



The

Jan—March 2016

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



William Allen Greenly (Allen)

It's hard to believe that we are now at the beginning of May. The first 100 days have flown by. It seems like only yesterday that I was sworn in as your President.

It did not take long for me to start on my goals. Right after the Saturday luncheon and swearing in ceremony, I met with the IT Subcommittee and began the discussions and plans for the new database. We made great progress in the two hours we met.

On February 12th I attended the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association banquet and brought greetings from the Georgia Society. On February 13th it was my honor to lead the Revolutionary Days parade in downtown Washington. That afternoon was the War Hill ceremony. Sunday I attended the Colonial Worship service. The entire weekend was a great success. I want to thank everyone who helped bring this event to a successful conclusion. Many thanks to everyone who participated.

One of my personal goals this year is to visit every chapter at least once. Since taking

office, I have had the honor of visiting the Atlanta, Ocmulgee, Athens and Blue Ridge chapters where I had the pleasure of swearing in their new officers. I have also visited the Lyman Hall, William Few, Dalton, Marquis de Lafayette, Casimir Pulaski, Robert Forsyth, Samuel Elbert and Rome chapters.

My other travels have included Spring Leadership Conference, the Georgia State Society DAR Annual Conference, Guilford Courthouse, Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, the South Carolina Annual Conference, the North Carolina Conference, Frederica Days in St. Simons and the Richard Maltbie grave marking. It has been a busy first quarter.

As I travel around the state and have the privilege to speak to the members of our chapters I talk about the goals that I have set out for the State Society for this year. These goals will help strengthen our society not only for this year, but for the future.

So how are we doing on reaching these goals? My first goal was to create a positive atmosphere to change those things that may be hindering our progress. So far this year, I have seen a positive response to the first changes that were taken. Every chapter that I have had the privilege of visiting has had a very positive attitude. Every chapter wants to grow and do more in their communities.

The first of the changes we made was to establish an Ethics Committee. This is not a standing committee and is only appointed if an ethics complaint is received. The second change we made was to the way the Nominating Committee was appointed. The Regional VP's must ask someone from their region to work on the Nominating Committee for that year. They cannot appoint themselves. If a volunteer cannot be found, then the President may ask someone from the region to be on the committee. If a volunteer still cannot be found, then the President may appoint the Regional VP. The third change that was made was to clarify the duties of a Regional VP.

The second goal was to design and create a new database for our website. At the April BOM, the Board of Managers unanimously voted the funds to have a third party vendor do the work. The vendor has been engaged and work has begun. The IT Subcommittee will

now begin the task of writing the requirements to give our members the ability to pay their dues online.

The third goal was to restart the Brier Creek Commemoration. I have asked the Wiregrass and William Few chapters to help me accomplish this goal. I am pleased to report that they have been working with the local mayor to hold a commemoration ceremony this fall. They are also working on a new chapter in Sylvania!

The fourth goal was to increase the membership growth rate. As you know, we started the DAR Referral program this year and it has been rolled out to every DAR chapter in the state. It is very important that each application that comes from a DAR referral be accompanied by the DAR Referral Form. This is how we track their progress. I am happy to report that at the rate applications are coming in, we have a chance to have over 2,000 members by the end of this year! That will be a tremendous goal to attain. Bringing in new members is one thing, keeping them is the real test. I challenge every chapter president to set a time to sit with each new member and get to know them, find out why they joined our organization, and get them involved. I also believe that when we are able, taking credit cards for dues payments will help with retention. Getting members involved is the key to retention.

My last goal was to put a strong focus on our youth education programs. I am excited to report to you that our Eagle Scout entry in the National contest won 1st place! He also placed in the Knight Essay Contest! What a coup for the Georgia Society! We have chosen our Rumbaugh Oration contest winner and want to wish her the greatest success in the National competition.

Now is the time to begin your planning for next year's education programs. I ask that each chapter choose at least one youth program and work on it for the next school year. If you are not sure how to develop a program in your area, contact Rick Reese, our Education Chairman.

Just remember, the State Officers and Committee Chairman and committee members are here to help your chapter succeed. All you have to do is ask.

The center of the fight for Independence in Wilkes County, Georgia, became known as "the hornet's nest" because of the stinging attacks made from there by the Georgia Patriots against the British and Tories.

The Battle of Thomas Creek

Georgia Society President Allen Greenly represented the State and the Robert Forsyth Chapter at the 239th anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek—the southernmost battle of the American Revolution on March 19th in Jacksonville, FL.

The Battle of Thomas Creek, or the Thomas Creek Massacre (May 17, 1777), was an ambush of a small force of Georgia militia cavalry by a mixed force of British Army, Loyalist militia, and Indians near the mouth of Thomas Creek in northern East Florida. The encounter was the only major engagement in the second of three failed attempts by American forces to invade East Florida in the early years of the American Revolutionary War.



The invasion attempt consisted of a naval flotilla carrying Continental Army troops and a company of militia cavalry traveling overland. The flotilla was delayed in reaching the rendezvous point, and British intelligence had learned of the expedition and located the cavalry. The British established an ambush, which broke up and scattered the cavalry, taking more than 30 prisoners. Indians with the British forces were reported to kill a number of the captives in cold blood afterward, in revenge for the death of one of their own in an earlier skirmish.

Colonel Samuel Elbert, the invasion commander, abandoned the expedition when his flotilla was confronted by narrow channels and prepared British defenses. A 1778 expedition against East Florida failed due to leadership disagreements, although there was a skirmish at Alligator Bridge.

Editor's Note—the following is from a presentation by our Past President Roger W Coursey at the January 2016 BOM.

It is reproduced here due to it being a very important message for all Compatriots—not just those who were in attendance.

USE OF (gassar-bom) EMAIL

As the Georgia Society National Trustee and as the immediate Past State President of the Georgia Society, I would like to address the proper use of etiquette when using our email systems. There have been several instances of use of the **SAR-Officer** email distribution list at NSSAR that were considered inappropriate, and at times some senior national officer or past national officer has reminded the recipients of the email system, of the appropriate use of that system.

So, as a senior officer of the Georgia Society, I want to at this time address what I feel is an inappropriate use of our gassar-bom email distribution list. There have been a number of instances in the last year where negative publicity was submitted on our email list including very inappropriate emails containing falsehoods, misinformation, distortions and personal attacks which unfortunately is driving a wedge into our Society.

Also, the debate on the issue was carried out by emails rather than the appropriate forum of the next BOM where both sides on the issue might be heard. Some of our members are reluctant (and properly so) to engage in this type of debate over the email system. Thus it leaves only one side being heard, and the distortions and untruths are considered the facts.

I encourage everyone to use restraint and proper etiquette when using the gassar-bom email distribution list. Let's keep civility in our esteemed organization, acting responsibly as true gentlemen.

- Roger W Coursey



Executive Committee Meetings

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

Executive Committee Meetings

J. Christopher's
 5482 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
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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
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 (Old Highway 41)
 Barnesville, GA 30284

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Georgia Society Color Guard



(Photo by Rick Reese)

Date Event

- 23 Apr - GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville 1000 hrs
 24 Apr - Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation "Spring Ramble"
 29 Apr – Athens Classic Symphony Orchestra, Classic Center Athens, 7:00
 30 Apr – Athens Classic Symphony Orchestra, Classic Center Athens, 7:00
 7 May – Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL:
 1 May – Buford's Massacre Reenactment, TBA in South Carolina, 0800 hrs
 14 May— Patriot Elias Baker grave marking sponsored by the Rome Chapte, Summerville, GA 1430 hrs
 28 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, 0830 hours:
 28 May – Patriot Sgt. Benjamin Wofford Grave Marking sponsored by the
 Hightower Trail Chapter, NSDAR, Georgia National Cemetery, Canton
 28 May – Battle of Waxhaws (Buford's Massacre)
 30 May – Memorial Day Ceremony, Oconee Veterans Memorial Park, Watkinsville, 1700 hrs
 30 May – Memorial Day Activities
 5 Jun – Warrior Classic, Lake Lanier Islands
 11 Jun -- Ramseur's Mill
 4 Jul – Independence Day Activities
 8-13 Jul - 126th NSSAR Annual Congress:
 30 Jul – GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, 1000 hrs
 17 Sep—William Few Commemoration, Augusta
 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 Mtn
 9 Oct – Savannah
 15 Oct – Grave Marking sponsored by William Few Chapter:
 19 Oct – Yorktown
 22 Oct – GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, 1000 hrs:
 22 Oct – Grave Marking sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Griffin, 3:30
 29 Oct – Patriot James Rylee Grave Marking sponsored by Robert Forsyth, Lyman
 Hall and Joseph Habersham Chapters, Gillsville, GA
 11 Nov – Veterans Day Activities:
 19 Nov -- Fort Morris
 3 Dec -- Vann's Creek
 TBA Dec -- Wreaths Across America

2017

- 27-28 Jan - GASSAR Annual Conference
 22 Apr – Frederica Days, SSI
 23 Apr – Colonial Worship, SSI

*Always refer to the GA SAR website to
 confirm the newest updates to the Cal-
 endar of events
 of the Award Winning
 Georgia Color Guard*



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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 GASSAR HS&CC Sanctioned Events](#)

- 1) Battle of Kettle Creek & Revolutionary Days
[February 12-13-14, 2016](#)

- 2) Frederica/Patriots Day (Marshes of Glynn--St Simons Island)
[April 16 & 17, 2016](#)

- 3) Constitution Day--William Few (Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church)
[September 17, 2016](#)

- 4) Battle of Savannah (Coastal Heritage Society--GASSAR)
[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	16
Plus: Transfers In	0
Plus: Reinstatements	21
Plus: Reinstatement-Transfers	0
Total Additions	37
Less: Deceased	5
Less: Resignations	0
Less: Transfers Out	0
Total Losses	5
Active Membership as of 31 Mar 2016 Reported to National	1644
Plus: Dual Members	24
Active Membership as of 31 Mar 2016 Reported to BOM	1668

Regular Members	535
Jr. Members	59
Jr. Life Members	4
Emeritus Members	4
Life Members	
Regular	42
Dual	24
Total Membership	<u>1668</u>



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

Georgia Society New Members

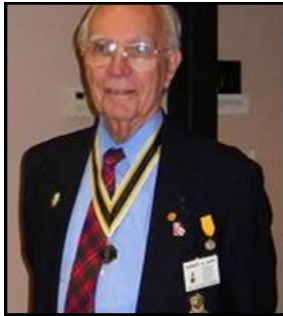
Since Friday January 1, 2016

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Atlanta				
	12 Jan 2016	Michael Lee CHAPMAN	Thomas Chapman	David Andrews NOBLE
	12 Jan 2016	James Manuel COOK	Thomas Lee	David Andrews NOBLE
	12 Jan 2016	Woodfrin Grady HAYS	Thomas Hays	William Grady HAYS, Jr.
Dalton				
	12 Jan 2016	Stephen Morrow HALL	Henry Hinds	Fred Wood SNELL, Jr.
Edward Telfair				
	28 Jan 2016	Christopher Evans VINYARD	John Vinyard	Roger Warren COURSEY
	16 Feb 2016	Kempton Burkett BRYAN	Jehu Burket	Roger Warren COURSEY
	16 Feb 2016	Jimmy Powell SMITH, Jr.	Joshua Pettit	Roger Warren COURSEY
	29 Feb 2016	James Lawrence CAVANAHA, II	Peter Tondee	Roger Warren COURSEY
Marquis de Lafayette				
	16 Feb 2016	Nathan Merion SMITH	Philip Fusselman	David George JESSEL
	16 Feb 2016	Warren James SMITH	Philip Fusselman	David George JESSEL
Marshes of Glynn				
	09 Feb 2016	Peter Matthew DILLON	James Woods	JamesSteven HINSON, Sr.
Piedmont				
	16 Feb 2016	Kevin James ABERNATHY-CORNELIUS	Joseph Turpin	Carl Duane BHAME
Robert Forsyth				
	28 Jan 2016	Joel Mason KING, Jr.	John Lott	William Allen GREENLY
Wiregrass				
	12 Jan 2016	Watson Virgil MOSLEY	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	16 Feb 2016	Timothy Kevin PALMER	Dioclesion Davis	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
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Total: 16

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NEWS



Georgia Society Registrar—Bob Sapp

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Applications received in 2015 was 317 with 307 reviewed and sent to NSSAR for approval. NSSAR approved 250 applications and has pended 16. The state registrar pended a total of 41 applications of which 4 were also pended by NSSAR. The total long term pended applications at NSSAR is 18.

