



The

April—June 2016

# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch



It's hard to believe that six months have passed since I became President. They say time fly's when you're having fun, and I have been doing that! It has been an amazing six months for me. I have visited many chapters and attended many events on behalf of the Georgia Society. I have been proud to represent our society at all of these events.

I attended the National Congress in Boston last month. I had seen all the awards the past Presidents had handed out at our July BOM. What I didn't expect was the number of times I was called to the front to receive another award on behalf of

our Society, our Chapters and individuals. My legs were tired from getting up and down so many times. The first time I went up to accept an award, President General Tom Lawrence told me to get used to coming up front, and he was correct! It was with great pride in our organization that I accepted each and every award. All of your hard work, volunteer hours, and sacrifices paid off.

As I go around the state and talk to people about the SAR, one question keeps coming up: "Why do you keep renewing your membership year after year"? I had never really given this question much thought. So I began to think about the question, and why I continue my membership in the SAR.

The first reason is the friendship and camaraderie my wife and I have enjoyed through involvement with the SAR. When we moved back to the area from Texas, my wife and I didn't have many friends. We had a lot of family, but not friends. I started going to the Piedmont Chapter meetings in May of 2008. I volunteered to help now Secretary General Larry Guzy and other compatriots with the Annual Congress being held in Atlanta that year. I didn't really know anyone, but everyone I met was friendly, so I joined the SAR in October 2008.

It was the men at the Piedmont chapter that took me under their wings and made me feel at home. As time went by, I made more friends in the chapter. I then started going to State events and met more SAR members. Everyone was friendly and willing to pass on their knowledge to me. After two years, I was elected Vice President and then President the following year of the Piedmont Chapter. Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp and Jack Ferguson encouraged (nagged) me to join the Color Guard. I promised that when I stepped down as President of the chapter I would join, and I kept my promise. I attended many events with these compatriots, and they taught me everything I know about marching, flag protocol and the proper commands when leading the color guard. But more than that, they and their wives became our friends. The more events that we attended, the more people we met, and the more friends we made.

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The second reason is the fun I have working with young people. There are many events that I attend to present awards and others to teach young people about how our ancestors lived. I smile when I see a young person's eyes light up when they see us in our uniforms. When I do the Traveling Trunk or work at a table showing young people the things people used during colonial times, I see the lights turn on in their eyes as the knowledge of what we are talking about sinks in. I see them get involved with the items and watch as they begin to have fun and to learn at the same time. How often do you get a chance to teach young boys and girls how our ancestors lived, and how they struggled to make this the nation that it is today? Involvement in these events gets us into schools and in front of a lot of young people. It gives us a chance to teach and pass on our heritage to a new generation.

The third reason is the feeling I get when I represent our values and our heritage to people around the state. I have a deep seeded belief that everything we as a nation has achieved is because of our patriot ancestors. We are privileged to be citizens and live in the greatest nation on earth. We did not get where we are if our ancestors had been passive. Instead, they fought for their freedom and their sons fought for others freedom.

I am proud of my patriot ancestor, and I live in awe of what he and others like him went through as he fought in the Continental Army for seven years in both the north and the south. He was at Valley Forge and suffered through many other hardships. He was a strong willed individual (he was from Scottish decent), and he loved his country. His bible has been handed down through the generations. I don't know if he was a religious man, but my family was. That is probably where I got the sense of God, Country and Family.

This organization, the Sons of the American Revolution, embodies my beliefs; my belief in God, my pride in my country, and my pride in my ancestors. At each meeting, we open with a prayer to God to watch over us, then we salute the U.S. flag and finally we say the SAR pledge which invokes our ancestors;

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution Who, by their sacrifices established the United States of America”

And when we adjourn, we again call on God to watch over us, our families and our country. We then salute as the U.S. Flag is retired and finally we recite the recessional again invoking our ancestors;

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers Who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.”

These are the things that reinforce my belief in God, Country and Family. I hope that I have given you something to think about. The next time you are asked why you are a member, or why you continue to be a member, you will have an answer that is yours specifically.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you this year. May God be with all of you and may God bless America.



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Wednesday April 13, 2016  
 Wednesday July 20, 2016  
**Wednesday October 12, 2016**  
**Wednesday January 18, 2017**

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## Board Of Managers Meetings

Saturday April 23, 2016  
 Saturday July 30, 2016  
**Saturday October 22, 2016**  
**Saturday January 28, 2017**

BOM meetings:

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

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## Georgia Society Color Guard



Ed Rigel, Sr—Commander



- 30 Jul – Georgia SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville
- 3 Sep – Grave Marking Patriot Robert Walters, Sr., at Shoal Creek Bapt. Ch., Hart County, Morning
- 3 Sep – Grave Marking Patriot Moses Ayers, Old Reed Creek Church, Hart County, Afternoon
- 10 Sep—Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek -  
Wiregrass, Col. William Few, and the organizing Brier Creek Chapters will sponsor and organize this event
- 17 Sep - Constitution Day Luncheon
- 17 Sep - William Few Commemoration, Augusta
- 18 Sep – Grave Marking for Compatriot Albert Sydney Johnson III, sponsored by the Athens Chapter SAR a  
and Elijah Clarke and Rev. John Andrews Chapters DAR, Bishop, GA,
- 24 Sep – Chartering Ceremony Mount Vernon Chapter, evening
- 30 Sep – NSSAR Fall Trustee/Leadership Meeting Friday Banquet
- 1 Oct – NSSAR Fall Trustee/Leadership Meeting Saturday Banquet
- 1 Oct - Compatriot Gosnell Grave Marking sponsored by Casimir Pulaski Chapter
- 7 Oct - Kings Mountain
- 9 Oct – Battle of Savannah
- 15 Oct – Grave Marking sponsored by William Few Chapter
- 19 Oct – Yorktown
- 22 Oct – Georgia SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville
- 22 Oct – Grave Marking sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Griffin
- 29 Oct – Patriot James Rylee Grave Marking sponsored by Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall and  
Joseph Habersham Chapters, Gillsville, GA
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Ceremony, Oconee Veterans Memorial Park, Watkinsville, 1100 hrs
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Activities
- 19 Nov - Fort Morris
- 3 Dec - Vann's Creek
- 5 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 6 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 7 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 8 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 9 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 – 1100
- 10 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 11 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 1400 - 1600
- 12 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 13 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 14 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 – 1100
- 15 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- 16 Dec – Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100
- TBA Dec - Wreaths Across America

### 2017

- 27-28 Jan - Georgia SAR Annual Conference
- 10-13 Feb – Kettle Creek Weekend
- 22 Apr – Frederica Days, Saint Simon Island
- 23 Apr – Colonial Worship, Saint Simon Island
- 17 Sep - 2017 Constitution Day – Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church
- 7 Oct – Kings Mountain
- 9 Oct – Savannah
- 18 Nov – Fort Morris
- 02 Dec – Vann's Creek

**The current revision of the Color Guard schedule is always available at the state website.**





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Please assist the members of the HS&CC in the performance of their tasks to deliver a quality and professional program to honor our Revolutionary War ancestors and to deliver these public orientated events in the best interests of the Georgia Society SAR.

[2016/2017 GEORGIA SAR HS&CC Sanctioned Events](#)

- 1) Battle of Kettle Creek & Revolutionary Days  
[February 10-11-15, 2017](#)
  
- 2) Frederica/Patriots Day (Marshes of Glynn--St Simons Island)  
[April 15 & 16, 2017](#)
  
- 3) Constitution Day--William Few ( Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church)  
[September 17, 2016](#)
  
- 4) Battle of Savannah (Coastal Heritage Society--Georgia SAR)  
[October 9, 2016](#)
  
- 5) Fort Morris, Sunbury (Marshes of Glynn)  
[November 19, 2016](#)
  
- 6) Battle of Vann's Creek (Samuel Elbert)  
[December 3, 2016](#)



George H. Wheelless



## Secretary's Report Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Winter 2016

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP****MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY**

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2015	<u>1612</u>
Plus: New Members	81
Plus: Transfers In	1
Plus: Reinstatements	44
Plus: Reinstatement-Transfers	1
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>125</b>
Less: Deceased	7
Less: Resignations	0
Less: Transfers Out	1
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>8</b>
Active Membership as of 30 June 2016 Reported to National	1731
Plus: Dual Members	25
Active Membership as of 30 June 2016 Reported to BOM	1756

Regular Members	1605
Jr. Members	74
Jr. Life Members	4
Emeritus Members	4
Life Members	
Regular	44
Dual	25
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b><u>1756</u></b>

*George H. Wheelless, Secretary*

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

#### Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Friday, January 01, 2016

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Charles William BURGIN	111904	Coweta Falls	03 Jan 2016
Johnson Hagood ZORN, IV	151822	Marshes of Glynn	09 Jan 2016
Arthur Lewis ALEXANDER, Sr.	156022	Jos. Habersham	24 Jan 2016
Henry Johnson PRESTON, Jr.	118270	Blue Ridge Mtns	03 Feb 2016
Carl Duane BHAME	165798	Piedmont	10 Mar 2016
David Basil DUKES, Sr.	136726	Altamaha	25 Mar 2016
Charles GUSTAFSON	187129	Button Gwinnett	22 Jun 2016
Charles Herbert JORDAN	164121	Jos. Habersham	27 Jun 2016

# Georgia Society New Members

Since Friday January 1, 2016

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Atlanta</b>				
	04 May 2016	John Dunklin HENRY, Jr.	Hewlett Sullivan	John Dunklin HENRY
	04 May 2016	Douglass French COVEY	Matthew French	David Andrews NOBLE
	26 May 2016	John Marvin MONTGOMERY	John Haisten	David Andrews NOBLE
<b>Cherokee</b>				
	12 Apr 2016	Richard Neel BENNETT, II	Thomas Stamps	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
	12 Apr 2016	John Cunningham BENNETT	Thomas Stamps	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
	12 Apr 2016	Marc Stamps BENNETT	Thomas Stamps	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
	19 Apr 2016	George Alan NELSON	Samuel Reed	James Edward TRAYLER
<b>Dalton</b>				
	19 Apr 2016	Walter Eugene ARMS	Jasper Avery	Fred Wood SNELL, Jr.
<b>Edward Telfair</b>				
	12 Apr 2016	Alexander Patrick RHODES	Levi Harrell	Roger Warren COURSEY
	19 Apr 2016	Charles Steven EAGLE	Adam Egle	Roger Warren COURSEY
	19 Apr 2016	Willard David JONES	Edward Denney	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	Robert Lucas MISSROON, III	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	Robert Lucas MISSROON, Sr.	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	Robert Lucas MISSROON, Jr.	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	David O'Leary MISSROON	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	Todd Eugene MISSROON, Jr.	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
	26 May 2016	Thomas Agnew HILSMAN	James Hilsman	Roger Warren COURSEY
	26 May 2016	Robert Lamar BUSH	Fleet Cooper	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 Jun 2016	William Francis ROBINSON	William Robinson	Roger Warren COURSEY
<b>Joel Early</b>				
	26 May 2016	William Felix TABB, Jr.	Langhorne Tabb	David Neal SPOONER
<b>Captain John Collins</b>				
	19 Apr 2016	Paul Wesley BELTER	Hercules Ogle	Bert Reece CHRISTY
<b>Jos. Habersham</b>				
	26 May 2016	Thomas Gregory COLE	John Neely	William Hughes RAPER
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>				
	12 Apr 2016	Thomas Eric TURNER	Michael Stump	David George JESSEL
	12 Apr 2016	Luke Daniel TURNER	Michael Stump	David George JESSEL
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>				
	04 May 2016	David Francis DENGLER William Howard COLBERT	George Wiant	James Steven HINSON, Sr.



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<b>Piedmont</b>	19 Apr 2016	William Theodore FRICKE, Jr.	Martin Shofner	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	19 Apr 2016	Charles Edward FETTER, Jr.	George Stober	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
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	19 Apr 2016	Luis Javier JIMENEZ	Samuel Sewall	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	Mario Francis JIMENEZ	Samuel Sewall	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	Caden Paul Walker KELLY	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	James Alan MILLER	John Gorsuch	William Dale MILLER
	19 Apr 2016	Lucas Riley NELSON	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	James Grayson FRICKE	Martin Shofner	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	19 Apr 2016	Ryan Christopher KELLY	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	Jordan Nelson KELLY	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	Davis Michael DUNN	David Fiske	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	Maxwell Robert Ake REED	Yost George	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	John Lewis DYER	James Dyer	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	Benjamin Franklin TINGLE	Solomon Tingle	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	26 May 2016	Alan Russell REDDING	Samuel Newcomb	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	26 May 2016	David Rogers REDDING	Samuel Newcomb	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
<b>Rome</b>	19 Apr 2016	Stephen Duane DAVIS	Thomas Vickers	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
<b>Wash-Wilkes</b>	26 May 2016	Mickey Gary SISSON	Phillip Coombs	Thomas Milne OWEN
	26 May 2016	John Terrell SISSON	Phillip Coombs	Thomas Milne OWEN
<b>William Few</b>	19 Apr 2016	John Lawrence KENNEDY, III	James Devlin	William Howard COLBERT
	19 Apr 2016	Bama McKinne HARDWICK, Sr.	James Dozier	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	19 Apr 2016	Bama McKinne HARDWICK, Jr.	James Dozier	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	19 Apr 2016	Kyle William HANCOCK	Jesse Tillman	William Howard COLBERT
	19 Apr 2016	John Lawrence KENNEDY, II	James Devlin	William Howard COLBERT
	10 May 2016	Phillip O'Neil Rodwell	Charles Allen	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	10 May 2016	Stephen Cooke GLAZE	Alexander Ewing	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	10 May 2016	Kenneth Wayne GLAZE, Sr.	Alexander Ewing	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	18 May 2016	Frank Rainsford YARBOROUGH	Aquila Miles	William Howard COLBERT
<b>Wiregrass</b>	18 May 2016	Jason Earl BURKE	Abraham Lane	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Andrew Silas MORRIS	Dioclesion Davis	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Travis James SMITH, II	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Travis James SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Gage Lee SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Brian Lee SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Carlie Lee SMITH, Jr.	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Conner Nathan SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III

**Total: 63**

**126th Congress  
 Congratulations to Georgia's National Officers**



President General J. Michael "Mike" Tomme, Sr.,  
 and First Lady Cilla Leed Tomme



Secretary General Larry T. Guzy  
 and Lady Karin Guzy



Georgia Society Compatriots and their Ladies at the 126th National Society Congress



George Thurmond receiving the General William C. Westmoreland award from President General Lawrence on behalf of Bill Kabel during the awards ceremony at the 126th National Society Congress.

