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Sons of the American Revolution



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Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



Thomas M. Owen (Tom)

As I begin my next 100 days let me address the Georgia Society "Membership" in the context of seeking new members as well as retaining our present base. A direct quote from the National Society Manual Lists an objective that, as a whole, we may be missing. "Membership and Retention is the Life Blood of an organization and vital to its survival".

The Georgia Society for most of the past ten years has been dealing with a glass ceiling of fluctuating member numbers and heavy turnover of core SAR people. As we seldom turnover our BOM members, Committee Members, nor our Color Guard, what is the driving force that inhibits our core members from staying with our organization? If we look at the objective of members as the life blood of our survival we can see that "numbers" perpetuate the organization to new heights and provide operating capital via dues to build the Corporation into a premier stand-

alone force. Yes, we are a Corporation, a volunteer 501 c 3 non-profit, not a private club. So, how do we acquire new members, retain members and encourage our volunteer force within the Georgia Society base?

We are charged with the responsibility of persevering the memory and traditions of our ancestral veterans of the Revolutionary War. We perpetuate their accomplishments via membership strength and it is through that strength in numbers that we can succeed. Georgia has the population for us to achieve every objective of the Society including a membership increase of many thousands. We acquire a minimum of 150-250 new members each year, but on the down side we lose nearly that same amount, if not more. That position is not sustainable and we will not survive in the generations to come if it is not turned around.

Retention of core memberships! Engagement of core members and new members! A system that can reach-out to core membership! Partnerships with similar organizations! As mentioned on January 24th at my installation, should we use the "Liberty Medal" more vigorously with added incentives, etc., to help drive membership expansion?

At present, the only device that the SAR has to "Reach Out" is the National SAR Magazine that is sent to every member of the Society. Perhaps Georgia needs to shift our delivery in that publication to address a wider State audience? Should we send short articles on our Regional Revolutionary history to the SAR Magazine and the Hornets' Nest? We have lots of Revolutionary family history that is a part of our SAR & State legacy that can be more appealing to captured readers, our core membership.

Examples:

*Settlement of Georgia's interior by way of the Revolutionary War and State Land

lotteries.

*South Georgia's expansion and settlement after the purchase of Florida from Spain in 1819.

*The Seminole War years of the 1820-1835 era with central Georgia as an armed camp for the Army.

*The Creek & Cherokee uprisings that lasted from the pre-Revolution all the way until the 1815 area.

We have the Georgia Society WEB that contains not only history, but a vault of information on the SAR and our internal operations. Unfortunately, the WEB is a reach-in methodology. Granted most of our membership owes a computer, but how can we prompt them to access and use the WEB as an information tool? Maybe a once per year hard mailing to raise a "flag" that can show them how and encourage them to contribute?

Budget restraints limit our ability to reach-out, but as our membership increases that restraint will disappear. Partnerships? Our DAR extended family has a "notch" as their membership thrives on awards and jewelry, but they also have **sons and husbands**. We need to find our "notch" that will entice members to want to join and stay with the Georgia Society. Regional joint workshop training towards common goals with the SAR/DAR has been mentioned as a possibility. It may be difficult to support, but we do have the capability in our present membership to accommodate this methodology.

The glass ceiling on our membership needs to be permanently broken so that we can move ahead each year with expansion. Increased membership can open many doors and possibilities for the Georgia Society to expand in education, public visibility, traditional values, ancestral legacy, and the dreams of a generation.

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



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SPRING 2015 HORNET'S NEST
Secretary

There continues to be some confusion over the processes and forms involving **reinstatements, reinstatement-transfers, and requests for transfer**. This has resulted in delays in processing these requests. The following seeks to provide information to eliminate these issues.

Form 0918: Application for Reinstatement-Transfer of Membership

This form is to be used **ONLY** for compatriots whose last active membership was in a State Society outside of Georgia and are now inactive. This form is to be submitted by the Chapter to the State. Submissions must include a check made to GASSAR for \$43 (National and State dues) and a copy of the **RECORD COPY*** of their membership application. If they cannot provide a copy, the check should be for \$53 (\$10 for the fee National charges). Form 0918 is found in our Source Book in Section 11 (11.4F)

Form 0919: Application for Transfer of Membership (State to State)

Form 0919 is to be used **ONLY** by those compatriots desiring to transfer into another State Society and whose dues are paid up to 31 Dec. of the calendar year. Compatriots transferring **MUST** pay the receiving society's yearly dues and provide a copy of the **RECORD COPY*** of their membership application. If they cannot provide one there is a \$10 fees for that copy. Compatriots transferring into the Georgia Society **MUST** enclose a check payable to GASSAR for either \$43 or \$53. Form 0919 is found in our Source Book in Section 11 (11.5F)

*****Any compatriots desiring to transfer membership from one Georgia Society Chapter to another Georgia Society Chapter are to use Form 10.01F found in Section 10***

Form 0920: Application for Dual Membership

Only compatriots desiring to become a Dual Member in another State Society are to use this form. The application submitted to the State Secretary **MUST** include a check made out to GASSAR for \$13 and a copy of the **RECORD COPY*** of their membership application. Form 0920 is found in our Source Book in Section 11 (11.2F)

*****Any compatriots within the Georgia Society desiring to become a Dual Member in another Georgia Society chapter are to use Form, 10.08F. found in Section 10.***

