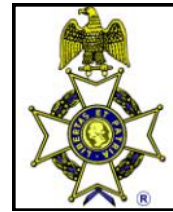


**Newsletter of THE GEORGIA SOCIETY**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



The

July—September, 2012

# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch

The President's schedule slowed a little bit after Annual Congress what with the heat of the summer and the curtailment of outdoor activities. The Summer Board of Managers meeting was well attended. Twenty-three of thirty-one



**Ed Rigel, Sr.**

chapters were represented and most of the committees as well. All the medals and awards presented at Congress were re-presented to the individuals and chapter recipients and they were numerous, as the GA Society demonstrated why we are called the "Award Winning GA Society". There was nothing contentious on the agenda and the rest of the meeting moved quickly. A reminder, while it is expected that those in leadership capacity within our Society attend the BOM meetings, all members of the Society are invited to attend.

In August, I had the honor of attending,

with two other members of the Executive Committee, Sr. Vice President Stallings and Treasurer Manning, the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Joel Early Chapter down in Iron City. The event was very well attended with guests from Alabama and Florida present. The Joel Early members and their families were most gracious hosts. The event was held in the old church the chapter had been given and where they hold their meetings; just a delightful setting. The chapter has done some renovations to the facility and has created several exhibits related to the Revolution and colonial times. Their intent is to start a program whereby students are bused to the facility for educational programs. I look forward to hearing more.

Later in the month, I attended the GA State Society DAR workshop in Pine Mountain. At their opening program I brought greetings from the Society and presented a contribution from the Endowment Trust Fund toward State Regent Linglebach's Project. I assisted Compatriot Manning at the Education Committee's Flea Market and Book Store. One more opportunity to meet the delightful DAR ladies of Georgia.

Activity began picking up in September, with the Grave Marking ceremony for Patriot William Suttles at the historic Utoy Cemetery near Fort McPherson. The Atlanta and Piedmont Chapters organized a very nice and well attended ceremony. A week and a half later found me in Augusta for the annual William Few Wreath Ceremony hosted by the Augusta Chapter DAR. This is another of those programs that one ought to put on their annual calendar. Weather this year forced the ceremony to be moved

into the air-conditioned St. Paul's Episcopal Church much to the delight of the Color Guard. The large number of students and Daughters filled the sanctuary. The luncheon afterwards provided the ability to mingle with yet more members of the DAR.

The Annual GA State Society DAR Constitution Week Luncheon was well attended and I brought greetings from the SAR. Our eight member Color Guard was outstanding and most appreciated; "We love men in uniform!" The speaker gave a dynamic, thought evoking program which I will call, "Which Constitution – the one our Founding Fathers wrote or the one the politicians are reading?" I will say no more. More mingling.

Compatriots Coursey, Craft, Galer, Jessel, Prescott, Stallings, Thurmond, Tomme, and Towns joined first-timers Bill Kabel, Piedmont, and Bob Wylie, Marquis de Lafayette, and myself at the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference/Trustee Meeting. I have been attending these meetings since Fall 2009 and it is still a long (7.5 hour) drive. Some of the general sessions and committee meetings, or parts of them, can be frustrating, but I look forward to attending each March and September. Why? Because of the friendships that have developed over the few years. I get to spend time with some of the members of the GA Society whose paths I rarely cross. And, I'm already looking forward to the next meeting in March when I will gather with friends from NH (without the r) to VA to FL to TX to CA to WA and most states in between. Okay, maybe not CA.

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*The center of the fight for Independence in Wilkes County, Georgia, 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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A report on the salient actions coming out of Fall Leadership compiled from the reports of those who attended will be in a separate article in this *Hornet's Nest*.

In early October, I attended the Athens Chapter meeting, visiting and dining with those friends, and then listening to an excellent presentation by Compatriot Thurmond on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Charleston and Patriot Francis Marion. Good group; thriving Chapter.

A few days later off to Gaffney, SC and the beginning of the Kings Mountain/Battle of Savannah activities. I keep admonishing you to put such and such on your calendar for next year, but this is a three/four day must. On the 6<sup>th</sup>, I represented the GA Society at the South Atlantic District meeting and presented a very positive report on the status of our Society. The SAD meeting was well attended with a significant portion of the attendees coming from the GA Society. Salient news from this meeting will be included in a separate article. After the SAD meeting, a reception was held for not only members from the GA, SC, NC, and FL Societies but representatives from the AL, KY, MD, and VA Societies as well. Great fellowship!!

The next morning, following Bojangles biscuit sustenance sponsored by the SC Society that included a special order Country Ham biscuit for Compatriot Thurmond, (told you that you were missing a great opportunity!) seventeen members of the GA Society Color Guard gathered to participate in the Kings Mountain ceremony at which I presented a wreath on behalf of the Society. Most of us then took off for a four and a half plus hour trip to Savannah where we would be joined by others in our Society for the Battle of Savannah activities. Compatriot Thurmond was riding with the Rigels and delivered anecdotes along the way. It was a very long four and a half hours.

Monday evening the out of town members of the Society gathered with members of the Edward Telfair Chapter for fellowship and good food. Tuesday morning arrived early what with the Battle of Savannah Commemorative Parade stepping off at 7:15A. South Atlantic District Vice President General Steve Pittard, NCSSAR joined us for the activities of the day and led the procession from the Museum to Battlefield Park.

Being a school day and the weather rather blustery, attendance at the event was lower than usual; thank goodness for the DAR and SAR. The GA Society has three chapters named for the signers of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia – Button Gwinnett, Dr. Lyman Hall and George Walton. With the encouragement of the GA Society's Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chair Walker Chewing, members of those three chapters raised funds to have a stone honoring their namesake placed in Battlefield Park. Following the Battle Commemoration, a ceremony was held to dedicate those three stones. After breakfast sponsored by the Coastal Heritage Society, a ceremony recognizing Samuel Elbert was held at his monument in the park.

Later in the morning, a trolley carried the contingent to the Pulaski monument in Monterey Square for a brief ceremony. National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme accompanied VPG Pittard for the wreath presentation. The trolley then transported the group to the monuments honoring Sgt. William Jasper and General Nathanael Greene for photo opportunities. Narratives on the lives of each were delivered along the way. The trolley tour seemed popular with the group and consideration will be given to including one in the 2013 program.

I attended the Marquis de Lafayette chapter meeting that night on the way back home. Well attended; they heard George was going to be there. Excellent program on the War of 1812 by Susan Sloan, wife of Compatriot John Sloan. Dynamic chapter.

On the anniversary of his death, I attended a brief ceremony at Marietta National Military Cemetery for John Clark, who served in the Revolution and War of 1812 and was Governor of Georgia. He was a son of Patriot Elijah Clarke. The next day, I represented the GA Society at the Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Peter Ledford, Sr. The event was sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter and was very well done and very well attended. Had what I judged to be the largest gathering of descendants I have witnessed at any event.

The Athens Chapter SAR, Apalachee Chapter DAR, and the Count d'Estaing Society C.A.R. hosted an Afternoon Tea

to honor Miss Lily Elizabeth Garnett, State President Georgia Society C.A.R. I was a pleasure to be able to represent the Society at this event and wish Lily the best during her tenure as State President. Lily has been invited to attend our BOM at the end of the month to promote her State President's project.

During the War of 1812, native son Col. Daniel Appling led a small band of riflemen who defeated a large force of British soldiers in the Battle of Sandy Creek in New York on May 29, 1814. The GA Legislature honored Appling in 1814, voting to present "an elegant sword" for his "cool and deliberate valor." But Appling died before the blade was presented and it became state property. The sword hung in the governor's office and the Capitol for years before the state loaned it out for inclusion in Georgia's 1907 exhibit at the 300th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, but then it vanished. State archivists found the sword in an antiques magazine two years ago and sought to have the sword returned to Georgia. Multiple heritage societies raised \$100,000 to purchase the sword. The GA Society SAR made contributions totaling \$2,000 towards the purchase of the Appling Sword. On Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the sword was officially returned to the state of Georgia during a presentation to Governor Deal at the Capitol. I joined a large contingent from the GA Society SAR at this presentation. Most impressive. The sword is beautiful and will be on display in the Hall of Valor until a permanent exhibit is established.