*Photo by John & Betty Franklin of the Ohio Society*

**Bill Kabel**

General William C.  
 Westmoreland Award—2016



One Westmoreland award is awarded each year to an outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer.

## 126th Congress Congratulations to Georgia's Youth Entrants



President Allen Greenly and Com-patriot David Jessel stand with the National JROTC winner and his parents at the 126th Congress.

Cadet Avery Howard is a member of the Stephens County High School Army JROTC program.

Grant Mercer who is a member of Troop 353 sponsored by Burnt Hickory Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia which is in the Silver Comet District of the Atlanta Area Council, BSA.

What Grant has accomplished in his almost seven years as a Boy Scout is remarkable. Only 2-3% of all Scouts even attain the rank of Eagle Scout. The Scout must create, manage and lead an Eagle Service Project of significance. Grant has earned 100 merit badges and created a nature sanctuary out of a trash-filled plot of land. He managed a budget of \$5,000 and coordinated the efforts of 25 people to earn official sanctions by the Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation. Grant also earned three non-required, but important merit badges that the SAR gives special recognition to: American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law.

Outside of Scouting his service-minded commitment to helping in his community probably started back when he and his two brothers (Kyle & Evan) founded a mentoring group for struggling 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade deaf boys.

More recently Grant started a weekly mentoring program for homeless children called Building Buddies. He and other high school students Grant recruits and trains carry bins of Legos to homeless shelters to work with children on their math and other academic skills. Each session has a theme from which they create a Lego project. They have collected over \$15,000 worth of Legos and assembled them into plastic shoe boxes then leave them behind for each child to own. Five hundred boxes have been delivered throughout Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Building Buddies was recognized with the White House's Point of Light award and 11Alive Kid Who Cares award in 2015.


Grant is heavily involved in his church's service activities as well and still manages a 4.5 GPA at Harrison High School which ranks him 7<sup>th</sup> in his class of 511. His perfect scores on the ACT and reading/math portions of the SAT along with 17 advanced placement classes have put him in a position to obtain college scholarships and pursue ever higher opportunities. He loves history, geography, our national parks and foreign languages.

The son of Ken & Pam Mercer, Grant is seventeen years old, and is planning to attend college in the fall of this year. This young man has already demonstrated his ability to impact the lives of those in his Scout Troop, his school and his community in a positive way. He was sponsored by the John Collins Chapter and the Georgia Society To the National competition.

At the 126th Congress Grant was selected as the 2016 Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest winner. It appears that Grant has patriot ancestors as well so we look forward to his and his father's membership perhaps in the future.



National Eagle Scout Chairman Dr Edward P Rigel, Sr with Eagle Scout Grant Mercer



## 126th Congress Georgia Society and Chapter Awards

**Georgia Society Awards**

Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Participation Certificate and Streamer  
 George S & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Participation Certificate and Streamer  
 ROTC/JROTC Outstanding JROTC Cadet Participation Certificate and Streamer  
 Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest Participation Certificate and Streamer  
 Americanism Poster Contest Participation Certificate and Streamer  
 C.A.R. Activity Certificate and Streamer  
 NSSAR Officer Award Certificate and Streamer (President and National Trustee attending meetings)  
 Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award for awarding Flag Certificates – Streamer  
 SAR Youth Awards Certificate and Streamer – entrant in 4 out of 8 contests  
 Allene Wilson Groves Award Certificate and Streamer for State Society that presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles  
 Liberty Bell Americanism Award Certificate and Streamer  
 Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award Certificate – Flag Certificate presentation qualification  
 John C. Haughton Award for sponsoring the winner of the ROTC/JROTC Contest Certificate  
 Marian L. Brown Award for sponsoring the Winner of the King Eagle Scout Contest - Certificate and trophy  
 Partners in Patriotism Certificate  
 Allene Wilson Groves Award for State Society that presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles – GA Society  
 \$600 from PG Lawrence for participating in/winning Youth Awards Contests

**Chapter Awards**

USS Stark Memorial Award for Chapter with best record of service to Veterans during the past year (10-49 members) – Robert Forsyth Chapter, Certificate and Streamer  
 Liberty Bell Americanism Award to Chapter that presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles:  
     Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter (10-49 members), Certificate and Streamer  
     Marshes of Glynn Chapter (50-99 members), Certificate and Streamer  
     Piedmont Chapter (100+ members) Certificate and Streamer  
 President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award  
     Marquis de Lafayette (50-99 members) Certificate and Streamer  
     Piedmont Chapter (100-199 members) Certificate and Streamer  
 Robert B. Vance Award for best example of Chapter website  
     Cherokee Chapter (50-99 members) Certificate  
     Piedmont Chapter (100-199 members) Certificate  
 President General's Cup Award  
     Blue Ridge Mountains (10-49 members) Certificate  
     Piedmont Chapter (100-199 members) Certificate  
 Patriot Biography Submissions  
     Robert Forsyth Chapter – 12 Stars  
     William Few Chapter – 2 Stars  
 Partners in Patriotism Certificates  
     Athens Chapter  
     Atlanta Chapter  
     Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter  
     Button Gwinnett Chapter  
     Coweta Falls Chapter  
     Cpt. John Collins Chapter  
     Edward Telfair Chapter  
     George Walton Chapter  
     Lyman Hall Chapter  
     Marquis de Lafayette Chapter  
     Marshes of Glynn Chapter  
     Ocmulgee Chapter  
     Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter  
     Piedmont Chapter  
     Washington-Wilkes Chapter  
 Runner-up for Carl F. Bessent Award for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter (multiple pages) – Captain John Collins Chapter – Certificate and Check  
 Runner-up for Arthur J. Trimble Award for reinstating the largest number of dropped and resigned members – GA Society

## 126th Congress Georgia Society Individual Awards

### Individual Awards

Gen. William C. Westmoreland Award for outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer – M. William “Bill” Kabel

Robert C. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award – Charles A. DeSaussure III

Liberty Medal:

James Steven Hinson, Sr.

Hon. James Edward Stallings, Sr.

William Joseph Tankersley, EdD

Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Clusters

Michael M. Black – 1

CAPT Roger Warren Coursey – 3

LCDR David G. Jessel – 1

Dr. David A. Noble – 2

William H. Raper – 2

Dr. Hugh I Rodgers – 1

Da Saussure Dugas Smith III – 1

### Individual Donations to NSSAR, Individual Foundations

David Jessel: SAR Foundation Drafter level of 1776 Campaign (\$1184)

Roger Coursey: King Eagle Scout Competition Medal (\$500)

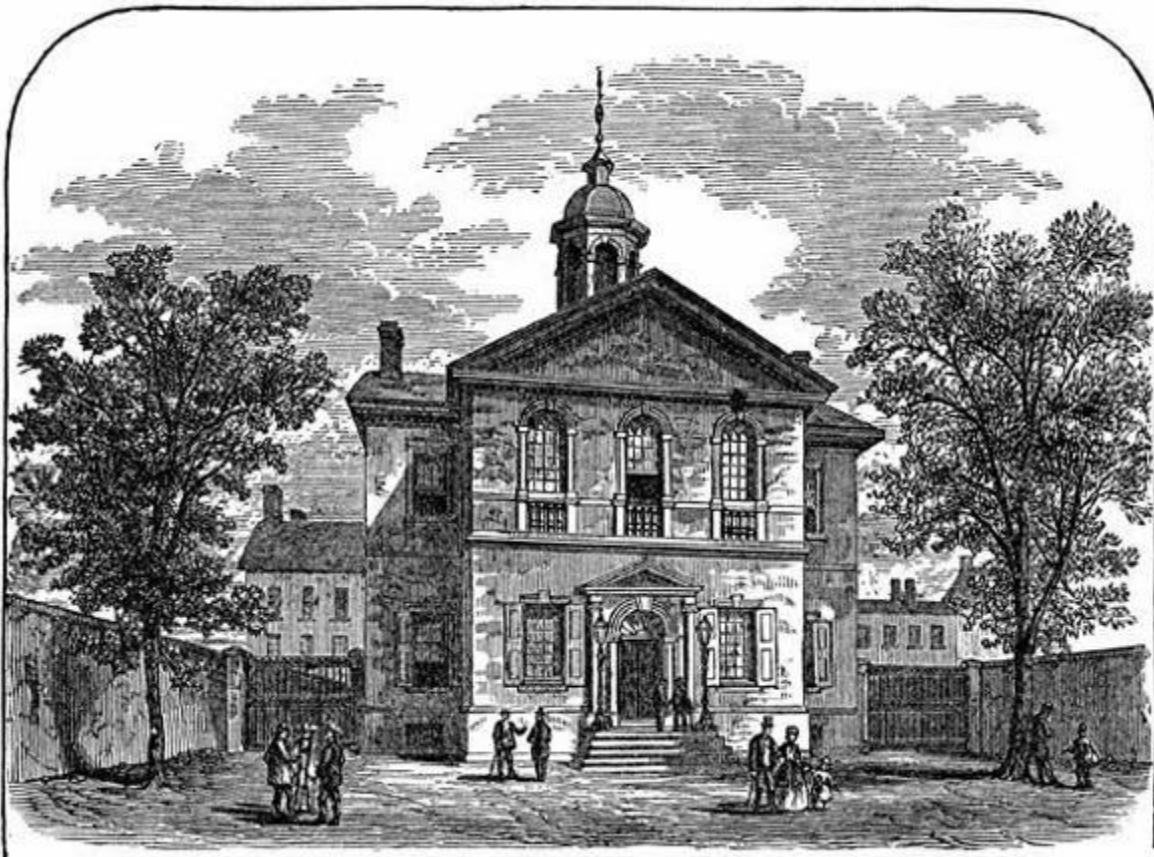
Ed Rigel, Sr: Warren Oration Medal with Patron bar (\$1000)

Joan Rigel: King Eagle Scout Medal (\$500)

Ed Rigel, Jr: Warren Oration Medal with Patron bar (\$1000), Ben Franklin Americanism Medal (\$250), King Eagle Scout Medal Silver Palm (\$500), Thomas Jefferson Knight Essay Medal (\$250), ROTC/JROTC Contest Medal (\$1000)

Brandy Rigel: King Eagle Scout Medal (\$500)

George Thurmond— Ben Franklin Americanism Youth Contest (\$1000)



# State Officers & Committees

# NEWS



## Georgia Society Registrar—Bob Sapp

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Applications received through 2<sup>nd</sup> Q of 2016 was 168 with 155 reviewed and sent to NSSAR for approval. NSSAR approved 37 applications. The state registrar pended a total of 24 applications.

The statistics of applications reviewed and approved are as follows:

92.3% of applications reviewed and mailed to NSSAR

23.9% applications approved by NSSAR

14.3% of applications received pended by state registrar

A large number of membership applications are those that will become members of the two new chapters that are in the process of formation.



## Public Relations Committee - John Trussell

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Georgia SAR President Allen Greenly recently stated that two of his goals for 2016 were to increase the public's awareness of Georgia SAR and to increase membership. To obtain those goals it will take the effort and commitment of all of our 32 chapters and it will be a work in progress. We must use low cost (Free) methods which are readily available and develop strategies which keep the Sons of the American Revolution in the public mind on a frequent basis.

Presidents of each chapter should reach out to local newspapers in the methods described below so that local citizens will come to know SAR in the same positive manner and esteem that DAR is held. To increase public awareness of SAR we must get the attention of potential members who will be the live blood of our future organization. With only 1,800 members we are barely scratching the surface of potential memberships. Below are some actions that will increase participation in our chapter meeting and add members to our rolls.

1) Each chapter should advertise their meetings in all local papers in advance of the meeting day. Most papers, especially small weekly papers, are glad to get news that is relevant to readers and does not require any work of them. For example, most papers have an events calendar which shows upcoming club meetings, speakers and community events- make sure the local SAR meeting is listed not only every local paper, but also in any outlying newspaper where members can be drawn. In the Macon area for example, meeting info can be sent to Perry, Jeffersonville, Cordele, and Fort Valley. Make sure the time, place and address of your meeting is listed, plus the contact info of the President or VP in charge of programs. The papers are usually also glad to run photos of your speakers and short captions on the speakers topic, after the event, so be sure to get those in to the papers too!

2) Don't overlook the chance to write letters to the editor on a frequent basis. When representing the SAR, your letters should of patriotic nature, advance American ideals and goals and be non political in nature, never criticizing candidates or political parties.