***Note: ONCE THE STATE SECRETARY RECEIVES A RECORD COPY A COPY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE COMPATRIOT FOR HIS RECORDS.**



Secretary's Report
Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Spring 2015

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2015.....1560

Plus: New Members.....	44
Plus: Transfers In.....	0
Plus: Reinstatements	47
Plus: Reinstatement-Transfers.....	1

Total Additions..... 92

Less: Deceased.....	5
Less: Resignations.....	0
Less: Transfers Out.....	0

Total Losses.... 5

Active Membership as of 31 Mar 2015....1647

Reported to National

Plus: Dual Members.....	23
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Active Membership as of 31 Mar 2014.....1670

Reported to BOM

BREAK DOWN OF GEORGIA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY

Regular Members.....	1550
Jr. Members.....	48
Jr. Life Members.....	4
Emeritus Members.....	4
Life Members (Regular).....	41
Dual.....	23
Total Membership.....	<u>1670</u>

George H. Wheelless, Secretary

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NEWS



[Friends of the Library Committee—Hugh Rodgers](#) h_slrogers@knology.net

One of the Committee's main duties is to foster membership in the Friends of the SAR Library at SAR headquarters in Louisville. The acquisition and addition of materials supporting Georgia genealogy is an important focus.

Members of the Committee for 2015-2016 are:

Hugh Rodgers, Chairman (Coweta Falls Chapter)

Terry Manning (Atlanta Chapter)

Michael Black (Valdosta Chapter)

The Chairman distributed new Friends of the SAR Library brochures at the Georgia Society's annual conference. Membership in Friends of the Library is available for \$25 annually for chapters and individuals. Memberships are renewable on the anniversary date but may be renewed and extended at any time.



[Georgia Fellows Program—Terry Manning](#) tmanning@aol.com

Georgia Fellows are members, spouses, parents, children, and other friends of the Georgia Society SAR who have stepped forward with donations of \$250 or more to assist in funding special projects of the committees, officers, and chapters of the Georgia Society that fall outside the normal budgeting process.

There have been 83 members of the Georgia Fellows, including 13 spouses, whose contributions have made it possible to provide such benefits as flag etiquette brochures, flag history bookmarks for education outreach, a computer projector for the membership program, traveling trunk purchases for over a dozen chapters, and uniform stipends of \$100 to encourage Color Guard growth.

For more details see the *Source Book* at www.georgiasocietysar.org contact one of the Georgia Fellows Board members: Terry Manning, James Stallings, and Paul Prescott. You will recognize Georgia Fellows by the handsome Betsy Ross Flag themed pin presented to members. State committee chairmen are encouraged to contact the Board with funding requests to support their new and innovative ideas for improving their program areas.



[Georgia Society Chaplain - Emory Fennell](#) efennell@nctiv.com

Greetings Compatriots in the wonderful name of our Lord. We have just celebrated the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. I would like to remind all of you that our great country was founded on worshipping God and his Son Jesus Christ.

We still worship Him. I pray that we will worship Him until we die, or He comes to receive us to Himself, that where He is, there we may be also. Remember it is our duty to educate our generation about how we became a free nation, and the great cost of human sacrifice that afforded us this privilege.

I encourage each of you to stay the course and always be ready to stand up and speak out against all who would try to destroy our history and Godly nation.



Flag Certificate Committee—Paul Prescott
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The good news is that the Georgia Society SAR qualifies for the ADM Furlong Award to be given at Congress in Louisville. Congratulations to all of the chapters that presented a Flag Certificate during 2014.

The bad news is that the Georgia Society does not qualify for the 100 percent chapter participation certificate. We tried last year but it did just not happen. In a memo sent out earlier,

I asked the President, Sr. Vice President and the Regional Vice Presidents if we should try for 100 percent participation in 2015. All of the responses I got were YES.

Therefore, I have a Flag Certificate and a presentation folder for each chapter. These will be given to the Regional Vice Presidents at the next BOM on Saturday 25 April in Barnesville.



Fund Raising Committee—George Thurmond
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Individual members and Chapters have long been very generous in their support of the National Society. They have contributed \$317,918 with 30 of 32 Georgia Society Chapters participating to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH). The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association received \$56,794 from 23 Georgia Chapters and from chapters in Florida, Kentucky and Virginia.

A new campaign, *The 1776 Society* Campaign, is now underway with a goal of raising an additional 8 million dollars to finish construction of the new Louisville headquarters building and build out a proposed outreach education facility. Additional funds are also being sought through a new "Founders Circle" campaign to create an endowment that will provide a source of support for SAR programs and facilities. Bequests and major gifts are being sought to establish the permanent endowment.

Completion of the headquarters building will involve construction of an outreach education center on the bottom two floors and completion of remaining office space and public meeting space on the top floor. Planning is underway to include an interactive exhibit area, or museum of ideas, as part of the outreach education center. Funds generated from rental of the public areas and admission fees for the museum will help support the operational expenses of outreach education, which is expected to be self-sustaining.

The mission of SAR is to promote patriotism and to reaffirm those values on which our country was established. To achieve its goals, SAR has made a large commitment to its new facilities on West Main Street in Louisville. Our goals are ambitious, but are as important today as they have ever been as we strive carry our message to the general public. Now, more than ever, we must preserve and sharpen the national memory of the American Revolution and the freedoms our Patriot Ancestors gave us.