The statistics of applications reviewed and approved are as follows:

- 96.8% of applications reviewed and mailed to NSSAR
- 81.4% applications approved by NSSAR
- 12.4% of applications received pended by state registrar
- 5.2% of applications pended by NSSAR
- 1.3% applications pended by both NSSAR and State registrar

The year 2016 started very slowly with the majority of applications being received in March. A total of 85 applications were received a of 31 March 2016. Only 57 of the applications have been reviewed. Fifty of the applications have been forwarded to NSSAR. None have been approved. Due to personal obligations and the onset of tax season, most of the remaining applications will be processed after tax date. Of the applications received, 17 were pended by the state registrar. This is too high for having made a work shop presentation.

Your registrar strongly suggests contacting him when you have questions on documentation.



Knight Essay Contest—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 SAR winner for this school year was Grant Mercer, a senior honor student at Harrison High School. Grant's essay was titled "*The Intolerable Acts: The Spark of a Revolution*". Grant was sponsored by the Captain John Collins Chapter. Grant received a cash scholarship of \$600 at the Georgia Society annual meeting in January.

The Georgia Society runner-up was Noah Austin Smith, a senior honor student at Oconee County High School. Noah's essay was titled "*The Battle of Fort Montgomery and Fort Clinton*". Noah was sponsored by the Athens Chapter. Noah received a cash scholarship of \$400 at the Georgia Society annual meeting in January.

The National Society Knight Essay Chairman has been notified of our winner, and the Georgia Society winning essay has been forwarded to him. We are now waiting for the announcement of the winning essay. The National winner will officially be announced at the 2016 National Congress this summer in Boston, but unofficially that information will be announced so that the National winner can be invited to attend the Congress for presentation of the award.

The 2016-2017 Knight Essay Contest commences this calendar year with the beginning of school in August of 2016. A reminder to that effect will be sent to the Georgia Society Chapters at that time. In the meantime, the summer is an excellent time for prospective contestants to begin their research for their essays.

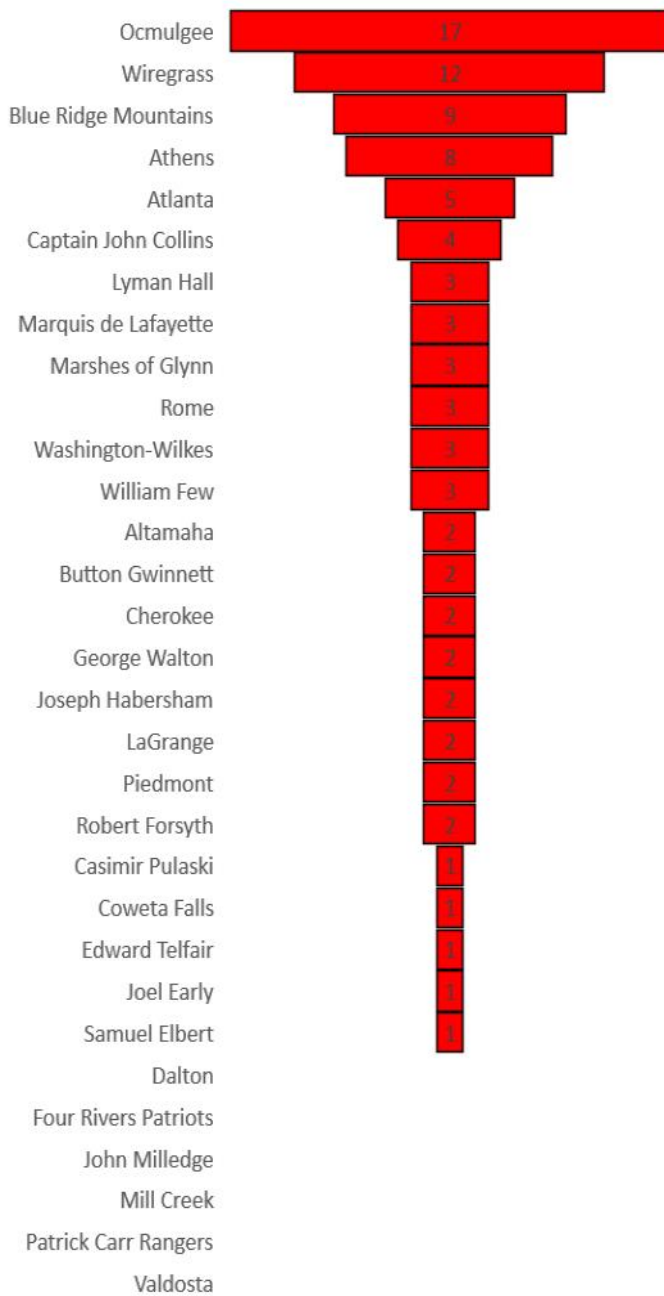


Flag Respect—Paul Prescott

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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



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Since January 1, 2016 I have assisted the Button Gwinnett and Joseph Habersham Chapters 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.

Assistance was also provided to Compatriot Bob Sapp, GASSAR State Registrar, at his request. I attended and assisted State Registrar Sapp with his Registrar Training class held at the GASSAR Annual Conference.

Since January 1st I was a co-presenter with President Bill Palmer, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR at 31 SAR Educational Outreach Presentations on Colonial Georgia and the American Revolution to over 2,800 students in Georgia's Elementary schools.

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The Georgia Society SAR Bylaws are accessible for viewing by all members from the Society *SourceBook Section 07 Georgia Society By-Laws*. The *By-Laws Proposed Amendment Form* is also available in Section 07.

1st Quarter Activity:

At the request of 2015 President Owen and 2016 President Greenly the following amendments were drafted and submitted to the BOM for action at the Spring BOM Meeting:

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS Section 2. Nomination and Election of Officers
ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS Section 3. Regional Vice-President

At the request of 2015 President Owen and 2016 President Greenly the following Bylaws addition was drafted and submitted to the BOM for action at the Spring BOM Meeting:

Article VIII. DISCIPLINE - PROCEDURE AND DUE PROCESS

A proposed amendment to **Article V, Section 3 – Executive Committee** is being drafted for presentation to the BOM prior to the Summer BOM meeting

Friends of the Library —Hugh Rodgersh_srodgers@knology.net

With the cooperation of the President, Georgia Society SAR, Friends of the Library membership brochures were distributed at the Annual Conference of the Society in January. Membership forms will also be available at the Quarterly meeting in Barnesville on April 23.

As of 31 March 2016, the Georgia Society had the following:

20 Chapters are members of FOL
 57 Compatriots and other individuals
 1 Georgia Society SAR
78 Total memberships from the Georgia Society

The Georgia Society is again in the leading position in the NSSAR in Friends of the Library memberships. We appreciate the continued support of a number of compatriot wives and DAR members.

Membership in the Friends of the Library is available for \$25 annually for chapters and individuals. Memberships are renewable on the anniversary date but may be extended at any time. Let's keep the Georgia Society in the lead among NSSAR state societies.



Americanism Committee—Roger W. Coursey

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During the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet in January, the winners of awards (certificates and streamers) for Americanism Chapter of Distinction and Americanism Chapter of Excellence, as well as the President General's Chapter of Distinction and President General's Chapter of Excellence were awarded.

I distributed the winners of these awards in an email on 21 Feb 2016. In that email I also attached an excel work sheet showing what chapters had participated and what their scores were.

In a separate email, also on 21 Feb 2016, I discussed some issues and problems that I found in compiling the results of the chapter reports. A number of issues were discussed with explanations of what is and is not allowed in certain sections of the report.

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. I would recommend you download it and commence entering your chapters information ASAP, and then keep up with it during the year, 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.



DAR Liaison—Shep Hammack

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With the direction and approval of the EXCOM, this committee has taken steps to implement awards for DAR chapters who have been most productive in supporting SAR applications for new members. The accounting for awards will use the DAR Finders Form filed with the DAR-assisted applications.

We will begin that accounting in 2016 for awards that will first be given in 2017 based on 2016 data. The awards recognize two chapters each year. The Grace Martin award will be given to the chapter with the highest total count of SAR members whose applications were assisted by that chapter's members. The Rachel Martin award will be given to the chapter with the highest percentage of DAR-assisted applications relative to that chapter's size.

These new awards for chapters now stand along with the ongoing SAR Medal of Appreciation for DAR members who assist with at least five new SAR members' applications, over one or more years.

A brochure was prepared to publicize and explain these awards. These brochures were passed out at the SAR Annual Meeting in January and will be available at future BOM meetings.

The committee's continuing efforts include:

- Working with the GASSAR Registrar in order to collect all DAR Finder Forms submitted and catalog by DAR Chapters.
- Promote the use of the DAR Finders Form and the SAR competition for the awards to the DAR members and chapters.
- Continue to promote the SAR/DAR joint activities.
- Stress at the April BOM the importance of submitting a DAR Finder Form with the application, when appropriate.
- Assist the GASSAR Registrar with any awards that should be given to DAR members who have assisted with SAR membership applications.
- Provide assistance to the GASSAR officers and Committees as may be requested. This chairman is open to any suggestions for the work of this committee to better support the GASSAR goals and objectives.



Veterans Committee - Bill Kabel

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It's official; DD-214s are NOW Online. Please pass on to other vets. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> or try <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site.

Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

(Editor's Note—the above report was provided in collaboration with Compatriot Kabel)



Education Committee - Rick Reese, Jr

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2016 Poster Contest and Brochure Contest

Judging of the entries from all GASSAR Chapters will take place on April 23, 2016 just prior to the start of the BOM meeting in Barnesville.