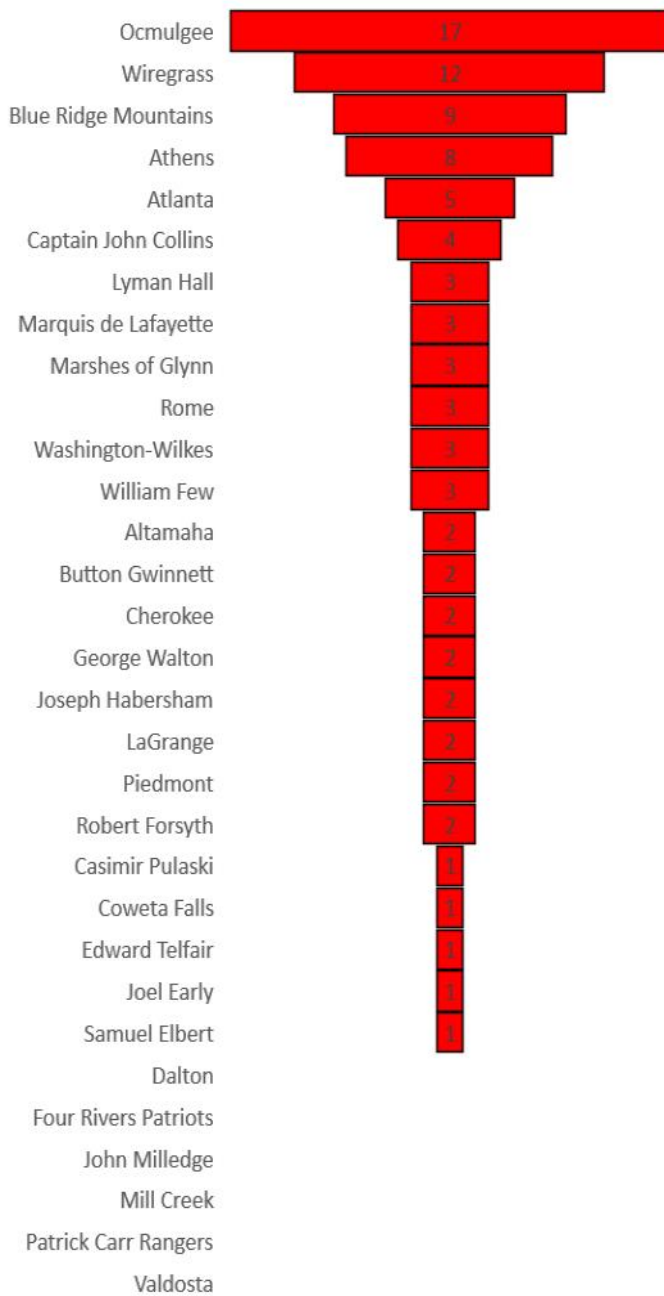


Flag Respect—Paul Prescott

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The goal for Georgia is 100% chapter participation in presenting at least one Flag Certificate. In looking over the Quarterly Reports that I have received so far from chapters, we are a long way from 100%. The next BOM report will list all of the chapters and whether or not they have reported presenting a Flag Certificate. Let's push for the 100% award this year!

Flag Certificates - per Chapter - 2015



Flag Certificates per Chapter 2016 YTD



Georgia Society Color Guard - Ed Rigel Sr.[compatriotrigel@charter.net](mailto:compatriotrigel@charter.net)

Year	Members Participating	State and National Events	Total Color Guard Participation
2011	64 (12 Rookies)	82	782
2012	62 (15 Rookies)	72	663
2013	60 (3 Rookies)	60	578
2014	80 (17 Rookies)	68	761
2015	81 (13 Rookies)	66	786
2016	77 (9 Rookies)	33	386

**Membership:** The Color Guard has added 9 members as first time participants to its roll this year to date.

**Participation:** The number of members participating is high. Militia turnout has been outstanding!

**Realignment:** The ability of the Southern Division to function independently has brought it an increase in Chapter opportunities in southern area of the state.

State Historian—Dr. David A. Ludley[DavidLudley@clayton.edu](mailto:DavidLudley@clayton.edu)

Activities of the past quarter as State Historian  
Items were added to the Digital Catalog to be placed in storage at the Atlanta History Center, Kenan Research Center.

## Other Activities:

- 4/19/16—Attended the April Captain John Collins Chapter Meeting.
- 5/17/16—Attended the May Captain John Collins Chapter Meeting.
- 6/21/16—Attended the June Captain John Collins Chapter Meeting.

Graves Committee—Don Burdick[dnburdick@comcast.net](mailto:dnburdick@comcast.net)

Detailed information is found on the Georgia Society Web Site, under “Resources” click on “Source Book.” Go to Chapter 26, Grave Marking Program where detailed information on grave marking procedures are presented including an example program, invitation, color guard participation, proclamation and dedication of grave marker.

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

**Current Quarter's Report:** Grave markings by Ocmulgee Chapter for Patriot William Wiggins and the Button Gwinnett Chapter for Compatriot LTC Richard Maltbie were conducted in April. LTC Maltbie passed away at a young age while serving in the US Army in Korea. His beautiful grave marking ceremony was well attended. The Rome Chapter conducted a grave marking for Patriot Elias Baker in May. Chapters that have scheduled grave markings for the remainder of 2016, for either Patriots or Compatriots, include Samuel Elbert, Athens, Casimir Pulaski, William Few and Marquis de Lafayette.

Chapters are reminded to include in their grave marking program a Grave Dedication Statement presented by the Georgia Society President, Chapter President or Senior member attending. If any member would like to serve on the Georgia Society Graves Committee please contact President Greenly or Graves Committee Chairman, Don Burdick. Chapters are encouraged to seek out Patriot Graves and schedule Grave Marking Ceremonies. The goal is to have each Chapter conduct at least one grave marking ceremony in the foreseeable future.



## Americanism Committee—Roger W Coursey

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The Americanism Committee sections of the Source Book were updated in February. Make sure you check these sections out to assist you in compiling your reports this year.

The National Americanism Committee posted the 2016 Americanism Score Sheet on the National website on 3 Feb 2016. I forwarded the email from National containing a link where you can download the new score sheet. Hopefully all chapters are filling in their score sheet as the year goes on, this makes it much easier come the end of the year when the report is due.

If you have any questions on the Americanism Scoresheet, make sure you contact me and I will be happy to assist you in whether something can or cannot be used, and making sure you place it in the correct section. We will know how our chapters and the state did at National for last year by the time of our BOM in July.

Let's make this year an even better year for our chapters and the state. Let's have all chapters submit your reports, no matter how great or how insignificant you think your chapter's happenings and points may be.

## Eagle Scout Committee - Bill Coffeen

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The Eagle Scout committee has received 53 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date which is about 61% ahead of last year at this time. The chair passes on these requests to chapters who have active Eagle Scout programs or the chair fulfills the request himself if no chapter support presently exists.

If your chapter is unfamiliar with how set up a recognition program please contact me at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com) or call me at 770-419-2549.

The Georgia Society can approve up to three compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. Only one application has been processed year to date. Therefore, I encourage all chapters to submit an application to me for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition. You may download the application from the National website and forward it along with a check for \$20 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs and we'll provide support and direction to help you grow your program.

**To my knowledge the following chapters do not presently have a chairman for Eagle Scout Recognition:**

Blue Ridge Mountains	Patrick Carr Rangers
Rome	Valdosta
Washington-Wilkes	George Walton
John Milledge	La Grange

**If I am in error please contact me by phone so I can update my records.**

As a reminder, **the GEORGIA SAR college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2016.** All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152 or preferably by email at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com).

**It is essential that all 2016 applicants use the current application available on the National website. No others will be accepted.**



## Georgia Fellows Fund—Edward Rigel, Jr

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D. Alan Smith of the William Few Chapter was welcomed as a new Fellow. Compatriot Smith currently serves the Georgia Society as State Chaplain.

Disbursements: The Education Committee was funded \$583 for the printing of 24"x18" posters of the inside graphic of the Patriot Brochure highlighting the 64 Georgia Counties named for Patriots. The William Few Chapter was funded \$125 for the purchase of items to be included in the Chapter's new Traveling Trunk. \$120 to the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, GA, to have the Society's name placed on the new granite marker in front of the library. \$100 to Compatriot Tom Chrisman for a Militia outfit.

National Trustee—Roger W CourseyCaptrog2000@yahoo.net

There was a Trustee meeting on Sunday, 10 Jul. There were several items addressed with votes taken on a couple of items. The Trustees approved \$70K for design and digitization of the Patriot Index. The Patriot Index will form the basis for our Genealogical Research System (GRS) which will ultimately include our member applications, supporting documentation, patriot biographies, grave locations and any other information we have available. This will be a searchable database available to SAR members.

The big issue in converting our paper applications into a digital format was discussed along with a proposal from Family Search to do that for us. We need to decide if we want that, and if so what limitations we want to put on the scanning of our records.

Also a vote was taken to decide on what action was to be taken concerning the \$100K that was deposited into the Eagle Scout Endowment Fund from the Ramsey Estate by mistake (this was addressed in PG Communication #12). The Trustees voted to leave \$50K of the \$100K along with any interest earned in the Eagle Scout Endowment Fund. The remaining \$50K is to be transferred to the NSSAR General Fund.

Another issue that was addressed was the New Online Membership application. The online form for the new membership application was approved with the understanding that a few changes will still be made, even though it is now in use.

Monday, 11 Jul, the general session of congress opened. There was the normal presentation of colors followed by the welcome and greeting from heads of other societies. General officers and committee reports followed.

It was reported that NSSAR has been working with Hillsdale College on a joint education initiative concept paper about possibly developing online courses in American History that could be used within the high schools.

The ROTC/JROTC/Service Academies Liaison Committee sponsors awards from the NSSAR to all 5 service academies each year. West Point, Naval Academy and Air Force Academy each have an endowment fund established by the NSSAR for awarding these awards which are presented by NSSAR members. The Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy each have special purpose funds within the NSSAR from which the awards are funded. The PASSAR proposed that they contribute \$5,000 to be combined with the \$5,000 in the NSSAR Special Purpose Fund for the Merchant Marine Academy and give that to the academy for them to handle the funding of the \$500/yr award. This would provide them with money for the award for 20 years. This was voted on and approved by the Congress. Also the name of the award was voted on and approved as the *Sons of the American Revolution Captain Joseph Ramsey Memorial Award*.

The Congress voted on a number of Bylaws and Resolution changes. The most significant one added the Genealogy Committee as a standing committee.

The Branding Task Force was discussed at great length. The use of the logo of the statue in front of our headquarters building was discussed. Also a motion was made that we use SAR behind the state or chapter name.

The completion of projects on our headquarters building is continuing. The electrical panel and sewer line projects as previously mentioned in earlier reports are to be completed in the next 10 days.

Digitization of our records and the new website were discussed. The merchandise website is about 90% complete. The Events Module has been completed and was used for registration for the Annual Congress. Corrections are being made as problems are found. The Events Module is set up to be used also by states and chapters.

The Website itself has rolled out with minor tweaks still being made. The Donor Module is in production and should be completed by the Fall Leadership Meeting. The Patriot/GRS Module is the next, with the Patriot Index hopefully to be completed in the fall. There are 77,000 patriot records with just basic information.

The Family Search Option of digitizing our records was discussed at some length. Family Search (LDS Church) scanned our records in 1975 to microfiche, giving us a copy and then distributing them to their research centers. We also had some more scanned in 1993. In 2012, Ancestry scanned our records, placing the ones up to 1970 on their website. (Unfortunately, the previously scanned documents on microfiche do not give us good enough resolution for digitizing). There was a vote to go forward with the Family Search Option and bring a contract to the Trustees for their consideration at the Fall Leadership Meeting. The Dues Module is to come in the next 18 months.

Fees and Dues were voted on, as this has to be done each year. There will be no increase in dues or fees this year.

Trustees and Vice President Generals were elected for the 2016-2017 year. Thomas M. Owen was elected as Trustee for the GEORGIA SAR. Roger W. Coursey was elected as Alternate Trustee for the GEORGIA SAR. Roger W. Coursey of the GEORGIA SAR was elected as the International District Vice President General.

General Officers were elected with only one position being contested, that being Treasurer General. J. Michael Tomme was elected as our President General for the 2016-2017 year. Larry Guzy was elected as Secretary General.



## Source Book Committee—Edward P Rigel, Sr

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The Georgia Society SAR Source Book is accessible for viewing by all members from the Society:  
[http://www.georgiasocietysar.org/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=70](http://www.georgiasocietysar.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=70)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Activity:** Follows is a list of Source Book sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016:

06.1 - 06.3 Creation of New Chapters.doc  
 07.0 Georgia Society Bylaws 4\_2016.doc  
 10.08 Dual Membership Request.doc  
 16.0.1.1 Recipients--Patriot Medal.doc

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



## ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Liaison Committee

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*Georgia Society Outstanding Cadet 2015-2016, C/MAJ Avero L. Howard, Jr. AJROTC Stephens County High School sponsored by the Joseph Habersham Chapter was selected as the NSSAR Outstanding Cadet. He received the National Gold OC Medal and a check for \$2,000 at the Annual Youth Awards Luncheon at our 126<sup>TH</sup> Congress in Boston, MA from the NSSAR President General Thomas Lawrence. Additionally he received from NSSAR up to \$1,000 in travel expenses associated with travelling to Congress to accept the award. Congratulations to C/MAJ Howard and all parties involved.*

All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should encourage their Units to participate in the Enhance JROTC (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2016-2017. The time to contact the JROTC Unit's SMI is right after school starts in late August or early September. Every SMI in your AO should know the name of the JROTC POC within your chapter. You may want to walk the SMI through the OC Nomination process. Chapter OC Packages need to be sent to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in December 2016. If I can assist you in this regard, please contact me. In Aug/Sep, I will again disseminate guidance and directions on submitting a strong OC Nomination Package. **Please consider the Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program to be totally separate programs.**

Fourteen Silver ROTC Medal Packages were presented to ROTC cadets at eleven Georgia Universities. Chapter Presidents or their representative from ten GEORGIA SAR Chapters present these Medals on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. Recipients are selected by the ROTC Staff at the University. **There is no reason for any chapter to expend funds on a Silver ROTC Medal**, as this is a function of the GEORGIA SAR ROTC/JROTC Committee. Medal Packages are mailed directly to the University POC (Point Of Contact). If a college contacts a chapter about a medal, please refer them to me. All ROTC Programs do not rate a medal because they are considered a cross-town Unit that falls under a Host Unit (University). Chapters presenting Silver ROTC Medals should report this activity on Form 10.06.0F Chapter Report to BOM and PG/Americanism Report.

Chapters presented Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units within the chapters' AO (Area of Operations). Recipients are selected for this medal by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI). **Award Criteria:**+Awarded to cadet currently enrolled in the JROTC Program, +A junior (in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 4 year program or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year program), +Top 10% of the JROTC class, +Top 25% of their class. Chapters should report these presentations on Form 10.06.0F Report to BOM & PG/Americanism Rpt. Sea Cadet Units may nominate a cadet for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & there is a Sea Cadet Ribbon (ordered separately) to go along with this medal. If you have a question about award criteria or the Sea Cadet Program, please contact me.



## Public Safety & Heroism - William J. Tankersley, Ed.D.

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Compatriots, each chapter is encouraged to try and present at least one of the SAR public safety & heroism awards during the calendar year. When doing so, please try and get the presentation covered in a local media outlet such a newspaper, TV news, etc.