Activities this Quarter: Sent a release to BOM members encouraging contributions to the George Washington Endowment Fund along with the brochure for becoming a GW Fellow. Obtained a list of current GWEF "Fellows" and posted on the Georgia Society web site.

New George Washington "Fellows" this Quarter:

Wayne Brown (Captain John Collins)

Robert H. Allgood (Piedmont)

Tom Owen (Washington-Wilkes)

Plans for the Next Quarter :

Continue to actively solicit funds for the various programs of the SAR with emphasis on the George Washington Endowment Fund.



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In light of recent changes to federal policy regarding veterans benefits, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS) would like to remind veterans and their families of the availability of personal assistance in filing for earned benefits.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced changes to its application process, including standardizing claims and appeals forms and implementing a new "intent to file" form. The standardization is designed to streamline the claims process.

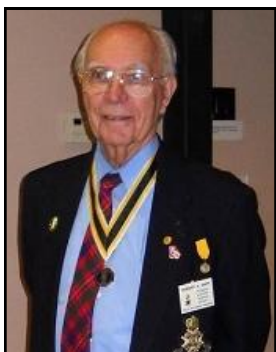
The new "intent to file" form replaces the informal claim process (through which applicants could submit a claim on any piece of paper) and sets a one-year timetable for the gathering of evidence to begin a claim once the intent to file form has been submitted. VA accepts submissions of the new form electronically, on paper, and via phone.

However a veteran chooses to file, GDVS field service officers are available to assist. They are certified to counsel and assist veterans and their families throughout the claims process, from initial filing to (if necessary) the appeals stage.

"You don't have to do it alone," said GDVS Commissioner Pete Wheeler. "VA is making it easier than ever to file claims, but just because a form can now be submitted in minutes online does not mean that is always the best decision."

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The 2015 Spring Leadership meeting at NSSAR Headquarters made changes to the application policies that now clarify and facilitate the use of DAR and CAR Record Copies for SAR application documentation.

DAR or CAR Record copies dated 1 January 1985 and later are acceptable as presented. However it is strongly suggested that original documentation be presented if available. These documents help to build a genealogical library of note. See latest revision of Policy 2011-06. See <www.sar.org/node/184> and open NSSAR Genealogy Policies, latest revision.

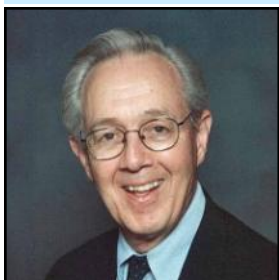
Birth certificate requirements for applicant in Policy 2005-03 has been revised to be the same as for other generational linkages. This facilitates name changes and adoptions if a biological parent is known. Lately more of the applications are being held for additional application documentation. The percentage of held applications is now approaching 20 percent. What can you do to ease this issue?

First, take the time to marginally note on the draft application the source documents that provide linkage verification between the generations. Second, place at the top of each document, in red, the generational connection to which it applies. [i.e. Gen. 2-3]. Underline on each source document, in red, the individual noted on the application and note the generation in the margin in red, i.e. Gen. 3. On the back of source documents provide the following: Applicant's Last Name/Patriot's Last Name/Chapter Name/Georgia.

Second, provide full page presentations of census records along with enlarged view on the back if necessary for clarity. Provide full page [or several full pages] of documents such as wills, land records, etc. For records taken from books, provide copy of title page, page showing publisher and copyright date, and the necessary pages to provide documentation intended. Gravestone pictures need to contain the cemetery name and geographical location on the document. 'Findagrave' information is adequate for information that is on the gravestone only. Most family relationships contained in 'Findagrave' are assumed without documentation.

When obtaining service record for the patriot, get as much detail as possible. Fold3 for example has several pages, in some cases that would be useful and provides data for NSSAR genealogical library. Also Pension papers contain a lot of information. Full set of data also aids.

Lastly, the objective of your State Registrar is to ensure approval at NSSAR and membership acceptance. Make use of dialogue with the Registrar in any difficult application preparation. I am open to calls.



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This committee of our Georgia Society is tasked primarily with communicating with our counterpart in the Georgia Society DAR regarding the events and joint activities of our two societies. We also make recommendations regarding awards to be given to the DAR members based on their participation in SAR membership referrals. Our counterpart at this time in the DAR is Audrey Wylie, a member of the General Daniel Stewart DAR chapter who sends to me, the Chairman, and vice versa, notices that are distributed to the chapters via general email distribution lists. For the DAR the State Regent approves those messages before they are distributed.

Committee members often visit chapters at meetings of the Georgia Society DAR. This offers opportunities to promote joint activities and to promote DAR referrals of sons, husbands and others known to have interest in the SAR. A specific DAR Finders Form is used by Registrars to document these referrals during the application process.

The budgeted expenditures of the committee at present are directed to the Georgia Society DAR State Regent's Project and to the Meadow Garden property that is owned and maintained by the Georgia Society DAR.

Our committee members at present are Walker Chewning, Button Gwinnett chapter; Shep Hammack, Piedmont chapter, and Carl Bhamme, Chairman, Piedmont chapter.

