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**Sons of the American Revolution**



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# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch



President Roger W. Coursey

Compatriots,

Time is running out before we, as least some of us, will be heading to Greenville, SC for the National Congress. As I mentioned in my last Dispatch, we have a number of Georgia Compatriots who will be running for National office. So, it should be an exciting time for the Georgia Society.

Since 1 Jan, I have now had the privilege of visiting with 19 of our 32 chapters of the Georgia Society. It is truly great to get around and see what some of the chapters are doing to promote the Sons of the American Revolution and what it stands for. Since my last Dispatch, I have had the opportunity to visit Cherokee, Capt John Collins, Dalton, Edward Telfair (even though it is my home chapter, I

still count it), Marshes of Glynn, Joseph Habersham, Washington-Wilkes, Casimire Pulaski, John Milledge, Joel Early, Rome, Marquis de Lafayette, Coweta Falls, Sons of Liberty, and the William Few Chapters. I have also had the privilege of presenting my program "Ebenezer in the Revolution" to seven of those chapters.

For those who may not have heard, the Robert Forsyth Chapter partnered with Home Depot to place a Flag Receptacle at Home Depot in Cummings to collect old flags so they can be properly disposed of. This is a first of its kind as a partnership with Home Depot. They had a really nice ceremony on Flag Day to dedicate the receptacle.

I was able to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Frederica Patriots Day Memorial Celebration on St Simons sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. It is truly a nice event, in spite of the threatening rain. At the celebration, the Marshes of Glynn Chapter recognized a 7 year old girl who saved a classmate with the Heimlich maneuver.

In my travels, it has been my honor to present several medals to individuals that were not able to attend the Georgia Society Annual Meeting in January. I attended the Washington-Wilkes monthly meeting and presented one historian and author Robert Davis. He has been very supportive of our Kettle Creek

commemorations.

After spending over 27 years in the military, teaching Navy JROTC for over 10 years, and having been in Army JROTC in high school (a few years ago), the ROTC/JROTC program of the Sons of the American Revolution is very important to me. I was fortunate to be able to present the Silver ROTC medal to cadets at two colleges, Armstrong Atlantic State University and Savannah State University. I also had the opportunity to attend the awards ceremonies for the JROTC programs at six of the eight high schools that Edward Telfair Chapter sponsors. To me it is very rewarding to be able to present these awards to the deserving cadets.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have told me you are praying for my wife. In my travels across this great state of ours, many have expressed your concern for her. Please continue to pray for her.

Thank you for your confidence in me and your service to the Georgia Society. Remember all our service men and women who serve this great country of ours. May God Bless each of you, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the United States of America.

Patriotically yours,

Roger W. Coursey

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**Message from the Georgia Society Secretary**

**Current Membership**

As of July 17, 2014, the total membership for the Georgia Society is as follows:

<b>REGULAR:</b>	<b>1,616</b>
<b>JUNIOR:</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>JUNIOR LIFE:</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>EMERITUS:</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>LIFE:</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>DUAL (Between States):</b>	<b>19</b>
	=====
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,730</b>

**2015 Membership Dues**

The deadline for 2015 dues, though it seems a ways off, is rapidly gaining on us. Now is the time to make preparations and begin contacting your members. Chapters **MUST** receive 2015 dues before 31 Dec 2014. I recommend that chapter deadlines to receive dues from their members be 15 Dec 2014. ***ALL DUES FROM CHAPTERS SUBMITTED TO THE STATE SECRETARY MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT 10 Jan 2015.*** If you have not begun to organize your efforts now is the time. The following information will help in that process.

**Chapter Directories and Dues Report**

In early September all chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurers with an e-mail address will receive an **updated Chapter Directory** from me. Each **Chapter Directory** has a list of current year paid members with National and State Numbers, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses as of **01 Sep 2014**. Dual members that do not pay their Georgia Society dues through your chapter **WILL NOT** be on that Directory. They **WILL** be on the Directory of their primary chapter. Any dropped members that have requested reinstatement and have yet to be approved and registered by the National Society **WILL NOT** be on the Directory. You are to treat these dual members and pending reinstatements as current members for your purpose of collecting their 2015 dues.

Each Directory will be accompanied by a **Dues Report** to be used by the Chapter Treasurer when submitting chapter dues and a **Dues Report Cover Letter**. Anytime 2015 dues are submitted, the chapter treasurer can “check off” each member as paid and then use the form in the **Dues Report Cover Letter** to calculate dues owed by category. The Dues Report for all currently REGISTERED members will show the exact amount owed. A Dual Member will show \$13 dues owed. A Life Member will also show \$13 owed.

Once I receive a check and a Dues Report from a treasurer, I will e-mail a new **Dues Report** to all chapter officers to confirm that 2015 membership dues were paid. This allows time to correct any potential errors before the end of year deadline.

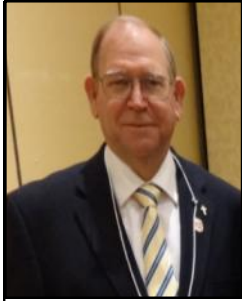
**Do not include dues for unregistered reinstatements or unregistered applicants with this report.** Any applicants for membership or requests for reinstatement will show up on future Dues Reports once registered by the National Society. Any applicant or reinstatement registered **on or after 01 Nov 2014** will have their 2015 dues automatically credited and indicated on any Dues Report sent to the chapter following their registration. Any applicants or reinstatements that are registered **before November 1<sup>st</sup>**, will owe 2015 dues.

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



# NEWS

of the  
*State Society*



Emory D. Fennell

## Message From the Georgia Society Chaplain

Greetings, Compatriots from your Georgia Society SAR Chaplain. We have just come out of our celebration of July 4th, and I wonder how many Americans really understand why they are off, shooting off fireworks, picnicking or simply lying around doing nothing. "It sure was good having time off," they say. We who are SAR members, know why we celebrate and we don't want to ever forget. Sacrifices were made to the death in order to give Our Country the Freedom it enjoys today. May We Never Forget!

There always seems to be a renewed sense of pride in the hearts and minds of the American public during this time of year, more than at any other, but do they really value this precious thing that we call FREEDOM? Our Creed reminds Us, the Sons of our ancestry, that it is Our Duty to preserve and protect the rights and freedoms, to present and future generations and to teach them that Freedom is NOT FREE. Please always stand and do Your Part, when You have the opportunity to do so. Always Pray and Remember Our Fellow Compatriots, when you hear that they or their families have physical or spiritual needs in their lives. Sharing each others burdens, and fulfilling the law of Christ.