See below for example:

<http://newstimes.augusta.com/news/2016-05-25/first-responder-honored-for-efforts>



### [Knight Essay Contest Committee— Terry A. Gibbs](#)

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The Knight Essay Contest for the Georgia Society for the 2015-2016 school year has been completed. The Georgia Society winner for 2015-2016 was Grant Mercer. Grant's essay was titled "*The Intolerable Acts: The Spark of a Revolution*". Grant received a cash scholarship of \$600 at the Georgia Society annual meeting in January and has been entered in the Knight Essay Contest at National. The Knight Essay Contest's 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners at the National level will be announced at the Youth Awards Luncheon at the 2016 SAR Congress in Boston on July 11, 2016.

The 2016-2017 Knight Essay Contest for the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution will commence at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. In the meantime, the summer is an excellent time for Georgia Society Chapters to begin promoting the essay contest and for prospective contestants to begin their research for their essays.

The contest, named for George S. and Stella M. Knight, is open to students in their Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior year of study in public, parochial, private and home study high schools. **The essay must be about a person, event, or idea connected to the American Revolution or the making of the Constitution, and must be written in English. Complete rules for the Knight Essay Contest are contained in the Georgia Society Sourcebook Sections 27.2.2 and 27.2.3.** The contest is conducted in three phases: local (Chapter), state (Georgia Society) and national (National Society). The deadline date for students to submit their essays to a chapter for entry into the contest is Thursday, December 1, 2016. **Chapters then must select their chapter winner and submit that entry to the Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest Chairman by December 15, 2016 for entry into the Georgia Society Contest. Electronic delivery in Microsoft Word format is preferred but not required.**

Georgia Society Chapter winners' essays should be submitted to: [tgibbs@bellsouth.net](mailto:tgibbs@bellsouth.net) by December 15, 2016. **Electronic entries of the chapter's winning essay in Microsoft Word are preferred but Postal Entries are accepted.**

**Beginning with the 2015-2016 Knight Essay Contest the National Society required each chapter's winning essay that is forwarded to the State Chairman to be accompanied with a Knight Essay entry form. Contact the Georgia Chairman for an entry form. The chapter's winning essay and state entry form may be submitted electronically.**

Postal entries may be mailed to: Compatriot Terry Gibbs, GEORGIA SAR Knight Essay Chairman, 3721 Hickory Ridge Ct., N.E., Marietta, GA 30066. Postal entries must be postmarked by December 15, 2016. I am in need of three to five Georgia Society Compatriots to serve as judges for the Georgia Society's competition. Please contact me if you can perform this very important service for the Georgia Society.



### [Information Technology Committee—Edward P Rigel, Sr](#)

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Other than the usual website maintenance, focus in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter has been on the development of the State's membership database. The new database is in Beta review. The committee is completing the "Requirement Document" for the second phase of the task, the implementation of the point of sale module that will allow for online registration payments. The committee anticipates having the cost of the project to present to the BOM in October.

As a reminder, share the following with your Chapter members:

BOM Members distribution list: [Georgia SAR\\_bom@googlegroups.com](mailto:Georgia SAR_bom@googlegroups.com)

Color Guard Members distribution list: [Georgia SAR\\_colorguard@googlegroups.com](mailto:Georgia SAR_colorguard@googlegroups.com)

The Committee works very diligently to keep the information on the Society website [www.Georgia SAR.org](http://www.Georgia SAR.org) current but is very reliant on the Society's Officers, Committees, and Chapters to provide the information necessary to keep the website current. Specific information the Committee is seeking: **New Chapter Officer** information, Chapter Meeting dates and places, Chapter Events with dates for sharing with the Society, Members' Deaths, Graves Registry information, and etc.



### [Genealogist —Bruce Maney](#)

[MilusBruce@aol.com](mailto:MilusBruce@aol.com)

Since April 1, 2016 I have assisted the Joe Early Chapter SAR, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, William Few Chapter SAR, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter SAR and Joseph Habersham Chapter SAR with research to resolve or attempting to resolve lineage issues for prospective members or supplemental applicants. Assistance was provided to the Chapter Registrar, First Line Sponsor or Applicant.

Research during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter included trips to the National Archives Branch in Morrow, Georgia State Archives in Morrow, Clarkesville Genealogical Library and Marietta Genealogical Library. Assistance was also provided in April to Compatriot Bob Sapp, GEORGIA SAR State Registrar, at his request.



### Historic Site and Celebrations Committee - K Scott Collins

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Second Quarter Events 16 April 2015 -- Frederica Patriots Day at St Simon Island The Patriotic Memorial Ceremony was held at the Jones Heritage Center and was sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter GSSAR with assistance from the DAR Chapter's of Fort Frederica & Brunswick did a great job. They delivered a high quality program with an array of hereditary organizations that included Colonial Dames of the XVII Century and the UDC.

The team work and imagery displayed was picked up by local News Media with excellent results. Every aspect for a quality program was included; School Teachers & Children, Media, Civic Leadership, Public, and multi-state organization.

The program was held at the St. Simons Casino Building. It involved a wide variety of the public and local school groups and had a large attendance. A number of articles appeared in the local and surrounding newspapers with articles and pictures of the event. The parade that followed did have to deal with some limited rain (as usual) but was well attended by the local community, our members, and local school groups.

17 April 2015— Colonial Worship Service A Colonial Worship Service at historic St. Ignatius Chapel on St. Simons Island on Sunday following the Frederica Patriots Day. The program was well attended by SAR members and guests many in colonial attire. Subsequent events

After the close of the quarter dates were put forward for a Battle of Brier Creek Ceremony on September 10, 2016 at 11:00 AM and next years dates have been proposed as March 10 - 11, 2017.



### SAR-CAR Liaison—Robert W. Moore

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The National Project for 2016-2017, "Siege of Yorktown - Action to Victory" is to raise funds for a new enhanced outdoor interpretive center - an artillery and firing station that will feature educational information about the siege of Yorktown. Connor Jackson, from the state of New Hampshire and member of the SAR, is the C.A.R. National President. Connor's theme this year is "Freedom's Thunder"

The State Project for this year is to raise funds to support life changing experiences at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge, Warm Springs and Winder, GA. These camps provide camp experiences for those children with disabilities and life-threatening illnesses. In particular, the Georgia State Society is concentrating on purchasing accessible bicycles which can be designed for those who are wheelchair bound. The State President for 2016 - 2017, is Rachel Fitzgerald and her theme is "Liberty's Joy". Rachel will be in attendance at the SAR

BOM on July 30 to personally discuss her project. Be sure to bring \$10 to purchase a project pin.

Georgia SAR donated \$100 to assist with costs associated with the Southeastern Regional Convention that was held in Greenville, SC which I was in attendance. I also attended the May meeting of the Lucy Spell Raiford Society in Columbus, The Memorial Day Service that was held by Coweta Falls and the Mid-Southern Regional Meeting that was held in Staunton, VA. In closing, I would like to invite all of you to attend the GA C.A.R. State Workshop that will be held in Winder on August 27.



### Education Committee - Rick Reese, Jr.

[RickReese68@att.net](mailto:RickReese68@att.net)

As announced at the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter BOM meeting, the Georgia Fellows sponsored funding for the production of a poster depicting the 64 Georgia counties named after American Revolution leaders and Georgia leaders. This is appropriate for presentation to schools and libraries. 500 copies of the poster were produced for distribution to GEORGIA SAR chapters.

With the school year beginning soon it is a good time to plan to distribute your copies of these posters to area schools and libraries.

# Ramsours Mill Event



Grave marking for Patriot James White in Bessemer City, NC



Georgia Color Guard augmented the North Carolina Society Color Guard for this grave marking.

# Frederica Naval Action

## Patriots Day Celebration St. Simons Island



April 19th marks an important date in the founding of our nation – it is the date in 1775 which marks the beginning of the Revolutionary War when British Regulars fired on American Patriots at Lexington and Concord. Three years after the “shot heard ‘round the world,” the Georgia Continental Navy captured three British ships in the Frederica River near St. Simons Island on April 19, 1778.

The Twelfth Annual Frederica Patriots Day Celebration, commemorating both of these two events of the American Revolution, was conducted on St. Simons Island in grand style on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Three public activities: Memorial Ceremony, Parade of Patriots, and Coloni-

al Worship Service, were sponsored by the Georgia SAR HS&C Committee, Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter, and Brunswick and Fort Frederica DAR Chapters. Here are some photos taken at the Memorial ceremony and the Parade.

**Please place Saturday, April 22rd and Sunday, April 23rd on your 2017 calendar and join us for next year’s Frederica Patriots Day Celebration**



The Georgia Color Guard , directed by a Brevet Commander, steps off to lead the Parade at St Simons Island.



*Training Tomorrow's Leaders*



Dear Compatriots and C.A.R. Supporters,

The nearly 9,500 worldwide members of the Children of the American Revolution are the future leaders of SAR and of our great country. The SAR is proud to be a long standing supporter of the C.A.R., and President General Lawrence has continued this effort by focusing on all of the SAR youth programs.

Our annual donation was presented to National President Connor Jackson at the National Congress Youth Luncheon in Boston. We are proud that Connor is a Compatriot of New Hampshire Society SAR.

C.A.R. is the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization that offers membership to anyone under the age of 22, lineally descended from someone who rendered material aid to the cause of the American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States. C.A.R. activities focus on patriotism, service, and education about our American heritage. The NSSAR/C.A.R. Committee has a video where you can learn more about SAR involvement in C.A.R. Activities. View the video at <https://youtu.be/NIZSlqFmDNg>

Each year, the National President creates a National Project and Theme in support of educational programs. The National Board, including State Presidents and National Chairmen, promotes the project and theme throughout the country at nine regional meetings. State and Local Societies support these initiatives during the year and raise awareness for National programs.

This year's theme is *Freedom's Thunder!* Members are rallying behind this theme as they raise funds for an artillery and firing station at the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (ARMY). This National Project will educate members on the siege of Yorktown and help fund an enhanced outdoor interpretive program – where firing demonstrations can support cannon firing. Members want to preserve and educate the public about this important piece of history, so that future generations can authentically learn about the American Revolution.

**The goal for this year's N.S.C.A.R. project is \$25,000. Compatriots – Will you help them achieve this goal?** Achieving this goal will only be possible with the sustained support of their "Parent Organizations" - SAR, DAR, and S.R. I urge you to consider a personally significant donation in support of their 2016-2017 National Project.

#### **How to Contribute:**

By Check: Mail donation to NSSAR Headquarters, 809 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202-2619. Please make check payable to NSSAR and add "C.A.R. Support" in the memo field.

By Credit Card: Call Mary Butts at Headquarters and indicate your donation is for the C.A.R. Committee donation to the C.A.R.

You can always learn more about N.S.C.A.R., Local Society opportunities and ways you can involve your family in C.A.R. at [www.nscar.org/join](http://www.nscar.org/join).







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★ **LIBERTY's JOY is Freedom to be all we can be...**

Our GSSCAR 2016-2017 State Project, "LIBERTY's JOY," will raise funds to support life-changing camp experiences at Georgia's Camp Twin Lakes' (CTL) three camps located in Rutledge, Winder and Warm Springs, serving children with serious illnesses, disabilities and other life challenges.

For almost 25 years, Camp Twin Lakes has provided medically-supportive and fun camp experiences. Each year more than 10,000 campers attend CTL camps here in Georgia, requiring lots of help from volunteers and donors to ensure that CTL campers gain confidence and discover new capabilities while at camp.

At Camp Twin Lakes, challenges become triumphs, and "I can't..." becomes "I can!"

Please support  
LIBERTY'S JOY...  
helping others  
be all THEY can be!

★ **GIVE a Memorial or Tribute...**

A memorial/tribute contribution offers a thoughtful and caring way to remember or honor a special person. GSSCAR will send you a customized certificate with the name of the person you are honoring.

Memorials and tributes will also appear in a *Virtual Memorial* on the State Project page at [www.gsscar.org](http://www.gsscar.org).

# LIBERTY'S JOY

Freedom to be all we can be.

Rachel Fitzgerald, State President—Georgia C.A.R. Project 2016-2017

★ **DONATE \$25/\$50/\$100 toward the purchase a FREEDOM RIDER!**

Topping the "most needed" list at CTL's two year-round campsites (Rutledge & Winder) are new *accessible bikes* for their inspiring biking program.

Designed for *wheelchair-bound campers*, these bikes are similar to tricycles and can either be pedaled by foot or by the use of hand cranks depending on the ability of the rider. These special bikes are fully supportive so a child can be transferred from their wheelchair, then strapped into place for additional stability. The bikes range in price between \$4,000-\$5,000 each. They are well-built and will last for many years serving thousands of special campers. Many donations will be needed, and we hope to fund the purchase of more than one Freedom Rider.



*A Freedom Rider's JOY... priceless*

*The Georgia State Society, N.S.C.A.R. is a non-profit 501c3. Your donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you for your generous support!*

★ **DONATE \$25/\$50/\$100 to KIDS SERVE II CAMPS...**

Kids Serve II (KSII) is a week-long summer camp for kids who have a parent who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. Military, or whose parent has fallen.

Military families face the double challenge of serving in the military and raising a child. KSII is designed to meet these special needs and challenges. Camps are held at the beautiful *Camp Dream* in Warm Springs, and *Camp Twin Lakes Will-A-Way* located in Ft. Yargo State Park in Winder.



We also invite your members to visit our [President's Project Webpage!](#)

You will find some great videos that fully explain [Camp Twin Lake's Mission](#).

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Children of the American Revolution

For more information about LIBERTY'S JOY, please visit us on the Web at [www.gsscar.org](http://www.gsscar.org)

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You can Donate to LIBERTY'S JOY using the PayPal Donate Button on our Website!  
This is a *free service* provided by PayPal at no charge to you or GSSCAR. 100% of your DONATION will go to the GSSCAR LIBERTY'S JOY Fund to benefit Camp Twin Lakes.

# Spring BOM Awards

**Certificates of Appreciation for participating as Militia reenactors at the Annual Kettle Creek Battle Celebration**



L to R: Jay Guest, Sid Turner, Bill Palmer, Gordon Woodard, Bill Hay, John Swab, Sonny Pitman, Dess Smith, Ruskin Powell, Wilder Smith, Charlie Newcomer



President Greenly presents an Oak Leaf cluster to Tom Owen's Silver Roger Sherman Medal for service as Chairman of the Kettle Creek Celebration Committee in 2014 and 2015.