Genealogy Workshop Saturday, May 16, 2015

Where: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3355 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, Georgia
What: Beginning and intermediate genealogy researchers are invited to attend this free series of lectures
Sponsors: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Suwanee Creek Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Genealogy Study Group (Lawrenceville), Georgia Genealogical Society
Reservations: Advance reservations are requested for Rooms 1-3 but required for the lab. Walk-ins are welcome in 1-3.
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Begin & End	Instructors from LDS Room 1	Instructors from DAR & GGS Room 2	Instructors from SAR Room 3	LDS Computer Lab/Center
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Ancestors in Your Pocket Explore and review popular apps for your iphone, ipad, and androids. by Bridget Lohnes	Basic Evidence Determining the essentials of genealogical evidence and learning how to find it. by Cathy Hyer, DAR	Using Time Lines Taking an organized approach to sorting out persons of the same name and other brick walls by Rosemary Cantrell, GSG	Computer Lab 1 Hands on tips for using FamilySearch in website research by Ben Peoples
10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Basic Beginning Genealogy How to get started tracing your family lines through your first four generations. by Joye Woodruff	Get a Bigger Hammer Ideas for getting past those genealogical brick walls by Susan Sloan, Ga. Gen. Society	Military Research Resources available to identify military service. Lineage societies based on service. by Stewart Woodard, GSG	Computer Lab 2 This session is a repeat of Lab 1. Seating limited to 12. by Ben Peoples
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Website Research Tips for navigating five of the most popular genealogy websites by Roger Ash	A Century of Censuses A review of the federal censuses and genealogical information from 1840-1940 by Susan Sloan, Ga. Gen. Society	Researching Females Tips for identifying the lineage of your female ancestors. by Rosemary Cantrell, GSG	Computer Lab 3 This session is a repeat of Lab 1. Seating limited to 12. by Ben Peoples
12:00 to 12:45 p.m.	For the Young Researcher A class directed to young people (age 12+) on getting involved in doing family research by Nicole and Amy Gregerson	Using Georgia Land Lotteries How to use Georgia's Land Lottery system to solve family relationships by Susan Sloan, Ga. Gen. Society	Ship Arrivals Discover the types of resources available to gain details about your ancestors' arrival in America by Terry Manning, SAR	Computer Lab 4 This session is a repeat of Lab 1. Seating limited to 12. by Ben Peoples

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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.

[2015 GASSAR HS&CC Sanctioned Events Remaining](#)

- 1) Fort Frederica/Patriots Day (Marshes of Glynn--St Simons Island)
[April 18 & 19, 2015](#)
- 2) Constitution Day--William Few (Chapel Hill & Augusta DAR--St Paul's Church)
[September 17, 2015](#)
- 3) Battle of Savannah (Coastal Heritage Society--GASSAR)
[October 9, 2015](#)
- 4) Fort Morris, Sunbury (Marshes of Glynn)
[November 21, 2015](#)
- 5) Battle of Vann's Creek (Samuel Elbert)
[December 5, 2015](#)

[2016 GASSAR HS&CC Sanctioned Events](#)

- 1) Battle of Kettle Creek & Revolutionary Days
[February 13 & 14, 2016](#)
- 2) Fort Frederica/Patriots Day (Marshes of Glynn--St Simons Island)
[April 16 & 17, 2016](#)
- 3) Constitution Day--William Few (Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church)
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[December 3, 2016](#)

Report From The

**Georgia
Society
Color
Guard**

**Ed Rigel,
Sr.
Commander**



Color Guard Schedule—2015

Item # Date

19. 18 April – Frederica Patriots Day, St. Simons Island
20. 19 April – Colonial Worship Service, St. Simons Island
21. 25 April – GA Society BOM Meeting, Barnesville,
22. 26 April -- 100th Anniversary of the Monument erected for Revolutionary War Generals James Screven & Daniel Stewart, Midway
23. 1 May -- GSSDAR State Conference
24. 2 May – Dedication of the Marie Antoinette Oak Tree from the Versailles Palace Garden
25. 23 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery
26. 23 May – Grave Marking for Patriot George Paschal
27. 7 Jun – Wounded Warriors Banquet
28. 12 Jun – Snellville National Flag Day Celebration, Snellville
29. 13 Jun – Patriot Willis West, Sr. Grave Marking
30. 20 Jun – Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC
31. 25 June – 1 Jul – NSSAR 125th Annual Congress, Louisville, KY
32. 2 July -- Northeastern Judicial Circuit reading of the Declaration of Independence, Gainesville
33. 25 July -- GA Society BOM Meeting, Barnesville
34. 12 Sep -- Multiple Grave Marker Dedication, Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Marys, GA
35. 17 Sep – Constitution Day sponsored by Chapel Hill and Augusta DAR
36. 19 Sep – GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Piedmont Driving Club, Atlanta
37. 25-26 Sep – NSSAR Fall Leadership
38. 3 Oct -- Patriot Abraham Marshall grave marking sponsored by William Few Chapter, Appling GA
39. 7 Oct – Battle of Kings Mountain
40. 9 Oct – Battle of Savannah
41. 10 Oct – Southern Heritage Festival (Mule Days) Callaway Plantation, Wilkes Co
42. 17 Oct -- Compatriot Joe McConnell Grave Dedication, Canton
43. 24 Oct -- GA Society BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA
44. 31 Oct – Patriot William Haley Grave Marking, Haley Cemetery, Elbert Co
45. 7 Nov – Compatriot Andy Jones Grave Marking, Martin Baptist Church Cemetery, Martin
46. 21 November – Commemoration of Fort Morris' "Come and Take It!", Fort Morris Historic Site, Midway, GA
47. 5 Dec -- Commemoration of the Battle of Vann's Creek, Richard B. Russell State Park, Elbert County

