior Vice President, the nominee should agree to serve the following year as President if nominated."

The National Society Nomination Committee will present the following slate of nominees to the National Congress at Sacramento July 5-9: President General, David N. Appleby; Secretary General, Edward F. Butler; Treasurer General, Charles F. Bragg; Chancellor General, James K. Say; Genealogist General, Joseph W. Dooly; Registrar General, J. David Sympton; Librarian General, Richard D. Brockway; Historian General, Stephen A. Leishman; Chaplain General, David A. Hockensmith; Surgeon General, None.

Georgia Delegates to National Congress: Alternate Trustee George E. Thurmond; President Robert F. Towns; Larry T. Guzy, Terry Manning, Charlie Newcomer, Michael Tomme, Kirby Towns, and Joe Vancura. Charlie Newcomer will become our next National Trustee, and George Wheelless the next Alternate Trustee.

National Life Membership: The NSSAR Life Membership Plan provides members an opportunity to pay a one-time membership fee that would assure lifetime membership in the National Society. Any future increase in national membership dues would not affect a plan member. Members must continue to pay Chapter

and State dues annually. Membership of National Life members will be suspended if State dues are not paid. Application form and fees that are based on age are in Section 10.09F in our Source Book. **The Georgia Society has 28 National Life members.**

The Georgia Society Source Book is now on-line, and CDs will no longer be produced. The Source Book is a guideline of operating procedures of our State Society and Chapters. Chapter Presidents and State Committee Chairmen should review sections pertaining to their activities, and suggestions for upgrading are to be sent to the undersigned who is the Committee Chairman/Editor. The on-line Source Book may be accessed at <http://sourcebook.gassar.org> or from our web page: www.georgiasocietysar.org. Some sections may be restricted to members only, requiring an I.D. and password. You may contact the undersigned for access.

Delinquent Dues: Members of the Georgia Society whose 2008 dues were not paid on schedule may be reinstated by paying the current National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer: \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter dues. No form is necessary. If a member's recent membership was in another state, Form 0918 is required along with a check for \$10.00 made to NSSAR.

KLINE O. PUGH, Secretary

Welcome New Members

Athens

Joseph Britton Neighbors, III
Thomas Parks Oliver, III
Thomas Robert Oliver
Lloyd Norris Puckett, Jr.

Atlanta

David Wesley Brown
Woodrow Milton Hughes
Joseph Paul Meyer
Douglas Theodore Stephens
Ellison Ross Wyllie
Robert Carlisle Young

Button Gwinnett

Ray William Anderson
Andrew Lee Buford
Michael Angelo Crowe

Casimir Pulaski

George Franklin Romine **See New Members Page 5**

Message From the

**Georgia
Society
Genealogist**

Bob Sapp

In preparing our genealogy and in assisting a prospective member, we seek primary documents that give evidence to the generational connection between parent and child. These primary documents are most often birth, death and census records. However, there is occasionally that elusive family connection that has no document of direct connection.

In these cases we have heretofore relied upon the legal term of gathering documents to demonstrate a familial connection by "a preponderance of evidence". The genealogical community has moved away from the use of that term. The method or technique to be used is an analysis of all evidence, both positive and negative, and state or indicate the conclusions provided by the evidences. In some cases this is just using deductive reasoning such as: A=B and B=C, therefore A=C.

In other cases, it requires comparing information to show an association. This could be by showing community association in comparing census list with tax list or militia list by district. This technique can be used to define which person is the person of interest when there are two people in the area with the same name.

In all cases, an effort to gather all available documents and material seemingly related to the subject. Then a detail analysis must be made of the evidence and stating the conclusion lead to by the evidence.

As genealogist and registrars we have the task of guiding and aiding prospective members in discovering all documents to ensure membership. A thought in the final analysis of an application: "Can I present this in a court of law and receive a verdict consistent with the results presented?"