Bill Palmer accepts a Certificate of Distinguished Service as Commander of the Elijah Clarke militia at the celebration of the Battle at Kettle Creek.



Edward P Rigel, Jr was presented with a Certificate of Distinguished Service for service as Wreath Master at the 2016 commemoration of the Battle at Kettle Creek.

# Spring BOM Awards



Shep Hammack was awarded the Grave Marking Medal by President Greenly.



Tom Owen received two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Grave Marking Medal from President Greenly.



Edward P Rigel, Sr. received a Certificate of Distinguished Service for work at War Hill and at Patriots Day.



Scott Collins was awarded a Certificate of Distinguished Service for work at Kettle Creek events.

# Rumbaugh Oratory Contest



Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chair George Wheelless and State Treasurer Bobby D. Shaw congratulate Georgia Society SAR winner Meenal Joshi sponsored by the Joel Early Chapter. Meenal was awarded \$500 and competed at the National oration contest in Boston where she placed among the six finalists.

## History of The SAR Orations Contest

*In 1945 an Ohio SAR member, Douglass G. High, originated this creative exercise in a Cincinnati Senior High. Two years later the NSSAR assumed National sponsorship. Douglass G. High passed away in 1952. In 1953 the National Society attached his name to the contest title as a memorial. He was the first Chairman on the NSSAR Oration Committee, serving in this capacity for five years.*

*In honor of a Florida SAR member, this Oratorical event was renamed the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. For many years this Compatriot has shown an active interest in the welfare of youth and has been a creative promoter of this contest. The contest is designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present day America.*



Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chair George Wheelless and State Treasurer Bobby D. Shaw congratulate Runner-up contestant Ronald James Mifflin. Ronald was sponsored by the Lyman Hall Chapter.

Ronald was a Senior at Flowery Branch High School and has been awarded a full scholarship to pursue studies in Aeronautical Engineering at Embry-Riddle University.



# Flag Retirement - Wiregrass Chapter



Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Georgia Society, assisted Troop 75 Boy Scouts of America and the American Legion with a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016 on the Square in Swainsboro, at 6:30 p.m.

Those Chapter members participating with their American Revolution Militia uniforms and their Pennsylvania/Kentucky Flintlock Rifles were President Wilder Smith, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Ruskin Powell and Compatriot Tommy Christopher. As the Ceremony was carried out with solemnity and respect, the command, "Present Arms" was given as each U.S. Flag was brought forward and lowered into the burner. Nine U.S. Flags were rendered unto flame with honor as part of the ceremony.

# Flag Retirement - Lyman Hall Chapter

Lyman Hall Chapter Compatriots collected 338 unserviceable US flags for retirement at Scoutland Reservation near Gainesville.

Nylon flags were sorted out for retirement by other means. The stripes from cotton flags were cut into swatches. Those flag remnants were then issued by US military veterans including members of the Georgia Defense Force to Scouts and adult leaders. Former Chapter President, the late LTC Mike Bunting had been a member of the GDF detachment that participated in the ceremony.

Shown here: a Scouter Dad and his son approaching the flag retirement campfire.



# Piedmont & Robt Forsyth Chapters



On June 18, 2016 the Piedmont and Robert Forsyth chapters of the SAR held a Flag Retirement Ceremony for the 1311 flags that were collected from Flag Recycling Receptacles located in Roswell, Cumming, and Dahlonega, GA Home Depot store locations. Members from both SAR chapters as well as members from the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR, Martha Stewart Society C.A.R. and Patriots of Liberty DAR were in attendance.

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**COMMUNITY**

## SAR retires flags in Saturday morning ceremony

By PATRICK FOX  
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ROSWELL, Ga. – About 50 people gathered Saturday morning at the Northside Chapel Crematory on Crabapple Road for a ceremony retiring more than 1,200 worn and tattered flags.

The crowd gathered before a casket-like box, draped with a faded Old Glory and carrying the remnants of the nation's banners that once flew proudly over homes, offices and buildings.

Rick Reese, Jr., president of the Piedmont Color Guard, presided over the event, which was co-sponsored by the Piedmont and the Robert Forsyth Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution.



The event was covered in two local publications, the "Alpharetta-Roswell Herald" and the "Johns Creek Herald" newspapers. Both media items included Chapter names.

L to R: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Shep Hammack, Bob Sapp, Edward P Rigel Jr.

## Flag Code

➔ The American flag should not be displayed if it is worn or frayed. It should be disposed of in a respectful manner.

# The CONTINUING Battle of Brier Creek

Contributed by Daniel Battle—Vice President Brier Creek Chapter, GARPA Member

War with Great Britain called out the brave Georgians and other patriots to fight for American freedom and our citizens met the challenge. Now Georgia needs you again but this time to preserve the sites where that blood was shed. Georgia SAR Patriots, we are in danger of losing most of the valuable Battle of Brier Creek site and others if we don't rally and wake up the members of the Georgia SAR and DAR. This site location is at the Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area in Screven, County, Georgia.

Although new to the Georgia SAR, I am not new to plight of our historical resources. I have worked in the state for over 25 years as an Archaeologist and consultant on several of important Georgia battlefields and historic sites. Here is the issue simply explained: Over a span of several years, a 2007 the National Park Service published a three-part study, *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States*, was designed to understand and gauge preservation potential for several key engagements in the Deep South.

This study was reflective of increasing recognition by historians of the importance of several strategic southern campaigns and engagements to the final outcome of the American Revolution. Up until the Bicentennial, histories of the war were compiled by mostly northern scholars who many times just glazed over the importance of events in the South.

The results of the NPS study challenged the long held perception that southern engagements were less important and impacting and lacked significant documentation to warrant serious study. Ironically, the State of Georgia, which served an important role in our independence, was almost completely overlooked as it is also in our current state government. A perfect example of this can be seen in today's History Channel program on the history of the war and the Southern Campaign. The program completely skips Georgia without a mention and it's not the only such program lacking in deficiencies of our history. This is also reflective of a deepening lack of attention and stewardship in our own state government in protecting our vanishing heritage at many locations.



There is not a better example of this than what is currently happening at the Brier Creek battlefield. A recent comprehensive archaeological study of the site titled: *America Loses a Star and Stripe: The Revolutionary War Battle of Brier Creek, Screven County, Georgia, Metal Detector Survey, Burial Search, and Extensive Archival Research*, discovered a well preserved colonial and battlefield environ which rivaled any comparable resource anywhere in the country. (Please also refer to a section of our report on the battlefield environ authored by Robert Scott Davis in the Georgia Historical Quarterly summer this year. You can view the full Archaeological report, referenced above, on the Georgia SAR website). The state's response to the archaeological findings quickly turned political even with full public ownership of the site for over fifty years!

As the report clearly underscored, state ownership and management indicated what some in the business refer to as "destruction by neglect". Destructive activities at the site included discouraging historical nominations, unchecked artifact collecting, tree harvesting, recreational activities, utility access, and road building. This with the full knowledge of the existence of Georgia's largest Revolutionary War burial site containing over 150 U.S., militia, and foreign soldiers. I will not go into the details of the political strangle-hold some officials have on our public lands. Chances are you have not heard official state announcements of this by deliberate design. Georgia SAR members I urge you to view the entire battlefield study on Brier Creek and decide for yourself.

As it stands today, even though the battlefield evidence was proven to cover hundreds of acres of public property, the Georgia Government currently plans on preserving only five acres for the City of Sylvania for a monument without seeking input from of any kind from other historic organizations. Appeals to most politicians and state officials have fallen on deaf ears since decisions are being made by the powerful 20 man commission of the Georgia Wildlife Resource Division. This basically means it is a waste of time to appeal to any Georgia officials in the Department of Natural Resources or the State Historic Preservation Office.

Please join me and the newly founded nonprofit Georgia American Revolution Preservation Alliance, GARPA. [www.GARPA1776.com](http://www.GARPA1776.com) or join us on Facebook by looking up our full name. Email [Briercreek@hotmail.com](mailto:Briercreek@hotmail.com) for more information.

**WILLIAM FEW CHAPTER AND THE WIREGRASS CHAPTER**  
With the

**BRIER CREEK CHAPTER**

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Invite you to attend the

**237<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRIER CREEK**

Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.

Brannens Bridge Road

(entrance is about 100 yards from the Brier Creek landing/bridge)

Sylvania, Screven County, Georgia

Coordinates N 32° 48' 19.82" W 81° 28' 17.05"

SAR, DAR, C.A.R., other patriotic and lineage societies & chapters and the general public are invited to participate in the formal wreath laying ceremony at the Brier Creek Battleground. Continental, militia or period attire is encouraged.

Please complete and return the registration form provided on the following page no later than Saturday, September 3, 2016 for the registration to be included in the printed program. Registration forms should be returned to:



Mrs. Jane Durden  
DAR Liaison to the Wiregrass Chapter  
PO Box 478  
Swainsboro, GA 30401  
hsdurden@bellsouth.net  
478-494-4113



2016 Brier Creek Commemoration Registration Form

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Will present Wreath: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in Color Guard? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Will you participate in the musket salute? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



# Marietta National Cemetery



The Elijah Clarke Militia and the Georgia SAR Color Guard participated and supported 'Scout Day' at the Marietta National Cemetery on Saturday, 28 May.

Presentation of historic colors opened the ceremony. A musket salute and 'Mourn Muskets' closed the proceedings of speakers and the award of a memorial scholarship.

Approximately 1,500 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls then adorn each of the 18,000 graves. Decoration of the graves took only about a half-hour and was completed with decorum and quiet respect.

Congratulations to the National Memorial Day Celebration of Georgia Association for a very well organized event.



"Mourn Muskets"

# BSA 'Pioneer Village'

## The 'All-Day-Long' Trunk Talk



David Grist explains various Revolutionary War era weaponry to Boy Scouts at Camp Rainey Mountain.

David Grist and Lyn Cash, representing the Joseph Habersham Chapter, presented the traveling trunk program to various Boy Scout troops at the annual Rainey Mountain Boy Scout Camp for seven weeks of Boy Scout Summer Camp.

The day-long presentations were part of the camp's 'Pioneer Village' program.



Lyn Cash demonstrates details of the Kentucky Long Rifle to Scouts participating in the BSA 'Pioneer Village'.



The command "Lock and Load" continues to this day. Lyn Cash tamps down the rifle.

# BSA 'Pioneer Village'



The troop pictured here is from Florida. The lady in period costume is Dr. Woody Price, camp leader for the 1800 village that has been built at Rainey Mountain. Rainey Mountain Scout Camp averages 1000 Boy Scouts each week for eight weeks every summer.

Leadership at Rainey Mountain and the Joseph Habersham modified the fourth grade presentations normally made to include additional information about early 1800 life in America. The team intends to continue and expand the program for next year.



The Joseph Habersham Chapter's voluminous Traveling Trunk is displayed as part of the Pioneer Village program.

Every Scout participating in the Pioneer Village program was presented with a copy of the US Constitution.



# Two New Chapters

## Brier Creek

Thursday night, June 2, 2016 the proposed new Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Chapter held an organizational meeting at the Screven County Library at 7:00. Wiregrass Chapter of Swainsboro Registrar Dess Smith III was the "Master of Ceremonies" that included about 30 people. The Wiregrass Chapter of Swainsboro and the

Col. William Few Chapter of Augusta have been assisting male residents of Screven County and adjoining Counties in the preparation of their applications to the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

This new Chapter should be able to apply to the Georgia Society for a Charter soon. During the meeting, five interim officers were selected. President Craig Wildi, Treasurer Sam Cochran, Chaplain Lee Smith, Historian Corey Waters, and Programs Chair Daniel Battle. The group also decided that they would meet each month on the 1st Thursday of the month, they would meet at 7:00 p.m., and that their name would be the "Brier Creek Chapter" of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Their next meeting will be on Thursday night, July 9, at 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced. If you would like to become a Charter member of this new SAR Chapter in Screven County, please contact President Craig Wildi at 912-531-1505 or e-mail him at [cawildi@hotmail.com](mailto:cawildi@hotmail.com).



## Mount Vernon



L to R: Geoff Oosterhoudt, Tom Chrisman, Bob McCleskey, Shep Hammack, Randy Pollard

We may not be chartered yet but we had five members of our color guard participate in the Dunwoody 4th of July Parade, which some say is the largest 4th of July parade in Atlanta. Parade route was two miles and the sidewalks were packed the entire way on both sides of the road. At the end of the parade they had an INS ceremony for about fifty new citizens.

Chapter Reports

# NEWS

## Athens

Athens Chapter Georgia Society SAR participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Oconee Veterans Memorial at the Oconee County Veterans Park on May 30, 2016.

Patriotic song selections were played by the Classic City Band and sung by the Oconee Presbyterian Church Choir. Remarks were made by Mr. Ed Gerstner, one the last servicemen out of Vietnam prior to the fall of Saigon. Vietnam Veterans were recognized with a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. The award winning Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Militia presented the colors and fired their muskets in honor of the fallen veterans. The event was well attended. Wreaths were presented by a number of patriotic, veteran and family members of fallen veterans.



Athens Chapter President Justin Reese presents Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Ed Gerstner.



Athens Chapter members Charlie Newcomer and Jay Guest present a wreath in honor of fallen veterans.



Award Winning Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia in formation.



Ed Gerstner speaks at the Oconee Veterans Memorial in Oconee Veterans Park.

*Photos by Blane Maramble*

# Blue Ridge Mountains

## Blairsville Memorial Day Parade

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Leads the way.



Blue Ridge Mountains—continued



L to R: Sid Turner, Ted Galudette, Jack Duggar, Ed Reid, Paul Danner, Charles Mobley , David Cook



Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter opens the Blairsville memorial Day commemoration with the crack of Kentucky long rifles.

The firing detail consisted of Ed Reid, Paul Danner, Devon Turner and Chapter President Sid Turner.