Prov. 3: 5 & 6

In His Service,  
Emory D. Fennell, Chaplain  
Georgia Society, SAR



Robert A. Sapp

## Message From the Georgia Society Registrar

### Family

At a recent gathering where all of my nuclear family members were present, someone made a comment about the family and how fine they were. My response was, "That depends upon who they considered my family" Then I responded that those in attendance were a part of my greater family and were all high quality.

When we consider the nuclear family, I am the center of a circle of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. However, as I am the center of this family core, I am on the rim of many greater circles of which one is a family of neighbors and friends. Then there is the circle of church and Sunday school family and the rim of a circle of social service organizations. There is the rim of the circle of SAR and color guard members which extend beyond the local area. And then there is the far reaching circle of "cousins of sorts" that are encountered through the years of research, both close and unmet. The various service groups that provide forms of services to enhance the quality of life form a circle that extends throughout the community.

How great is my family? It is the close nuclear circle and the many large circles of those who provide care, compassion, encouragement, critique, and fellowship akin to an agape' love.

Who is my family? Those with whom I share my concerns and goals.



## Report From the 124th Annual Congress

I will give a brief synopsis of what transpired at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress. Then I will list the over 70 awards that the Georgia Society, its Chapters, and members received at the Congress. We had 23

members of the Georgia Society attend the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

First, and foremost, all four of our candidates for General office were elected. J. Michael Tomme, Sr, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, was elected Treasurer General in a contested race. Larry T. Guzy, Capt John Collins Chapter, was elected Registrar General. Robert F. Towns, Athens Chapter, was elected Historian General for another term. Edward P. Rigel, Sr, Lyman Hall Chapter, was elected Surgeon General. We also had 2 dual Georgia Society members elected to office. President General Lindsey Brock and Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, both of the Florida Society.

Many outstanding youth were recognized at the Youth Awards Luncheon. I will try to highlight a few of the happenings from the luncheon.

### Americanism Poster Contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to a student sponsored by the North Carolina Society
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to a student sponsored by the California Society
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place was won by our own Drayton Kyle Simpson sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter – his poster will be on display at National Headquarters for the next year

### The Sgt Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place was won by a student sponsored by the California Society
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was won Carter Hehir sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter -- his brochure will be on display at National Headquarters for the next year
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place was won by a student sponsored by the Alabama Society

Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award – Georgia Society had an entrant, but was not judged in the top 3

Knight Essay Contest – Georgia Society had an entrant, but was not judged in the top 3

Rumbaugh Orations Contest – Georgia Society had an entrant, who did compete at National, but was not among the finalist (15 state societies were represented)

Eagle Scout Scholarship Award – Georgia Society had an entrant, but was not judged in the top 3 (44 state societies were represented)

### From the Americanism Committee:

There were 15 state societies that had submitted posters to be judged and 7 state societies that submitted brochures for that contest. The theme for the brochure contest will be changed, and starting next year will be a permanent theme to be used each year to better reflect what is being taught in the middle schools.

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The theme will be "Founding Documents of the United States" and will consist of 6 different documents. The poster contest theme will also be reviewed for future years, but next year it will be "George Rogers Clark" or "Lexington and Concord".

As of 21 July, there are 31, 816 members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

As of the close of the 124<sup>th</sup> Congress, the application fee for Supplemental Applications is \$60 (was \$40) for National, and the Supplemental Application fee for the Family Plan is \$30 (was \$20). This does not include State and Chapter fees.

CAAH State Challenge Campaign – 311 of our 1, 682 members of the Georgia Society have contributed. That is 18% of our membership. Georgia Society has given a total of \$305,366 for an average of \$182 per member. The goal of the National Society was 20% of the membership and \$250 per member. The Georgia Society is 7<sup>th</sup> among Societies in total giving per Society. As a Society we still have until 31 Dec to reach the goal of 20% of our Society members giving.

The SAR Foundation Capital Campaign which began in the year 2000 will end on 31 Dec 2014. As of 1 Jan 2015, a new campaign will create "The 1776 Society" to move forward with 2 primary purposes: creation of the world class SAR museum, and the creation of a new NSSAR Endowment Fund for the building. The museum is planned for about 8,000 sq feet. The cost will be approximately \$592 per sq ft. An amount of \$1776 will pay for 3 sq ft. Contributions will be recognized for amounts as low as \$25, which will pay for 0.05 sq ft.

### **Awards from the 124th Annual Congress In Greenville, SC** **The Partners in Patriotism Certificate for working hand in hand with a Veterans Group in pursuit of a common goal:**

- Georgia Society
- Altamaha Chapter
- Coweta Falls Chapter
- Lyman Hall Chapter
- Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter
- Ocmulgee Chapter
- Piedmont Chapter
- Robert Forsyth Chapter
- Wiregrass Chapter

Americanism Poster Contest

- 3rd place - Drayton Kyle Simpson, sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains

Chapter. His poster will be displayed for one year at National Headquarters.

Americanism Brochure Contest

- 2nd place - Carter Hehir, sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter. His brochure will be placed on display at National Headquarters

Medals presented by the President General

- Gold Roger Sherman Medal - David Jessel, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
- Gold Roger Sherman Medal - Robert F. Towns, Athens Chapter
- Meritorious Service Medal - Edward P. Rigel, Sr., Lyman Hall Chapter
- Meritorious Service Medal - James E. Stallings, Sr., Ocmulgee Chapter
- Lydia Darragh Medal - Robin Towns

President Generals Initiative 2013/2014 - Mount Vernon's Washington Portrait Program

- Streamer and 1 star - Wiregrass Chapter

President Generals Initiative 2013/2014 - Memorials, Markers and Monuments

- Streamer - Altamaha Chapter
  - Streamer - Atlanta Chapter
  - Streamer - Marshes of Glynn Chapter
  - Streamer - William Few Chapter
- 1st - 3rd place winners receive monetary awards.
- 1st place - NC Society - \$1,000
  - 2nd place - chapter in Illinois - \$500
  - 3rd place - 3 chapters shared \$300
  - Altamaha Chapter
  - Marshes of Glynn Chapter
  - Gainesville Chapter (Florida Society)

President Generals Initiative 2013/2014 - Helping the USO Help America's Military

- Streamer - Georgia Society
- Streamer with 1 star - Atlanta Chapter
- Streamer - Athens Chapter
- Streamer - Button Gwinnett Chapter
- Streamer - Lyman Hall Chapter
- Streamer - Piedmont Chapter
- Streamer - Rome Chapter

CAR Activities Award, to the state society that has documented their work with the Children of the American Revolution over the past year

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

Certificate of Participation for supporting and submitting a candidate in the Americanism Poster Contest

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

Certificate of Participation: for supporting and submitting a candidate in the Sgt Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

Certificate of Participation: for supporting and submitting a candidate in the ROTC/JROTC Contest

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

Certificate of Participation : for supporting and submitting a candidate in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

Certificate of Participation: for supporting and submitting a candidate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

Certificate of Participation: for supporting and submitting a candidate in the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

Carl F. Bassett Award - to the Editor of a multi sheet chapter newsletter

- Larry Guzy, editor *The Collins Dispatch*

Col Stewart Boone McCarty Award

- Milus Bruce Maney

Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award: to the Compatriot, who by his research and writings has made a distinguished contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolutionary War era and its patriots.