**SOME
IMPORTANT DATES TO
REMEMBER**

BOM MEETINGS:

JULY 19, 2008

OCTOBER 4, 2008

JANUARY 24, 2009

**FALL NSSAR LEADERSHIP/
TRUSTEE MEETING,**

LOUISVILLE, KY

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2008

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

MARCH 7, 2009

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(TENTATIVE DATES)**

APRIL 3-4, 2009

OBSERVANCES:

**BATTLE OF KING'S MOUNTAIN,
OCTOBER 7, 2008**

**BATTLE OF SAVANNAH,
OCTOBER 9, 2008**

**VANN'S CREEK/CHEROKEE
FORD, DECEMBER 6, 2008**

**BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK
AND REVOLUTIONARY
DAYS CELEBRATION,
FEBRUARY 14-15, 2009**

New Members continued

Cherokee

William C. Boling, Jr.
Edwin Meredith Lackey
Allen Wright Sims

Coweta Falls

Jay Pernell Wells

John Collins

Earl LeVaughn Cagle, Sr.
James Edward Cox
Kenneth A. Donaldson, Sr.

LaGrange

Jackson Lee Grady

Lyman Hall

Jimmy Alan Duren
Edward Paul Rigel, Jr.

Marquis de Lafayette

Kevin Spence Baker
David Francis Eckelberger
James Elton Eckelberger
Jerrie Francis Eckelberger
John Irvin Eckelberger
William Arthur Logan, Jr.
Jimmy Dale Patterson
Eric Stephen Peterson
Robert William Peterson
Charles Edward Shira
Chad Elliot Von Eck

Marshes of Glynn

Dennis Wayne Beaty
Charles Anderson Chapman
Harry Edwin Chapman
Whitlow Edwin Chapman
Newell M. Hamilton, Jr.
Richard Mills Justice

Mill Creek

Henry Jackson Proctor

Ocmulgee

Dana Wayne Browning
Noal Lindsey Browning
James Edward Stallings, Jr.

Patrick Carr Rangers

Jermie Carter Allen, Jr.
Frank Cates Griffin, Sr.
Henry Evans Tinley, Sr.
John Lewis Tinley, Jr.
William Burnsed Tinley, Sr.

Piedmont

John Warren Delvac
Craig Edwin Hahn
William Charles Lusk
Gaston Calhoun McIntire
(memorial)
Fred Jack Ridgeway, Jr.

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Report From The

Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**

GEORGIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD
SCHEDULE
As of 6/28/2008

5-9 July – 118th Congress, Sacramento, CA:
George Thurmond, Mike Tomme, Bobby
Towns, Kirby Towns

19 July – Board of Managers Meeting,
Forsyth, GA, 1000 Hrs: Paul Prescott,
George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson

2 Aug - Old Soldier's Day Parade,
Sponsored by American Legion Post 210,
Alpharetta, GA, 0800 hrs (This is a non-
sanctioned event): Paul Prescott, George
Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, John
Mortison

2 Aug – Sewell Grave Marking, Sponsored
by the Samuel Elbert Chapter and the
Sewell family reunion, near Lavonia, GA,
1000? Hrs (This is a non-sanctioned event):
Ted Smith

20 Sep – Constitution Week DAR
Luncheon, Wyndham Peachtree Conf.
Center, Peachtree City, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul
Prescott, George Thurmond, Robert
Cruthirds, Bo Hill, Larry Guzy, Revis
Butler, Jack Ferguson, Glynn Acree, Walker
Chewning

25-27 Sep – Fall NSSAR Leadership &
Trustees Meeting, Louisville, KY: Paul
Prescott

4 Oct – Board of Managers Meeting,
Forsyth, GA, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott

4 Oct – Grave Marking (Ocmulgee Chapter)
1500 hrs: Paul Prescott

7 Oct – Battle at Kings Mountain, Kings
Mountain, SC: Paul Prescott

9 Oct – Battle of savannah, Battlefield
Memorial Park, Savannah, GA 0700 hrs:

Paul Prescott

11 Oct – 234th Anniversary of the Battle
of Point Pleasant, Pt. Pleasant, WV:

1 Nov – Patriot Isham McDonald Grave
Marking, Cat Creek Cemetery, Valdosta,
GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott

14. 6 Dec – Vann's Creek, R. Russell
State Park, Elberton, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul
Prescott

ATTENTION COLOR GUARD, MILITIA, KILTED COMPATRIOTS:

If you have not signed up for one of these
events and you plan to attend, please
advise Paul Prescott by e-mail at:

prescotp@bellsouth.net

Remember, being a part of the Color
Guard, Militia, or Kilted is a fun and
excellent way to become involved with
the many activities of SAR.