Lots of activities planned for the final quarter of my tenure as President of this great GA Society. Visits to half a dozen chapters, grave markings, Fort Morris, Vann's Creek, Cowpens, etc. remain on the calendar. I look forward to my next report to you.

Humbly yours,

Ed Rigel, Sr.



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## Message from the Georgia Society Secretary

October 15, 2012

### Current Membership

As of July 17, 2012, the total membership for the Georgia Society is as follows:

REGULAR:	1,525
JUNIOR:	9
Junior Life	3
EMERITUS:	5
LIFE:	37
DUAL (Between States):	16
	=====
TOTAL:	1,595

### 2013 Membership Dues

The deadline for 2013 dues, though it seems a ways off, is rapidly gaining on us. Chapters MUST receive 2013 dues before 31 Dec 2012. **ALL DUES MUST BE IN THE STATE SECRETARY'S HANDS ON 10 JAN 2013 (NOT AFTER THE 10<sup>TH</sup>)**. If you have not begun to organize your efforts now is the time. The following information will help in that process.

### Chapter Directories and Dues Report

All chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurers with an e-mail address have received an *updated Chapter Directory* from me. Each **Chapter Directory** has a list of current year paid members with National and State Numbers, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses as of **01 Aug 2012**. Dual members that do not pay their Georgia Society dues through your chapter WILL NOT be on that Directory. They WILL be on the Directory of their primary chapter. Any dropped members that have requested reinstatement and have yet to be approved and registered by the National Society WILL NOT be on the Directory. You are to treat these dual members and pending reinstatements as current members for your purpose of collecting their 2013 dues. A newly updated Directory will be e-mailed before 01 Nov 2012 and again by 01 Dec 2012.

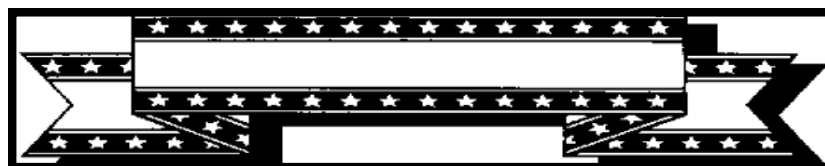
Each Directory will be accompanied by a **Dues Report** to be used by the Chapter Treasurer when submitting chapter dues. Anytime this fall, **before 31 Dec 2012**, when 2013 dues are submitted the chapter treasurer can "check off" each member as paid and then calculate the total dues submitted at that time. The Dues Report for all currently REGISTERED members will show the exact amount owed. A Dual Member will show \$13 dues owed. A Life Member will also show \$13 owed. Please use the Dues form that is e-mailed (not a handwritten or typed submission).

Once I receive a check and a Dues Report from a treasurer, I will e-mail a new Dues Report to all chapter officers to confirm that 2013 membership dues were paid. This allows time to correct any potential errors before the end of year deadline.

**Do not include dues for unregistered reinstatements or unregistered applicants with this report.** Any applicants for membership or requests for reinstatement will show up on future Dues Reports once registered by the National Society. Any applicant or reinstatement registered *after November 1<sup>st</sup>* will have their dues automatically credited and indicated on any Dues Report sent to the chapter following their registration. Any applicants or reinstatements that are registered *before November 1<sup>st</sup>*, their 2013 dues requirements will appear on any Dues Reports sent to the chapter officers.

If you have questions or any problems as we move through this process, please call or send an e-mail. I am here to assist you.

**IF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CHAPTER OFFICERS DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS (THERE ARE SOME OUT THERE), PLEASE PROVIDE THEM WITH A COPY OF YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORY AND DUES REPORT**



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## Message From the Georgia Society Chaplain

**Roger Lamb**

### Patriotism, Commitment, and Faith

Presbyterians have a long Christian tradition that can be traced back to churches in Scotland and Switzerland. At 124 Barbecue Church Road in the town of Sanford, North Carolina is the Barbeque Presbyterian Church founded 1758 prior to the Revolutionary War. You just can't get a better name than that! The pastor was a strict and pious young Presbyterian minister, seminary trained, biblical, articulate, and legalistic.

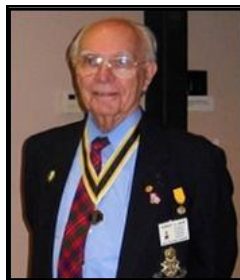
One Sunday morning, with the rumblings of a coming revolution sweeping across the land, this young pastor prayed for the American colonies and those involved in planning the break from England. He also prayed for the King of England and those in leadership in Great Britain. Following the service, men militantly loyal to the Crown jumped him and put a musket to his head. "If you ever again pray for the colonies and for those who are planning the revolution against England, we will put a lead musket ball right in the middle of your skull!" The young pastor was shocked and afraid. After talking with his wife and family, he called a meeting of the church elders and during the evening service he explained to his congregation, "I am a husband and father. I do not plan to become a martyr. Therefore I can no longer stand in this pulpit."

The next morning in the village of Lillington, North Carolina, which is close to this historic church, the young pastor walked into the general store. As he was entering, a woman who was a member of his congregation was embroiled in an argument with the store's owner over some merchandise she had purchased. In the heated

exchange, she began to curse the storeowner, taking the Lord's name in vain. Just as the words left her lips she turned around and stood face to face with the pastor. He stopped her and, in typical ministerial style, began to chastise her about the danger of hell-fire because of her profanity. He questioned how a woman who professed to be a Christian could engage in such language. He continued to deal with her in a strong, legalistic fashion. When he finished, she rather sheepishly looked at him, and in a very quiet voice asked, "Pastor, is it any wonder that the devil could lead a plain woman like me to curse when he could lead a man of God like you to resign when he is most needed in time of crisis?"

The young pastor was broken. What did God call him to do? What was his commitment based on faith? He called a meeting of the elders of the church and asked to be reinstated.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11:4  
Hebrews 11:1-40



**Robert A. Sapp**

## Message From the Georgia Society Registrar

As an opening statement relating to the status of your application, your state society registrar is approximately two and one-half weeks behind in reviewing incoming applications. Secondly, it takes an average of two hours to review a fully documented application with six generations of documents. Application packets are dated upon receipt and placed at the bottom of the stack. Each packet is worked first in- first out.

With this base, a review of some of the problem areas in application preparation is presented. Make sure that the references cited are in agreement with the source documentation. For an example a death certificate states that the deceased is "J. D. Smith" and the citation on the application implies that this is the death certificate for "Jefferson D. Smith" Who is J. D. Smith? It could be the death certificate of Jonathan D. Smith, the twin brother of Jefferson.

There is often the propensity to assume that only one person with a given name lives or lived in an area at one time. This

assumption leads to false lineages and family structures. A father-son with the same given name can lead to a generation gap – citing the grandson and omitting the father in the lineage.

Upon several occasions the application lineage moved through maternal lines. Two principal connections must be defined. First the maiden name of the mother. This can be done through birth or death record of mother naming her parents. Secondly, the connection between the mother and her parents must be established. One source is her death record. The others are her birth record or marriage record naming the bride's parents. On some occasions the marriage connection is made through the bride's father will naming his daughter by the given name and married surname.

When marking up source documents use a red pen or pencil. Do not use highlighter. The highlighted data cannot be effectively reproduced by a copier. Mark the top of the document in red "Gen. X" or "Gen. X-Y" designating the appropriate generations that applies to the document. Underline the appropriate text within the document with a red pen or pencil and in the margin "Gen. X" as appropriate in red. This facilitates a rapid review of the source documents for lineage verification and connection. On the back of each source document enter the following "Applicant's Surname"/ "Patriot's surname"/ Georgia Society/ "Chapter name". If by accident the material is scattered this aids in gathering the material.