Any chapter having a poster or a brochure entry to be considered are requested to have their entries and the appropriate entry form available at the Garden Patch Restaurant between 9 AM and 9:30 AM for judging to avoid interfering with the BOM meeting.

Thanks to the Georgia Fellows

A proposal was submitted to the Georgia Fellows requesting 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. This proposal was approved. 500 copies of the poster will be produced and distributed to the GASSAR chapters.

These should be available for distribution at the BOM meeting on April 23. Chapter representatives in attendance may take their posters at that time. For chapters not at the meeting, their poster will be given to their regional V.P. for distribution. The poster will be approx. 24"X18" and look like the example here.





Eagle Scout Committee - Bill Coffeen

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Our GASSAR 2015 Eagle Scout college scholarship winner, Grant Mercer, was recently named the NSSAR college scholarship 1st place winner and will be awarded a check for \$10,000 at our upcoming Congress in Boston in July of this year.

The committee has received 24 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date which is about 70% higher than last year at this time. There have been several changes among chapter recognition chairs this past year including the recent passing of John Preston of the Blue Ridge Mountain chapter. John proudly served Scouting as an executive as well as GASSAR Eagle chair for several years. Those changes and others will soon be reflected in updates to our GASSAR website. Please note that many, but not all BSA Councils throughout the State are willing to share information about their newly minted Eagle Scouts. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to contact your local Council please 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. This is an award for any SAR member who has distinguished himself over the years serving the Scouting program. So I remind all chapters to consider a chapter member who you think deserves such recognition and forward the application to me. 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. As a reminder, the GASSAR 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. **It is essential that all 2016 applicants use the current application available on the National website. No others will be accepted**



State SAR-C.A.R. Liason—Robert W. Moore

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In January, I attended the Georgia SAR State Conference in which I assisted in the awards presentation at the meeting. Abby Garnett and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Chewning were both awarded the Silver CAR Medal.

Also thanks to the Coweta Falls Chapter and the Piedmont Chapter in entering the CAR State Contest. Both were awarded streamers for their hard work. I was honored to represent the SAR and bring greetings to the CAR at their GA State Conference that was held Feb 21-22 at the Holiday Inn in Macon, GA.

State President, Abby Garnett raised \$11,000 towards her project "Rock the Fort". She was raising funds to construct an entrance sign with a rock base at the new visitors center at historic Fort Hawkins in Macon. In March, The GA State Society SAR sent \$100 to be a patron at the National Convention and \$250 towards National President, Erin Jackson's project was to raise funds for the First Oval Office exhibit at the Museum of American Revolution in Philadelphia, PA. The CAR appreciates the GA SAR's support.



Information Technology Committee—Ed Rigel, SR

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The GA SAR website is a constantly evolving and integral part of the Society in terms of dissemination of information. Areas are updated or added as soon as possible after the Committee has been informed of those needed changes. The 1st Quarter was a busy quarter with extensive updating of Chapter Officers and State Officers and Committee Chairs.

The Database Sub-committee was formed and charged with putting into place a new database system for the Society by the summer of 2016 met immediately following the GA SAR Annual Conference. In attendance: Allen Greenly, Ed Rigel Sr, Ed Rigel Jr, Scott Collins, John Goodwin, Gary Page, Chris Russo, George Wheelless, and Mike Watkins. Requirements for the new database were discussed and a list adopted. Gary Page agreed to use his resources to provide a time and cost estimate for converting the current Access database. The estimate will include taking the current database structure and migrating to a new cloud-based platform. Scott Collins and Ed Rigel, Jr. were appointed to begin work to identify the Point Of Service portion of the database to allow for online dues payments and other purchases. A hosting plan and cost for cloud based storage need to be determined.

Since that meeting, several email conferences have been held. Requirements for the database have been refined. A proposed cost for converting the database was approved by the Sub-Committee. The proposal will be presented to the State Executive Committee and then to the BOM at the Spring meeting.

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

BOM Members distribution list: gassar_bom@googlegroups.com

Color Guard Members distribution list: gassar_colorguard@googlegroups.com

The Committee works very diligently to keep the information on the Society website www.gassar.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.



Source Book Committee—Ed Rigel, SR

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1st Quarter Activity:

Follows is a list of SourceBook sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 1st Quarter 2016:

00.1 Index to the GA SAR Source Book.docx
 00.2 Source Book Committee.doc
 00.3 Introduction to Source Book.doc
 00.4.1 Instructions for Submitting Updates to the Source Book.doc
 00.4 Responsibilities for Update.doc
 03.0 Standing Committees.doc
 03.2.1 Georgia Society Committee Descriptions.doc
 06.1 - 06.3 Creation of New Chapters.doc
 08.7.1 Protocol Ranking at SAR Functions_2015.xls
 09.00 - 09.02 US Flag Protocol.DOC
 11.4.1F Application for Reinstatement for GA SAR Member.doc
 11.4.2F Application for Reinstatement-Transfer - Form 0918.pdf
 12.07.2 SAR Applications, Fees and Dues.doc
 14.1 Veterans Programs.doc
 14.1 Veterans.doc
 14.8 Gen. William C. Westmoreland Award Instructions.doc

16.0.1 Recipients--Medals, State & National.doc
 16.0.1.10 Recipients--Liberty Medals.doc
 16.0.1.2 Recipients--State Medal of Distinguished Service.doc
 16.0.1.4 Recipients--PG Robert B. Vance, Sr., Membership Trophy.doc
 16.0.1.6 Recipients -- Color Guard - State and National.doc
 16.0.1.7.1 Recipients--Color Guard Camp Followers Award.doc
 16.0.1.7.2 Recipients – Molly Pitcher Medal.doc
 17.0 Americanism Update to Source Book.docx
 17.01 Georgia Americanism Addendum 2016.xls
 17.02 - 2016 Target Points for Americanism Distinction & Excellence.xls
 17.3.0.2F 2016 President-General-Americanism-Scoresheet-2016-02-03.xls
 17.3.0.3 Americanism Instructions.pdf
 23.01 IRS Regulations, State and Chapter.doc
 23.2 - 23.5 Other Endowment Funds-1.DOC
 23.5.3 Roster of Georgia Fellows 23 Jan 2016.doc
 24.00 Media Program and Guide.doc
 24.45L Color Guard Camp Followers Award.doc
 27.6.1 Education Outreach Honor Roll.doc

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



Georgia Fellows Fund—Edward Rigel, Jr

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Roster of Georgia Fellows

(74 Georgia Fellows – January 23, 2016)

- Abbott, Kendall Edward
- Acree, Glynn
- Andrews, Richard
- Bearden, James
- Bolsen, Alex
- Burdick, Don
- Brown, Wayne
- Chapman, Christopher
- Chewning, Newton Walker
- Coursey, Roger W.
- Dayhuff, Barbara S.
- Dayhuff, Hal
- Dobbs, William
- Dooley, Joseph W.
- Faith, Robert D.
- Flanagan, Jimmy
- Galer, Robert
- Gibbs, Terry
- Golab, Theodore H. "Ted"
- Gray, Rita
- Gray, Skip
- Greenly, Allen
- Guest, Jackson "Jay"
- Guest, Sara
- Guzy, Karin
- Guzy, Larry
- Hammack, Shep
- Hampton, Charles
- Haught, Tucker
- Hays, Bill
- Hay, William (Bill) M., Sr.
- Henderson, Michael
- Henson, James Allen, Jr.
- Hulsey, Leland
- Jenkins, David Denton
- Jessel, David G.
- Jessel, Brenda
- Lamb, Roger G., Jr.
- Leathers, Bob
- Lynch, James W.
- Martin, Hall
- Maney, Bruce
- Maney, Charlene Strickland
- Manning, Terry E. P.
- Manning, Virginia Coning
- McCutcheon, John E.
- Newcomer, Charlie
- Newcomer, Clare
- Owen, Thomas M.
- Palmer, Virgil
- Prescott, Nancy
- Prescott, Paul I.
- Rigel, Edward P., Sr.
- Rigel, Joan S.
- Rigel, Edward P., Jr.
- Rigel, Brandy
- Rodgers, Hugh
- Sapp, Robert A.
- Scow, Steven
- Shaw, Bob
- Stallings, James, E., Sr.
- Stansberry, Douglas
- Thompson, Billy H.
- Thomas, Don Ray
- Thurmond, George
- Titus, David
- Tomme, Cilla Leed
- Tomme, J. Michael
- Turbyfill, Robert R., Jr.
- Turrentine, John E.
- Webb, Mark
- Woliver, Walt
- Wood, Carter J.

Memorial Roster of Georgia Fellows

- Virginia S. Acree
- Robert Bauchspies
- Dr. William L. Dobbs
- Richard E. Dolson
- Garnet L. "Jack" Ferguson
- Ed Fluker
- John Gillette
- Paul Stephen Grimes
- Robert N. Hale, Sr.
- Thomas McIntosh, Sr.
- Joyce Sapp
- Marty Thurmond
- Robert F. Towns
- Marilyn Vance

Memorial Contributions

Miscellaneous contributions have been made in memory of the following persons

- Jack Ferguson (2014)
- Paul Grimes (2011)
- Allen Henson, Sr. (2011)
- Elizabeth Estell Stansberry (2011)
- Sara L. "Marty" Thurmond (2014)
- Alice Tomme (2011)

Other Contributions

- Miscellaneous Contributions:
- Mount Pisgah Christian School
- Nathaniel Macon Chapter, NSDAR (2010)
- Zack Norville



Two requests were approved in 2016 for expenditures from the fund.

The Patriot Graves Committee was funded \$250 for the purchase of ten sets of "Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers", by Ross Arnold and Hank Burnham, for distribution to new Chapters.

The Education Committee was funded \$583.15 for the printing of 24"x18" posters of the inside graphic of the Patriot Brochure highlighting the 64 Georgia Counties named for Patriots.

Source Book The Georgia Fellows Donation Form is always available at our Source Book.

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BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK



(Photo by Rick Reese)

National Color Guard Vice Commander Mark Anthony, Secretary General J. Michael Tomme Jr, Georgia Society President Allen Greenly and Elijah Clarke Militia Commander Bruce Maney lead the parade in downtown Washington on Saturday, February 14, 2016.



(Photo by Rick Reese)

More than eighty wreaths were placed in honor at the monument atop 'War Hill' at the 237th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek.

Officers of Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution from several states rendered honors at this year's commemoration.

BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK



Elijah Clarke militia 'fires' on Loyalist forces at Kettle Creek



Colonel James Boyd's Tories return 'fire'

The SAR Americanism Youth Contests Medal Supporting the Poster Contest and the Brochure Contest

The Poster and the Brochure Contest's National level awards are not currently competitive among nationwide contests such as the VFW Patriots Pen Essay Contest, and even other SAR contests. The need to increase the amount of the cash prize awards for our Americanism Contests is well recognized.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place awards for the Elementary Poster Contest are: \$150; \$100; \$50. Awards for the Middle School Brochure Contest are just \$50 more at: \$200; \$150; \$100. Compared this to other SAR youth programs: The 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place awards for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest are: \$4,000; \$2,000; \$1,000. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place awards for the Knight Essay Contest are: \$5,000; \$2,500; \$1,000. And when we compare our middle school contest awards to our 'competition' we are embarrassed: the National Winner for the VFW's Patriot's Pen essay contest for 6-8th graders (middle school) is \$5,000 vs. ours at \$200. It is clear that it is our Poster Contest and the Brochure Contest awards are sub-par. The Orations and the Essay Contest have enriched their endowments and consequently their prize awards through direct donations and the sale of medals. The Americanism Committee needs to play catch up and fast! Please help the Americanism Committee recognize and reward our young people.



Americanism Youth Contest Medal

- The drape is red, yellow and blue; the primary colors taught in school.
- The medal has Benjamin Franklin image on it – plus his words of wisdom.
- The bottom of the medal reads: "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest".
- The top of the medal reads: "Americanism Youth Contests".
- Individuals contributing \$250 or more are eligible for the medal.

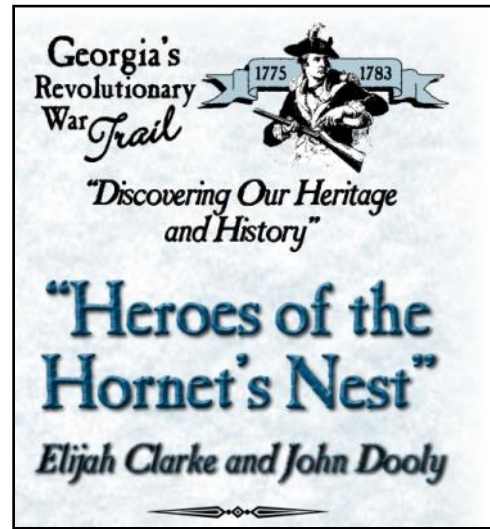
If you would like to purchase an **Americanism Youth Contest Medal**, please complete the form below: Make out the check for **\$250** paid to 'NSSAR'. In the check memo enter: "Americanism Youth Contest Medal." Confirm your order by emailing the Americanism Committee Chairman, Americanism@sar.org. You can pick up your medal at Congress, or at the next NSSAR Leadership Meeting. If you cannot attend Congress, or a NSSAR Leadership Meeting, make other arrangements in your order conformation email to the Americanism Committee Chairman.

Donor Name: _____

Email / Tel Number(s): _____

Mail to: **NSSAR Attn: Mary Butts**
809 W. Main Street Louisville, KY 40202-2619

Heroes of the Hornet's Nest



**Annual Celebration of
"Heroes of the Hornets Nest"**
Second Sunday in February
Elijah Clark State Park
Lincoln County, GA
GPS: N33.856 W81.466



(Photos by Rick Reese)

Chapter Reports

NEWS

Altamaha

The Altamaha Chapter Sons of the American Revolution held its quarterly meeting on Saturday February 6, 2016, at Captain Joe's Seafood Restaurant in Jessup. We had five members and four guests present. Dave Harrell was the guest speaker for the meeting. His topic was the Vietnam Era and he talked about his military service there.

Officers were also elected for the coming year. Officers elected were Jason Deal, interim president, R.M. Beaver Jr., secretary-treasurer and Wiley Waters, registrar. Southeast Regional Vice President John Turrentine was also a guest at our meeting. We also elected committee members for our annual Dr. Alexander Jackson Gordon Scholarship to be awarded later this year. Committee members include Jason Deal, Walter Dart and B.H. Claxton. We also made plans for the coming year.

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing our beloved David B. Dukes Sr. Compatriot Dukes passed away Friday, March 25, 2016 following an extended illness. Compatriot Dukes was a faithful and dedicated member of the Altamaha Chapter. He was a charter member of our organization in June, 1992 and served as long-time president and registrar of the chapter. In addition, he also served as Southeast Regional Vice President for the State SAR for a number of years. Members of the chapter paid their respects for Compatriot Dukes during his visitation and funeral services March 27 and March 28, respectively.

At Compatriot Dukes' funeral service Monday, March 28, members of the color guard joined an honor guard at his graveside service at the Priester Family Cemetery in Wayne County. Color guard members in attendance included Commander Dr. Edward P. Rigel Sr., James Stallings, Charlie Newcomer, Bill Ramsaur, Larry Wilson and Jimmy Boatright.

Atlanta

Major James N. Freeman of Lilburn, US Army, Retired, is the Georgia state winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award. Major Freeman was nominated by the Lawrenceville Philadelphia Winn Chapter of the DAR.

He is also the winner of the Southeastern Division (Alabama, Florida, Georgia Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee) and is now a national finalist.

The DAR Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award national winner will be announced at DAR's Continental Congress in Washington, DC, in June.



L to R: Ida "Bea" Fischer; Georgia DAR State Regent, Jim, and Marilyn Wallace, Chairman; DAR Service for Veterans

Athens



The Athens Chapter, Georgia Society held its annual George Washington Birthday Celebration, Youth and Public Service Awards and 2016 Chapter Officer Installation on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 2016 at the Thompson House and Gardens in Bogart, Georgia. Receiving the Youth awards was Noah Smith. He was recognized for being the chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award and also the chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest. Noah was also recognized for being the State runner-up for both the Eagle Scout Scholarship and Knight Essay Contest.

Public Service Awards were presented to members of the local Athens-Clarke County. Receiving the Medal for Heroism were Athens Clarke County Police Officers Andrew Cook and Stephen Van Bueren. Receiving the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was Chief Fred Stephens of the Clarke County School District. Receiving the Fire Safety Commendation Medal was Rick Vaughn of the Athens Clarke Fire Rescue Department. Receiving the Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal was Melissa Baird of National EMS serving the Athens Clarke Oconee Area.

Also receiving awards were Athens Clarke Mayor Nancy Denson who was recognized with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Compatriot Lowry of the Athens Chapter received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Pictured L to R: Chapter President Scott Collins, Noah Smith, Fred Stephens, Corry Harper receiving the award for his father Lowry Harper, Mayor Nancy Denson, Rick Vaughn, and Officers Andrew Cook and Stephen Van Bueren. Not pictured is Melissa Baird.



Athens Chapter 2016 Officers were installed by GASSAR President Allen Greenly.

Pictured L to R: President – Justin Reese III, Vice President – Virgil Palmer, Secretary – Billy Galt, Treasurer – Ed Lord, Registrar – Joe Neighbors, Chaplain – Wilbur Mull, Sergeant-at-Arms—Jay Guest.

Athens—continued

Heroism Medals



Athens Chapter President Scott Collins reads to citation for the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Heroism Medal presented to Senior Police officers Andrew Cook and Stephen Van Bueren

In the early morning hours of August 28, 2015, a resident of Bethel Midtown Village called 911 to report that a large amount of smoke and an audible alarm was coming from an apartment. At the same time, Senior Police Officer (SPO) Andrew Cook and SPO Stephen Van Bueren were in the area when a female flagged them down regarding a fire in an apartment.

They responded to the location without hesitation. The Officers surveyed the extent of the fire from the outside. They noticed the apartment was heavily covered in smoke and the fire alarms were going off inside the apartment. Other complex residents told the officers that people were inside. Since the door was locked, both officers took turns in kicking in the steel framed door. They located a female through the heavy smoke face down and unconscious on the bathroom floor.

When they carried her outside, she mumble "my baby". Officers Cook and Van Bueren feared that a child was still inside, went back into the apartment and located an adult male passed out on the couch with a blanket covering his whole body. He was taken outside by the officers. Officers Cook and Van Bueren went into the burning apartment a total of four times to ensure that no one was left inside.

The officers later learned that the female's "baby" was her husband, whom they had rescued. After the fire department arrived, it was determined that a large grease fire was the cause for all the smoke. The female was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

Due to the fast response of SPO Cook and SPO Van Bueren, the potential risk of serious bodily harm and property damage was avoided with the help of the fire department and EMS.

SPO Cook and SPO Van Bueren are commended for their life saving actions and their professional service to the department and the citizens of Athens-Clarke County.



Blue Ridge Mountains



New Chapter officers were installed at the January meeting. L to Right: Jack Duggar - Registrar, Wayne Elliott—Secretary, Paul Danner—Vice President, Sid Turner—President

Battlefield Crosses



These are but of several 'Battle Field Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter President Sidney Turner. Each one is a memorial to the Patriots, Compatriots and Veterans who have given their lives in service to our great nation. The crosses include period correct footgear, weapon and headgear.

Button Gwinnett



Our February program was presented by Compatriot Bill Kabel on the protocol for wearing the NSSAR and U.S. Military medals, complete with NSSAR handbook for each member.

BGSAR V.P. Bennie Koon awarded Bill with a BGSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent presentation.



President Bill Palmer awarded the NSSAR Air Force JROTC Outstanding Cadet Medal to Mercedes Bradley of Redan High in DeKalb County.



BGSAR President Bill Palmer presented two NSSAR Medals the Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR.

Regent Lydia McGill was awarded the Martha Washington Medal and Vice Regent Mary Watters with the Medal of Appreciation for their chapter's cooperation with SAR programs and events.

Button Gwinnett—continued

Two Generations of Compatriots at Kettle Creek



BGSAR President Bill Palmer presented Regent Melissa Ann Jeffers of the Suwanee Creek Chapter NSDAR with the NSSAR Martha Washington Medal for continuing support of the Button Gwinnett events and programs. Gordon Woodard, Don Loudermilk and Bruce Maney also attended the ceremony.



The Battle of Kettle Creek anniversary was well represented by the BGSAR.

Bruce Maney, Bill Grimes, Gordon Woodard and son Levi, Bill Palmer, Fred Meyer and his grandsons, Rigsby Barnes and Stewart Woodard.

The parade was led by Mark Anthony, SCSSAR, Americanism Chair; Mike Tomme, Secretary General NSSAR; Allen Greenly, President GASSAR and Bruce Maney BG SAR Deputy Color Guard Commander North Georgia.



Home and similar berch from seven markets of the Elijah Clarke Militia unit of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution color guard during Saturday's grave marker ceremony held at the Martin Baptist Church Cemetery.

Revolutionary look in Martin

BY TOM LAW
THE TOCCOA RECORD
Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) grave marker dedication ceremony for Andrew "Andy" Kirk Jones was held Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Martin Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jones was a member of the Button Gwinnett SAR chapter before his sudden death late in 2014. He was a son of Thomas Jones of Martin and could trace his Revolutionary War roots to Patrick Deane, who served in the Pennsylvania Militia before moving to Georgia after the war.

Gordon Woodard, president of the Button Gwinnett SAR, presided at the ceremony with the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard posting the colors.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by Paul Dennis, sergeant at arms of the Blue Ridge Mountains SAR chapter and Larry Whitfield of the Joseph Habersham SAR and color guard commander led the SAR pledges.

Thomas Jones read a biography of his son who worked primarily in the construction industry before his death, mostly with York Construction of South Carolina.