The presence of these men at any function
is always a highlight of the event! Why
do you think we always have PHOTO
OPS?!

If you are interested in obtaining more
information about the various uniform
choices, you may want to contact one of
the following:

George Thurmond or Paul Prescott for
Continental Uniform;
Jay Guest for Militia Uniform and Musket
purchase;
Bobby Towns for Kilts and all things
Scottish (accessories).

Color Guard participation is an excellent
prospecting too for recruiting new
members in your chapter.

For our Award Winning Color Guard:

Huzza! Huzza! Huzza!



New Members continued

Piedmont (continued)

Geoffery Scott Ridgeway
Robert Lee Walker, Sr.
Robert Lee Walker, Jr.
Ryan Madison Walker
William K. Walker

Samuel Elbert

David Denton Jenkins

Sons of Liberty

Matthew Hopkins Manley

Valdosta

Robert Hunter Parrish, Jr.

Attend the

Summer BOM Meeting

Holiday Inn Forsyth
Saturday
July 19, 2008
10:00 a.m.



Report From The**Georgia
Society
Registrar****Mike Tomme**

Compatriots:

First I would like to thank all of you and I would like for you to know that I am here to make sure that your application leaves my desk as soon as possible. I am on your side and I do not want these sitting at my desk. As I write this article I would like to share a few things with you that will help all of us. I have had conversations with NSSAR about different issues and I hope this will help in speeding up the process for approving applications.

I have been notified by NSSAR **to cease using Yellow Highlighters** and to **underline in Red Ink your information**. Please put on the left hand side of the document the following (**G-1, with a or G-2, with a etc**). Also, when you submit a birth certificate it will show the parent's names and you are to identify each generation on the document (G-1 and G-2) which will cover two (2) generations. The same goes for death certificates, obituaries, etc. Also in the right top corner of the document you must list the information the following way (Gen-1 or Gen-1, 2, 3) etc.

You must attach the primary records or sources and most should be available and if not then go to the secondary records or sources. Birth, death and marriage certificates are available for at least the first 4 generations and maybe the fifth.

Also, if you list children on a new application, I would attach the marriage certificate and the birth certificates of the children. I would list this on the back of the application. This would be then documented and if your children would like to join the C.A.R., DAR or SAR later and this would be recorded on NSSAR record copy.

If a record exists, then attach it to the application when submitting it. **Example:** if a man/woman was born in 1899 but did not die until 1970, the death certificate is available and you need to get this and attach it. It will have information on the deceased parents in most cases. This will help me and it will make your application stronger. Also, on the back of the documents you must put the following information in the right top corner: Applicants / Compatriots name; Patriots name; your chapter name and state society.

If you reference an approved NSSAR application, then attach a record copy of the application, as I can not see in the NSSAR vault at National and I can not assume the information is correct. In some cases I have called NSSAR to see if this information was the same as recorded on new application and in some cases the information was not the same as it was reported on the generations that the NSSAR approved application was referencing. If you have a copy of the Record Copy of an approved application then go ahead and attach it. This will help me and strengthen your evidence.

This is **NO** different than when you reference a DAR National application that you are using as proof for 1 or more generations. Remember to put the NSSAR or NSDAR numbers on each of the generations you are using this for. Also, please remember to list Rev War Service or if using the NSSAR or NSDAR applications to reference service then put that number in Rev War Service line.

Also, please try to make sure that you proof read the entire application and over each generation to make sure the dates are correct and city, county and state information is correct. Make sure that if you list records on the back of the application that you have attached all documents that are referenced.

Also, please on the back of each document that you attach that you list your name, patriot's name, chapter and state society. This is needed in case your documents get detached from the application they can turn over the document and see which application this belongs to.

I hope this helps and I look forward to working with each of you and thanks for your time in this matter and thanks for helping me out.