2016

For your calendars
 Kettle Creek 13-14 Feb
 Fort Frederica 16-17 Apr
 Constitution Day 17 Sep
 Kings Mtn 7 Oct
 Savannah 9 Oct
 Fort Morris 19 Nov
 Vann's Creek 3 Dec



Georgia Society Meeting Dates



President
Thomas M. Owen
 gassarpresident2015@gmail.com



GA Society Board of Managers Meetings - 2015

10:00AM

Garden Patch Restaurant
 100 Southland Drive, Barnesville, GA 30204-1573

April 25^h

July 25th

October 24th



GA Society Executive Committee Meetings - 2015

10:30AM

Em's Kitchen (Meeting Room)
 975-B Hawthorne Ave
 Athens, GA 30606
 706 206 9322
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April 15th

July 15th

October 14th

January 13th

Georgia Society New Members Since Thursday, January 01, 2015

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Atlanta	16 Jan 2015	James Clifford HILLEARY	Benjamin Stites	David Andrews NOBLE
	28 Jan 2015	John Clark TITUS	Alexander McCormick	David Andrews NOBLE
Blue Ridge Mtns	16 Jan 2015	Mark David HAZELDEN	David Barton	JackPowell Dugger Dugger
Button Gwinnett	16 Jan 2015	Bryan Christopher EVANS	William Bryan	Harold Douglas FORD
	16 Jan 2015	Eldon Bryan EVANS	William Bryan	Harold Douglas FORD
	20 Feb 2015	William Eugene GRIMES	Sterling Jenkins	Harold Douglas FORD
	16 Mar 2015	Richard Clarence PALMER	Henrich Seeber	WilliamHarrison PALMER
Coweta Falls	13 Feb 2015	William Morris PLOTT	Prescott Bush	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
Dalton	28 Jan 2015	Kipp-Cailean Jones GLAZE	Robert Kilgore	George Dewey WRIGHT, Jr.
Jos. Habersham	09 Mar 2015	Benjamin Rodney COLEMAN	David McCracken	William Hughes RAPER
	09 Mar 2015	Cole Tolbert FRANKLIN	David McCracken	William Hughes RAPER
	09 Mar 2015	Scott Coleman BLACKSTOCK	David McCracken	William Hughes RAPER
Marquis de Lafayette	16 Jan 2015	John Warren SMITH	Jacques Missier	John Michael TOMME, Sr.
	16 Jan 2015	Jonathan William SMITH	Jacques Missier	John Michael TOMME, Sr.
	13 Feb 2015	John LeRoy BARKER	Tarlton Brown	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	William Walton GLOVER	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	Nash Cossitt GLOVER	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	Douglas Lee MARTIN	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	Tyler Allen GLOVER	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	Allen Cossitt GLOVER	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	Alfred Young STANFORD	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	Kahl Walton GLOVER	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	02 Mar 2015	Walton Cossitt GLOVER	William Walton	David George JESSEL
	20 Mar 2015	Marc Wehr POTTEIGER	Johan Rentschler	David George JESSEL

<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>PatriotS</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	
Marshes of Glynn				
	16 Jan 2015	William Lamar DURDEN, Jr.	John Gamble	James Hall BOATRIGT, III
	16 Jan 2015	Thomas Frederick JONES, Sr.	James Oliver	Robert Hudson LEAR
	28 Jan 2015	Steven Watson COOPER	Jacob Tevebaugh	Robert Hudson LEAR
Ocmulgee				
	16 Jan 2015	William David JOHNSON	Samuel Howard	James Edward STALLINGS, Sr.
	28 Jan 2015	Calvin Jackson MAULDIN, Jr.	Benedict Yeary	James Edward STALLINGS, Sr.
	28 Jan 2015	Bobby Eugene MAULDIN	Benedict Yeary	James Edward STALLINGS, Sr.
	28 Jan 2015	John David MAULDIN	Benedict Yeary	James Edward STALLINGS, Sr.
	28 Jan 2015	Adam Zachary MAULDIN	Benedict Yeary	James Edward STALLINGS, Sr.
	20 Mar 2015	Joseph Edwin TRUSSELL	Charles McCall	JohnThomas TRUSSELL
	20 Mar 2015	Christopher Brandon TRUSSELL	Charles McCall	JohnThomas TRUSSELL
	20 Mar 2015	Russell Brian Oakley	Charles McCall	JohnThomas TRUSSELL
	20 Mar 2015	Bobby Andrew SMITH	Charles McCall	JohnThomas TRUSSELL
	20 Mar 2015	Grady Rufus TRUSSELL, Jr.	Charles McCall	JohnThomas TRUSSELL
Robert Forsyth				
	20 Mar 2015	Joshua Eugene LIPPS	Jacob Riffle	William Allen GREENLY
William Few				
	16 Jan 2015	Samuel Walter HARRISS	David Harris	WilliamJoseph TANKERSLEY
	16 Jan 2015	Winston Richmond HARRISS	David Harris	WilliamJoseph TANKERSLEY
	16 Jan 2015	David Michael HARRISS	David Harris	WilliamJoseph TANKERSLEY
	16 Jan 2015	Nathaniel George HARRISS	David Harris	WilliamJoseph TANKERSLEY
	20 Mar 2015	Cleonard George Otis PITTMAN, Jr.	John Bruton	AltonOneal MCCLOUD
	20 Mar 2015	Jerry Powell BRIGHAM	Abijah Brigham	AltonOneal MCCLOUD
	19 Dec 2014	Andrew Tyler HOLSOMBACK	Arthur Fuller	RickieLamar HOLSOMBACK
Valdosta				
	14 Nov 2014	Timothy Joseph LEHMAN	John Brand	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	14 Nov 2014	Thomas Joel LEHMAN	John Brand	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	19 Dec 2014	David Wayne NOBLE, Sr.	Thomas Tart	Michael Maxwell BLACK
Wash-Wilkes				
	14 Nov 2014	James Ansley GRANADE, Jr.	Thomas Ansley	WalterLouis HARRIS
Wiregrass				
	14 Nov 2014	Jack Lamar McLENDON	Daniel Inman	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III