His widow, Twila Jones, joined his father in unveiling the SAR marker, followed by remarks from past Button Gwinnett SAR president Michael Henderson.

Words were presented and the militia unit attending the service fired a 23-gun musket salute.

The SAR is a patriotic, historical, education organization organized April 30, 1898.

The ceremony was co-sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains SAR chapter.



Piper John-Joyce Morrison plays as members of the Elijah Clarke Militia of the state SAR Color Guard march in to present the colors.

Larry Whitfield of the Joseph Habersham SAR bows in respect at the grave marker of Andy Jones.

A final tribute to BGSAR Compatriot Andrew "Andy" Kirk Jones in Martin Georgia. Bruce Maney, Gordon Woodard, Bill Palmer, Mike Ruff as well as the Elijah Clarke Militia offered a musket salute. (Reported by "The Toccoa Record")



Coweta Falls



Secretary's timely response in effect lifted the monument ban in the case of the grounds of the National Infantry Museum Foundation.

The monument was dedicated in 2009 after a fund drive raised enough to complete the structure and to provide a small surplus for future maintenance. The President General of SAR, David Appleby, attended as did representatives from other state societies of SAR a large Color Guard and the U.S. Army Fort Benning band.

Built of Georgia granite and ten feet tall, it is dedicated to the Revolutionary War Infantryman, Americas First Soldier and honors thirteen colonies; prominent on the granite is a life-size Private of the Maryland Continental Line and on the back if a militia patriot soldier.

Because of its location adjacent to the parade ground also used by Fort Benning for graduation of infantry training classes each Thursday and Friday the SAR Revolutionary War monument is seen by an estimated 3700 visitors per



week, most of them there to witness the graduation of husbands, wives, brothers, nephews, and friends. from basic US Army Combat training. Many stop and view the SAR site, with many pictures being taken of graduates with the monument as background.

Starting in 2007 the members of Coweta Falls chapter began raising money from its members for a Revolutionary War monument to be built on the grounds of the new Museum. The drive gained momentum and eventually four other state SAR societies donated funds. \$11,500 was raised and the monument was dedicated in 2009. A year later the chapter raised \$5220. and added two designer benches. The current total for the monument is \$16,525.

The recently completed fund drive raised another \$8,260 for more designer benches plus some other improvements. This project is still in process but is expected to be completed and paid for this year for a total of \$24785 raised within SAR for the monument since 2007 when conceived.

Revolutionary War Monument at the National Infantry Museum

Related by Bob Galer

History. During a talk ten years ago with the Director of the old Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Coweta Falls chapter leaders were notified of Army plans to join with the city of Columbus and build a new Museum just off post; and before they left, the SAR had an invitation to sponsor a monument to the American Revolution on the grounds. The chapter accepted the challenge. President William Hay appointed Bob Galer, past South Atlantic NSSAR Vice President General and past Georgia State President as monument chairman.

The Museum Foundation gave a choice spot at the head of the main Walk of Flags and pavers that led to the parade field and the WWII area. There was one hitch. The Army said we have a moratorium on monuments; none can be installed until a Supreme Court case is settled; that spot is on former Army property and the moratorium applies to you. The chapter wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Army requesting an exception, chapter members wrote Congressmen. The

Joseph Habersham

Our Chapter's Outstanding JROTC Cadet



L to R: William Raper, Cadet Captain Avero Howard, Dr Eric Colgrove, President of the Joseph Habersham Chapter

Cadet Captain Avero J Howard was nominated by LTC David A. Piatko of the Stephens County High School US Army JROTC program. Nominees for this honor were evaluated based on the quality of their written essays, letters of recommendation, academic achievement and their involvement in their schools and communities.

Avero was selected as the Joseph Habersham Chapter's Outstanding JROTC Cadet for the 2015-2016 School Year and then then competed at the State Society.

The SAR Habersham Chapter presented Cadet Howard a chapter award of \$200 along with the Bronze JROTC Medal and the state award of \$600 along with the Silver JROTC Medal during a chapter meeting held March 8. He now advances to the national level of competition in Boston next summer to compete in May for the distinction of National Outstanding JROTC Cadet.

Presenting Flag Certificates



Left—Lynwood Cash with Faculty at Hazel Grove Elementary



Right—Registrar Bill Raper with LTC Piatko at Stephens County High School

Joseph Habersham—continued

Ten-Year Membership Awards



Dr. Eric Colgrove, Chapter President presents Ten-Year Certificates and Medals to Lamar Wilbanks and to Curtis Martin, Jr.

Good Citizenship Medal



William Raper, Chapter Registrar presents the Bronze Good Citizen Certificate and Medal to Compatriot Rodney Coleman for Support to the chapter's Education Committee.

Joseph Habersham—continued



At Royston Elementary School David Grist, Bill Raper and Lynwood Cash outfitted a student in colonial era dress.



Lynwood Cash presents another Flag Certificate at the conclusion of a Trunk Talk. The Habersham Chapter saw:
Toccoa - 300 students and 13 teachers
Carnesville—106 students and 4 teachers
Hazel Grove—38 students and 2 teachers
Lavonia - 76 students and 3 teachers



Presentation of Flag Certificate to fourth Grade teachers for Mossy Creek Elementary School in White County.

Joseph Habersham—continued



The Joseph Habersham Chapter Gave Traveling Trunk Presentations to about 18 hundred Students and Teachers in Twenty Schools.



Marshes of Glynn

Recognizing members of “The Greatest Generation”

Recently, Past President of the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter, Jimmy Boatright presented Patriots Plaque in commendation for their Distinguished Service in the Armed Forces during WW II.

Herb Campbell, Sergeant in the US Army in the Pacific Theater.

Jack O'Hagan, Sergeant in the US Army serving in England, Belgium, France, and Germany.

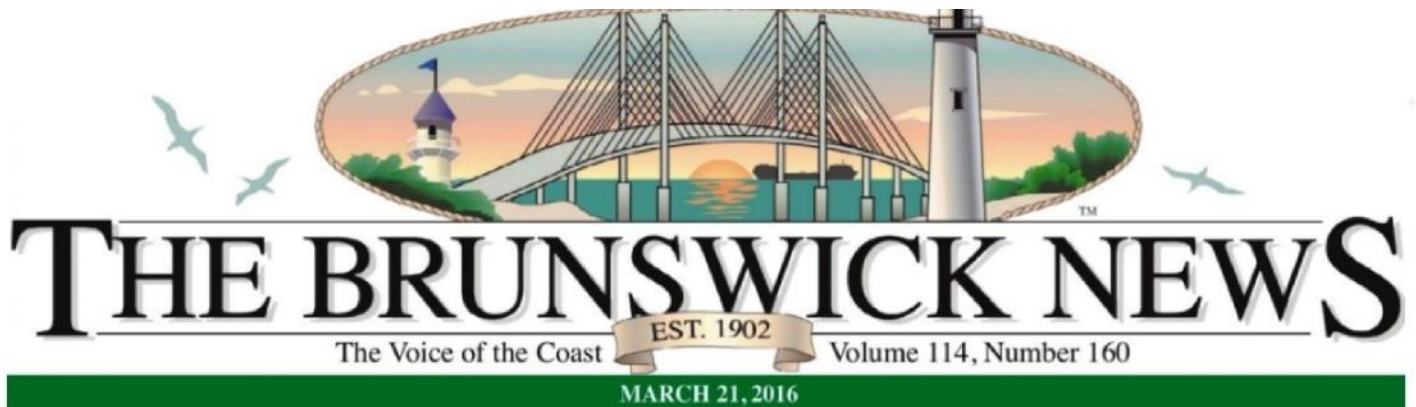
Terry Doster, Technical Sergeant in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in locations throughout England.

Calvin Lang, Coxswain in the Navy serving in the Pacific Theater. James Thomason received the award for Mr. Lang.



L-R: Jimmy Boatright, Chapter Past President; Terry Doster; Herb Campbell; Jack O'Hagan; James Thomason; Johnny Turrentine,

Marshes of Glynn—continued



Monday, March 21, 2016

SAR awards scout with medal, certificate

Posted by
Steven Hinson

Recently, the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, awarded Reese Brown of Troop No. 204 with a bronze good citizenship medal and an Eagle Scout recognition certificate.

Reese is the son of Brad and Debbie Brown. Reese has earned more than 30 merit badges and completed an Eagle Scout project in Historic Wright Square in Brunswick. The bronze good citizenship medal was awarded to Reese for his community, scout, church, and school involvement and his project at Wright Square.

Pictured, from left, are **Brad Brown, Debbie Brown, Reese Brown** and **Steven Hinson**, member of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.



Lyman Hall



(Photo by James Parker)

US Marine Corporal (Ret) Sean Adams spoke at the January meeting of the Lyman Hall Chapter. Sean is a graduate of local Chestatee High School and was severely wounded while serving in Iraq.

Sean related the story of his injury, his long difficult recovery at Bethesda Naval Hospital and his new life and perspective that has led him to find ways to assist and support others.

He reported the happy news that the 'Gary Sinese Foundation' has selected him to be the recipient of one of their many newly built homes. Also known as 'Lt Dan' of the "Forrest Gump" movie, Gary's foundation constructs homes that are designed for the specific needs of the individual veteran.

Sean travels to encourage and inspire at risk youth to overcome their problems by following his example of courage and commitment.

The Lyman Hall chapter was proud to award Sean with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The medal was presented by Chapter members who are themselves military veterans.



Capping of a day of classroom visits, Compatriot Carter Wood presented a Flag Certificate at Bramlett Elementary School in Barrow County on February 26, 2016.

Mr. Don Scott was nominated by school Faculty and Administration to receive the certificate on behalf of the school as recognition of his service with the United States Marine Corps and his faithful attention to flag etiquette at the school.

Over a hundred fourth graders participated in the Lyman Hall Chapter 'Trunk Talk' and coverage of Georgia Performance Standards curriculum for 'Colonial Era Life' and 'Georgia's role in the American Revolution'.



Lyman Hall—continued

Honoring the Father of our Country

Compatriots from several chapters and leaders of the Daughters of the American Revolution braved the elements at the 19th annual commemoration at the Gainesville Washington Memorial on his birthday, Monday February 22nd.



(Photo by James Parker)



A scene from the original dedication ceremony—1997

L to R: Rhuel Dennis Patterson, James Clark McLeroy, Hugh F. Mills, Jr., John Paul Souther, Ms. Martha Simmons, President of Sun Trust Bank, and James H. Telford.



(Photo by James Parker)

L to R: Ed Rigel, Sr, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, DAR Col William Candler Chapter Regent Christine Lanzing, DAR State Regent Bea Fischer, Hall Martin , Roscoe McMillan and Larry Whitfield.

Lyman Hall—continued



Dr James Parker presented the SAR Silver ROTC Medal at the University of North Georgia to Cadet Staff Sergeant Connor Bane.

Compatriot John Goodwin informed and entertained members and guests at the March meeting of Lyman Hall chapter in Gainesville.

John explained that reading his lineage is simple in that his name is John Goodwin. His father's name was John Goodwin as was his grandfathers.