Message From the

**Georgia
SAR
Ladies'
Auxiliary**

**Robin Towns
President**

**GEORGIA SAR LADIES
AUXILIARY**

**Charter Membership
Tea & Annual Meeting
Friday April 4, 2008**

The Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary met on Friday, April 4, 2008, at 3:00 pm, at the Wesley Foundation in Athens, GA, for the Charter Membership Tea, Annual Meeting, and Memorial Service. Auxiliary members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship prior to the Annual Meeting and Memorial Service. Twenty eight ladies were present.

President Robin Towns called the Annual Meeting to order and Chaplain Patricia Pugh gave the Opening Prayer.

Second Vice President JoAn Chewning led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. First Vice President Cilla Tomme led the Pledge to the National Ladies Auxiliary SAR.

Mrs. Towns welcomed the members to the Charter Membership Tea and Annual Meeting. Visiting dignitaries were introduced including Theresa Wilcox, wife of President General NSSAR Bruce A. Wilcox, Karen Bragg, wife of Genealogist General Charles F. Bragg, and Karen Powell, wife of the North Carolina SAR President Sam Powell. Mrs. Towns introduced the GA Society SAR Past Presidents' wives in attendance including Laurel Craft, Mary Jane Galer, Joyce Johnson, Sandra Lamb, Marty Thurmond, and Cathy Wheelless.

Secretary Camille Baxter read the appointed Slate of Officers, who were elected by acclamation. The Officers are: President, Robin R. Towns; First Vice President, Cilla L. Tomme; Second Vice President, JoAn J. Chewning; Secretary, Camille R. Baxter; Treasurer, Ashley T. Carter; Chaplain, Patricia K. Pugh; Historian, Nedra T. Johnson; and Parliamentarian, Laurel G. Craft. Theresa Wilcox, wife of the NSSAR President General Bruce Wilcox, most graciously installed the Officers.

Mrs. Towns presented the President's Report, outlining the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary's mission and reporting that the Auxiliary now has seventy members. Officers Reports followed.

First Vice President Mrs. Tomme reported that the program for the Charter Membership event includes a get-acquainted social, the installation of Officers, and informing our members about our purposes and projects.

Second Vice President Mrs. Chewning reported that our Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary dues are donated to the NSSAR to support the National Ladies Auxiliary's project of purchasing of library tables and chairs for NSSAR's proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The National SAR Ladies Auxiliary also is planning to reprint the very successful cookbook, which was on display.

Secretary Mrs. Baxter reported that the first set of Minutes is being recorded and pledged to help with newsletters and mailings.

Treasurer Mrs. Carter presented the Treasurer's Report.

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Report From The



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

Hal Dayhuff

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Greetings all. As you know, another year is ahead of us. This year is different. We are honored to have the 1st and youngest National CAR President Kevin Baker from the Button Gwinnett Society and Georgia State President Carter Moore from the Lucy Spell Raiford Society to represent the Children of the American Revolution.

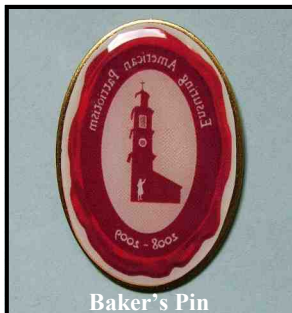
The Marquis de Lafayette, Augustin Clayton and the Button Gwinnett CAR Society hosted a joint reception for Nation President Kevin Baker on May 24. Georgia State President and Mrs. Robert Towns and many National, International, and State Officers were present along with many other members of the various state societies and chapters.

The Georgia Society has always been a great contributor to the CAR State President's Project. This year, we will be asked to double our efforts. We have a National President's Project and a State President's Project. Both will be a benefit to what we believe in most—our heritage and the source of our freedom.

President Carter Moore has designed her pin and her project is to obtain \$3,000 to divide between the DAR-SAR-CAR for their National projects reflecting on our heritage.



President Kevin Baker has designed his pin and his project is to distribute a DVD, "Give me Liberty or Give me Death", to the school systems around the country. See National CAR web site, www.nscar.org.