In Memory of

Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

Our Compatriots



Georgia Society Deceased Members

Since Thursday, January 01, 2015

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Richard Clarence PALMER	194023	Button Gwinnett	21 Mar 2015
Redden Parramore HART	161955	Valdosta	25 Feb 2015
Marion Jennings RICE	137988	Athens	03 Mar 2015
Robert Forrest TOWNS	155521	Athens	10 Feb 2015
William Joseph REESE	185211	John Collins	26 Jan 2015
James McRae ANDREW	188004	Wiregrass	14 April 2015

NEWS

of the

Georgia Society Chapters

Altamaha

Athens

On the night of December 13, 2014 college student Sara Hallman was driving along I-20 on her way home in Social Circle when a car crossed the center line and hit her. Her car was mangled, hardly recognizable. Leo Fedrick came upon the accident. Then he noticed that the car was on fire so he stopped and turned on his flashers.

As he approached the wrecked vehicle, he saw that the driver was rousing from unconsciousness. When he reached in to help the driver out he realized that he had to unfasten the seat belt in order to free her. He couldn't just reach across because of the fire so he went through the back door to unfasten the seat belt. He was then able to pull her from the car.

He then realized that **she** was on fire also. After a brief moment he remembered that rolling on the ground would extinguish the flames. He rolled Sara on the ground to extinguish the flames on her clothes and skin, and then used his jacket to put out the last of the smoldering fire. Leo had not hesitated to help and was surprised that no one else that had stopped joined him to help.

He thought sure someone would come over after he had pulled her from the car but no one did. Someone did call 911 and Sara was airlifted to Grady Hospital.

She is going to survive but has a long road of recovery ahead. She has already had several surgeries. There were burns to her right arm and leg as well as the right side of her head. She also had cracked ribs and a ruptured spleen.

Sara is a graduate of Oconee County High School and Leo is a resident of Bishop. What are the odds that they would both be at that place of the accident at the same time?

We were also pleased to have Sara and her parents with the Athens chapter as Mr. Leo Fedrick was recognized for his Heroic Actions.



L to R: Don Burdick, Sara Hallman, Leo Fedrick, GSSAR President Tom Owen

Atlanta

The **Atlanta Chapter** has continued an active program of community outreach in 2015. On May 16, it will co-host a free half-day genealogy workshop of 16 classes in Lawrenceville that is usually attended by about 120 persons. In July and August, we will conduct a series of seven lectures at Emory University highlighting the people, places, events, and lifestyle of the Revolutionary War.

The chapter is working with the Cherokee Chapter SAR to provide advice on creating their new Traveling Trunk program. We have worked with 20 area DAR chapters on a variety of projects over the last 2 years and in 2015 we will repeat many of those efforts while initiating other new ones.

Members **David Noble** and **Richard Marsh** have recently created a single, new database of all known soldiers to have fought in Georgia that will provide researchers with the battles in which they fought, the injuries sustained, the officers under which they served, whether they applied for a pension, and the sources outlining the provided data among other details. Efforts are going on to develop the best means of publishing the data and to provide for continued input to the information.

Member **Eugene Wilson** has also started a photo database of area Revolutionary War graves with plans to develop annual site visits by nearby chapter members. Well known artist and compatriot **Wayland Moore** has created a piece of Revolutionary War artwork for use in a fund-raising effort to create decorator pillows and tote bags. Almost 50 lecture subjects are available for use in our speakers bureau.

Our first flag retirement program in conjunction with the **Atlanta Chapter NSDAR** and the **C.A.R.** is being planned as a follow-up to our placement of a flag receptacle bin at an area Home Depot store. Our Sacred Soils displays and traveling bookstore remain active and the chapter has qualified for the 2014-2015 Partners in Patriotism certificate. A new initiative to encourage member participation in the Friends of the Library has led the chapter to an active support of that program.

Our active fund raising program has in part generated 26 Atlanta Fellows whose donations have allowed us to create a chapter banner, expand our color guard and flag collection, create an SAR-logo display table cover, place the Bushnell monument, provide for a "loaner" militia outfit, and other new initiatives.

We are seeking to place a replica of the "Turtle" submarine in Georgia from its current home in Connecticut. The year 2015 looks to be a busy, memorable addition to the history of the Atlanta Chapter.



State President Tom Owen posing with newly inducted members of the Atlanta Chapter at our annual George Washington Birthday Celebration.