His presentation included excerpts from his grandfather's diary of a Civil War soldier. Some of the stories were directly descriptive of the everyday life of a soldier. Others gave a humorous perspective on their opinion and attitudes.

Maybe the most memorable was a story about the sometimes improvised diet of the soldiers and its side effects or outcomes.

The audience reaction was not unlike that of the very many fourth-grade students that John visits in local public schools every year.



(Photo by James Parker)

Lyman Hall—continued

Congratulations for 40 Years !



James Parker, PhD was recognized at the March 2016 meeting of Lyman Hall Chapter for 40 years of membership with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Chapter President Carter Wood presented Compatriot Parker with a certificate and 40th Anniversary pin.



Georgia Society President Allen Greenly inducted a new Lyman Hall Compatriot at the March meeting. James Blakely Butterworth was accompanied by his father James who pinned on the SAR rosette.



Georgia Society President Allen Greenly installed two new officers for the Lyman Hall Chapter. James Newby Butterworth will serve as Vice President. Compatriot Herbert Lawrence Dennis is the new Chaplain.



(Photos by James Parker)

Ocmulgee

Peach County Patriot



In a great example of Compatriots and Chapters working together, the Ocmulgee Chapter hosted and supported a Patriot Grave marking for the ancestor of Jack Duggar of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.

It took more than three years for Jack to research his ancestor, William Wiggins, Jr.



Patrick Carr Rangers

Eastern Region VP Chip Durden Visits Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter



On March 7, 2016, the Georgia Society East Region Vice-President Chip Durden traveled to Waynesboro, GA to visit one of his SAR Chapters. The Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter held its meeting at the home of their President David Hargrove and served an outstanding meal prepared by Mrs. Hargrove.

Vice President Durden brought "greetings" from the Georgia Society and the East Region. Accompanying Chip was the Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr. and Registrar Dess Smith III.

Piedmont



(Photo by Rick Reese)

Compatriot Carl Bhame lost a valiant battle with cancer and passed away on March 10, 2016.

Carl was a long time member of the Piedmont Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, having served as Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary, and most recently Chapter Registrar. He also served the Georgia Society as Chairman of the DAR Liaison Committee.

Carl was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his long-time SAR service; but, because of ill health, was not at the annual GASSAR awards banquet in January to receive his honor. Uniformed GASSAR color guard members, including GASSAR state President Allen Greenly, presented Carl's wife Linda Bhame with Carl's Silver Roger Sherman Medal in a ceremony during the reception after Carl's funeral service on Sunday March 13, 2016.

Piedmont—continued

'Faces of War'

*(Photo by Rick Reese III)*

The Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a ceremony at the “Faces of War” monument located on the Roswell, GA City Hall grounds. The date of the ceremony was March 29th, which was the 43rd anniversary of the end of fighting in the Vietnam War (March 29, 1973).

It was a ceremony to honor the Vietnam Veterans and give them the welcome home that they never received at that time.

Representing the Piedmont Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Rick Reese, Jr. attended that ceremony in uniform and functioned as Color Guard Commander with members of our color guard Shep Hammack and Randy Pollard to present the colors (US and GA state flags) to open the ceremony.

The event was attended by over 34 people, including four Vietnam Veterans and USMC Captain (ret) George Nelson. Captain Nelson, who oversaw construction of the memorial, spoke to the group about the creation of the “Faces of War” memorial.

*(Photo by Rick Reese III)*

Robert Forsyth

On February 26, the Robert Forsyth Chapter presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Deputy United States Marshal Donald R. "Russ" Hathaway. Deputy Hathaway was instrumental in the arrest and prosecution of a man who had been impersonating a US Marshal in the Atlanta area. Deputy Hathaway facilitated meetings and interviews with key witnesses in anticipation of trial and sentencing. The relationships he developed with the witnesses led to them submitting victim impact statements to be used at sentencing. The suspect received the maximum sentence of 120 months imprisonment. Deputy Hathaway was recognized by the US Attorney's Office for his diligence and devotion to seeing a dangerous criminal removed from the streets.



At its December meeting, the Robert Forsyth Chapter presented Public Safety Medals to two members of the Forsyth County Emergency Services team. Retired Battalion Chief Tommy Coleman was recognized as Firefighter of the Year, and Katie Bardo as EMS Person of the Year.

Chief Coleman recently retired after 43 years of service as a firefighter, serving in the Atlanta Fire Department while volunteering for the Forsyth County Fire Department until 1999, when he began serving Forsyth County full-time. He was described as a "tough, unyielding firefighter" by his superiors. EMT Bardo, who serves as a Paramedic Captain, "exemplifies the EMS Professional" and "has dedicated her career to public service."



Samuel Elbert

The Samuel Elbert Chapter was chartered at the Elberton Country Club on Friday, December 1, 1995, with 15 members. Charter Members were: Jack R. Bozeman*, President; Robert Heard*, V-President; Charles Cecchini, Treasurer; Leon Stratton*, Secretary; Russell Slaton*, Registrar; William Banks Sr*, Chaplain; Ross Banks; Kirk Bozeman; James Louie Bradley*; L. H. Hunt*; Charles Mann, Thomas Sigman Jr.; Thomas Sigman III; Timothy Sigman*; Larry Wilson; Marion Slaton. * = Deceased.

On December 3rd the Chapter celebrated its twentieth anniversary by recognizing charter members with a SAR medal. Twenty year continuous member were: Rev. Jack R. Bozeman, Attorney Robert Heard, Charles Cecchini, Grady Leon Stratton, Russell Slaton, William Banks, Sr. Ross Banks, Larry Wilson, James Louis Bradley, L. H. Hunt, Charles Mann, Thomas Sigman Jr., Thomas Sigman III, Timothy Sigman, Marion Slaton, Gene Anderson, Marion McMullan, Kirk Bozeman, Clyde Adams and Brown Thompson.



L-R: President of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution W. Allen Greenly, Dr. Edna Eberhardt,

JROTC winners
Lauren LeBarron - 1st
Victoria Kotel - 2nd

Knight Essay winners
Jackson Caruso - 1st
Victoria Berry - 3rd

Larry Wilson, President Samuel Elbert Chapter

Poster Contest Winners

Front Row— L to R:
Brady Bowen—3rd place
Audrey Poon—1st place
Kasea Carter—2nd place

Back Row—L to R:
Mrs. Renee Dove, 4th Grade Teacher
Connie Spivey, Principal— who supported this program as part of the study of the American Revolution in their curriculum.
Larry Wilson



Poster Contest Judging Chairman Jack McConnell is shown returning the students' posters.

Chairman of the Poster Contest Tom Cade Smith prepared checks and certificates to award the winners of the contest.

President Larry Wilson on left.



Chapter officers for 2016 are: Larry Wilson, President, Olds Harris, Vice President; Tommy Starrett, Treasurer.; George Tate, Secretary; Gen. Joel Seymour, Chaplain; Tom Cade Smith, Youth Chairman.; Starke Jaudon, Sergeant at Arms; Ex-Officio; Jim Lloyd.

William Few



On March 28, 2016, members of the Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Augusta to attend the William Few Chapter meeting. East Region Vice-President Chip Durden was making his yearly visit to the William Few Chapter, one of four Chapters in his region, so Chip's wife Jane along with Wiregrass members Wilder and Dess Smith decided to attend with him.

We were in for a great night. The program for the evening was hosted by the William Few Chapter Vice-President Sonny Pittman who introduced author and historian Daniel Johnson from South Carolina. Daniel presented his power point program on his book, "The Battle at Brier Creek".

Also, the Georgia Society President Allen Greenly brought greetings from the Society and spoke for about 20 minutes on the status of the Georgia Society and his vision of the direction that the Society needs to focus. One of his five goals in 2015-16 is helping to make the Brier Creek Battlefield in Screven County, GA a National Society SAR event. The four Chapters of the East Region include the William Few (Augusta), Wiregrass (Swainsboro), Patrick Carr Rangers (Waynesboro) and the Mill Creek (Statesboro).

In the next couple of months, the William Few and Wiregrass Chapters hope to have enough new members from the Screven County area to form the new Brier Creek Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. They both have been preparing applications for new members and have had approved or submitted to the Georgia Society over 15 applications for this new chapter in Screven County.



On March 28, our chapter held its first quarter meeting at Pizza Central Restaurant in Evans with about 50 members and guests in attendance.

We welcomed new compatriots Bill Croft and his son, David.

William Few—continued

The Col. William Few Chapter hit the ground running in the 1st quarter of 2016. At the GASSAR Annual Meeting in January, our chapter was well represented with several individual and chapter awards, streamers, and recognitions for its activities in 2015. Chapter compatriot Alan Smith was elected GASSAR Chaplain,

Jack Stone received a certificate of appreciation for his photography and videography work on our past two patriot grave marking ceremonies. Chapter Compatriot Don Thomas, Sr. and his wife Pat, both received medals and certificates for their participation in the GASSAR color guard. Chapter Compatriot Bill Colbert received a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for his patriot Micajah Crenshaw.

Thanks to the hard work of many of our chapter compatriots, we are able to administer SAR education outreach programs such as Traveling Trunk, JROTC/ROTC, Eagle Scouts, as well as Veteran recognition and Patriot grave marking, etc. We are blessed to have many opportunities to serve in all of these areas. Our current membership stands at 51 members with 14 applications currently under review at state or national, and an additional 6 applications under development.



In March, we continued our activities with Compatriots Sonny Pittman and Bill Croft raising the flag at Meadow Garden, home of George Walton, for the GSDAR conference.



April has seen more traveling trunk presentations by Compatriot Don Thomas Sr. and his wife, Pat.



Chapter Compatriot John Garcia presented an Eagle Scout certificate to Kenneth Hunter, who was a guest of Compatriot Don Anderson.

William Few—continued



Under the leadership of Compatriot and Immediate Past Chapter President Bill Colbert, we are well underway with our JROTC presentations.

We look forward to the remainder of 2016 as we continue to work hard on meeting the goals and objectives of the SAR.



In February, several compatriots attended and participated in the Heroes of the Hornet's nest commemoration at Elijah Clarke State Park, the Revolutionary Days events in Washington, GA, including the parade in Washington, the reenactment of the Battle of Kettle Creek, and the Kettle Creek memorial event at War Hill.



On March 28, our chapter held its first quarter meeting at Pizza Central Restaurant in Evans with about 50 members and guests in attendance.

Our guest speaker was Daniel McDonald Johnson from Allendale, SC, who spoke on the Battle of Brier Creek. GASSAR President Allen Greenly joined us for the meeting and enumerated his goals and objectives for 2016. East Region Vice President Chip Durden was in attendance as well, and Bill Tankersley attended the Wiregrass Chapter monthly meeting in Swainsboro.

Wiregrass

Wiregrass Members attend Ebenezer Roundtable



Members of the Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution traveled to the town of New Ebenezer in Effingham County, GA to attend a roundtable of archeologist, authors, historians and publishers. Each addressor was given 15 minutes to discuss and answer questions. Editor Charles B. Baxley of the "Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution" was the organizer and master of ceremonies attended by more than seventy-five people.