Both presidents are asking for your assistance to make their projects a success. For two contributions of \$10.00, you will receive a pin showing your support to each project. Please go to www.georgiasocietysar.org and download the form for your support of their efforts.

You have enjoyed the bleachers at Kettle Creek and the many rolls of film at the Washington Library, all from your contributions in the past for the State Presidents' Projects.

Thank you for your DOUBLE support this year. It is a GREAT opportunity for the Georgia Society to have both a NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND A STATE PRESIDENT.

President Kevin Baker and President Carter Moore participated in the Memorial Day service at the Marietta National Cemetery. They both presented a wreath with approximately 30 other organizations that paid tribute to our fallen service members.

Our great CAR Patriot LTC David Titus, former Commander of the Military Order of World Wars, was the guest speaker.

John Sloan presented a wreath for the Marquis de Lafayette. Hal Dayhuff, Aide-de-Camp for the two Presidents, attended.

On March 26th, CAR member Jerred Cline, in Revolutionary Militia Uniform, marched with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter SAR Militia at the Fayette County Cemetery, Fayetteville, GA, and in the parade in Senoia.

On June 7th, at a SAR Revolutionary Patriot Grave dedication/marketing ceremony in New Centerville, PA, Jerred, in Revolutionary Militia Uniform, (1) led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's flag, and (2) presented a wreath for the Button Gwinnett Society. Well done, Jerred!

As you CAR members participate in activities, please send me the information. Send it by e-mail to: vmi33859@earthlink.net

You all know, of course, that the 2009 NASSAR Annual Congress will be held in Georgia at the Wyndham Hotel near Cobb Galleria. But, did you know that the "Official Congress Pin" was designed by Compatriot Walker Chewning's granddaughter, Kindl Lynne Chewning. Kindl is a member of the Allen Howard Society, CAR. Her design won first place in a statewide competition.

Each Chapter was given one of these pins for each active member of his chapter (as of March 1). If you have not received your pin from your Chapter



President, ask him for it. When you get it, wear it proudly. Especially wear it to all SAR functions.

This pin will be prominently displayed at this year's National Congress in Sacramento, California. We want everyone to be excited about "Coming Down to Georgia"!

You also need to be making plans to attend Congress next year in "Atlanta". See you there!





In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2008



James Roger Westlake, Sr.
George Walton
Mar 25, 2008

Joseph Ralph Baugh
John Milledge
May 10, 2008

Artis Clinton Knowles
Samuel Butts

Carl Jackson Arnold, Jr.
Samuel Elbert
June 15, 2008

Joseph Franklin Jones
Samuel Elbert
June 13, 2008



**Gone but not
forgotten.**



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Historian Mrs. Johnson displayed the Scrapbook and requested materials showing Auxiliary members' participation in SAR events.

Under new business, Parliamentarian Mrs. Craft presented the proposed Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary Bylaws, which were confirmed by the membership.

Mary Jane Galer, former National Officer of the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary, informed the membership that membership in the SAR Ladies Auxiliary makes the expenses of attending meetings associated with SAR events an allowable tax deduction, a valuable benefit SAR Ladies Auxiliary membership.

Chaplain Mrs. Pugh conducted a lovely Memorial Service for Diane Smith Gibson, a long-time member of National Ladies Auxiliary SAR.

Mrs. Pugh offered the Closing Prayer. Mrs. Towns adjourned the meeting and Mrs. Craft led the Recessional.

Keep up with Auxiliary news by visiting the Georgia Society web site:

www.gassar.org

Click on "State Info/Committees;" Under "Georgia State Society", click on the "Georgia Ladies Auxiliary" link.



NEWS

of the
Georgia Society
Chapters

ATLANTA CHAPTER

Eagle Scout Honored

Eagle Scout Chris O'Connell was honored at The March Meeting of the Atlanta Chapter. He placed second in the National SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest and in recognition of this accomplishment was presented a certificate and a check for \$4,000.