- Commander Michael N. Henderson

Robert E. Burt Volunteer Boy Scout Award: to the Compatriot, who act as role models and provide outstanding dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America

- Certificate and Medal - Thomas Lee Roberts

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award: to the state society which have fulfilled the qualifications of NSSAR Flag Certificate presentations for the previous year

- Certificate with Star - Georgia Society

Allen Wilson Groves Award: to the state society, based upon size, which presents evidence of the best implementing SAR resolutions and principles

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

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Officers Attendance Award: to the state society whose President and National Trustee have attended both preceding Trustee meetings and the last Annual Congress

- Certificate and Streamer - Georgia Society

President General's Activities Award: to the Chapter, based upon size, which shows evidence of the most complete practice of implementing SAR programs and resolutions

- Certificate and Streamer - Atlanta Chapter

President General's Cup: to the Chapter, based upon size, presenting evidence of the most complete program of activities

- Certificate - Sons of Liberty Chapter

Liberty Medal - new members - 10 or more Medal for 1st Award

- Michael M. Black
- William Allen Greenly + 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Eugenius S. Hammack
- Edward P. Rigel, Sr.

Previous medal winners receive Oak Leaf Clusters

- Harold D. Ford - 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- Larry T. Guzy - 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
- David G. Jessel - 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- Robert H. Lear - 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- Milus Bruce Maney - 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- David A. Noble - 4 Oak Leaf Clusters
- William H. Raper - 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- Robert A. Sapp - 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- Robert F. Towns - 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Flag Steamer Award for outstanding support of the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage

- Georgia Society
- Athens Chapter

2014 Congress Lamplighter Award for outstanding support of the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage

\$1,000 - \$4,999 - Antique Copper Medal with Sapphire

- Edward P. Rigel, Jr.
- Joan Rigel
- Terry Allen Gibbs

\$500 - \$999 - Antique Copper Medal

- Jackson Lee Grady
- Charles Thomas Hughes
- William Judson Strain, Jr.

Eagle Scout Medal for supporting the Eagle Scout Youth Awards

- Gold Palm for Medal - Edward P. Rigel, Sr.
- Bronze Palm for Medal - Edward P. Rigel, Jr.

George Washington Fellow

- Terry Allen Gibbs



History always repeats – we just don't know how often. Here is a cycle that took 238 years to complete.

My Patriot ancestor was Caleb Bates. At only seventeen years old he enlisted in the Massachusetts militia with his father Benjamin. They served in different units. Caleb was a Private in the Colonial Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Wm Shepherd. Benjamin was in Captain Benjamin Bauney's Company, Col Ezra May's Regiment. His actions included marching to the Stillwater alarm.

Finally again just a few weeks ago my family had another father and son in the same conflict. The enclosed photo shows my son Kevin, retired US Army MSG (E-8) now a contractor with Task Force ODIN in Kandahar, Afghanistan and his son Ryan, SPC (E-4) with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in Jalalabad. A combination of varying duties and modern communications let them meet for only a few minutes between missions at Bagram Airfield.

Kevin continues on duty at Kandahar. Happily though, Ryan's unit has since rotated back to Fort Hood, TX..



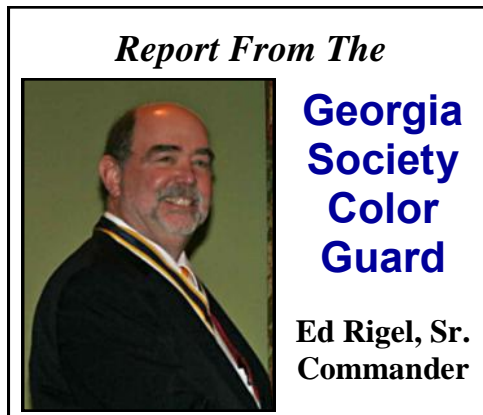
Ryan Andrew Wood and Kevin Jay Wood

Ryan and Kevin are both members of the West Virginia Society. Both men are related to Carter J. Wood of the Lyman Hall Chapter.

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**BOM**  
**MEETING**  
**SATURDAY**  
**October 25, 2014**  
**10:00 am**  
**Garden Patch**  
**Restaurant**  
**Barnesville, GA**



### Color Guard Schedule

#### 2014

- 02 Aug - Old Soldiers Day Parade, Alpharetta 0800 Hrs
- 13 Sep - Compatriot Fred Smith grave marking, 1000 hrs Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
- 13 Sep - Patriot Samuel Reed 1400 hrs. Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
- 17 Sep - William Few Ceremony, Augusta
- 20 Sep - GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Piedmont Driving Club, Atlanta
- 26 - 27 Sep - NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
- 04 Oct - Grave marking for Kit and Peggy Braselton , Braselton, 1100 hrs
- 07 Oct - Kings Mountain
- 09 Oct - Battle of Savannah
- 11 Oct - Grave marking sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter, Elberton, 1100 hrs
- 25 Oct - GASSAR BOM, Barnesville, GA
- 01 Nov - Compatriot Charles Hendry grave marking
- 22 Nov - Fort Morris
- 06 Dec - Vann's Creek
- 13 Dec - Wreaths Across America

#### 2015

- 14 Feb - Kettle Creek parade and Skirmish
- 14 Feb - Kettle Creek Battleground Memorial at War Hill
- 15 Feb - Hero's of the Hornet's Nest , Elijah Clark State Park
- 18 Apr - Frederica Patriots Day, St. Simons Island, Ceremony 1000 hrs, parade 1130 hrs
- 19 Apr - Colonial Worship Service, St. Simons Island 0900 hrs
- 25 Apr - Patriot Abraham Marshall grave marking sponsored by William Few Chapter