I suggest that a careful review be made of NSDAR Record Copies submitted as document sources for the application bridging several generations. Review the lineage section of the DAR application along with the source section on the second page by generations. If there is no source cited, the DAR Record Copy may be too old or it refers to an earlier DAR application. In either case further supporting documentation will be required.

Over two hundred membership or supplemental applications have been processed since February 2012 with few pended at NSSAR due to either flags on the patriot or lack of documentation referenced on earlier applications used as supporting data. Your registrar is also holding several applications for additional documentation to complete the application process.

In the effort to expedite application approval it is suggested that taking a little time to talk out problems area and developing solutions pays great dividends. There have been several genealogical proof statements developed by chapter registrars to define lineages. approved for membership.

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Terry Manning

## *Message From the Georgia Society Education Committee*

### **SAR Merchandise Orders by Education Committee Discontinued**

The Education Committee has for just over a year tested a fund raising program to order SAR merchandise from the National Society for the Georgia Society and its chapters. Chapters paid the regular price for items but did not have to pay shipping, handling, or taxes. Twenty percent of the purchase price was rebated back to the Education Committee. This program is being discontinued. The success of the Flea Market program, which generates a large amount of paperwork, in conjunction with other duties as a state officer and chapter officer prevents the continued management of this additional program by the Education Chairman.

If another committee is interested in continuing the program as a fund raising effort on their behalf, we can transfer the responsibility. Thanks to the several chapters whose participation resulted in raising funds from this program for the Education Committee over the last year. Your participation generated over \$600 to education programs! A free Genealogy Workshop will be held. Please take the time to catch up on your chapter's activities/accomplishments by entering them in the Americanism Spreadsheet. If you have any questions or problems with it, please let me know and I'll be glad to help you through getting it started.

### **Education Contests Reminder**

Chapters are reminded that the following award activities have a December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for entries to the Education Committee

**Outstanding Social Studies Teacher Award**

**Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award**

**John Dooly Education Outreach Award**  
(SAR Member)

**Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award**  
(Female)

**Dr. Lyman Hall Education Outreach**  
(Most Improved Chapter)

**Best Chapter Education Outreach Award**  
**Chapter Education Outreach Streamer**  
**Award**

December 15 is the deadline for the **Tom and Betty Lawrence History Teacher (Essay) Contest.**

Chairman Terry Manning  
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C.A.R. State President Lily Garnett

Miss Lily Garnett is our 2012-2013 C.A.R. Georgia Society State President. Her State Theme is "Finishing the Fight".

On Valentine's Day, 1779, one of Georgia's most important Revolutionary War battles was fought and won in Wilkes County -- the Battle of Kettle Creek. A recent archaeological study to identify the area of the battleground shows that it is many times larger than the area previously identified. The new Kettle Creek Battlefield Association is now raising funds to purchase all the land on which the battle was fought. This year the Georgia State Society C.A.R. is raising awareness of the battle as well as funds to donate to the Kettle Creek Battleground Association, specifically for the purpose of development of a park at Kettle Creek.

Our Patriot ancestors did their part to stop the British at Kettle Creek and win the fight, and now it is our turn to finish it and make sure that every bit of this important, historical landmark is respectfully reunited.

The C.A.R. is raising their funds through the sales of project pins for \$10 each. Atlanta Chapter President Manning will have pins available at the October meeting.



George Wheelless

## *Message From the Georgia Society Rumbaugh Committee*

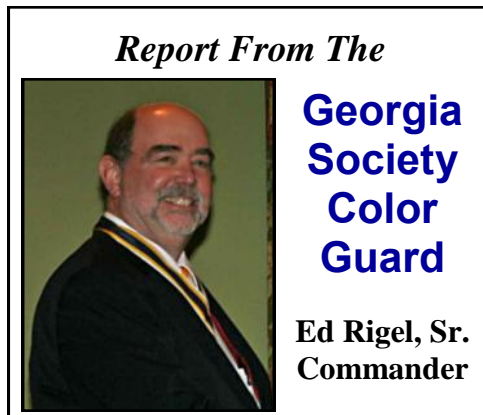
All chapters conducting the Rumbaugh Orations contest for 2013 must have the winner's information submitted by 09 APR 2013 to Rumbaugh Chairman George Wheelless.



Terry Manning

## *Message From the Georgia Society C.A.R. Liaison*

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Deadline  
January 15, 2013**



### Color Guard Schedule

27 Oct – GASSAR BOM Barnesville, GA 1000 hrs

8 Nov – Veteran's Day Proclamation Signing, GA State Capital, 1400 hrs

10 Nov – Patriot James Head Grave Marking, Vann's Creek Baptist Church, Ruckersville, GA, 1100 hrs

10 Nov – Five Patriots Grave Markings, Holly Springs Baptist Church, Bowman, GA, 1400 hrs

10 Nov – Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade, Dawsonville, GA

17 Nov - Fort Morris Commemoration, Sunbury, GA, 1000 hrs

1 Dec – Vann's Creek, Elbert County, GA 1100 hrs

1 Dec – Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, 1000 hrs

8 Dec – Wreathes Across America

#### 2013

5 Jan – Color Guard Awards Luncheon

18 Jan – Daniel Morgan Statue, Spartanburg, SC, 1430 hrs

19 Jan – Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1000 hrs

25-26 Jan – GASSAR Annual Meeting Weekend

9 Feb – Kettle Creek

10 Feb - Hornet's Nest Commemoration, Elijah Clarke State Park, Lincolnton

28 Feb - 2 Mar NSSAR Spring Leadership/Trustee Meeting

2 Mar – Brier Creek

13 Apr – President General presentation of wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Arlington National Cemetery, 1615 hrs

20 Apr – Frederica Days, St. Simons, GA

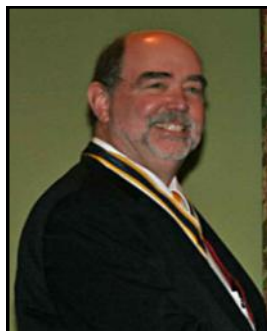
22 Jun - Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration, Lincolnton, NC, 1000 hrs

21 Sep – GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon

3 Nov – Compatriot Dan Gates Grave Marking (tentative)



*Georgia Society Meeting Dates*



President  
Ed Rigel, Sr.



**GA Society Executive Committee**

**10:00 AM**

**Powers Ferry United Methodist Church  
245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta  
(Corner of Marietta 120 Loop and Powers Ferry Road**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**GA Society Board of Managers**

**10:00AM**

**Garden Patch Restaurant  
100 Southland Drive, Barnesville**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

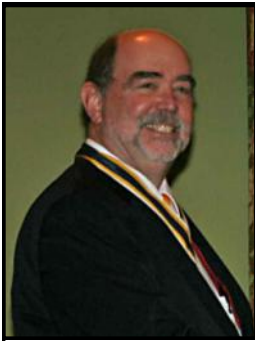
**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**GA Society Annual Conference**

**January 25-26, 2013**





*Report  
From The*  
**Georgia  
Society  
President**

**Ed Rigel, Sr.**

**Report from Fall Leadership/Trustee Meeting**



The Georgia Society Members in attendance were: Compatriots Roger Coursey, T.F. Craft, Robert Galer, David Jessel, Bill Kabel, Paul Prescott, Ed Rigel, James Stallings, George Thurmond, Mike Tomme, Robert F. Towns and Robert Wylie. It was Bill Kabel's and Robert Wylie's first time at Leadership.

What follows is a compilation of reports from those who attended and responded to my request to share their opinions on the actions at Fall Leadership.

PG Leishman asked that the minutes from the Committee meetings be submitted as soon as possible for posting to the web. The significance is that members will not wait 6 months, when the next semi-annual reports come out at March Leadership, to find out what went on in September.