This award recognizes his overall accomplishments in scouting, as well as the essay he wrote on the subject of the American Revolution. The check was presented by Compatriot Charlie Newcomer, President, GASSAR, and Ken Zeliff, Chairman, Atlanta Chapter Eagle



Eagle Scout Award
L to R Charlie Newcomer, Chris O'Connell, Ken Zeliff- Atlanta, Tim O'Connell, father of Chris

Scout Committee, presented the certificate.

Compatriot Jack Ferguson gave an interesting account on the subject of "Georgia and the American Revolution". Jack is a member of the Piedmont Chapter and active in many SAR programs at both the local and state levels.

Our April meeting featured an informative presentation by Dr. Steven W. Engerrand, Assistant



L to R- Bill Hayes, Dr. Engerrand, Ed Floyd, Fisher Craft, Terry Manning

Director, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia. A devoted student of American History, Dr. Engerrand received Bachelor, Master and PhD degrees in American History. He furnished an overview of the holdings at the Archives and outlined the several ways to access genealogical information. He extended an invitation to all Members to visit the Archives, where the Staff is ready to assist in research efforts.

We enjoyed a program entitled **Continued on page 12**

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“White Tiger – My Secret War in Korea” presented by Colonel Ben Malcolm at our May meeting. Colonel Malcolm was assigned to duty deep in enemy territory, surviving many near misses. The story of this service is incredible. Colonel Malcolm went on to serve in Vietnam, again overcoming and surviving many difficult times and hardships. At one time he was Commanding Officer of Fort McPherson.

Chapter President, Compatriot Ed Floyd, spoke on the life of John Paul Jones at our June meeting. He reported in some detail the accounts of his accomplishments and introduced several new interesting chapters in his life. In summary, John Paul Jones was a great American hero. His legacy in battle was unmatched courage, tactical mastery at sea and to “...go in harm’s way,” to quote Jones himself.

A Certificate of Commendation was presented to Mr. Tasso Costarides, owner of the White House Resident in



Costarides and Guyton McCall

Buckhead, for the proper display of the United States Flag at the entrance to the restaurant. It

welcomes customers and is visible to pedestrians and the many occupants of automobiles passing that way each day. Inside the restaurant, several additional flags are displayed.

The Atlanta Chapter regularly supports the Veterans Administration Hospital with gifts of magazines, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and toiletries, under the guidance of Compatriot Fisher Craft.

Meetings are held at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except July and August. All Compatriots are welcome. No reservation necessary.

Hornet's Nest Deadline
September 15, 2008
 Make sure your Chapter news gets published!

MARQUIS de
IAFAYETTE

In February 2008, **Bo Hill, Mike Tomme, Lewie Dunn** and **Cilla Tomme** presented our Revolutionary War School Program to 4th graders at Oak Grove Elementary School, Burch Elementary, and Peachtree City Elementary. Also, Mike Tomme and Cilla Tomme presented the program to K-2nd graders at Community Christian School.

Mike Tomme and **Paul Grimes** attended the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. meeting in February at

Southern Oaks. That same month, Mike Tomme attended the VASSAR Annual BOM meeting and banquet that was held in Richmond, VA. Also, we had 3 members attend Spring Leadership and Trustees in Louisville, KY and they were: Mike Tomme, **Doug Stansberry** and Lewie Dunn.

In March 2008, Bo Hill, Mike Tomme, Lewie Dunn, Cilla Tomme and **Terry Manning** presented our Revolutionary School Program to Nesbit Elementary School. Mike Tomme and Cilla Tomme attended the 225th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle at Cape Canaveral, FL. Mike Tomme and Cilla Tomme attended the SCCAR Annual meeting and banquet in Myrtle Beach, SC. Members Mike Tomme and Paul Grimes attended the Interment and Memorial Service of former President General **Jim Westlake**.