Blue Ridge Mountains

After a year of hard work, the BRM Chapter was recognized at the GASSAR Annual Meeting with the following awards: Chaplain of the Year – David Anderson; Knight Essay – Ben Workman; Bronze Color Guard Medal – David Cook; Silver Color Guard Medal – David Cook; 1st Place Veterans Award; Education Outreach Cert. & Streamer; Americanism Award; 2nd Place President General's Award; Camp Followers Medal – Benetta Cook; Distinguished

Chapter Award; Membership Award; Patriot Grave Marking Certificate; Compatriot Grave Dedication Certificate and the Flag Certificate Presentation Award.

The following chapter officers were installed at the January 2015 Annual Meeting: President – David Cook; Vice-President & Treasurer – Sidney Turner; Secretary – Thomas A. Jones, Sr.; Chaplain – David C. Anderson; Registrar – Jack P. Dugger.

During the first quarter of 2015 several chapter members who serve in the GASSAR Color Guard attended the Kettle Creek, Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse celebrations and also presented wreaths at all three events. Compatriot Charlie M. Hunter was presented the WW II Corps certificate from the NSSAR as well as his Life Membership certificate. The Chapter had 185 poster entries from six elementary schools. The chapter also inducted one new member, Mark Hazelden a resident of Murphy, NC. Compatriot Hazelden's father drove from NY State to be present at the induction.



Button Gwinnett

The Button Gwinnett Chapter made Eagle Scout certificate presentations on two consecutive Sunday afternoons at Troop 499 of Grayson, GA.



L—R: Walker Chewning, Richard Murray, Jacob Poston, Andrew Davis

Button Gwinnett Vietnam Era Veterans Honored by Suwanee Creek NSDAR

At the March Button Gwinnett Chapter dinner, a touching tribute to the Vietnam Era Veterans was graciously and unforgettably presented by the Suwanee Creek Chapter NSDAR. A patriotic narrative was recited by Regent Melisa Jeffers after which she called each Button Gwinnett Veteran by name to come to the dais for a warm handshake, a sincere *welcome home* and thanked for their military service by Suwanee Creek Daughters Rachel Schmalz, Cathy Hyer and Pam Lyle.



To commemorate this special occasion, each veteran was presented with a beautiful keepsake DSAR medallion noting the Fiftieth Anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War. Also, remembering the men who "gave the last full measure of devotion" Regent Jeffers recounted the poignant story of the *Missing Man Table Ceremony* for which a table was on display complete with a white cloth, a single place setting, a vased single red rose and other essential ceremonial items.

Chapter Vice President Bill Palmer presented Regent Jeffers with a Certificate of Appreciation for Suwanee Creek Chapter's outstanding program.



Chapter Chancellor Charlie Newcomer presented the NSSAR War Service Medals and the NSSAR Military Service Medals to the following Compatriots.

War Service Medal - Gene Koon and Rigsby Barnes.

Military Service Medal - Mike Ruff, Bill Powers, Bill Palmer, Charles Gustafson, John Goodwin, Bill Schultz, Stewart Woodard, John Zigler and Bob Biggers.

In previous years, Chapter recipients of the NSSAR War Medals were Jim Lynch, Walker Chewning and Charlie Newcomer who also

received the Korean Bar for the War Service Medal. NSSAR Military Service Medals were awarded to Michael Henderson and Bruce Maney. All of the current and previous Button Gwinnett Compatriots mentioned above received the NSDAR 50th Anniversary Medallion.

Button Gwinnett Chapter President Gordon Woodard presented Suwanee Creek Chapter Regent Melisa Jeffers and SCC NSDAR Founding Regent Karen Sokol *The SAR Medal of Appreciation* award for their exemplary services rendered to NSSAR Chapters. The Button Gwinnett Chapter looks forward to continued participation with the Chapters of the NSDAR in many upcoming Patriotic events.

Captain John Collins

Casimir Pulaski

In early February several members of the Casimir Pulaski Chapter were joined by members of the local Curtis-McDaniel Camp SVC in clearing the badly overgrown Hinesley Cemetery in Carroll County.

This cemetery is the final resting place of Major Thomas Hinesley, a Revolutionary War veteran. The chapter is actively involved in planning and organizing a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony.



The deadline for submission of articles to the next issue of "The Hornet's Nest" is 15 July 2015

On March 31st members of the Pulaski Chapter attended the "Celebrating History: Honors Awards Program" at the University of West Georgia to present the chapter's scholarship. The 2015-16 recipient of the Casimir Pulaski Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship (\$1,200) was Layla Reeves.



L to R: Mike Campbell, George Wheelless, Layla Reeves, Jim Swinson

Cherokee

Coweta Falls

Dalton

Edward Telfair

Four Rivers Patriots

George Walton

Joel Early

Lyman Hall

Lyman Hall chapter returned to meetings at the First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville for the new year. In January GSSAR President Roger Coursey performed double duty. He installed officers for 2015 and then brought a very informative program on 'Old Ebenezer. Our March meeting program was also very good with Mr. JT Pugh returning to the chapter. This time his presentation was on George Washington's ancestry and his ascent to the US Presidency.