**Medals and Awards** approved several new Medals – Molly Pitcher – National Medal for Camp Followers; Thomas Jefferson Knight Essay Medal – Contributors to the Knight Essay Endowment Fund; Patriot Grave Marking Medal – For participating in grave markings. Qualifications for these medals should come out soon.

**IT Committee** is in the process of developing the ability to fill out new member applications on-line. Log on, start filling out, save and come back to. Others can log in and contribute. Will not reduce paperwork, but all the information entered would be entered into a searchable database such that all data in new applications would be available going forward.

**Operation REACH** (Reaching Every American Compatriot at Home). New Program in conjunction with Ancestry.com. Trial program with two large state Societies. Ancestry.com informs their subscribers that they have possible ancestors that appear in an SAR application in their database, that they might be eligible for membership in the SAR, and provide a state SAR point of contact.

The old **WW II Veterans Corps Committee** is now renamed the **Veterans Recognition Committee** and will start recognizing Veteran's of the Korean War. Recognition of WW II Vets is being phased out.

**CAAH** has raised over 9 million of its goal of 10.5 million.

**Americanism Poster Contest** theme will be announced in rolling five year increments and will focus on three elements of the theme; i.e., person, place and event.

**Newsletter** Chapters who publish should enter the NSSAR competition by mailing two issues to Chairman Steve Pittard at 414 Wilde Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314.

**Merchandise.** Remains very active in supporting the SAR with new items. Would prefer to ship bulk to states, saving shipping time and money by the staff. Susan Griffin is easy to work with, so contact her if you have a question (502-589-1776 X 6141). Merchandise has earned \$30,000 towards the NSSAR operating budget from sales.

**Revolutionary War Graves / Patriot Index.** A medal for grave marking has been approved. A reporting form has been developed to record these events and will be on the NSSAR web site. Volunteers are needed to assist in recording graves marked for the Patriot Index. If you can help by entering data on your computer, contact Chairman Michael Keen, 302-222-8157, [mkphoto44@comcast.net](mailto:mkphoto44@comcast.net). A Patriot Grave Marking Manual has been developed.

## New Members

## Georgia Society New Members Since Sunday, July 01, 2012

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Altamaha</b>	27 Aug 2012	Joseph Winthrop Stewart, III	James Martin	Harold James Reynolds, Jr.
	27 Aug 2012	Joseph Winthrop Stewart, II	James Martin	Harold James Reynolds, Jr.
<b>Atlanta</b>	05 Jul 2012	Richard Paul Marsh	John Shira	David Andrews Noble
	30 Jul 2012	Johnny Black, II	Robert Miller	David Andrews Noble
	13 Sep 2012	William Few Perkins	William Few	David Andrews Noble
	13 Sep 2012	Eugene Albert Grasser, Jr.	William Pasteur	David Andrews Noble
	18 Sep 2012	Jerome David Hobaugh	Phillip Hobaugh	Milus Bruce Maney
	18 Sep 2012	Patrick Jacob Hobaugh	Phillip Hobaugh	Milus Bruce Maney
	01 Oct 2012	Benjamin Wesley Polston, III	Mathis (Matthew) Johnson	David Andrews Noble
	01 Oct 2012	Benjamin Wesley Polston, II	Matias (Matthew) Johnson	David Andrews Noble
<b>Blue Ridge Mountains</b>	30 Jul 2012	Sidney DuBose Turner	Phillip McConnell	Milus Bruce Maney
	22 Aug 2012	Jack Powell Dugger	Ambrose Powell	Henry Johnson Preston, Jr.
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>	18 Sep 2012	Patrick Douglas Burns	Joseph Cooper	Milus Bruce Maney
<b>Casimir Pulaski</b>	25 Sep 2012	Thomas Raymond Allan Miller	David Strouss (Strauss)	George H. Wheelless, II
<b>Coweta Falls</b>	30 Jul 2012	David John Carney	William Trimble	Billy Hilton Thompson
	30 Jul 2012	Charles Thomson Haskell, III	Adam Alexander	Richard Russell Simpson, Sr.
<b>Edward Telfair</b>	27 Aug 2012	Robert Austin Vinyard	John Vinyard (Vineyard)	Roger Warren Coursey
	01 Oct 2012	John Alexander Dana	(Johan) Matthias Firestone	Roger Warren Coursey
<b>Four Rivers Patriots</b>	30 Jul 2012	Albert Stephen Mercer, Sr.	Stewart Hamilton	Ned Leland Shuman, Sr.
<b>Captain John Collins</b>	11 Sep 2012	Alfred Corbin Handlan	Jacob Stover	Larry Thomas Guzy
	11 Sep 2012	Harry Vaughn, Jr.	John Vaughn	Larry Thomas Guzy
	11 Sep 2012	Adam Edward Handlan	Jacob Stover	Larry Thomas Guzy
	11 Sep 2012	Rickford Lee Vaughn	John Vaughn	Larry Thomas Guzy
	18 Sep 2012	Bryan Franklin Black	Frederick Thompson	Larry Thomas Guzy
<b>John Milledge</b>	30 Jul 2012	Lionel Arlington Watson	John Orr	William Glenn Neely, III
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>	24 Jul 2012	Thomas Wendell Lindsey	Wharton Whatley	John Michael Tomme, Sr.

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	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>	20 Aug 2012	Leman Lewis Hutchinson, Sr.	Nathan Sweat (Swett)	Robert Hudson Lear
	20 Aug 2012	David Jack Hutchinson	Nathan Sweat (Swett)	Robert Hudson Lear
	20 Aug 2012	Zachary Evan Fry	Nathan Sweat (Swett)	Robert Hudson Lear
	11 Sep 2012	Kjell Johan Ooms	Thomas Wood	Carey Leer Brock
<b>Ocmulgee</b>	30 Jul 2012	Daniel Robert Wilson	Daniel Tucker	John Darby Douglas, Jr.
	18 Sep 2012	Sheldon Dorsey Ickes	Charles Beegle	Russell Ray Crumbley, Jr.
<b>Piedmont</b>	24 Jul 2012	Jackson Thomas Nally	Jacob Fulmer	Robert Alwyn Sapp
	24 Jul 2012	Charles Faulkner Warren	Jacob Fulmer	Robert Alwyn Sapp
	24 Jul 2012	Eugene Lee Warren, II	Jacob Fulmer	Robert Alwyn Sapp
	24 Jul 2012	Eugene Lee Warren	Jacob Fulmer	Robert Alwyn Sapp
	07 Aug 2012	Charles Haddock Hendry, MD	William Bellune	James Motes McIntire
	14 Aug 2012	Robert H. Starr	Ebenezer Emmons	Russell Todd Deutschman
	16 Aug 2012	James Thompson McDonald	Anthony Foster	Eugenius Sheppard Hammack
	20 Aug 2012	Patrick Donald Breed	Joseph Breed	Gerald Brantley Breed
20 Aug 2012	Donald Marvin Breed	Joseph Breed	Gerald Brantley Breed	
<b>Valdosta</b>	01 Aug 2012	William Bradnock David, Jr.	John McMullan	Michael Maxwell Black
	20 Aug 2012	Frank Harley Neel, Jr.	Hugh Lawson	Robert Hunter Parrish, Jr.
	04 Sep 2012	Richard Sebastian Geiger	Richard Ratcliffe	Richard Allen Geiger
	04 Sep 2012	Valentin Jacob Paul Geiger	Richard Ratcliffe	Richard Allen Geiger
	04 Sep 2012	Christian Alexander Geiger	Richard Ratcliffe	Richard Allen Geiger
	06 Sep 2012	Scott Gavin Lane	Drury Roberts	Michael Maxwell Black
03 Oct 2012	Donald Keith Everett	Christian Inabinet	Michael Maxwell Black	
<b>Washington-Wilkes</b>	11 Sep 2012	Carswell Garvin Aycock, III	Thomas Gordon	Thomas Milne Owen
	25 Sep 2012	Thomas Leroy Reynolds, Jr.	Benjamin Hart	Thomas Leroy Reynolds
<b>Wiregrass</b>	05 Jul 2012	Colby Isaac Smith	Colesby Smith	Fred Darwin Womack
	05 Jul 2012	DeSaussure Dugas Smith, IV	Colesby Smith	Fred Darwin Womack
	05 Jul 2012	Richard Torpin Smith, II	Colesby Smith	Fred Darwin Womack
	06 Sep 2012	William Henry Lockhart, Jr.	Drury Banks	Fred Darwin Womack