### *Georgia Society Meeting Dates*

**President  
Roger W. Coursey**



## **GA Society Executive Committee Meetings - 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church**

**Social Hall**

**131 Ward Street**

**Macon, GA 31204**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

## **GA Society Board of Managers Meetings - 2014**

**10:00AM**

**Garden Patch Restaurant**

**100 Southland Drive, Barnesville, GA 30204-1573**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

## **GA Society Annual Conference - 2015**

**January 23-24, 2015**

**Sonesta Gwinnett Place**

**1775 Pleasant Hill Rd.**

**Duluth, GA 30096**

## 2014 New Members

## Georgia Society New Members From April 1, 2014 to July 17, 2014

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Altamaha</b>	19 Jun 2014	Hunter Kyle McCrary	Levi Dart	Walter Warner Dart
	19 Jun 2014	George Edwin Dart	Levi Dart	Walter Warner Dart
	19 Jun 2014	Jesse Howard Carter	Levi Dart	Walter Warner Dart
<b>Athens</b>	27 May 2014	David Shanks Phlegar, III	Fredrick Pfluger	Charlie Alfred Newcomer, III
	07 Jul 2014	Richard Kenneth Dunham	Azariah Dunham	Robert Forrest Towns
<b>Atlanta</b>	16 Apr 2014	Michael David Hardin	William Humphrey	David Andrews Noble
	16 Apr 2014	Colvin Guy Hardin	William Humphrey	David Andrews Noble
	16 Apr 2014	Joseph Paul Hardin	William Humphrey	David Andrews Noble
	02 May 2014	Claude LeBron Miller	Issac Hill	David Andrews Noble
	02 May 2014	Gregory Scott Miller	Issac Hill	David Andrews Noble
	08 May 2014	Robert Mason Frisbie	Stephen Warner	David Andrews Noble
	08 May 2014	John Mason Frisbie	Stephen Warner	David Andrews Noble
	21 May 2014	Cole Edward Morgan	Reuben Champion	David Andrews Noble
	21 May 2014	Steven Gene Morgan	Reuben Champion	David Andrews Noble
	21 May 2014	Daniel Austin Morgan	Reuben Champion	David Andrews Noble
	27 May 2014	Edward Lee Guest	William Sheffield	David Andrews Noble
	27 May 2014	Christopher Collie Guest	William Sheffield	David Andrews Noble
	27 May 2014	Andrew Grayson Guest	William Sheffield	David Andrews Noble
	27 May 2014	Joel Courtney Guest	William Sheffield	David Andrews Noble
	27 May 2014	Jerry Marcus Wolfe	Sanders Walker	David Andrews Noble
	19 Jun 2014	Jacob Kevin Lee	Thomas Forshey	David Andrews Noble
	19 Jun 2014	James Henry Lee	Thomas Forshey	David Andrews Noble
	19 Jun 2014	Kevin James Lee	Thomas Forshey	David Andrews Noble
	19 Jun 2014	William Herbert Pratt, II	Stephen Pratt	David Andrews Noble
	26 Jun 2014	George Walter Dean, Sr.	John Smith	David Andrews Noble
26 Jun 2014	Phillip Martin Tidwell, Jr.	John Smith	David Andrews Noble	
26 Jun 2014	George Walter Dean, Jr.	John Smith	David Andrews Noble	
<b>Blue Ridge Mountains</b>	19 Jun 2014	Charlie Milford Hunter	John Stonecypher	Jack Powell Dugger
	26 Jun 2014	Devon Byron Turner	Philip McConnell	Jack Powell Dugger
	07 Jul 2014	Paul Wilcox Danner	Daniel Merritt	Jack Powell Dugger
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>	08 May 2014	Rigsby Barclay Barnes, Jr.	John Milner	Harold Douglas Ford
	08 May 2014	Bennie Eugene Koon	Asa Bates	Milus Bruce Maney
	07 Jul 2014	Stewart Albert Woodard	Benjamin Remington	Harold Douglas Ford
<b>Casimir Pulaski</b>	19 Jun 2014	Selby Ronnie Pate	David Watson	George Herman Wheelless, II
	19 Jun 2014	Michael Ronnie Pate	David Watson	George Herman Wheelless, II
	19 Jun 2014	Garrett Michael Pate	David Watson	George Herman Wheelless, II
	26 Jun 2014	James Justin Hilliard	Jacob Hilliard	George Herman Wheelless, II
	26 Jun 2014	Robert Donald Hilliard	Jacob Hilliard	George Herman Wheelless, II
	26 Jun 2014	Charles Grant Hilliard	Jacob Hilliard	George Herman Wheelless, II
	26 Jun 2014	Owen Robert Gagnon	Jacob Hilliard	George Herman Wheelless, II
	26 Jun 2014	Jeffrey Douglass Gordon	Jacob Hilliard	George Herman Wheelless, II
26 Jun 2014	James Alexander Gordon	Jacob Hilliard	George Herman Wheelless, II	

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	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Cherokee</b>	16 Apr 2014 08 May 2014	George Welty Myers, IV Kelby Neil Gartrell	Truman Seymore John Gartrell	James Edward Traylor James Charles Lance
<b>Coweta Falls</b>	21 May 2014	Taylor Chance Hay	William Hay	William Martin Hay, Sr.
<b>Edward Telfair</b>	16 Apr 2014 08 May 2014 27 May 2014 27 May 2014	Edgar Monroe Burkett Lee Joseph Noonburg William James Massey, III Robert Forrester Waterman, Jr.	Jehu Burket Thomas Cutts Ebenezer Adams Solomon Bates	Roger Warren Coursey Roger Warren Coursey Roger Warren Coursey Roger Warren Coursey
<b>George Walton</b>	17 Jul 2014	Charles Christopher Brown	James Johnston	William Peck Freese, II
<b>Joel Early</b>	16 Apr 2014	James Bradley Hornsby	Drury Roberts	David Neal Spooner
<b>John Collins</b>	08 May 2014	Michael Lee Strickland	Henry Strickland	Milus Bruce Maney
<b>Lyman Hall</b>	16 Apr 2014 08 May 2014	Ralph Michael Collier James William Forrester	William True Michael McGee	Edward Paul Rigel, Sr. Edward Paul Rigel, Sr.
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>	19 Jun 2014 19 Jun 2014 26 Jun 2014	Kevin Ray Hurt Colin Ray Dominic Hurt Randall Lee Wise	Benjamin Hurt Benjamin Hurt George Doty	John Michael Tomme, Sr. John Michael Tomme, Sr. Robert Donald Bulloch
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>	08 May 2014 19 Jun 2014	Jack Foster Godfrey Clifton Strong Jones, Jr.	James Hartley Joel King	James Hall Boatright, II. William Foye Ramsaur
<b>Ocmulgee</b>	11 Apr 2014 27 May 2014 26 Jun 2014	Jeffrey Allen Craig John Thomas Trussell William Gerald Penn	John Childs Charles McCall Moses Penn	James Edward Stallings, Sr. Donald Paul East James Edward Stallings, Sr.
<b>Piedmont</b>	16 Apr 2014 16 Apr 2014 18 Apr 2014 08 May 2014 08 May 2014 26 May 2014	Robert Gregory Muscat Thomas Mitchell Owens Charles Robert Rann Jacob Ryan Sandman Jonathan Michael Sandman Nathaniel Dearing Weymouth	James Presnall Robert Culbertson William Bruce Charles McIntire Charles McIntire Jacob Carwile	Thomas Allen Chrisman William Charles Lusk Eugenius Sheppard Hammack Robert Alvyn Sapp Robert Alvyn Sapp Robert Alvyn Sapp
<b>Samuel Elbert</b>	16 Apr 2014 16 Apr 2014	Sanford Eugene Cole Sanford Rudolph Cole	Martin Cole Martin Cole	James Larry Wilson James Larry Wilson
<b>Valdosta</b>	17 Jul 2014	Timothy Eldon Klocko	Asa Cram	Michael Maxwell Black
<b>Wash - Wilkes</b>	19 Jun 2014 19 Jun 2014	David Lee Tyler Brian Lee Tyler	William Bentley William Bentley	Thomas Milne Owen Thomas Milne Owen
<b>Wiregrass</b>	16 Apr 2014 16 Apr 2014 24 Apr 2014 24 Apr 2014 24 Apr 2014 08 May 2014 19 Jun 2014 26 Jun 2014	Mason Williams Smith Richard Allen Powell William Dorsey Cobb William Russ Cobb Dess Smith Edenfield George Leon Smith, III Louis Owen Bellamy, III Kenneth Paul Willoughby	Colesby Smith Benjamin Lanier John Sheffield John Sheffield Colesby Smith Colesby Smith Colesby Smith Drury Banks	DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III Ruskin King Powell DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III