In April 2008, Mike Tomme attended the South Atlantic District meeting that was held in Athens. April 4th, members Mike Tomme, **Hal Dayhuff**, Lewie Dunn, **Geoffrey Oosterhoudt**, **David Jessel**, and **Keith Larson** attended the Friday evening banquet. That evening Mike Tomme was awarded the Patriot Medal. On Saturday Doug Stansberry and Bo Hill attended the Annual meeting along with other members. Mike Tomme was elected GASSAR State Registrar and Keith Larson was elected GASSAR State Recording

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Secretary. At the awards luncheon, Bo Hill received the Bronze and Silver Color Guard medals. Hal Dayhuff was awarded the Robert E. Burt Boy Scouts Volunteer Award. Also our chapter won the State SAR – CAR activity certificate and ribbon. Our chapter was awarded the BG Robert L. Scott, Jr. Veterans Award "In recognition for outstanding support to our Nation's Veterans and achievement of 1st Place in the Georgia Society for Chapters 50-99 Membership Category. Edward C. Hackney of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Veterans Committee Chairman April 5, 2008".

Our chapter on April 12, 2008, marked Compatriot Mike Tomme's Patriot ancestor grave in Wilkes Co., GA. Members from the DAR/SAR and C.A.R. Societies attended. Also, after the grave dedication, Mike Tomme swore in new member of the Marquis de Lafayette, **Kevin Baker**. Members **John Sloan**, **Kevin Napier**, Mike Tomme and Paul Grimes attended the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society meeting in April. On April 18 and 19th Mike Tomme and Paul Grimes attended the NSCAR Annual meeting in Washington, DC.

In May 2008, our chapter presented JROTC medals to Lovejoy, Riverdale and Mount Zion High Schools. Also members attended Hero's Day at East Fayette Elementary School. We also had members attend the Compatriot grave marking of

Ben Miller. Mike and Cilla Tomme presented our school program to Canongate Elementary School. Our Flag Committee members John Sloan, **Ernie Kearns** and Mike Tomme presented flag certificates to IHOP and Leslie Contracting



Mike Tomme, Richard Lopez, John Sloan

located in Fayetteville. On May 24th the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter and the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society hosted a reception for Kevin Baker, as he is the first National C.A...R. President to come from the State of GA. Mike Tomme and Geoffrey Oosterhoudt attended Boy Scouts Day at Marietta National Cemetery. On Memorial Day, **Ted Hackney**, **John Sloan**, **Kevin Baker**, **Greg Dorfmeier**, **Fred Adolphus** and Hal Dayhuff attended the Memorial Day event at the Marietta National Cemetery. That same day members of our chapter color guard took part in the Memorial Day events in

Peachtree City, Fayetteville and Senoia, GA. Mike Tomme traveled to Washington, DC to take part in the National Memorial Day Parade. On May 31, Mike and Cilla Tomme attended the Chartering Banquet of the Patrick Carr Rangers SAR Chapter in Waynesboro.

On June 13, John Sloan presented a flag certificate to Select Physical Therapy in Fayetteville, GA. On June 14, Mike Tomme and Paul Grimes took with the GASSAR Color Guard in posting of colors on Flag Day at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins that was hosted by the Ocmulgee Chapter.



National CAR Pres Baker greets well-wishers.



Marquis de Lafayette Militia on Memorial Day

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SAMUEL ELBERT CHAPTER

The Samuel Elbert Chapter had their quarterly meeting June 5th, 2008, and President Olds Harris awarded 15 “Certificates of Appreciation” for those who provided service at the “First Annual Celebration of the Vann’s Creek Battle Site” December 8th, 2007 at the Richard B. Russell State Park. Among those being awarded certificates were Larry Richardson and his wife Martha, Starke Jaudon, Ross Banks, Lauren Lamb, House of Representative Tom McCall, Arthur Boyd Outz, Dr. Joseph Harris, Rev. Jack Bozeman (MC for the Vann's Creek Ceremony.), GASSAR President (Past) Charlie Newcomer (GASSAR Sponsoring Society), Jim Lloyd (Dedication of the Memorial); Gail Lavender (Regent, Stephen Heard Chapter) (DAR Medal of



Regent Lavender with Pres. Harris

Appreciation with certificate), and Sara Lesseur (John Benson NSDAR and planning)

The meeting included Stuart Lyle updating the membership on the plans for the next annual Vann’s Creek Battle Site celebration scheduled for

December 6th, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Richard B. Russell State Park (Charles Baxley, editor and producer of the Southern Campaigns Magazine will be main speaker). President Olds Harris and Stuart Lyle congratulated the Samuel Elbert Chapter for a successful battle site marking and challenged the whole Chapter to get involved at this next December meeting.