**Total: 54****Way to Go Chapters!**



# In Memory of

## Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

## Our Compatriots

# 2012



### Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Sunday, January 1, 2012

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Dr. Charles D. Hudson	86463	LaGrange	20 Jan 2012
William HP Shiver	172239	Marshes of Glynn	21 Feb 2012
Guyton B. McCall, LTC	134211	Atlanta	22 Feb 2012
Holton S. King	148926	Joseph Habersham	25 Feb 2012
Davis R. Watson, Jr.	147870	Coweta Falls	16 Mar 2012
John D. McLeod III	182947	Wiregrass	16 Mar 2012
James William Bartlett, Jr.	148386	Coweta Falls	02 May 2012
William Grant Mitchell, Jr.	150248	Casimir Pulaski	08 Apr 2012
William Emil Nichols	166602	Atlanta	30 Apr 2012
Thomas Malin Rodgers, Jr.	156720	Atlanta	20 Apr 2012
Thomas Edward Senf	88072	Lyman Hall	06 Apr 2012
Raymond William White, Sr.	167702	Marshes of Glynn	22 May 2012
Sion D Bass, Jr.	154450	Piedmont	20 Jun 2012
Donald Alexander McArthur,	180014	Four Rivers Patriots	28 Jun 2012
Jack Thomas Hutchinson	82899	Cherokee	14 Jul 2012
Alfred Murray McAfee, Jr.	183730	Piedmont	15 Jul 2012
Andy Edwin Blalock	174654	Edward Telfair	02 Aug 2012
Charles Moore Wallace	160248	LaGrange	26 Aug 2012
Richard Lester Pope	136518	Coweta Falls	30 Aug 2012



**Gone but not forgotten**



# NEWS

of the  
*Georgia Society  
Chapters*

## Atlanta



Well, he's not exactly a Phoenix, but like the fabled bird, the Atlanta Chapter Eagle is rising enfolded in a patriotic fervor to meet the challenges of today's modern SAR.

Most recently, the Atlanta Chapter SAR joined with the William Day Chapter NSDAR and the Church of Latter Day Saints to host a genealogy workshop on Saturday, September 29, in Lawrenceville. We offered 12 different classes over a 4-hour period during four sessions. Participants could attend 4 of the 12 classes. Stressing general genealogy skills such as Internet research, using census records, organizing one's records, and using unique collections within Georgia, we attracted 160 participants to the event. A session by Atlanta Chapter Registrar David Noble on joining SAR and completing an application may have encouraged 10 new applications! Other SAR speakers were Northeast Region Vice President Bruce Maney and Chapter President Terry Manning. SAR members gave 7 of the 12 lectures.

SAR rosettes are a popular item in the Atlanta Chapter presently. We've ordered another 20! In the last 6 months we have forwarded to NSSAR or had approved about 25 applications and have another 25 to 35 in

the works. The David Noble team has streamlined the process into a fine art.

Atlanta Chapter's newest members are proving to be an active group. Ed Burke is working on a website that will likely be up in October, Stuart Brady and Richard Marsh are co-chairing an aggressive outreach to Eagle Scouts, and Al Adams is generating research on patriots buried in our service area, just to name a few. We also co-sponsored with the Piedmont Chapter a grave dedication for Patriot William Suttles September 8 at which Al Adams presented the chapter wreath flanked by Chapter Color Guard members Revis Butler and Terry Manning.

Our education outreach, DAR, and C.A.R. liaison programs have exploded with 11 lectures scheduled in October, including a new venue for us – middle schools. With our planned Victory at Yorktown celebration event scheduled with Atlanta Chapter NSDAR October 19 we are even involved in historic celebrations.

Having pinned three 50-year members this year (Jack Walz, Ken Zeliff, Jr., and Ernest Key, Jr.), we find them becoming active also with new applications for family members. We have also added another Atlanta Fellow to our chapter listing to assist in funding our many new initiatives. Ted McMullan has joined Compatriots Stuart Brady, William Hays, Terry Manning, and Ed Rigel, Sr. as Fellows It's a great time to join the Atlanta Chapter SAR!!!

## Button Gwinnett

The Button Gwinnett Chapter Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was awarded the National Society SAR Liberty Bell Americanism Award for 2011 - 2012 at the 122nd Continental Congress held in Phoenix, Arizona.

This award is the highest honor bestowed on an GASSAR chapter in the country. The Liberty Bell Americanism Award is presented for outstanding programs or activities during the course of the year that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community, of SAR resolutions, and of the fundamental American traditions.

Chapter President Michael Nolden Henderson says: "The Button Gwinnett chapter is honored to receive this award as an indication of the tireless efforts of our members to serve and educate our community. Our extensive work within the Gwinnett County schools, senior centers, churches and community centers helps enlighten residents about the history of our nation and acknowledges our veterans, military service members, educators, and community heroes as outstanding citizens.

L to R Milus Bruce Maney, Northeast Region SAR vice president; Jim Lynch, Past-President of the Button



Gwinnett Chapter; Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr. president of the Georgia Society SAR, who holds the award presented to Michael Nolden Henderson, President, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR.

## Captain John Collins

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon and the beginning signs of fall were all around. The perfect day for a football game and yet, members of the Captain John Collins Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) were not at Shiloh Hills Christian School to cheer on the team. They were there to recognize a hero and as the three SAR members stepped onto the field, a young man (a member of the football team) was standing on the sideline. This young man was the reason for their visit. Adam Smothers, just seventeen at the time, stepped forward on June 11<sup>th</sup> while vacationing in Panama City Beach, Florida and rescued two men caught in a rip tide and in desperate need of help. Adam heard a voice off shore screaming for help and without any thought for his own safety, he swam out to help the man and while helping the victim to shore, he heard a second voice calling for help. After towing the first man to shore, Adam went out to help the second man and as Adam was bringing this second victim who was passing in and out of consciousness toward shore, the current shifted and Adam was able to save him.

Through this act of bravery, Adam Smothers exhibited the very characteristics of those who established the United States of America and those who throughout our history have made America the greatest Nation on God's green Earth. This is why Wayne Brown, Larry Guzy and Terry Gibbs of the Captain John Collins SAR Chapter were there to present Adam with the Medal for Heroism.

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Wayne Brown, Adam Smothers, Larry Guzy

## Coweta Falls

Coweta Falls Chapter had a busy summer. A Columbus retired veteran, John Day, called the chapter's attention to neglect and damage done at the grave site of Revolutionary War veteran Samuel Cooper. Volunteers and the chapter got busy in restoring the cemetery to its proper condition. The chapter undertook from its membership and the public to raise funds for the repairs. John Day received an Outstanding Citizenship Award and Certificate from the chapter.



At the July chapter meeting, members heard an interesting reading from a World War I diary of her grandfather's presented by Amy Lyons.



September opened with a bang. On Sept. 4, chapter members William Hay and Hugh Rodgers attended a Naturalization Ceremony held in the United States District Court in

Columbus. Compatriot Judge Clay Land presided as 16 new citizens were welcomed.



L to R Regina Ragen, (Regent George Walton Chapter DAR, Judge Clay Land, Hugh Rodgers, Kate Cook, Regent Oglethorpe Chapter DAR

Compatriots Hay and Rodgers presented the new citizens with booklets containing the Constitution. Compatriots Robert Moore and Rodgers received Columbus Mayor Teresa Tomlinson's Proclamation of Constitution Week at Council Chambers the same day.