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# In Memory of

## Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

## Our Compatriots

# 2014



### Georgia Society Deceased Members January 1, 2014 to July 23, 2014

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Garnett Lane "Jack" Ferguson, Jr.	152185	Piedmont	17 Jan 2014
Charles Haddock Hendry, MD	184426	Piedmont	20 Jan 2014
William Maurice Slayton	172800	Coweta Falls	21 Jan 2014
Murray Stanton King	182261	Blue Ridge Mountains	23 Jan 2014
William Kenneth Jackson	155036	Samuel Elbert	30 Jan 2014
Loring Charles Covington	168635	Captain John Collins	11 Mar 2014
John Richard McAliley, Jr.	185254	Atlanta	25 Mar 2014
William Loyd Dobbs	146924	George Walton	04 May 2014
Glen Willis Herrin	178537	Valdosta	15 May 2014
William Joseph Barns	73800	Edward Telfair	13 Jul 2014
Dewey Ray McKenzie, Sr.	153063	LaGrange	16 Jul 2014
<b>Former Members</b>			
James Dee Slayton	173266	Coweta Falls	19 Jan 2014
Edward Hawthorn Fluker	160050	Washington-Wilkes	20 Jan 2014
Francis Jenarel Shuman	138192	Altamaha	23 Jul 2014
<b>* Past State President</b>			



# NEWS

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## Georgia Society Chapters

### Altamaha

Eight Wayne County High School Seniors have been awarded the Dr. Alexander Jackson Gordon Memorial Scholarship given by the Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



L - R Luke Graham, Lorielle Rozier, Terry Hamrick (trustee of the Gordon Estate), Cara Laine Sims, Jeff Allmond SE Region VP SAR, Aaron Martinez, Jamie Vanderveen, Jake Williams, Madison Woodson, Miranda Real, Roger W. Coursey President Georgia Society SAR, Jason Deal interim President Altamaha Chapter

Scholarship recipients include Luke Graham, Aaron Martinez, Miranda Real, Lorielle Rozier, Cara Laine Sims, Jamie M. Vanderveen, Jacob Brent "Jake" Williams and Madison Woodson.

Graham, Sims and Vanderveen plan to attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. Martinez and Real will attend the University of Georgia, while Rozier and Williams are going to College of Coastal Georgia. Woodson plans to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton.

The recipients and their parents were honored with an awards banquet Saturday, July 12 at Western Sizzlin in Jesup. Jason Deal, interim president, made the presentation on behalf of scholarship committee members Buddy Bennett, B.H. Claxton, Walter Dart and the membership of the SAR. Special guests at the banquet included Roger Coursey, President of the Georgia Society of SAR, Jeff Allmond, regional vice president of the SAR and Amberlee Allmond, immediate past president of the Children of the American Revolution

(C.A.R.). Amanda Sharp and Taylor Voyles, 2010 scholarship recipients, gave testimonials to the group.

All eight recipients are 2014 graduates of Wayne County High School.

The Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution administers the scholarship. Eight scholarships of \$3,000 each were awarded this year. The scholarship is offered annually to Wayne County High School seniors. The Gordon Memorial Scholarship was created in 2009 from a gift bequeathed by Dr. Gordon's daughter, Marjorie Gordon Hamrick. Dr. Gordon was a prominent Wayne County physician. Mrs. Hamrick was a well-known educator.

### Atlanta



Shep Hammack of Piedmont Chapter, a Dunwoody resident, joined Terry Manning in uniform for the July 4th Dunwoody parade in a float sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter SAR and Fort Peachtree Chapter NSDAR.



Trevor and Travis Coning, sons of Todd Coning of the Atlanta Chapter, donned their new militia outfits for their first parade appearance since moving to Suwanee,

Georgia, from England.



The float featured an enlarged version of the Constitution.

### **Atlanta Chapter Memorializes Sub Inventor**

The culmination of months of research and planning took place on Saturday, June 28, at Warrenton City Cemetery. It was a beautiful day with a warm breeze that made the display of Revolutionary War battle flags and other historic flags and those of the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard a sight to see. Over 200 people gathered for the dedication of a new monument in this historic cemetery to honor the military service of Capt. David Bushnell, the inventor of the first wartime submarine, "The Turtle."

The local newspapers had highlighted the upcoming event with stories by the McDuffie Progress in Thomson, the Augusta Chronicle, and the Warrenton Clipper. Cindy Rivers, President of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the local Burkhalter Chapter NSDAR, served as the local liaison for the event. She arranged for two tents with chairs to be placed near the monument to provide shade and provided a loud speaker system and podium. Working with local dignitaries, she coordinated the attendance of Mayor Pro Tem Chris McCorkle and newly elected Regent Dorinda Clark of the DAR. She also arranged for a representative of U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss to present a letter of "Special Congressional Recognition of the Captain Bushnell Monument" and for a proclamation from the Warren County Commissioners. Our chapter will recognize Cindy in October with the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her significant input toward the success of the dedication.