President Olds Harris announced a grave marking of Samuel Sewell, Jr. in Lavonia, GA which will be coming up August 2nd. He also mentioned several other grave markings which are in the planning stages.

President Harris announced a Genealogy Conference sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR’s Genealogist’s Robert Sapp and the Samuel Elbert Chapter August 8th and 9th in the Mary Willis Memorial Library in Washington, Ga. Members of the Samuel Elbert Chapter will assist Bob Sapp at the conference. It is anticipated a new chapter in the Washington, GA area may be forthcoming in the near future if the genealogy

conference is successful.

President Olds Harris inducted our newest member David Denton Jenkins from Washington, GA. David was instrumental in the organization of the new “13th Colony Trail” formed by the Tourism Division of the Department of Economic Development’s Product Development Manager Bruce Green.

Congratulations David on becoming a GASSAR member and for spearheading the “13th Colony Trail”.

“Come out from behind that tree and show me the Permit!”



In May 2008, several Joseph Habersham and Samuel Elbert Chapter members were awarded “Certificates of Appreciation” for building a footbridge over the Rock Branch Creek for family members to access the Francis Gaines RS gravesite. Certificates were presented to Starke Jaudon, Larry Richardson, Ross Banks, and Lamar Wilbanks of the Joseph Habersham Chapter. Larry Wilson also participated.



David Jenkins receives pin from Pres. Harris

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WILLIAM FEW CHAPTER

The William Few Chapter held their quarterly meeting on March 25. The guest speaker was Ken Waller, operations director of the National Science Center. The next meeting is scheduled in June, during which new chapter officers will be elected.

Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Robert Turbyfill was our representative at the GASSAR annual meeting and Spring BOM meeting in Athens in April. Bob was named Chairman of the GASSAR Patriots Medal committee and assisted President Charlie Newcomer in presenting this year's medals on April 6.

Chapter vice president H. Campbell Chafee laid a wreath for the chapter in honor of Patriot Purnal Truitt at his grave dedication ceremony near Washington, GA, on April 12. Additionally, Bob Turbyfill laid a wreath at the grave marker dedication ceremony for deceased Compatriot Ben Miller in McDonough, GA, on May 3. Bob also represented the chapter at the Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter charter banquet on May 31 in Waynesboro.

Compatriot Russell Brown presented a GASSAR medal on

May 2 to an outstanding cadet at the annual Augusta State University ROTC banquet. JROTC awards were presented by chapter members at 10 area high schools during the month of April. JROTC awards were presented by chapter members at 10 area high schools during the month of April.

Compatriots Chafee, Turbyfill and Ed Presnell represented the chapter at the annual



Memorial Day observance at the Veterans of All Wars Monument in Augusta on May 26.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee – More than You Might Imagine

The Education Committee encourages chapters of the Georgia Society to promote patriotism and the instruction of American history as it relates to the people, places, and events of the Revolutionary War. A

formal chapter education committee is not required – even one member interested in one of the several programs of education outreach can effectively promote community study of the Revolutionary War. A Color Guard or militia outfit is not required – a dressy casual or business suit can be even more impressive than a period uniform. Lecturing in the schools is not required – children can be reached at scouting events, in the local library reading hour, at day camps, and in Sunday school. Limiting presentations to children is not required – programs to seniors clubs, Rotary Clubs, historical societies, family reunions, and similar adult audiences are also important towards educating the community. Creating an interesting, well-researched program is not necessary – Compatriots of the Georgia Society all over the State have developed programs that they are willing to share with you. Lastly, doing a program at all is not necessary – you can also promote instruction of American history by recognizing outstanding teachers and students with certificates and Bronze Good Citizenship Medals.

If any of these ideas interest you and you would like to discuss them with someone that may have done something similar or just want to share your own ideas with others in the Georgia Society, please contact the Georgia Society Education Committee Chairman, Terry Manning, at (770) 564-8822 or TEManning@aol.com.