# Button Gwinnett



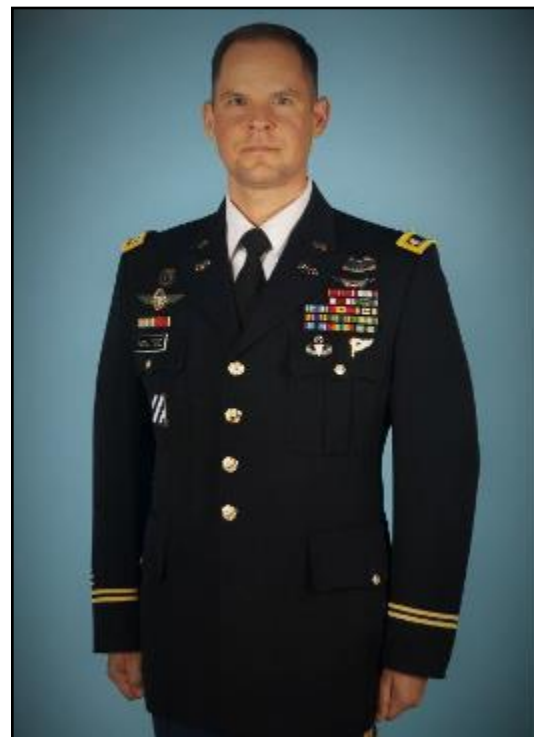
Button Gwinnett Compatriots receiving the Proclamation from Lawrenceville Mayor Judy Johnson



Color Guard and Piedmont Piper John Mortison at the Memorial celebration



Assembled family at the Memorial celebration



Richard William Maltbie, LTC, Chemical Corps, —RIP





## Button Gwinnett—continued

### JROTC Medals



Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR held a program for members Patriots. Each member present named their Patriot, and Compatriot Bruce Maney rang the bell in their honor.



Button Gwinnett Chapter President Bill Palmer presenting a JROTC Certificate, and Medal to Nish Patel the outstanding cadet from North Gwinnett High School on February 23, 2016.

Long-time Senior Military Instructor Major Bruce A Bonds looks on at his final awards ceremony. Major Bond has served North Gwinnett Air Force JROTC since the detachment's inception and has earned his now second retirement. Cadets and guests gave Major Bonds a rousing send off.



Button Gwinnett Chapter 1st Vice President Bennie Koon, resplendent in his Cavalry headgear, presented a JROTC Certificate and Medal to Jesus Chavez; the outstanding JROTC cadet at Shiloh High School.

## Joseph Habersham



Dr. Cosgrove and ten-year member Charles Jordan

Charles Jordan of Stephens County receives a ten-year membership award from the National Sons of the American Revolution, from Eric Colgrove, president of the Joseph Habersham Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

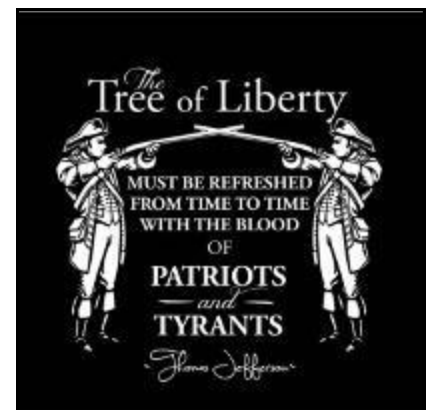
The award was given to Jordan during the chapter's regular meeting held May 10.



Joseph Habersham Chapter led the parade at the annual 'Mountain Laurel Festival' in Clarksville on Saturday May 21.



Georgia Society Color Guard in the parade at the annual Clarksville 'Mountain Laurel Festival'.



# Lyman Hall



NSDAR Col William Candler Chapter Volunteer Genealogist Caroline Mixon presented the plan to create a new Society of the Children of the American Revolution in Hall County. The Chapter will be named "Eagles of Liberty" - the name was chosen because the nest is where our children stay until they get their wings and fly into their mature lives.



Dual member with Piedmont Chapter and Past State Society President George Thurmond made a very interesting and informative presentation that featured his collection of significant US historic flags.

George explained the creation, design and employment of each flag ranging from before, during and after the American Revolution.



Compatriot Bill Palmer led a contingent of the award winning Georgia Color Guard opening the 'Wounded Warrior Weekend' at Lake Lanier Island Resort on Sunday, 2 June 2016.

An annual event conducted by the Military Officers Association of America, warriors and their families were hosted at a banquet, played golf and enjoyed the resort's spa.



# Marquis de Lafayette

## Patriot Medal



*Photo by: David G. Jessel*

Georgia Society President Allen Greenly presented the Patriot Medal to LTC (Ret) Bloise Hill at a meeting of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.



The **Patriot Medal** is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received only once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. Service at the national level cannot be considered in making the award.

The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Patriotic Service." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue.

# Marshes of Glynn



The Marshes of Glynn Sons of the American Revolution Chapter presented the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Billy Davis of Ware County High School in Waycross, GA.



# Marshes of Glynn



Colonel Nick Hart, Past President of the Veterans Council of the Golden Isles and also a member of our SAR Chapter, presents the 2016 Veteran's Council American Patriot of the Year Award to Brent Taylor. The American Patriot of the Year award emphasizes civilian accomplishments of local veterans following their military service. Brent's outstanding support for many projects of the Veterans Council during the past ten years was described. This included his leadership in the recent Coastal Georgia Honor Flight which transported fifty- four veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the War Memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

Also highlighted was Brent's participation in the Marshes of Glynn SAR school presentations since 2008. His performances as King George III and GA Royal Governor James Wright have provided different perspectives of the origins of the American Revolutionary War. The Veteran's Council of the Golden Isles includes fourteen Veterans organizations – including our Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter- and represents thousands of Veterans in our area.



Brent Wrenn Taylor, recipient of the 2016 American Patriot of the Year award, makes remarks at a Memorial Day ceremony Monday hosted by the Veterans Council of the Golden Isles, the organization that gave him the award.

Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News

## Patriot of the Year served on the sea, beneath it and on land

By LARRY HOBBS  
The Brunswick News

A visitor to Brent Taylor's St. Simons Island home Thursday morning asked him to recall the years of his Vietnam War-era service on the USS Stonewall Jackson guided missile submarine. "Let's see," he said aloud to himself, "was it Sixty-Six? No, that can't be right." He grabbed a note pad from the little

table in the sunroom and started jogging his memory, jotting down assignments that criss-crossed the country and spanned the globe during a 20-year U.S. Naval career.

His list started with submarine school in 1960, followed by service on the USS Darter sub in '62.

And so it went down the page, Taylor scribbling down stints on the ocean and beneath it before wrapping up with service on land as a staff officer in London

from 1976-78.

It actually was, by the way, 1966-68 that Taylor served on the Stonewall Jackson, keeping watch for nuclear missile activity off the coasts of Soviet Russia and Communist China during the height of the Vietnam War.

"Yeah, that's right, it was 1966 all right," said Taylor, who entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1958.

Please see PATRIOT, 5A

## Marshes of Glynn—continued

The Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter, along with the Veterans Council of the Golden Isles and the Brunswick Elks Lodge, sponsored an impressive Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th on the grounds of the Historic Glynn County Courthouse in Brunswick.

Recognizing the importance local officials placed on the ceremony, speakers included the Mayor of Brunswick, Glynn County Commissioner, Senior Judge of Superior Courts, American Legion Post Commander, Elks Lodge Flag Day Chairman and an Eagle Scout. Patriotic musical selections featured a well-known local performer and a children's choir.

Marshes of Glynn President Steve Ford described actions of citizens who influenced the role of our American Flag, and Bill Ramsaur displayed six Revolutionary Flags and traced our flag's evolution.

The highlight of the celebration was the Presentation of Colors – thirty flags were displayed by twelve units which included the U.S. Army National Guard, Brunswick High School Navy JROTC, City of Brunswick Fire and Police Officers, Glynn County Fire and Police Officers and Sheriff's Office, American Legion Posts #9 and #507, Sons of the American Revolution, VFW Post #4092 and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Since June 14th is also the Official Birthday of the U.S. Army, the ceremony included a special rendition of *The Army Goes Rolling Along* by the children's choir.

Both local daily newspapers, The Brunswick News and Georgia Times Union featured multiple articles with color photos on their front pages.

## Ocmulgee



President Allen Greenly presented a certificate to Mrs. Pamela R. Stanescu for 43 years teaching American history at high school and college level, speaking to various groups on American history, and being named the DAR Georgia History Teacher of the Year.



President Allen Greenly presented Compatriot Robert Cruthirds with a twenty-five year membership award and the Silver Roger Sherman Medal.

## Ocmulgee—continued



Past President James Stallings and member Jett Smith presented the SAR Posters "64 Georgia Counties Named for Revolutionary War Patriots" to Judy Smith, Vice Chairman of the Ft. Hawkins Commission in Macon. Fort Hawkins was built in 1807 by and named for Col. Benjamin Hawkins who served in the Revolutionary War on the staff of General Washington.

In 1990 Bibb County created the Fort Hawkins Commission which developed a master plan and built a visitor center that opened in August 2014. This important historical landmark represents Macon's heritage and the new Macon-Bibb County government voted to make the Ft. Hawkins block house part of the new government seal.

Judy and husband Jett, are also volunteers on weekends at the visitor center representing Macon and Fort Hawkins to visitors from all around the state and country.

### Ceremony Honoring Revolutionary War Soldier William Wiggins, Jr.

The Ocmulgee and the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapters of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking ceremony dedicating a marker at the grave of Revolutionary War Soldier William Wiggins, Jr. on Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 PM in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Fort Valley.

After 1823 Patriot Wiggins moved to the part Houston County that later became Peach County where he died in 1829 and is buried in Oaklawn Cemetery.

The Georgia SAR Color Guard presented the Colors and the Elijah Clark Militia performed a Military Salute and Mourn Musket.

Compatriot Jack Dugger of the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter, a descendant of Patriot William Wiggins, Jr., told of the life of Patriot Wiggins and another descendant Rod Dugger, a WWII Veteran unveiled the marker.



A number of Wiggins family descendants, SAR members and other guests attended.

Wreaths were presented by twenty SAR, DAR, CAR and other organizations.

Afterwards the Peach County Historical Society and the Governor Treutlen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a reception at the historic McArthur-Saxon House in Fort Valley.

## Ocmulgee—continued

The Ocmulgee Chapter celebrated George Washington's Birthday with a formal dinner at The Brickyard at Riverside Country Club Dining Room on Saturday, February 20, 2016. The event also celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Ocmulgee Chapter, October 1, 1991. Forty members and invited guests were entertained by Mrs. Pamela R. Stanesco, retired Houston County Educator with her talk "George Washington, Man of Integrity."

Following dinner a number of awards were presented by Georgia SAR President Allen Greenly and Ocmulgee Chapter President Ray Crumbley including the Bronze SAR Good Citizenship Medal and Phil McGoldrick for honoring Veterans thru special Veterans events, designing and erecting several Veterans memorials in middle Georgia and as a Marine Corps volunteer fund raiser for Toys for Tots the past 20 years.

Toasts were given to General George Washington by John Trussell, Our Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors by James E. Stallings, Sr., and Members of Our Armed Services by Robert Cruthirds.



President Greenly installed the new chapter officers for 2016-2017: Pictured L to R:

John Trussell, President  
 Dr. Christopher Stokes, Secretary  
 Moses Alexander, Treasurer  
 James E. Stallings, Sr., Registrar  
 Rev. Matthew Harlow, Chaplain  
 Ray Crumbley, Historian.

The Ocmulgee Chapter recognized Jett and Judy Smith for involvement in several historic and patriotic organizations' events recognizing Veterans and Patriots for over 10 years.

They have given outstanding service, especially volunteering as host and hostess at historic Fort Hawkins visitor center.

President Greenly presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Jett.





## Patrick Carr Rangers

East Region Vice President Chip Durden Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Waynesboro, GA with two members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Ruskin Powell & Dess Smith III, to visit the Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter. The meeting was held on Monday night, June 6, 2016 at 6:30 at "Hargrove's River Cabin" located on Hancock Landing Road. There were 6 members of the Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter in attendance and we all enjoyed an outstanding meal prepared by President David Hargrove.

We had grilled hamburgers, French fries, homemade coleslaw with fresh tomatoes and onions. Besides soft drinks, David had some very good lemonade.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. During the meeting VP Durden talked about the monthly reports due by Chapter presidents and also about attending the Georgia Society Board of Management meeting held each quarter in Barnesville, GA. Also, VP Durden gave a report on the Dedication of the Monuments, Commemorating the service of Tattnall Countians in the American Revolution and the War of 1812 on May 28, 2016 in Reidsville. He also gave a report on the 2nd Annual Flag Laying Ceremony at the Brier Creek Battlefield in Screven County, GA held on the afternoon of May 28, 2016. The Col. William Few Chapter (Augusta) and the Wiregrass Chapter (Swainsboro) along with the Georgia American Revolution Preservation Alliance (GARPA) placed 150 U.S. Flags on the Battlefield to represent the 150 Patriots killed on that Battlefield, March 3, 1779.

Wiregrass Chapter Registrar Dess Smith III then gave a report on the progress and status of the new Brier Creek Chapter, SAR, in Screven County that is being formed. Patrick Carr Ranger member Henry Tinley then gave a report about the event he attended and the laying of the Patrick Carr Chapter wreath, representing his Chapter. The Chapter meeting concluded with the SAR Recessional.

## Robert Forsyth

On May 5, Compatriots Greenly and Rigel attended the North Forsyth High School Marine Corps JROTC Awards Ceremony and presented the Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Lieutenant Jacob Jewett.

Cadet Lieutenant Jewett is Commander of the MCJROTC Drill Team, was Awarded Non Commission Officer of Year, attended MCJROTC leadership training program at Parris Island and attended National Flight Academy in Pensacola Florida.

He was also Awarded the Military Order of Foreign Wars for academic excellence.



L to R: Eastern Region-Vice Pres. Chip Durden, Cliff Hargrove, Skip Stewart, Patrick Carr Pangers President David Hargrove, Ruskin Powell, Henry Tinley, Lewis Tinley, and Tony McDaniel. Dess Smith III not in photo .