At the chapter's monthly meeting on Sept. 13, President Rodgers presented Columbus Police Department CPL Vincent Sampson with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate. The Department had selected CPL Sampson as "Officer of the Year" for 2012 for his successful work as lead investigator on a Wells Fargo Bank robbery case. CPL Sampson joined the Columbus Police Department after distinguished military service earning the CIB, Ranger tab, and Airborne Wings with Star. Guest speaker, Dr. Dan Crosswell, Professor of Military History at CSU, provided members and guests with a thought-provoking talk on the Constitution and the evolving political party system in the United States.

## George Walton

On September 26, 2012, George Walton Chapter President Bill Dobbs joined State President Ed Rigel, Sr. at Governor Nathan Deal's office to receive proclamations honoring Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence. Representatives of the Button Gwinnett and Lyman Hall Chapters also attended. President Rigel, Walker Chewning and Bruce Maney attending in full uniform and generated some very positive responses from a large number individuals waiting to see the Governor.

On October 2, Bill Dobbs and Loyd Puckett (current George Walton VP and former Chapter President) were joined by Walker Chewning and Bruce Maney at the Walton County Board of Commissioners

meeting in Monroe. The George Walton Chapter received a proclamation from Chairman Kevin W. Little designating October 9th, Georgia Signers Day.



L to R: Bruce Maney, The Honorable Kevin W. Little, Walker Chewning, Loyd Puckett

Following the presentation, Walker Chewning and Loyd Puckett presented Chairman Little with a copy of Governor Deal's presentation which Chairman Little stated will displayed in the Walton County Courthouse. Dressed in full uniforms, Bruce and Walker were the hit of the meeting.

Ron Ramsey and Bill Dobbs traveled to Savannah in order to participate in the festivities commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Savannah held in the early morning hours of October 9th.



Ron Ramsey, George Walton Treasurer and Former President preparing to march during the Battle of Savannah anniversary remembrance on October 9th.

Ron, the current George Walton Chapter Treasurer and a former chapter President, marched in the early morning parade. Bill Dobbs joined representatives from the Button Gwinnett and Lyman Hall Chapters for the dedication of the three battlefield markers honoring Georgia's three signers.

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Michael Henderson, Ed Rigel, Sr, President GASSAR, and Bill Dobbs

Georgia's award winning Color Guard formed a spectacular backdrop to these presentations. Following this ceremony, the Color Guard visited several of Savannah's historic squares and it was very obvious that their presence made the day for the many tourists visiting these squares.



Nick Lambrou (owner of the Covington Diner) and Bill Dobbs

Bill Dobbs and Bill Freese, Chapter Secretary, made a Flag Certificate Presentation to Mr. Niko Lambrou, owner of the Covington Diner.

## Joseph Habersham

The Joseph Habersham Chapter's Color Guard members Bill Raper, David Grist, Jim Patton, Lyn Cash, Bruce Maney and Ted Smith along with DAR member Leslie Watkins participated in the October 6th Foxfire Mountaineer Festival in Clayton, Rabun County, GA.

With the members in their period outfits and the new cannon and the traveling trunk items on display; explaining how to become a member of SAR; telling about the Revolutionary War Trail in GA.; promoting the Battle of Kettle Creek; they drew a lot of attention from the estimated 1,000 people in attendance.



Lyn Cash and the cannon



L to R Front: Des Oliver, instructor at Rabun Gap School where the canon was built; Back: Ted Smith, Lyn Cash, Leslie Watkins, Bill Raper, Bruce Maney and David Grist

## Lyman Hall

The August meeting of the Lyman Hall Chapter was well attended. Compatriot Bert Hawk was presented two long overdue medals in recognition of his service during World War II. Working closely with Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss's Office and the Georgia National Guard, Compatriot Hawk's family arranged to have the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp presented during the chapter meeting, Compatriot Hawk's choice of venue.



Compatriot Bert Hawk receives World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal

The Lyman Hall Chapter has found both the Gainesville City Council and the Hall County Commission to be very supportive of the chapter's efforts at education and patriotism. At the September meeting of the Gainesville City Council, the Lyman Hall

Chapter and the Col. William Candler Chapter NSDAR were presented Proclamations recognizing the 225<sup>th</sup> signing of the Constitution and proclaiming the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> "Constitution Week". The Council expressed gratitude to the Lyman Hall Chapter for their effort to protect the legacy of our nation's founders and to promote patriotism. A week later, the Hall County Commission issued a Proclamation proclaiming October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as Georgia Signers Day in Hall County. At the end of the month, Chapter President Ed Rigel, Sr., along with the Presidents of the Button Gwinnett and George Walton chapters and Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chair Walker Chewning, was presented a Proclamation from Georgia Governor Nathan Deal regarding the three signers of the Declaration from Georgia.



Col. Wm. Candler Chapter DAR and the Lyman Hall Chapter presented Constitution Week Proclamation by the Gainesville City Council

In September, Chapter President Rigel presented a program at the monthly Forum of the Northeast Georgia History Center at Brenau University. He spoke first on what the SAR is and does, and then gave a program on the history of Georgia from its founding through the Revolution. A sophisticated audience, many retired executives and educators, kept the President on his toes with the questions that followed.



President Rigel at the monthly Forum of the Northeast Georgia History Center

It took some cajoling, but the Chapter was invited to give presentations on the Revolution to the Middle School in Gainesville.



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Over two days, four sessions a day, President Rigel spoke to 470 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Study students on the history of Georgia from its founding to early in the Revolution. He combined a PowerPoint presentation with items from the Traveling Trunk to both educate and entertain the students, and teachers. Given that Rigel was invited to come back next year, the program was deemed a success. Presentations to 4<sup>th</sup> graders at four schools in Gainesville City, and Hall and Dawson Counties are planned for the fall.

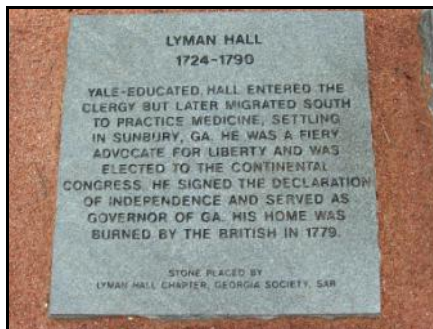


Demonstrating the usefulness of a "Market Wallet" at Gainesville Middle School

Earlier this year, Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chair Walker Chewning promoted a Georgia Signers initiative. Three chapters in the GA Society have as name sakes the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia, Dr. Lyman Hall being one of them. Those three chapters were challenged to raise \$1776 each to place a monument stone in Battlefield Park in Savannah recognizing the contributions of those signers towards the formation of this great country. Each chapter did so. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, following the Battle of Savannah Commemoration, those three monuments were dedicated. Chapter President Rigel was very proud to represent the chapter in the dedication of the monument to Dr. Lyman Hall.



Dedication of the Monument Stones at Battlefield Park



Inscription on the stone dedicated to Dr. Lyman Hall

## Marquis de Lafayette



Hal Dayhuff of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter presenting a framed puzzle that Kendall and Cindi Abbott (Sons of Liberty Chapter) originally completed and then framed as a donation to the Traveling Book Store. Hal bought it at the annual meeting and donated it to the Christian Academy. It's great to see all of these programs coming together from all across the state. I thought you might be able to use it in the Hornet's Nest or that Charlie Newcomer could use it for the SAR Magazine.

## Piedmont

The Piedmont Chapter was very busy over the summer.

On July 4th, the Color Guard headed up the Windward 4th of July parade. This was the 8th straight year we have participated in this parade.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded eight-year old Cooper Davis with a

medal and certificate commemorating his heroism in rescuing another child from drowning. Cooper, who was age 7 at the time of the rescue, was vacationing with his family in California and had been swimming laps in the hotel pool, when he saw a boy face down at the bottom of the swimming pool.