The session started at 10:00 am, then a break for lunch at the retreat center and continued through that afternoon. The day ended with a tour of one of the bunkers that still exists from the defense of the town during the 1700's. The Town of New Ebenezer was settled on the Savannah River in 1736. The Jerusalem Lutheran Church was built in 1767 and still stands today. The bells in the church were brought from Europe and are still rung before each service. These bells are the oldest in Georgia. Jerusalem is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has Sunday School and Worship Service each week, as well as other ministries during the week.

Ebenezer became the first capital of Georgia. John A. Treutlen, a member of the Jerusalem congregation was the first governor. Charles Baxley announced that the Ebenezer roundtable would be held again next year in February. Those attending from the Wiregrass Chapter, GASSAR, were President Wilder Smith, East Region Vice-President Chip Durden, Secretary/Treasurer Ruskin Powell, Registrar Dess Smith III and soon to be Wiregrass Chapter member Dr. John Derden. Also in attendance were Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr, Vice President General for the South Atlantic District and Mrs. Joan Rigel.



Brier Creek Battle Bike Ride

The 6 Pounder Cannon Crew from the Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, traveled to the American Revolution War Battlefield at Brier Creek to start the 3rd Annual Brier Creek Battle Bike Ride on Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Screven County, GA.

Bill Bailey, organizer and Chairman of the Annual Bike Ride asked the Wiregrass Chapter to start his bike ride with our "flintlocks", but we volunteered Compatriot Steve Burkes 6 pounder Cannon that Steve had just finished building. The Brier Creek Battle Bike Ride would be the "Cannon's" first event and it was a good one.

Those participating from the Wiregrass Chapter were Steve Burke, the builder and owner of the 6 pounder Cannon, Ruskin Powell, Tommy Christopher and Lee Smith.

Wiregrass—continued



L to R: Loy D Cowart and Flag Certificate Chair Pete Rountree

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded Loy D. Cowart of Twin City, GA with its 20th U.S. Flag Certificate for flying the U.S. Flag and flying it correctly. The Certificate was awarded to Loy D. Cowart at our monthly meeting held on March 10, 2016 at the New China Restaurant in Swainsboro.

Wiregrass Chapter Flag Chair Pete Rountree presented the Certificate to Loy D. Cowart Chair Pete Rountree said that this "Certificate of Commendation" was given to Loy D 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 ongoing project of the Wiregrass Chapter, GASSAR, and the NSSAR and we will be honoring others with is certificate.

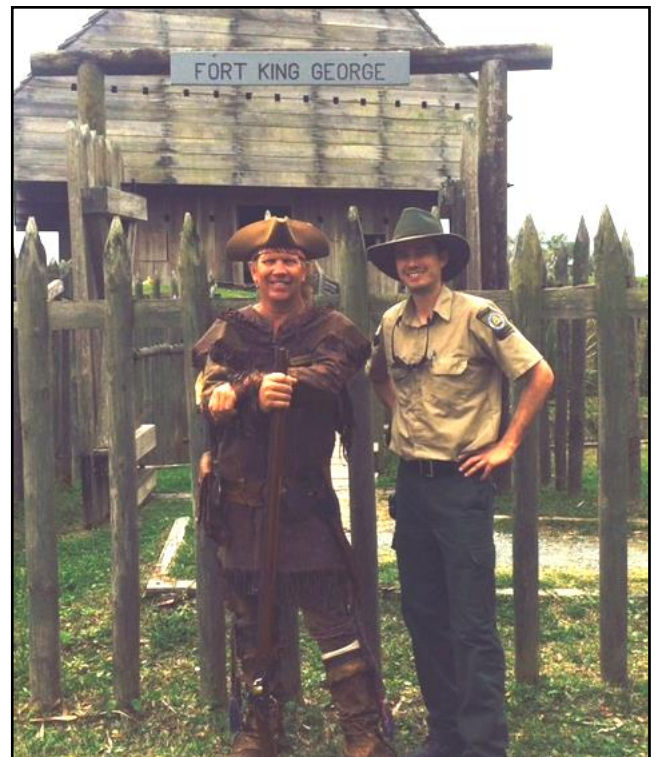
Fort King George

On Friday, March 18, 2016, Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution member Steve Burke traveled to Darien, GA to participate in the Fort King George State Historic Site: Scottish Heritage Days Celebration.

Compatriot Burke wore his home made American Revolutionary War Militia uniform and carried his Pennsylvania/Kentucky Flintlock Rifle as he displayed all the 1700's artifacts that he has collected or manufactured himself.

He also presented programs on his display during Friday's "Student Day" at the historic site. Saturday's events included Opening Announcements & Cannon Firing, Scottish Games beginning, Spanish Soldiers, Scottish Dancing with Cramptons, Georgia's Darien Highlanders 1736-1752, American Indians, Colonial Fashion Show, Battle Reenactment, and a Concluding Artillery Program.

On Sunday the event was Kirkin' of the Tartans.



Wiregrass—continued



Wiregrass Chapter members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Wilder and Dess Smith, attended the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 12, 2016 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

President Wilder Smith, Jr. is seen in the photo presenting the Wiregrass Chapter Wreath to honor those American Patriots who fought and died to win our freedom from the British Empire on March 15, 1781.

Other events during the weekend's Observance were music by the Guilford Courthouse Fifes & Drums, Carolina Colonial Dancers, Small Arms Demonstration at the Militia Camp, Guided Battlefield Walk, Living History: Soldier's Life in Camp.

The main event being the Tactical Demonstrations and Reenactment of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Several cannons were used, including Calvary and approximately 600 Continentals, Militia and British soldiers for the one hour battle.

Junior Member

Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr. traveled to Greensboro, NC on March 12, 2016 along with Compatriot Dess Smith III to participate in the 235th Anniversary Observance of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

On the way back home they both stopped and spent the night with Dess's son and grandson; both members of the Wiregrass Chapter SAR in Swainsboro.

Richard Torpin Smith III was presented by Wilder Smith, Jr. with Torpin's National Society Sons of the American Revolution Certificate as a "Junior Member" of the Wiregrass Chapter as of November 3, 2015.

A Junior member is a full member of the SAR, but until he reaches the age of 18, he cannot hold office or vote in the Chapter. Torpin was approved as a member at the age of 5 months and 18 days old.



History on Wheels



The American Values Traveling Museum is an act of Love for The United States of America. This Museum is contained in a large Gooseneck dual axel Car Hauler pulled by a Ford F-350 Dually, and can be booked within a 50 mile radius of the Metro Atlanta Area.

The Museum is designed to take a chronological walk through American History, depicting all of our Conflicts and Wars starting from the Revolutionary War through the Current War on Terror. At each exhibit, you will see artifacts, uniforms, and equipment used in these various conflicts and wars.

At each venue one will see how many American and Allied soldiers were killed, wounded or declared missing in action. The military displays have historical authenticity.

Dr. Knox Herndon is a US Army Retired Airborne Chaplain who has a total of 30 years of Active and Reserve Service. He is the owner, curator, and designer of all the authentic displays.

Chaplain Herndon has 156 Jumps from military aircraft. He was the Airborne Chaplain at our Parachute Training School at Fort Benning for two years, and then spent three years in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC where he was in the Airborne Assault into Grenada in 1983. This was when 2nd Brigade of the 82nd, and a Ranger Battalion, liberated the Medical Students who were there when Cuban Communist came in and built a 10,000 foot runway that would have been capable of large air operations up the Eastern Coast of the United States. The operation was named (Operation Urgent Furry.)



The museum depicts the Cold War to include Berlin's (Checkpoint Charlie) where East met West. The Museum has lights, sound, and TV and DVD capabilities.

This very informative Museum can be brought to your Organization, School, Church or Patriotic event. For Booking call Dr Herndon on his cell at 678-665-3623, or his land line at 770-729-2365, or he can be emailed at khern2365@aol.com





**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 [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 Marshall
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
Amelia R. Pelton - Music, Videography & Photography
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MG Donald Burdick - Properties
William Allen Greenly - SAR State President, ex officio

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George Walton

George Walton (II) was born in or near Farmville, Cumberland County, Virginia, in late 1749 or early 1750, the date is uncertain. His parents, Robert Walton (II) (died 1750) and Mary (Hughes) Walton (1723–1756), having died when George was young, his uncle and aunt, George and Martha (Hughes) Walton raised him. They apprenticed him at the age of 15 as a builder under Christopher Ford, but secured a release from the indenture before his term expired. He moved to Savannah in 1769, and studied law in the office of Henry Yonge. He was admitted before the General Court of Georgia in 1772, and soon maintained a successful practice. He was secretary of the provincial assembly of July 1775. In December of that year he became president of the Council of Safety. In January of 1776 the assembly selected Walton as one of Georgia’s delegates to the Continental Congress. He returned to Philadelphia at the end of June, taking his seat on 1 July, just in time to sign the Declaration of Independence.

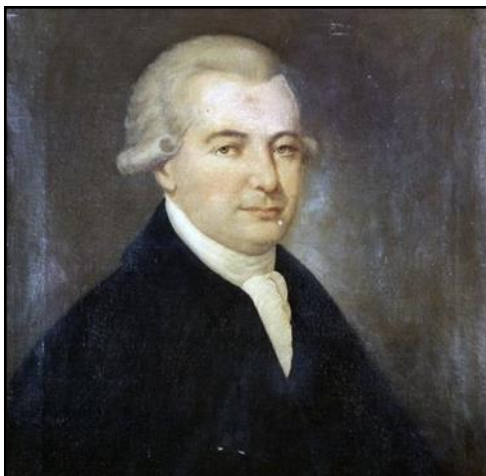
In May of 1776 a British spy in Savannah submitted to Sir James Wright a secret report on affairs in Georgia. This spy reported that the Continental Congress had issued Georgia between £15,000 and 20,000 (sic) in paper money, but that “George Walton & some others are Supposed to have Purloined much of the Money that has been issued.”

In June 1777, the governor commissioned Walton colonel commanding the 1st Regiment Georgia Militia. After the British landed at Savannah in December of 1778, COL Walton refused to subordinate himself and his militia command to his superior Continental commander. During their attack on the city, the British wounded Walton in the thigh and captured him. They held him prisoner until his exchange on 15 October 1779. In November of 1779 the newly-convened General Assembly in Augusta elected Walton governor of Georgia.

Suddenly, in an about-face he never explained, Walton sent a request to Congress that his former close friend Brigadier General Lachlan McIntosh be relieved of his command in Georgia. Walton supported this demand with a document allegedly signed by William Glascock, Speaker of the Assembly. Subsequently, Glascock repudiated this letter as a forgery, and McIntosh spent much of the rest of his life trying to clear his name. Walton never clarified his sudden antipathy for his former friend. Walton returned to the Continental Congress in 1780, and served there until September of 1781. He remained in Philadelphia until the war ended.