L to R: Edward P Rigel, Jr Cadet Jewett, Allen Greenly

## Samuel Elbert

### Jim Lloyd receives the Meritorious Service Medal



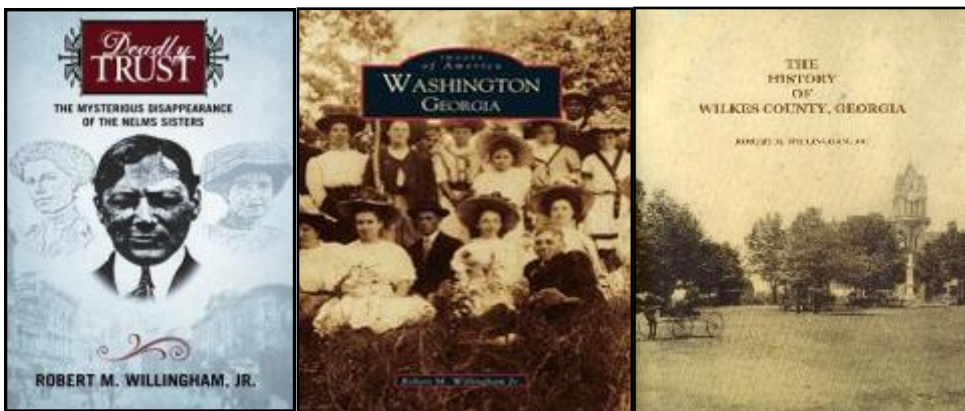
The Samuel Elbert Chapter recently awarded Jim Lloyd the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding leadership. A veteran of the chapter since December 2005, he has served as the president of the chapter for four years.

He has been a member of the Sites and Celebrations committee which included moderating the Vann's Creek Ceremony while leading the committee, and numerous other committees. Jim has been a stickler for perfection as he always had to do when he was the Chief Resident Corp of Engineers and had to supervise the construction of the Richard B. Russell Dam.

After retiring from the Corps of Engineers, Jim has been president of numerous clubs and organizations. Most recently, he was chairman of the Elbert County Hospital Authority. Jim kept this same attitude in the Sons of the American Revolution's Samuel Elbert Chapter and has served with dignity and perfection for ten years.

Jim qualified for the Sons of the American Revolution after he was able to trace his forefather David Morgan back to the American Revolution and the French and Indian War and was one of the sons of Morgan Morgan, his great-great-great-great grandfather who literally helped settle and create West Virginia.

Robert M. Willingham, a distinguished speaker from Wilkes County, Georgia, gave an overview of the American Revolution in the South during the "Southern Strategy" (1778-1783). Mr. Willingham was introduced by Samuel Elbert Chapter's Vice-President Olds Harris. The overview gave a synopsis of his experience as a writer and some of his books written.



Robert is a native of Washington, Georgia, a former educator and librarian. He has published numerous articles on historical topics as well as several books on Southern history. Among them are "We Have This Heritage": The History of Wilkes County, GA Beginnings to 1860; "No Jubilee": the Story of Confederate Wilkes; "Confederate Imprints": a Bibliography; "Tigers": a Pictorial History of Washington Football; and others.

He has completed a third work on Wilkes County history which documents the period from 1865 to 1945. Since the earlier Wilkes County books are long out-of-print, reprinting of these works is also being considered.

Mr. Willingham works with State Farm Insurance and continues a variety of research projects. He is an active member of Washington First United Methodist Church and is a Rotarian.

In recognition of the Samuel Elbert Chapter's continuous supervision of the parking lot (19 years) during the Celebration of the Revolutionary Days at the Battle of Kettle Creek site, Past President Tom Owen presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following Samuel Elbert Chapter's membership: past president Jim Lloyd, Ross Banks, Larry Richardson, Olds Harris, Starke Jaudon, Dale Willis, Sanford Cole, Sandy Cole, Ed Faust, Tommy Starrett, George Tate, and Larry Wilson.

*Thank you*

As many of you know, it was the Samuel Elbert Chapter's first president Jack Bozeman who conceived the idea of celebrating the first Battle of Kettle Creek. Jack was the president of GEORGIA SAR at that time (95-96) and with the assistance of Bob Galer, chairman of the Sites and Celebrations of GEORGIA SAR, together they planned the first anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek.

## Colonel William Few



June 27 brought our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter chapter meeting at a new and larger place, the Snelling Center in Augusta. We were updated on the progress of the new Brier Creek Chapter SAR by Wiregrass chapter compatriot and registrar Dess Smith. Also in attendance were Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Eastern Region VP Chip Durden, and his lovely wife Jane. Ten new members were inducted. As always, it was very special to hear each new member tell what their SAR membership means to them. Augusta DAR Chapter Regent Patty Croft shared with us that a Revolutionary War veteran grave had been knocked over as a result of a storm in the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta and asked for our help in restoring it.



L to R: Don Bazemore, Chip Durden, Wilder Smith, Steve Burke, Bill Tankersley, Don Thomas, Alton McCloud, Sonny Pittman, Lee Smith

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, members of our chapter attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Battle of Brier Creek Memorial Day Flag Ceremony on the Brier Creek Battlefield at Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area in Screven County. Attendees were treated to a musket volley performed by members of the Wiregrass and William Few chapters.



Pat Thomas presents another Trunk Talk inside the Elijah Clark cabin.



On May 25, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sonny Pittman and President Bill Tankersley presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation medal and certificate to Lt. Johnny Phillips of Columbia County Fire and Rescue. Lt. Phillips was chosen by Columbia County Emergency Management Services Director Pam Tucker and Chief Doug Cooper for the award. According to Tucker, Phillips was off-duty when he passed by the structure fire taking place, but stopped to see if he could help.

Within moments, three family pets were pulled from the burning home. Lt. Phillips, being a Paramedic, jumped in to help the family's miniature dachshund. He applied a pet oxygen mask and assessed the lifeless pet's vital signs. Lt. Phillips told Chief Cooper that the dog could be saved but only if he was taken to a veterinarian quickly. Chief Cooper, with Johnny and the pet loaded in the back, drove to Blanchard Woods Animal Hospital. They took over care and within half an hour the pet was sitting up on his own.



GEORGIA SAR Registrar and Past President Bob Sapp presented a workshop to a genealogy club in our area on what the SAR is all about and how to join.

Emphasis was placed on genealogy and application process. Thank you Compatriot Sapp.

## Colonel William Few—continued



On May 30, the Augusta Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars sponsored the 2016 Augusta-CSRA Memorial Day Observance and Ceremony in downtown Augusta at the All Wars Monument. Members of the Col. William Few Chapter attended and presented our chapter wreath along with LTC David Titus, Past President of MOWW.



Several Compatriots attended Independence Day celebration at Augusta's Signer's Monument on July 4th.

The monument is dedicated to the memory of Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence.



April brought many more SAR Traveling Trunk presentations at Elijah Clark State Park by chapter Compatriot Don Thomas, Sr., and his wife, Pat Thomas, who serves as the regent of the Stephen Heard Chapter DAR.



Our June meeting program was presented by Chapter Compatriot Don Thomas Sr. and his lovely wife, Pat, on the SAR Traveling Trunk Program.

Don also received a SAR certificate of appreciation for his service at this year's Battle of Kettle Creek reenactment.

## Wiregrass

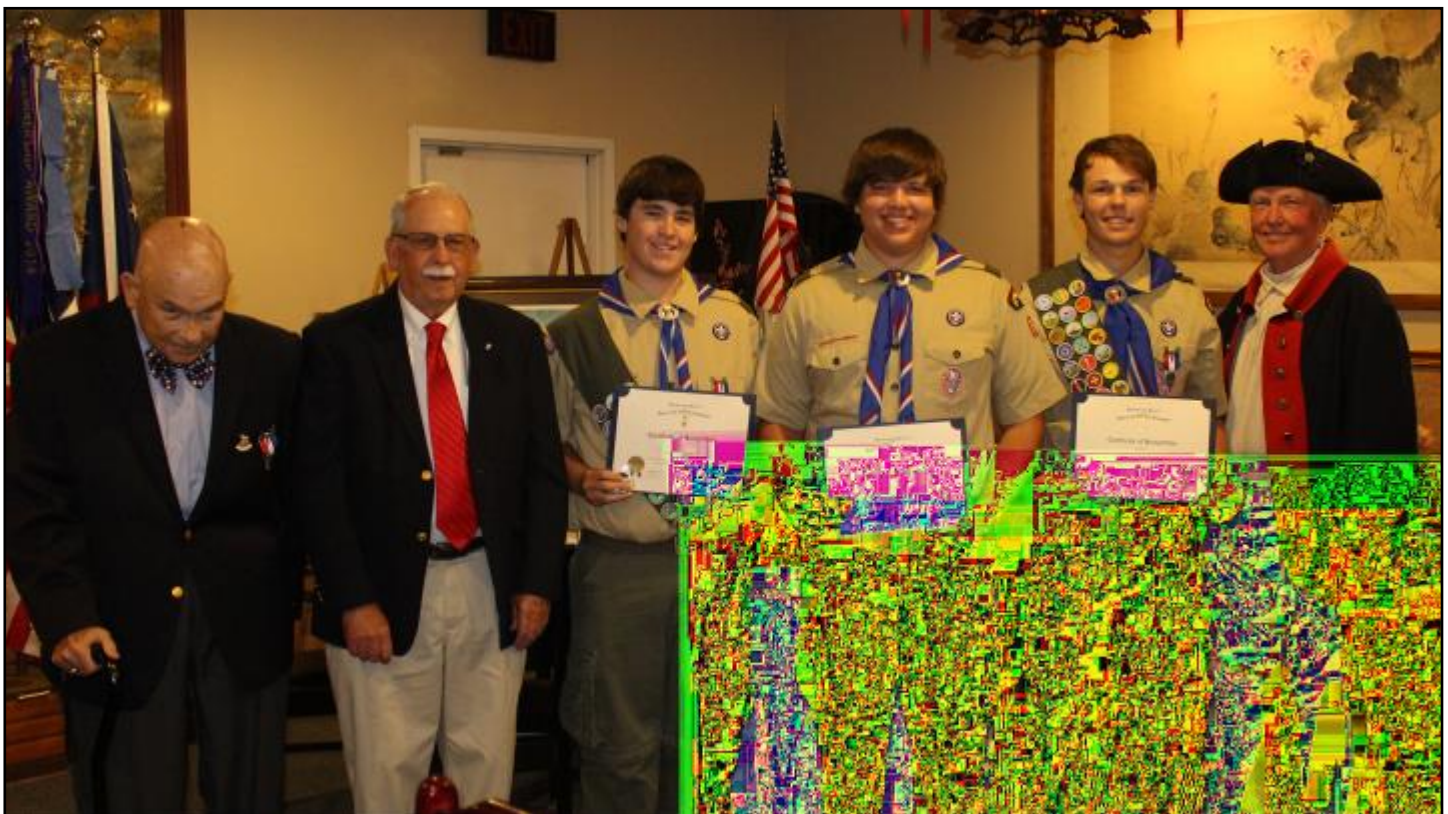
### **Patriot Grave Marking**

Four members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Fort Valley, GA on April 2, 2016 to participate in the dedication of the Sons of the American Revolution Grave Marker, Commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldier William Wiggins, Jr.

Those members of the Wiregrass Chapter attending were Compatriot's Steve Burke, Ruskin Powell, Don Bazemore and Lee Smith.

The Dedication Service was organized by the Ocmulgee Chapter and the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

The ceremony was held at the Oaklawn Cemetery, 720 South Camellia Boulevard, Fort Valley, Georgia.



Wiregrass Chapter recognized four Eagle Scouts of Troop 75 on May 12, 2016 at the New China Restaurant. Eagle Scout Chair Chip Durden had President Wilder Smith, Jr. read the Eagle Scout Certificates as they were presented their certificate. Co-Chair Jim Daughtry then presented each with a SAR Challenge Coin. This project of the NSSAR, GEORGIA SAR and the Wiregrass Chapter is an ongoing project and the Wiregrass Chapter will be honoring future Eagle Scouts of Emanuel County.

Wiregrass—continued

Four Wiregrass Chapter members and one David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter DAR member attended the 1st Quarter's GEORGIA SAR Board of Management" meeting held in Barnesville, GA on April 23, 2016.

Those attending were Dess Smith III, Chip Durden, Wilder Smith, Jr., Ruskin Powell and DAR member Jane Durden. SAR members from all 32 Chapters from all over the State of Georgia meet once a quarter to carry on the business of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

The Wiregrass Chapter, GEORGIA SAR was Chartered 5 years ago this month. It started off with a membership of 25 and has grown to 50 members and with 16

applications at State/National for approval, we should be at 66 members by July 1st. If you would like to become a member of our Chapter, please contact President Wilder Smith, Jr. at 478-494-8134 or e-mail him at [hwsmithjr@pineland.net](mailto:hwsmithjr@pineland.net).



The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded its 21st U. S. Flag Certificate to the Swainsboro County Club. Chair Pete Rountree presented the certificate to Scott Rosenau for the Country Club.



The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday night, April 14, 2016 at the New China Restaurant at 6:30. With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, we had 24 members in attendance with 3 prospective members and 3 guests. After the invocation was said, we served ourselves to a delicious buffet meal. We then were led by our Chaplain Emory Fennell in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and then the Pledge to the SAR.



Compatriot Steve Burke was asked to be the speaker at the Waynesboro Confederate Memorial Cemetery, sponsored by the Brigadier General John C. Carter Camp #207, Army of Tennessee.



Wiregrass Chapter presented its 22nd U.S. Flag Certificate to the Emanuel County Farm Bureau. Dana Nasworthy accepted the certificate on behalf of the Farm Bureau.

Compatriot Tommy Christopher was the host for the program tonight and he presented his program on "The Forgotten Ship of the U.S. Navy. Displaying a map of Tybee Island and Bloody Point, he told about the role played by the "Liberty" and the "Philippa" ships during the American Revolutionary War.



Besides the Memorial Address given by Compatriot Steve Burke, the Presentation of Colors was done by Reenactors, placement of Wreaths was done by UDC, COC, and SCV organizations and a Gun Salute was done by the Reenactors."

## Wiregrass—continued



Wilder Smith, Jr., president of the Wiregrass Chapter Sons of The American Revolution, presented the organization's Eagle Scout Scholarship program that is open to all Scouts who attain the Eagle Scout Rank to the Scouts and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 75. This year, the National First Place \$10,000 Scholarship winner was the representative from Georgia.