Cooper immediately swam to the bottom of the pool, grabbed the unconscious boy under his shoulder and swam him to the surface one-handed. Upon reaching the surface, Cooper realized the boy's mouth was still underwater, so he was able to flip him over in the water, and then swam him to the side of the pool. Cooper was trying to push the boy, who was also age 7, up and out of the pool, when another child shouting for help caught the attention of Jeff Davis, Cooper's father. Jeff pulled the boy out of the pool, and after determining that he was not breathing, Jeff and another bystander performed CPR and were able to revive him.

Cooper was given a medal for courage by one of the police officers who was at the scene (*see photo attached*). The California police also contacted local Georgia authorities to tell about the boy's bravery, which has prompted national media attention and an award ceremony by the City of Johns Creek, in which the Piedmont Chapter participated.



L to R CM's Brad Raffensperger, Randall Johnson, Allen Greenly, Paul Prescott, Mayor Bodker, Cooper Davis, Fire Chief Jeff Hogan, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, CM's Kelly Stewart, Bev Miller and Ivan Figueroa

The Piedmont Chapter, in honor of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, purchased framed copies of the Constitution. The Piedmont Color Guard then went to schools in the area and presented the framed document to the school for display. So far, we have made presentations to 20 schools and one to a municipality

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At the middle schools and high schools, we also presented the media center with a copy of Christine Swager's book *Heroes of Kettle Creek 1779-1782*.

The presentations were made in all different ways, usually specified by the school. At one middle school, the entire school sat in the gymnasium while we briefly discussed the events leading up to the signing. At two middle schools, with the help of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR, we had a long roll of brown wrapping paper where the edges had been burned to simulate parchment. The entire student body then came by, one or two classes at a time and signed the "Constitution." Coordinating this effort was a challenge because many schools wanted the presentation on 17 September. Many times we met with classes, either before or after the presentation, to discuss the Constitution.



L to R Allen Greenly, Bob McCleskey, Principal Steve Miller, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

One of the presentations made was at the Otwell Middle School in Cumming, GA. In the photo above in the foreground is the "parchment scroll" that all the students signed.

The chapter also presented a framed copy of the Constitution to the Lakeside Middle School. The presentation was attended by over 1,000 students, teachers and parents.



L to R Paul Prescott, Social Studies teacher Amy Adkins, Principal Debbie Sarver, Bob McCleskey, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson, Jared Ogden

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Piedmont Chapter presented the Milton City Council with a framed copy of the Constitution and a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence.



L to R CM's Burt Hewitt, Karen Thurman, Matt Kunz, Paul Prescott, Bill Lusk (Mayor Pro Tem), Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson, Bill McCleskey, George Thurmond, CM's Joe Longoria and Lance Large

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Piedmont Chapter sponsored the grave marking of Patriot William Suttles at the Utoy Cemetery near Fort McPherson in Atlanta. Patriot Suttles may have been the oldest Revolutionary War Veteran to be buried in the State of Georgia. The ceremony was well attended by the State Color Guard, local chapters of the DAR and the family.



Patriot Suttles grave and SAR markers



Patriot Suttles Grave Marking

On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Piedmont chapter Color Guard in conjunction with the John Collins Chapter, presented the colors at the Marietta Constitution Day Commemoration held on the Marietta Square. Larry Guzy read the proclamation.



L to R Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Larry Guzy (on stage), Allen Greenly, Bob McCleskey, Wayne Brown and Jack Ferguson

### Sons of Liberty

Our chapter has been very active this last quarter with another flag certificate, first responder awards, and planning for the final quarter's activities. We have asked John Collins Chapter to join together with us to represent the Sons of the American Revolution in the November 10<sup>th</sup> Marietta Veterans' Day Parade. We even purchased two flag holsters for our Color Guard. Also, we're working on plans for participating in the Dallas Christmas Parade in December.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, we were asked to attend Kennesaw Mountain High School for our Patriotism Presentation. The program was super and presented to approximately 550 students. Special thanks to Larry Guzy, Phil Martin, Tony Toth, Gunny Lyndon Smith and Guest Speaker General William T. Nesbitt for making this program a success.

Hopefully we will be making another presentation in Paulding County at one of the high schools during October – still working on the logistics.



Kennesaw Mountain High School



Major General William T. Nesbitt and Kendal Abbott

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We have started our interviews with local Elementary School Teachers for possible State Education Awards. We hope to have the finalists as our guest speakers in our November meeting.



Here's a picture of Patty Moss, teacher at McGarity Elementary in Hiram.

### Washington-Wilkes

The Washington-Wilkes Chapter Sons of the American Revolution elected new officers at their regular meeting September 20.

David Chesnut was voted into office with the unanimous approval of the membership present. President elect Chesnut is a graduate of Emory University and practiced law for many years. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors MARTA, a city attorney, judge, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association.

Other officers elected include Lou Harris, vice president and treasurer; Thad Broome, secretary; David Denard, sergeant-at-arms; Garvin Aycock III, registrar; Thomas Owen, chaplain; and Thomas L. Reynolds, chapter genealogist. The new officers will be sworn in at the December meeting of the WWSAR and take office on January 1, 2013.

Committee appointments by the president-elect are Awards & Scholarship – Emory A. Burton and Joseph B. Harris; Celebrations – Thomas Owen, David Denard and David Jenkins; Finance – Lou Harris and Thad Broome; Membership – Garvin Aycock and Thomas Reynolds; Museum – Mark Waters, Cliff Hargrove, and David Denard; Programs and Publicity – Lou Harris and David Jenkins; Research – Cliff Hargrove, Tynan Owen, David Mc-Clearen, and Thomas Reynolds; The Veterans Committee – U.S. military veterans Emory A. Burton, Joseph B. Harris, Thomas Keeley Owen, Marshall P. Waters III, and Thomas M. Owen. Accompanying their SAR husbands at the election meeting were Kettle Creek DAR members Linda Chesnut, Joanne Pollock, Ginny Broome, Debra Denard, and Jane Owen.

### Appling Sword

During the War of 1812 Daniel Appling was sent with his riflemen and some Indians to sneak around a British blockade and deliver the canon needed to build three warships. The British learned of the plan and sent a large force to intercept Appling. Rather than withdraw, Appling his men in the woods along the creek and ambushed the British troops. His small force defeated over 200 British, capturing 143 and the vital warships were supplied. Later in the war, Appling and only 110 riflemen managed to delay 8,200 British troops during the Battle of Plattsburgh. Appling's heroics helped win what is considered the most decisive battle of the War of 1812.

The elaborate ceremonial sword was purchased by the Georgia General Assembly in 1814 to be presented to Daniel Appling, a hero of the War of 1812. Appling died before the sword could be presented, so the legislature voted to keep the sword and display it in the Governor's Office "as a lasting monument to [Appling's] fame, and a grateful proof of the sensibility with which Georgia cherishes the recollection of the patriotic services of her citizens." The sword, forged by the well known firm Fletcher and Gardiner of Philadelphia, contains the inscription "PRESENTED, by the State of Georgia, to her son, the brave and gallant Lieut. Colonel Daniel Appling, of the U.S. Army, for his cool and deliberate valor displayed throughout the action of the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 1814, at Sandy Creek, when he succeeded in capturing a superior British force."

In 1883 one of the legislators noted that Appling's "sword of honor" was not being cared for adequately and so the legislature voted to deposit the Appling Sword "in the archives of the Georgia Historical Society until the State shall have provided a proper archives department."

In 1906 the legislature retrieved the sword (along with several other artifacts from the Historical Society and sent it to be displayed in Georgia's building at the Jamestown Exposition celebrating its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

No one knows. There is evidence that some of the artifacts were returned from Jamestown, but there is no record of what happened to the sword specifically. The state established an archives in 1918, and the sword should have gone to the archives at that time, but there is no positive proof in either the records of the Georgia Archives or the Georgia Historical Society that this happened. A thorough search of the records shows no mention of the sword after 1907

except in a few notes written in the 1980s conjecturing that the sword may have been lost or stolen.