The event started at 11:00 a.m. with Atlanta Chapter SAR President Terry Manning serving as master of ceremonies and describing the events that led to the Atlanta Chapter placing the monument.

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Research by Manning for a lecture on naval power during the Revolutionary War led to the interesting story of David Bushnell's invention and the cruel trick of fate that prevented the submarine from fulfilling its destiny. Further research pointed out that Bushnell had changed his name to Bush after the war and moved to Georgia where he was active with Patriot Abraham Baldwin in establishing teaching academies. Bushnell ultimately went to Warren County where he served as a physician for 14 years before his death. A field trip to Warrenton confirmed that there was no marked grave or other monument to Bushnell. Sharing the story with Registrar David Noble resulted in an amazing research effort by David and his wife Alice to confirm that the gravesite could not be identified and in a plan by the Atlanta Chapter to recognize Bushnell/Bush with a cenotaph or monument in the historic city cemetery by agreement with city leaders.

The ceremony then called for Atlanta's newest member, Reverend Jerry Wolfe, of the Warrenton First United Methodist Church to give the invocation. His stirring words were followed by the entrance of the Georgia Society Color Guard's Flag Unit under the command of Ed Rigel, Sr., a dual member of our Atlanta Chapter. The Flag Unit comprised this date of nine SAR members in matching blue and buff Continental Line uniforms, including Atlanta Chapter Color Guard Commander Jim Hankins, were marched smartly to place behind the monument and wreath display by accompanying members in militia attire. The Elijah Clarke Militia Unit, also members of the State Color Guard and numbering 10 members under command of Bruce Maney, another dual member of the Atlanta Chapter, trailed the Flag Unit in their many styles of colonial clothing, each sporting a Brown Bess musket or other colonial era firearm, including dual member as well as Metro Region Vice President Jim Lynch. The Color Guard on this date was one of the largest in years for a dedication such as this and greatly contributed to the awe among the spectators.

Regent Dorinda Clark then led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance as the flag carriers lowered their multi-colored display of historic flags in salute to the National Flag held high by George Thurmond of the Piedmont Chapter SAR. Posting the flags in their ground holders, the Color Guard then marched off the field as the introduction of selected dignitaries not otherwise to be introduced in the program took place. These included Sallie Clamp, wife of the sculptor Ron Clamp, of the magnificent monument being unveiled, and their children Charlie and Jacob, from Pelion, South Carolina, and

Andrew Thorne of Athens representing Congressman Paul C. Broun. SAR and then DAR members in attendance were recognized by raising their hands, after which Jim Husser of Augusta, a representative from Senator Saxby Chambliss' office, brought greetings and a letter from the United States Senate in which the Atlanta Chapter SAR was commended for establishing the monument.

Greetings were then provided by GASSAR Senior Vice President Bill Hay of Columbus on behalf of GASSAR State President Roger Coursey. Then greetings were brought by Warrenton Mayor Pro Tem Chris McCorkle and State President Walker Chewning, Jr., of the Children of the American Revolution.

Cindy Rivers on behalf of the Warren County Board of Commissioners read a proclamation from them thanking the Atlanta Chapter for dedicating the Bushnell monument in recognition of this son of Warren County.

President Manning then highlighted the story of Patriot Bushnell's invention of the 1-man underwater machine and the history of The Turtle's naval exploits.



## Blue Ridge Mountains

On Saturday May 24, 2014, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter entered a float in the Union County Georgia Memorial Day Parade held in Blairsville, GA, the county seat of Union County. Banners on the truck pulling the float stated: "We Stand for Our Patriot Ancestors Whose Sacrifices Gave Us a Free Nation". Banners on the float stated: "We Stand for Our Armed Forces Whose Sacrifices Keep Us Free". On the rear of the float was a banner that stated: "God Bless Our Veterans". Also on the float were three "Battle Crosses", one representing WW II, Vietnam and the Gulf Wars & Afghanistan.



Photo credit North Georgia News

Marching in front of the float was the BRM Chapter Color Guard carrying four flags, supported by two Compatriots with muskets.

To unveil the monument created by Memorial Design, a third cousin five-times-removed who is a Regional Vice President of the Florida Society and the President of the Lake-Sumter Chapter SAR, Dr. E. Scott Bushnell, attended with his wife and their son Scott (of Norcross) and his fiancée.

David Noble in militia attire then dedicated the monument with sacred soils from the 28 battle sites in Georgia of wounded and slain American soldiers of the Revolution.

To conclude the program, Bruce Maney commanded the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia Unit in a 3-volley musket salute sending

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Just prior to the start of the parade, the Chapter was notified that the Chapter had won First Place in the Civic Division. This was the second consecutive year of a first place award.

This followed the chapters Patriot Day ceremony on April 19 with a display and musket salutes at the Union County Historical Society facility in Blairsville. Approximately two thousand cars passed by the town square which houses the historical society during the ceremony. The display was a joint effort with the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the DAR.



L-R Steven Allison, GA State Representative, David Cook, Bruce Maney, Sid Turner, Devon Turner, Carol Reid (DAR), Ed Reid, Ann Hopegood, Margaret Wischmeyer (DAR), Ray Anderson



The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter conducted a flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scout Troop 101. The photo above shows the scouts lining up to properly dispose of used flags.

**Button Gwinnett**

Button Gwinnett Chapter Past President and first-time author, Michael Nolden Henderson LCDR Commander USN retired, was recently awarded finalist in the 50th Georgia Author of the Year Awards 2014 presented by the Georgia Writer's Association. Henderson wrote his memoir, *Got Proof! My Genealogical Journey Through the Use of Documentation*, in 2013. "Being honored with such a distinguished award for my very first book is both humbling and encouraging," said Henderson.

"This is truly a tribute to my Louisiana ancestors whose lives inspired me to write *Got Proof!*"



In 2010, Henderson, a native of New Orleans, LA and graduate of Xavier University, became the first African American in Georgia inducted into the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. His research into the relationship of a woman of color who gained her freedom in 1779, and a French national who fought in the Revolutionary War under Bernardo de Galvez in Spanish Colonial Louisiana, was the focus of his book and of the 2010 segment of the PBS televised series, "History Detectives."

Since then, Henderson has joined other lineage societies, including the Society of the War of 1812 in Louisiana. He is a genealogy researcher and lecturer who speaks to audiences nationwide.

**Marshes of Glynn**

On April 19, 2014 the Marshes of Glynn Chapter sponsored Frederica Patriots Day at St. Simons, Georgia. The event was attended by SAR and DAR chapters from around the state. A parade followed the ceremony.