In 1783, while still in Continental commission, CPT William McIntosh, son of General Lachlan McIntosh, threatened to whip George Walton, now the new chief justice of Georgia. A few days later, CPT McIntosh met Walton on the street and horsewhipped him, his blows “well laid on.” McIntosh went before a court-martial, charged under the Articles of War with “interruption of the civil police,” but the results of this court are unknown.

Walton also planted rice, but was a failure in that enterprise. He subsequently moved to Augusta, where he again farmed. In 1787 George Walton and COL James Gunn fought a duel, in which Walton received a shot through his thigh. Two years later the electorate again elected Walton governor. Late in 1795 Governor George Mathews appointed Walton to fill the unexpired term of James Jackson as U.S. senator from Georgia. Walton died on 2 February 1804 at his home near Augusta.



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George Walton married Dorothy Camber. The British held her as a prisoner in the West Indies during part of the Revolution. She died in Pensacola, Florida, on 12 September 1832 at the residence of her son George Walton Jr., being buried in St. Michael's churchyard in the old burial ground in Pensacola.

George Walton and his wife Dorothy (Camber) Walton had two sons:

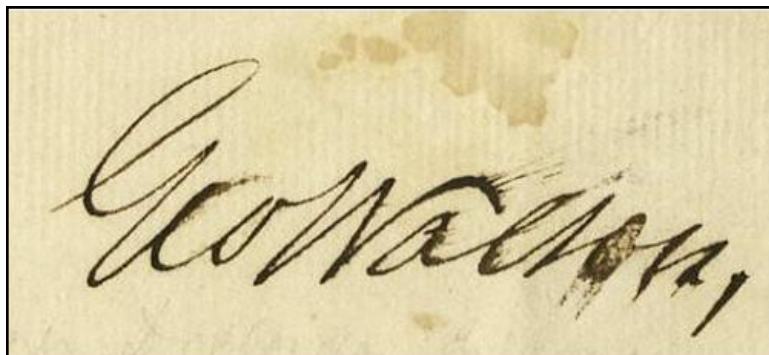
1. Thomas Camber Walton, born in 1776, became a lawyer, and died unmarried at Meadow Garden near Augusta on 13 December 1803.

2. George Walton Jr. (IV), born in 1786, died in 1859 at Petersburg, Dinwiddie County, Virginia. He graduated from Princeton. An act of the legislature assented to on 15 December 1809 admitted George Walton (IV) to the practice of law in Georgia. George Walton was elected to the Georgia legislature in 1810, and "served several sessions (1810, 1811, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819) with credit." In 1821 he received the appointment of secretary of the Territory of Florida under the governorship of Andrew Jackson, and succeeded Jackson as governor of that territory. George married

Sally Minge Walker. She died in Mobile in 1861. The children of George Walton Jr. and his wife Sally (Walker) Walton were:

2-1. Octavia Celeste Walton, born in 1811, married in 1836 Dr.

Henry Strachey LeVert (1804–1864) of Mobile, Alabama, and became a well-known writer. She was accomplished in the languages and music, and was a brilliant conversationalist, having traveled abroad extensively. "Madame LeVert," as she was known, died of pneumonia on Monday, 12 March 1877, at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Reab in Summerville. They had daughters, Octavia, Claudia, Sarah, and Ann Casanetta ("Carra Netta"), the last named marrying Lawrence Augustus Rigail Reab of



Augusta. Lawrence A. Reab and his wife had an only child, George Walton Reab.

2. Robert Watkins Walton, born in Augusta in 1812, served as a major in a Mobile regiment of volunteers in the Creek War, and mayor of Mobile, Alabama, at the time of his death, which occurred on 22 March 1849.

Conclusion

The youngest and one of the least-populated of the 13 colonies, Georgia was unable to prepare itself for revolution, could not defend itself when it came, nor free itself upon its subjugation. Of the five men Georgia selected to represent it in Congress in 1776, the two native-born delegates declined to attend, and the three delegates who had moved there as adults did so, but took no active part in the debates preceding the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

At this remote time it is difficult to understand some of the motives of those who represented Georgia during the signing, especially since neither we nor they could fully appreciate the revolutionary events occurring around them. Without knowing all of the facts, it is incumbent upon us to show them charity. Certainly, the appreciation of Georgia was such that its legislature named a county for each of the three men, and buried Hall and Walton under a monument to them as Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

It is a salient point that there are no living descendants of any of Georgia's three Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

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The First Entrepreneur by Edward G. Lengel

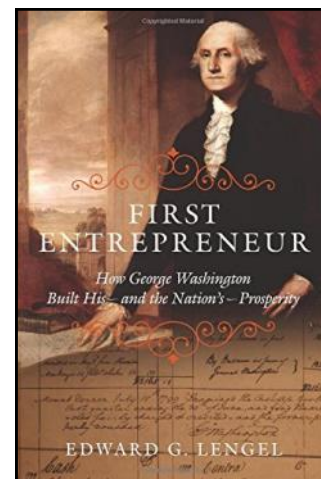
When one thinks of George Washington, perhaps the first image is that of the military commander of the Revolutionary War. Next might be Washington as president. Few are likely to picture Washington as a businessman, entrepreneur and far-seeing economic pragmatist.

As Edward G. Lengel demonstrates, Washington became very much the businessman, the capitalist, and as president he pursued growth in domestic manufacturing through a free market. In a very real sense he shaped the young nation through commerce both internally and throughout the world. Washington was self-taught in the ways of business. This knowledge did not come easily. Through observation and practical experience as surveyor, his early association with the military, and managing the estate that would become Mount Vernon, he learned the value of thrift, precise record keeping, avoidance of debt, investments, markets and a multitude of requirements which molded him into a successful business manager. For many years he fought to free himself, and eventually the country, from the British colonial system which suppressed American business and forced dependence upon, and a cycle of continuous debt to, the British.

Realizing that the Continental Army was in many respects a business that to be successful must function as a business he continually sought responsible management even in the most dire of times. He was bold, but not reckless. He always kept in mind that the army, which was his business, had to survive and continue to exist. For years Washington had not only to fight on the battlefield but also fight for the financial resources, as stable as possible, to remain in the field. Lengel, who knows more about Washington's papers than anyone, provides a multitude of documents revealing Washington's business-like thinking even during the most trying of military situations.

As president, Washington would look beyond the horizon to see distant goals and set a course for national prosperity through his policies. Most interesting is that Washington did not seek to use the power of the government to interfere with business. Rather, he believed that strength, economic as well as potential military, would come from the prosperity of the people as they sought the fruits of their labor. He viewed the government as encouraging entrepreneurship at every level. He firmly believed that if Americans were free to use their hard work and brains to build better mousetraps then the world would beat paths to their doors. And that the government ought to stay out of the way as much as possible.

First Entrepreneur is very readable and provides a view of Washington that most, even those who have followed Washington closely, may never have recognized. It is fascinating, enlightening and very convincing. Highly recommended.



The Return of George Washington 1783-1789 by Edward J. Larson

While mountains of books have been written about George Washington most have covered his wartime or presidential careers. Few have discussed in any depth the period between his remarkable resignation as commander in chief through his inauguration of President. That is precisely the scope of this utterly fascinating book.

Washington often commented that he wished to retire to a peaceful life at Mount Vernon where he could sit "under his vine and fig tree" in peace. That is how many of us think of him spending his time between the Revolutionary War and the Presidency. As Edward Larson tells us a great deal of immense importance occurred during those years and Washington was deeply involved.

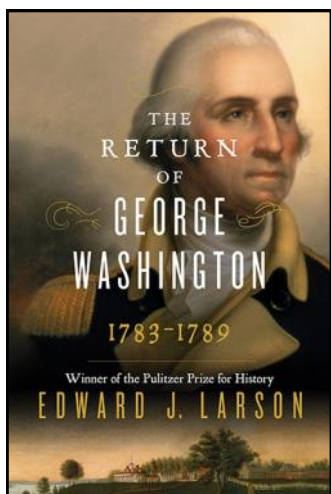
While Washington was sincerely desirous of living out his days as a gentleman on his Virginia estates he did not, and could not, turn his back on the country he had done so much to create. As it became clear that the government under the Articles of Confederation could not function effectively and the states were quarreling among themselves Washington feared that the country would founder.

Realizing that the new nation must not be fragmented Washington sought ways to tie the growing areas West of the Appalachians with the established areas along the coast. In 1784 Washington made a six week long trip across the mountains to inspect his property in western Pennsylvania and Virginia. Washington witnessed first hand that the western settlers had few links to those across the mountains to the east and that the frontier was not secure from Indian attacks. In addition, there were still forts manned by the British on what was now US territory.

It became clear to Washington that the central government must be strong enough to secure the border as well as encourage the over mountain settlers to remain attached to the rest of the country.

My only complaint about the book stems from the chapter on Washington's 1784 western trip. I was disappointed that many place names and geographic areas are discussed yet no map is provided for the reader to follow the narrative. To fully understand the chapter reference to a map is essential.

Washington, operating from Mount Vernon, carried on a huge correspondence with leaders throughout the country on the need for a strong government. This led to him becoming, somewhat reluctantly, the President of the Constitutional Convention. The political maneuvering is explained in a very clear and engaging manner. It is fascinating to watch Washington, knowing the value of his name and presence, using the power of his enormous personal standing with the country to create the new nation from the old. The view makes Washington very human and also raises his accomplishments to that of the personal triumph of a statesman without peer.



The Flags They Flew...

WEST POINT, N.Y. Congress, in grateful recognition of the invaluable services of General Washington during the American Revolution, presented him with the first British flag captured in 1775 and one of the last surrendered flags from Yorktown in 1781. These flags descended to Washington's step-grandson and adopted son, George Washington Parke Custis.

Custis was the father-in-law of Robert E. Lee. He maintained the flags and other relics of his stepfather in his estate in Arlington, Virginia. Custis called the flags the "Alpha and Omega" of the war. One, the King's Color of the British Seventh Regiment of Foot, was taken at Chambly in Canada in October of 1775, and was the first enemy flag captured by the US Army. The other, a flag of a German battalion in service of the British, was surrendered in October of 1781, at Yorktown, Virginia, the climatic American victory.

In 1858, concerned for the ultimate preservation of these relics, Custis gave them to the War Department (now the Department of Defense).

In accordance with a previous Act of Congress the flags were brought to West Point, the designated depository for trophies of war and have remained here as two of the most important national historic treasures.

Although displayed for years in previous sites of the West Point Museum they have been on display only once before in Olmstead Hall - during the 2004 bicentennial exhibition in commemoration of the opening of the West Point Museum to the public in 1854.

To better protect and preserve the "Alpha and Omega" they will be on display for only two years before being returned to "rest" until their next exhibition.

All are invited to view these important relics before the closing of the exhibit in 2017. Also on display in the Flag gallery of the Museum are works of art from the American Revolution drawn from the extensive and priceless art collection of the West Point Museum.

The West Point Museum is open at no charge, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Museum is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, call 845-938-3590 or visit the Museum on Facebook.



Compatriots are welcome and encouraged to share any information relating to Colonial or Revolutionary era flags or ensigns at this section of **your** newsletter.

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