No one knows for sure how the sword left state custody. It is possible that the sword was removed in a valid manner. The professional practices that govern how a museum or archives removes items from its collection did not develop until the 1970s, so the sword could have been removed from state custody after 1907 in a way that was legitimate at the time.

The Appling Sword was purchased from a reputable antiques dealer for \$100,000. The money was raised from private groups and individuals and has been restored.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Appling Sword to the State of Georgia in a ceremony attended by the State Color Guard. The sword is now displayed in the Hall of Valor in the State Capital.



Appling Sword



Appling Sword and Scabbard



L to R George Thurmond, Bob McCleskey, Bill Kabel, Bruce Maney, Jack Ferguson and Ed Rigel, Sr.

### The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association

Calling the Wilkes County battle site at Kettle Creek "the most pristine Revolutionary War site left in the United States," a new advisory committee met recently to kick off a study to formulate a land use plan for the site.

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Led by the Community Affairs Department of the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission and funded by a state grant, the plan will provide a working foundation for economic use and development, said committee member Tom Owen. "In addition to Kettle Creek, Wilkes County has a watershed of Revolutionary and Colonial assets. Directly associated with the Kettle Creek battle was the siege at Carr's Fort. In July 2012, the Lamar Institute was awarded a federal grant for the archeological study of this Wilkes County Revolutionary War asset, which in the long term will bind the two locations."

The Kettle Creek project has been the primary objective of the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association (KCBA), which is working towards the preservation and educational development of the historic site. "The battlefield area is recognized as perhaps the most pristine Revolutionary War site left in the United States," Owen said, "and as a strategic untapped economic asset for Washington-Wilkes and Georgia."

The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association is pleased to report that as of October 1, 2012, we have the following results:

#### Membership

State Societies: Georgia DAR, South Carolina DAR and Florida SAR

GASSAR Chapters 19: Athens, Atlanta, Button Gwinnett, Captain John Collins, Casimir Pulaski, Cherokee, Coweta Falls, Joel Early, Joseph Habersham, Lyman Hall, Marshes of Glynn, Marques de Lafayette, Ocmulgee, Piedmont, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta, Washington-Wilkes, Wiregrass, William Few (19 of 31 chapters)

National Chapters 4: Governor Isaac Shelby (KY), Jacksonville (FL), Florida State Society (FL), W A Boardus (VA)

Others 1: U. S. Daughters of 1812

C.A.R 3: Allen Howard NSCAR, Martha S. Bulloch NSCAR, Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution,

Individuals: 151 from seven states

Firms: Washington Ford Mercury Co., Ruffin Flag Co.

Charter membership will open until the end of February 2013

#### Battlefield Master Plan

The Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission proposed the development of the Kettle Creek Master Plan in February. That proposal has been funded and the KCBA has met with Christian Lentz, Jason Hardin and Anne Floyd on the content of the plan. This plan will assist the KCBA in gaining

additional support of the preservation and development of the Kettle Creek Battlefield.

The KCBA represented by President George Thurmond at the Constitution Day program held by the DAR at historic St. Paul's Church in Augusta, GA on Constitution Day, September 17, 2012.



### Sons of Liberty Poem

This is a poem penned by Lynwood "Lynn" G. Cash of the Sons of Liberty Chapter on July 4, 2012.

Son of Liberty, O' Son of Liberty,  
Son of Liberty, you were there at "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death". You found death.

You were there when a tea party was held at Boston Harbor.

You were there when the British crossed the river and marched toward Concord, spreading the word to the countryside.

Son of Liberty, where are you now, are you here?

Son of Liberty, you were there when the shot was fired that was heard round the world.

You were there as pen was placed on paper and the greatest government on earth was planned.

You were there as the Continental Congress declared no more to governing authority without representation.

Son of Liberty where are you now, are you here?

Son of Liberty, you were there during that cold winter as you crossed the frozen Delaware.

You were there at the Battle of Bunker Hill, Ticonderoga, and Brandywine.

You were there at the Battle of Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, Blue Licks, and so many more. And yes, you were there when Cornwallis bowed his head at Yorktown and said "no more".

Son of Liberty where are you now, are you here?

Son of Liberty, you were there as Congress, in 1779, proclaimed a day of prayer to God, for divine guidance to the commander-in-chief.

You were there when George Washington

placed his hand on the Holy Bible and became the first president of the United States.

You were there as the United States began to govern itself, such as the world had never seen.

Son of Liberty where are you now, are you here?

Son of Liberty, you were there as Dolly Madison saved precious portraits and papers, as the British burned the capital.

You were there as Colonel Jackson marched to New Orleans.

You were there as the Star Spangled Banner was set to paper.

Son of Liberty where are you now, are you here?

Son of Liberty, you were at Atlanta, and Antietam, and Gettysburg as brother fought brother.

You were at San Juan Hill.

You were in the trenches of Europe.

Son of Liberty where are you now, are you here?

Son of Liberty, you were at Pearl Harbor. You were on the beaches of Normandy.

You were six young men raising the American flag on a small Pacific island.

Son of Liberty where are you now, are you here?

Son of liberty, you were in the cold harsh winter in Korea.

You were in the suffocating jungle in Viet Nam.

You saw America leave Southeast Asia in failure.

Son of Liberty where are you now, are you here?

Son of Liberty, you raised the stars and stripes yet again at the Twin Towers as you offered all to your fellow man.

You are in Iraq.

You are in Afghanistan.

Son of Liberty will you be here as your country is attacked from within?

Will you defend her, as did your founding fathers?

Will you hold sacred to the foundations laid down by Franklin and Payne and Hancock and Henry and Madison and Adams and Jefferson and Washington and all the other founding fathers?

Will you uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?

Will you hold your government to these documents?

O' Son, O' Son where are you?

Are you here, are you still strong?



# NEWS

## *A Special Article of Interest*

Imagine jumping from an airplane in flight, counting off four seconds, then deciding if the reserve parachute needs to be deployed or not. This July 2012, two compatriots found themselves completing a nine day parachute course with the WW II Airborne Demonstration Team (ADT) at Frederick Army Airfield, Oklahoma. CPT Patrick Kelly, USN ret, VAS SAR, and LTC Bloise A. Hill, USA ret, GAS SAR were members of the WW II ADT Class 2012-02 "Kelly's Heroes." After a prayer, the 19 man class completed their final 5<sup>th</sup> jump in WW II OD uniforms, from a 68 year old C47A aircraft, "Boogie Baby," that had jumped troopers into Normandy in 1944.

Prior to jumping practical and written tests were given on parachute landing falls, emergency procedures, and proper door exiting. The course was professionally taught by an outstanding cadre. A typical day started at 0530 hrs. with intense instruction following, a lot to cover in a few days. The class quickly became a unit with a common purpose. The average age was 50, students had all sorts of backgrounds were from around the country (one was from Belgium), but all had one thing in common, a deep love of history.

For graduation, the ADT hosted Open Hanger and Fly-In attended by over 300 people. Jump wings were pinned on by COL Steeley, WW II ADT CDR, and CSM Harrington assisted by WW II parachute veterans, some who jumped into Normandy and Operation Market Garden in 1944.

The WW II ADT 1<sup>st</sup> SGT, retired Special Forces soldier Richard Wolf said, "this organization exists as a tribute to the WW II veteran, and all the veterans of this great country."

The WW II ADT participates in Normandy and Market Garden anniversary jumps. The mission is to honor, serve, and remember the memory of the veterans of WW II. For more info, go to [www.wwiadt.org](http://www.wwiadt.org) or call (584) 3355-3344.



2012 Class



Sunrise First Jump



C-47 Profile



Jumpers Aloft



Landing