GASSAR President Roger W. Coursey greeting Molly Malone

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Members of the Wiregrass Chapter



Antique Fire Truck leading the parade



Fife and drum

**Piedmont**



The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard presented the colors and participated in an educational program at the Roswell Memorial Day ceremony, entitled "Roswell Remembers", on May 26, 2014 at the Roswell, Georgia City Hall. The booths were busy all day as they were visited by those interested in our American heritage and membership in the organizations represented. The SAR Traveling Trunk materials and flags were of particular interest to many of our younger visitors, as well as the young at heart.

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Shep Hammack and Paul Prescott talking to visitors.



Children enjoying the items from the Traveling Trunk



L-R Bill Kabel, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly and Paul Prescott



The Piedmont Chapter welcomed three new members at the May meeting. Shown in the photo l-r: Thomas Owens, Bob Muscat and Charles Rann, Chapter President Bill Lusk and Past Registrar Tom Chrisman.



The Piedmont Chapter presented JROTC medals at Centennial High School, Lassiter High School (which is a combined 3-school unit), North Springs Charter High School, Roswell High School, and Walton High School. Shown in the photo is Cadet Chad DeKold receiving his award from Centennial High School JROTC Senior Instructor LTC (Ret) Jonathan B. Nepute. Compatriot Jim McDonald attended the award ceremony. A thank you note was received from Cadet DeKold.

At the June chapter meeting, George Thurmond, National Trustee and Past Georgia Society President, presented LTC (Ret) Nicolette Wheeler with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship medal. This medal recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service and is presented to persons of prominence in areas of government, including military service and other fields of endeavor. In the past 21 years, the Piedmont Chapter has presented only six silver medals. LTC Wheeler is most deserving to receive this high honor for her outstanding service in the JROTC program in Fulton County.

LTC Wheeler served as the Military Instruction Coordinator for the Fulton County School District for 19 years, and facilitated the involvement of the Sons of the American Revolution, through both the Piedmont and Atlanta chapters, in recognizing deserving JROTC cadets through our JROTC awards program.

As the lead JROTC instructor for the school district, she has always strived to help JROTC in Fulton County prepare students for active citizenship and possible military service. She has participated in recognizing cadets who earn the Eagle Scout award in the Boy Scouts of America, as well as ensuring that the widest possible array of patriotic, veter-ans, and heritage associations recognize the achievements of JROTC cadets in the county.

LTC Wheeler's honors and accomplishments are many and impressive. She received the "National Director of Army Instruction of the Year" award in 2005; she was awarded the "Georgia State Career and Technical Educator (ROTC) Award" in 2009, and in 2011; she was the state's "Rifle Coach of the Year" in 2000, as recognized by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association; and, she serves on the State Department of Education's JROTC Advisory Committee. LTC Wheeler holds degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, and Western Kentucky University.

Through her significant contributions to the community, LTC Wheeler has reflected great credit on herself, the United States Army, and the United States of America while inspiring others to be greater American citizens.



l-r: LTC (Ret) Gary Wheeler, LTC Nicolette Wheeler and Piedmont Past President George Thurmond.

**Robert Forsyth**



Bill Norman of Norman's Landing Restaurant, 365 Peachtree Parkway in Cumming was presented a flag certificate from the Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Ed Rigel, Jr. (right) presented the certificate to the restaurant's owner Bill Norman (left) on April 28.

On June 14, Flag Day, the Robert Forsyth Chapter conducted two significant events. The first event was the Robert Forsyth Chapter first annual Flag Retirement ceremony held at the Ingram Funeral Home. With the help of the State Color Guard, the chapter was able to properly dispose of approximately 50 used flags. The flags were

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inspected and then placed in to a crematorium box for final disposal.



The second major event was the first in the nation first in the nation partnership includes the Robert Forsyth Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 1099, the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, The Home Depot and the Ingram Funeral Home who will properly dispose of the used flags.

The ceremony was attended by several political and military dignitaries including Pete Amos, Chairman of the Forsyth County Commissioners, Roger W. Coursey, President of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and Charles Murphy representing the Home Depot Military Appreciation Group (MAG), who spoke about the significance of this event; remembering the history behind our American flag, and all it represents to each of us, remembering "as we commemorate Flag Day today, let us not only recognize this project but also take a moment to think about what our flag represents and express our sincere gratitude to all those who've served our nation and who are currently serving our nation," Pete Amos said. The award winning Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard provided the presentation and retirement of the colors.

Chris Coleman, Home Depot Merchandising Execution Manager of the Cumming Home Depot store said, "Today is more than a flag ceremony, but the genesis of a partnership between multiple institutions that take pride in serving our communities.

It is our collective hope that the dedication of this beautiful flag receptacle here today, will be the beginning of a nation-wide relationship between these parties to honor our service men and women, and shine a light on a symbol of hope, opportunity and freedom: our nation's flag!"

Coursey added, "This flag receptacle unveiling and the cooperative effort between The Home Depot and the Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is an extremely significant and important event. "Now people in this area will no longer have to ask where to retire and dispose of worn U.S. flags. By The Home Depot allowing this receptacle to be placed on their property, they are not only doing a patriotic duty, but also providing a much needed service. And we will be taking on this challenge of providing the process to properly dispose of old flags; one that we hope to spread across the state of Georgia.



Representatives from The Home Depot, Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter NSDAR, Boy Scout Troop 1099 and the Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR then unveiled the receptacle, drawing praise from the crowd. The stunning artwork on the receptacle was done by James Guthrie of Signarama in Cumming.



Staff Sargent David A. Thompson, U.S. Army National Guard Retired, placed the first ceremonial flag into the receptacle for proper disposal, followed by Jack Flikeid of Troop 1099 and then several others.

### Washington-Wilkes



Historic frontier history re-enactors (l-r) Wilder Smith, Ruskin Powell and Steve Burke fire a musket volley the June 19th meeting of the Washington-Wilkes Chapter. The re-enactors from the Wiregrass chapter of the Georgia SAR in Swainsboro, brought their collection of frontier cloths, tools, weapons and other artifacts to display to local members. In years past, Smith, Powell and Burke have also participated in the Revolutionary Days observance of the Battle of Kettle Creek.

### William Few

The William Few Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), met Monday evening June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Garlic Clove Restaurant for our 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting with 18 members and guests in attendance.



We welcomed GASSAR President, Roger Coursey and his spouse, Teresa, as guests for the evening. President Coursey brought greetings from the state, as well as several presentations recognizing chapter achievements in 2013, including "Distinguished Chapter Award - 2013" and "Georgia Society Membership Award - 2013". Many thanks to President Coursey and Teresa for the time spent with our chapter this evening. Chapter member William Tankersley was recognized for

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receiving a supplemental certificate for Patriot Joseph Tankersley. The chapter was also briefed on the continuing plans for the grave marking ceremony for Patriot Chaplain Abraham Marshall in 2015. The College Hill Chapter, NSDAR and the Col. William Few Chapter, SAR, will jointly sponsor this event.