Eagle Scout applicants must complete an original essay, not to exceed 500 words, written on an American Revolutionary Patriotic theme, with footnotes and bibliography, and complete a four generation Ancestry chart. Scouts get extra credit for attaining the American Heritage, Genealogy and Law Merit Badges during their Scouting career. Troop 75 Scouts were encouraged to learn more about how close the war came to where they live in Emanuel County and about their own American Revolutionary War Ancestry.

Chairman of Wiregrass Chapter's Eagle Scout Recognition committee is Chip Durden and all Scouts who attain the rank of Eagle Scout are given a Certificate of Recognition. The Scout who wins the essay competition receives a medal, a cash award and his essay is advanced to be entered in the State competition.



Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Swainsboro, awarded its 23rd U. S. Flag Certificate to the Jenkins County Commissioners. Compatriot Steve Burke presented the certificate to Jason Oglesby for the Jenkins County Commissioners.

This "Certificate of Commendation" was given to the Jenkins County Commissioners in recognition of exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way.

This project is an on going project of the Wiregrass Chapter, the GEORGIA SAR and the NSSAR and we will be honoring others with this certificate.

Wiregrass—continued

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Swainsboro, held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, May 12, 2016 at the New China Restaurant. With President Wilder Smith presiding we had 19 members in attendance and 18 guests.

President Smith presented 10 Wiregrass Chapter members with the "Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate from the National Society of the SAR in recognition of their faithful services in the Sons of the American Revolution. Those members were, Chip Durden, George King, Ruskin Powell, Pete Rountree, Marcus Price, Steve Burke, Dess Smith III, Julian Sconyers, Emory Fennell, and Wilder Smith, Jr. Also there were 5 of these members who also received the Oak Leaf Cluster for the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. They were George King, Ruskin Powell, Pete Rountree, Marcus Price and Steve Burke.



Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution member Steve Burke attended Garfield's Annual Washpot Festival on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Compatriot Steve Burke had the honor of firing his Pennsylvania/Kentucky 50 Cal. Flintlock Rifle to start the Annual Washpot 5K Run.



Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, had three of its members to march and fire their Pennsylvania/Kentucky Flintlock 50 cal. Rifles several times during the Pine Tree Festival.

The opening Parade was on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Those members were Ruskin Powell, Wilder Smith, Jr., Steve Burke.

They also fired the Wiregrass Chapter's 6 pounder Naval cannon to start the festival.





**NATIONAL SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
ATHENS CHAPTER  
DEBUTANTE BALL COMMITTEE**

**Athens Chapter** National Society Sons of the American Revolution, and **Apalachee Chapter** National Society Daughters of the American Revolution are pleased to announce that **The Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation** will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, December 28, 2016** in the Athens area at *The Georgia Club*, located at 1050 Chancellors Drive, Statham, Georgia. Members of SAR and DAR are invited to sponsor a young lady to be presented as a Georgia Colonial Debutante.



2014 Debutantes

**The Georgia Colonial Ball** will be an elegant, formal affair. Attire for the Debutantes will be long, white Ball gowns with long, white gloves. All other ladies will wear formal evening attire of any color, other than white. Presenters will wear White tie and tails or White tie tartan. Escorts and Marshals will wear Black tie or Black tie tartan. Other gentlemen attending may wear White tie and tails, Black tie, White or Black tie tartan, or Continental Uniform. Medals and decorations are appropriate.

Following the Debutante Presentation, a buffet supper will be served with an open bar provided. Attendees will enjoy dancing to music of the *Last Call Band*. All members of SAR, DAR, CAR and friends are cordially invited to attend. The cost of the ticket to attend the Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation is \$75 per person. Invitations and response cards will be sent at a later date.

For more information or questions: Please call or *email* Robin Towns, Chairman, Debutante Presentation  
Phone: (706) 548-7291, Email: [robintowns@aol.com](mailto:robintowns@aol.com) [for *Emails*, please type in subject line: [SAR Deb Ball](#)]

**2016 Debutante Ball Committee**

COL Joseph B. Neighbors III – Chairman, Master of Ceremonies  
LTC Justin N. Reese III – President, Athens Chapter SAR  
Patricia B. Massey - Regent, Apalachee Chapter DAR  
Dr. Mark Pelton - Debutante Herald  
Camille R. Baxter – Grand Marshal  
J. Edwin Lord - Ball Treasurer  
Jackson W. Guest – Color Guard

Robin R. Towns – Chairman, Debutante Presentation  
Bonnell W. Lashley – Mother-Daughter Luncheon  
Lynne S. Yarbrough – Bouquets, Decorations  
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# An Invitation - 1 of 3



## Florida Society President Raymond Wess

I am planning an official welcome home to Vietnam War Theater and Vietnam War era veterans at our October BOM banquet. This is in conjunction with the President's Executive Order declaring a period of official welcome of Vietnam War Veterans from 2012 to 2025.

I would like to issue a Proclamation from the Florida Society and recognize each veteran with the 50th Anniversary pin from the National "50th Committee" in Washington DC.

I would like to invite any and all Georgia Compatriots to participate in this and I want your comments.

The dates for our fall BOM are Friday 14 Oct. and Sat. 15 Oct. The welcome home banquet will be Sat. 15 Oct. We are moving to a new venue, The Embassy Suites Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road (spelled correctly), Kissimmee, FL 34746. All of this information including booking link can be found on our website, [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org). (click on the BOM button on the upper right) The rooms are suites accommodating up to four people and are discounted to \$139 plus tax. The room includes full breakfast for up to four people and free drinks from 5:30PM - 7:30PM each night. The location is four miles from Disney World. Our contract allows for the special price to be granted for three nights before and three nights after our event so this will be great for those wanting to attend any amusement parks. The rooms can be reserved now.

For those attending the meetings Friday and Saturday, the registration form will be posted later. It is possible to attend the welcome home banquet on Saturday night only without registering for any of the BOM meetings. The cost of the banquet will be \$40.00 plus gratuity. For those who might bring their wives, there will be a First Lady's Tea Luncheon on Friday at noon hosted by First Lady Cilla Tomme for the ladies only."

If anyone would like to attend this meeting and be recognized for your service, please let the Florida Society know.

Yours in patriotism

Raymond Wess  
President, Florida Society, SAR



# *An Invitation - 2 of 3*

## September 3, 2016 Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter, SAR Chartering Ceremony

Please join us in celebrating the chartering of the SAR's first predominately African-American chapter and its first chapter named after an African-American Patriot – Isaac Carter of the Harlowe communities.

Our celebration includes a buffet supper of Good Ole Eastern Carolina Pork BBQ and Fried Chicken with all the fixings (cole slaw, potato salad, hushpuppies, banana pudding, pecan pie, and iced tea) all for \$25.00 per person.

Make check payable to Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter SAR

Mail your check and this form to:

Guy Higgins  
4196 West Lang Street  
Farmville, NC 27828

**Questions?** Please email [guyhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:guyhiggins@gmail.com) or 252-327-7752!

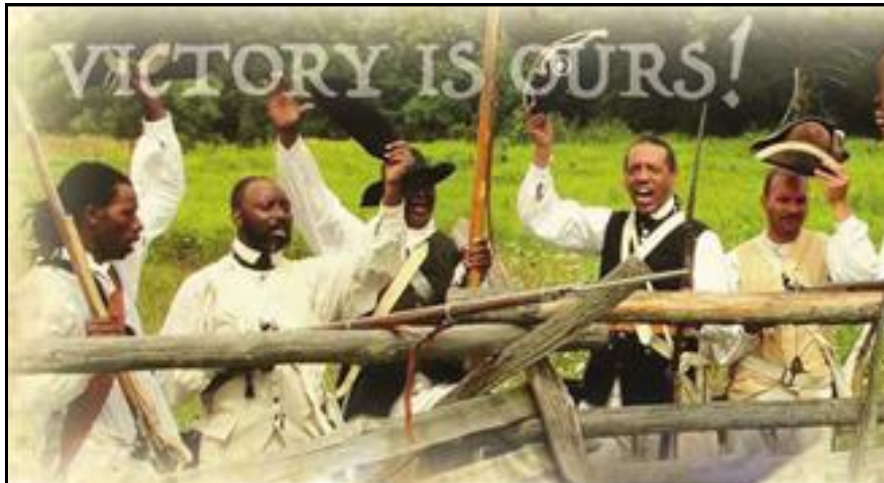
**Must be received by Sunday, August 21, 2016!**

For your convenience we have arranged for blocks of rooms to be made available by the two local hotels that are adjacent to and within easy walking distance of the Havelock Tourist & Event Center. These are:

**Hampton Inn, Havelock** – Non-smoking rooms with either a king-size or two queen-size beds are available for \$110 (not including tax) per night. Discounts are also available for suites if desired. Contact the Hampton Inn at 252-447-9400 (Fax 252-447-9455)

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Havelock** – Single rooms are available for \$99 per night; executive suites for \$109.00 per night; family suites for \$139.00 per night, and the Presidential Suite for \$169.00 per night (all rate do not include tax). Contact the Holiday Inn at 252-247-5001 (Fax 252-247-5225)

**These offers at both hotels will be available until Monday, August 15, 2016**



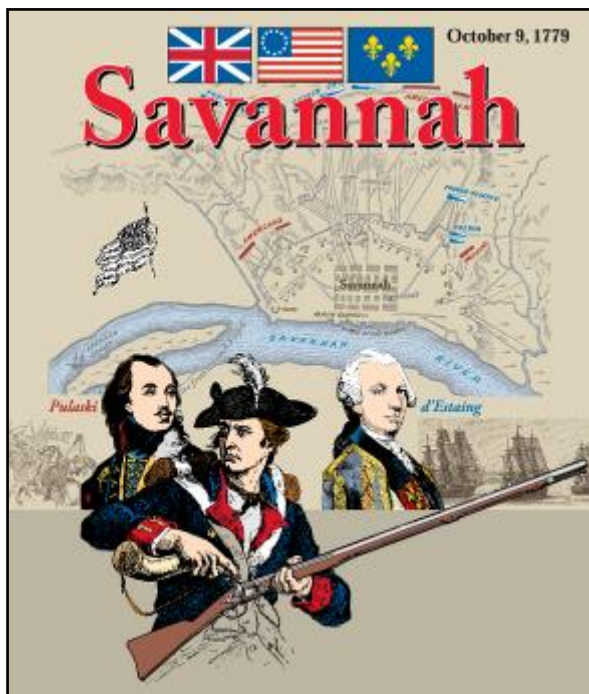
The SAR is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of our war for independence. We seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship and the unifying force of “e pluribus Unum” that was created from the people of many nations—one nation and one people. In pursuing these goals we realized some years ago that the contributions of the many African-American Patriots during the Revolution had been under-represented in American history. The chartering of the Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter is our latest step in our process of correcting this obvious failure of understanding of our shared history. Isaac Carter was one of fourteen Patriots from the Harlowe communities that served the cause of independence during the American Revolution.

In an earlier step aimed at correcting history, the NCSSAR dedicated a memorial marker to these “Forgotten Patriots” on March 16, 2014 at the Havelock-Harlowe Senior Center. The four small communities that make up what is now known as the Harlowe area were settled by a group of FREE American-American families who came from Virginia and Maryland well before the American Revolution. In the absence of documented historical research we don't know exactly when these families reached the Harlowe area, but they were certainly here in the 1750's. Even this makes the settlements of the Harlowe area among the earliest free African-American settlements in North Carolina. But they MAY have arrived in the Harlowe area as many as thirty years prior to the 1750's. Whenever these families arrived in the Harlowe area, their story is a part of the early settlement of North Carolina that is rarely told – but it is a story that needs to be told!

We are sure that you will agree that the people who first settled the Harlowe area and then sent fourteen of the sons, husbands, and fathers to fight for American independence deserve to have their stories told. We believe that the formation of the Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter is a step in that direction and we hope that you will join us in our celebration of the formation of the chapter.

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## Battle of Savannah



Coastal Heritage Society cordially invites you to join us in commemorating the 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah during our annual Battlefield Memorial March. In the early morning hours of October 9, 1779, the Battle of Savannah occurred on the current grounds of Tri-centennial Park located at the intersection of Louisville Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The Society, our friends, donors, patriotic organizations and community leaders will follow the footsteps of those who fought on that day and time 237 years ago to commemorate the historical battle. This event will consist of a ceremonial march on the path of the allied attacking columns, followed by a presentation of wreaths to honor the fallen soldiers.

On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, participants will meet at 6:45 AM in the Savannah History Museum parking lot at 303 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The march will begin at promptly at 7:00 AM and will proceed down West Boundary Street and along Louisville Road, where it will conclude at Battlefield Memorial Park. Light breakfast refreshment will be available following the memorial service.

If you are planning on attending this event, please mark your calendars and respond to this message in order to secure you and/or your group's attendance. For those who are planning on attending, stay tuned for more details.

In 2005, archaeologists with the Coastal Heritage Society and the LAMAR Institute discovered portions of the British fortifications at Spring Hill, the site of the brunt of the combined French and American attack on October 9. The find represents the first tangible remains of the battlefield. In 2008, the CHS/LAMAR Institute archaeology team discovered another segment of the British fortifications in Madison Square. A detailed report of that project is available on line in pdf format from the Coastal Heritage Society website.

Coastal Heritage Society archaeologists are currently finalizing a follow-up grant project in Savannah, which examined several outlying portions of the battlefield. These included the position of the Saint-Domingue reserve troops at the Jewish Burying Ground west of Savannah.

An archaeology presentation and public meeting took place in February 2011 to gather suggestions for managing Savannah's Revolutionary War battlefield resources. Archaeologist Rita Elliott from the Coastal Heritage Society revealed Revolutionary War discoveries in Savannah stemming from the two "Savannah Under Fire" projects conducted from 2007 to 2011.

The projects uncovered startling discoveries, including trenches, fortifications, and battle debris. The research also showed that residents and tourists are interested in these sites. Archaeologists described the findings and explored ways to generate economic income which could be used for improving the quality of life of area residents.

The battle is commemorated each year by Presidential proclamation, on General Pulaski Memorial Day.