After dinner, we welcomed Compatriot, and



former GASSAR President, James Stallings for his presentation on the "Uniforms of the American Revolution". This was excellent presentation, containing little known details of the evolution and design of some of the uniforms, accessories and arms worn and carried by officers and soldiers during the period. His presentation was enhanced by the use of many of the illustrations of Lt. Charles M. Lefferts, a self-taught artist of the late 1800s who made a study of the uniforms of the four countries (England, France Germany and the United States) involved in the war. Our thanks to James for his support of SAR chapters throughout the state.



**Wiregrass**

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was well represented by four of their members on Saturday, April 19th at the 10th Annual Frederica Patriots Day Ceremony. Compatriot Steve Burke was asked by the "Marshes of Glynn Chapter of the GASSAR" to bring and set up his "static" display of his personal items that represent Colonial days in Georgia. Besides Steve's display, the ceremony included Rep. Alex Atwood, Georgia House of Representatives who presented a program on "Is our country still free?". After Rep. Atwood's program, a wreath laying ceremony was held honoring Patriots of the American Revolution by 44 Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of the DAR, Georgia Society of the SAR, Florida Society of the SAR, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of the American colonists, U.S. Daughters of the War of 1812, and the United Daughters of the confederacy. Following the Ceremony, all Chapters were represented in the "Parade of Patriots" through downtown St. Simons Island. Leading the parade was a 1951 St. Simons Fire Truck, next were a "Drum and Fithe" group, then came about 20 SAR members dressed in Militia uniforms, Continental Uniforms and DAR members dressed in Colonial period women's dresses. Next came a platoon of ROTC Cadets. After the Parade of Patriots, a very good meal was enjoyed furnished by the Fort Frederica Chapter of the NSDAR. The afternoon was filled with a "Colonial Festival" held at St. Simons Casino & Neptune Park."



L-R Ruskin Powell, Wilder Smith, Jr., Steve Burke and Dess Smith III

**BOM  
MEETING  
SATURDAY  
October 15, 2014  
10:00 am  
Garden Patch**

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented our second "Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of The Flag of the United States of America". Al Lawson, Adjutant, was present to except this certificate for the Sons of the American Legion. The SAL is flying the U.S. Flag in the "Pine Brook Nature Park and Bird Sanctuary" located at the corner of US Hiway 80 West and GA Hiway 57. SAR Flag Chairman Pete Rountree, travels all over Emanuel County looking for businesses, organizations or private citizens that are displaying the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way. This project is an ongoing project of the Wiregrass Chapter and we will be honoring others with this certificate.



The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, installed 9 new members at their July meeting on July 12, 2014 at the Emanuel Medical Center at 6:00 p.m. Georgia Society President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Roger Coursey, installed the new members in an impressive ceremony.



Those members in the above photo that were installed are: Mason Smith, George Smith III, Richard Powell, Louis Bellamy, Buddy Cobb, James Andrew, Kenneth Willoughby, and not pictured are RustyCobb and Smith Edenfield.

Normandy 2014

Bloise A. (Bo) Hill, LTC USA (R)

I had the good fortune to jump into Normandy, France during the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Europe by Allied Forces on June 6, 1944. I was part of the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team (WW II ADT) based in Fredrick, OK. The sponsoring team was the Round Canopy Parachuting Team, based in Europe. We had over 100 parachutists from over 21 different countries, and up to ten C-47 vintage aircraft participating. A typical drop would involve four aircraft dropping their paratroopers at the same time into the same Drop Zone. I was lucky enough to complete three drops.

We started in France in a campground but after one overnight took the Ferry from Cherbourg to Portsmouth, UK. Our group of 88 jumpers was taken in by wonderful volunteer families in Lee-On-The-Solent, a beautiful town near Daedalus Royal Air Force Base where we stored our parachutes in a well maintained WW II hanger. Our English family was truly wonderful and treated us as their family right away. A day in Portsmouth ended with a memorial ceremony to the Allied Forces that died on D-Day, conducted by the community of Lee, the British Legion, and the Royal Navy. The Lee community Church of England minister led the service. Following the memorial service was a fly-by of a Lancaster Bomber escorted by Spitfires and Mustangs, followed by a C-47 Dakota (Dak).

The next morning we said our good byes, donned our parachutes, formed up into aircraft and stick order and boarded our Daks, mine was the lead ship "Dragamout" so called because it had dragged many a glider on the invasion, seventy years ago! The flight of 10 Daks formed up over the Isle of Wright and headed across the channel escorted by a little friend, a "Texan" WW II fighter. At the very last minute the winds were just too high for safe jumping, so this not being combat, we cancelled the jump and landed at Cherbourg.

The next three days included a jump into Utah Beach for the memorial on June 5<sup>th</sup>, I was able to land 50 feet from the "Tee" wind and DZ marker. Also jumping was Jim "Pee Wee" Martin a 93 year old parachute combat veteran of D-Day from the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division! He was tandem rigged with a free fall sky diver, and he is no slouch!

The next day's jump was into St. Marie du Mont where I selected my own DZ as the primary was on the other side of town. I bounced off the top of a barbed wire fence using my jump boots and all was well. The next day we jumped into Ecausseville to a very large enthusiastic crowd around the DZ. I had to run with the wind but this time landed safely in the DZ, 50 feet from the crowd line. They all laughed and applauded when I landed. I gave them a loud Airborne! And viva-la-France! At all the drops I gave out US stick flags to the youngsters to many smiles and merci. I in turn said "merci LaFayette." The older adults were smiling and nodding.

Repacking the parachutes was a challenge on a canvas covered concrete floor and the weather was not always perfect, but it all turned out just fine. Every one of us came through in good shape to include our 83 year old Command Sergeant Major Harrington the senior jumper in our WW II ADT group, and in our group of European jumpers. He is quite the inspiration to be around, and quite the charmer.

I took a bit of Fayette County history with me, a 48 star flag that I borrowed from my American Legion Post 105, of Fayetteville. The flag was turned in, we think, by a Fayette County widow for flag retirement. The interment flag was once used, no doubt, to honor a Fayette County Veteran, possibly a WW II Veteran. The flag was jumped into St. Marie du Mont, a WW II Drop Zone, on June 6, 2014 on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allied Invasion of Europe. The flag will have an honored place in our American Legion Post 105, in honor of all of those veterans of WW II, and the veterans of Fayette County. Now, for the next jump.

Please see the photos on the next page.



Photos from Bo Hill's Jumps in France Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of "D" Day