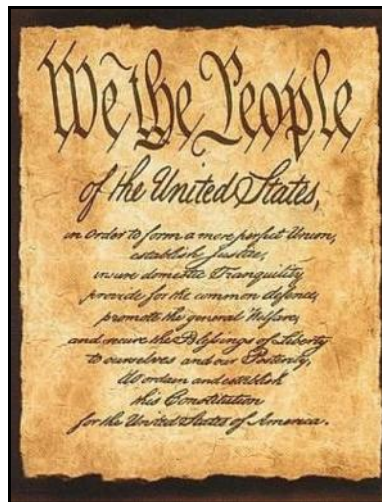
John Milledge

Joseph Habersham

"We the people" are words all fourth grade children in Habersham County will know thanks to the efforts of the Education Committee at the Joseph Habersham Chapter.

The Joseph Habersham chapter began giving out the pocket Constitution, with Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights to each fourth grade student and fourth grade teacher in 2014, during the traveling trunk/living history presentation.

A total of 1846 copies were given to students in 2014. We purchased them from The Heritage Foundation for 20 cents per copy, plus shipping. We secured a grant from The Georgia Power Foundation to pay for them.



This year we are continuing the program. The Heritage Foundation did not have them available this year. We purchased them from the National Center for Constitutional Studies for 25 cents per copy, including shipping. This turns out to actually be a little cheaper than what we paid last year.

To date we have given out 1789 copies to students and 86 copies to teachers at 18 schools. We still have 3 schools to distribute to, due to snow cancellations.

This has proven to be a hit with the educators and is much more beneficial to our schools than the poster contest; this per the teachers.

The Tomochichi Chapter NSDAR made a sincere thank you to the Joseph Habersham Chapter SAR for the invitation to attend its meeting. Eight DAR members present were recognized.

The Tomochichi Chapter was organized on June 5, 1909, by its organizing regent, Miss Addie Green Bass. This year in observance of the 106th anniversary of the Tomochichi Chapter and the 125th anniversary of the NSDAR, the chapter are awarded the first Addie Green Bass Community Service Award to Compatriot William Raper, a Joseph Habersham chapter member.

William (Bill) member "lives" at the Northeast Georgia Regional Library, where he was given his own room, named the Genealogy Room. There he has volunteered his time to help anybody and everybody who wants help with their genealogical research.

The ladies of the Tomochichi chapter decided that William Hughes Raper, was worthy to receive the first Addie Green Bass Community Service Award. Bill was called forward and was presented with a certificate and a pitcher, basin, and towel, which are symbolic of service. just as Jesus was our example of service to others, when he used a pitcher and basin to wash and a towel to dry the feet of his disciples at the Lord's Supper.



Delores Anderson, Regent of the Tomochichi Chapter and Bill Raper.

DAR member Dinah Peevy and her husband Larry also presented with a gift from them to show their appreciation.

[LaGrange](#)

[Marquis de Lafayette](#)

[Marshes of Glynn](#)

[Mill Creek](#)

[Ocmulgee](#)

[Patrick Carr Rangers](#)

[Piedmont](#)

[Rome](#)

[Samuel Elbert](#)

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[Sons of Liberty](#)

[Valdosta](#)

[Washington-Wilkes](#)

[Robert Forsyth](#)

The Robert Forsyth Chapter had the honor of hosting NSSAR Treasurer General Mike Tomme and his lady Cilla at their April 9 meeting. Mike and Cilla, dressed in their Colonial attire, gave their audience a full description of both men's and ladies clothing, including the multi-use shirts, breeches, and Cilla's cleverly hidden "pockets" inside her skirts.

They discussed the period's methods of cooking and described how they would have used all the parts of an animal, from smoking the meat to boiling the fat for soap, using the

Mike gave a short demonstration of fire by flint striking and Cilla showed the items that mothers would have used to teach their children, such as lesson primers and needlepoint samplers. Other tools showcased were period-appropriate scissors, thimble, needle, and thread in Mike's "housewife" kit, candles molds and holders, scouring brushes, eating utensils, and drinking vessels. At the conclusion of the presentation



Mike and Cilla were presented with Speaker's Certificates of Appreciation. L to R: J Michael Tomme, Ed Rigel Jr, Cilla Tomme

[William Few](#)

[Wiregrass Chapter](#)

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution visited the Col. William Few Chapter of the SAR in Augusta on Monday night March 30, 2015. The William Few Chapter had over 40 attendee's and talked about having to move to a larger restaurant as its membership increases.

Wiregrass Chapter members attending were as follows: the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Vice-President East Chip Durden, GASSAR Chaplain Emory Fennell, Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Wiregrass Chapter Registrar Dess



We enjoyed a delicious meal at the "Garlic Clove Italian Eatery" and then were entertained by William Few Chapter Compatriot Alan Smith who delivered the evening's program "Tom Loyless, The Most Famous Man in Georgia That No One Knows". William Few Chapter President William Colbert introduced each one of us from the Wiregrass Chapter and said that he



hoped to return the visit soon. The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday night, March 12, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church Social Hall at 6:00. Flag Chair Pete Rountree presented our Tenth "Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America". Henry Thompson, Commander of the American Legion Post #103, was present to except this award for the American Legion as the tenth recipient from the Wiregrass Chapter.

The Sons of the American Revolution, Wiregrass Chapter, are searching for businesses, organizations or private citizens that are displaying the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way. This project is an ongoing project of the Wiregrass Chapter, GASSAR and we will be honoring others with this certificate."



**1st Quarter 2015 GASSAR BOM Report
Office of the President**

It has been an exhilarating first quarter as your President. Starting with the annual GASSAR January Conference many items fell into my first ninety days. The 236th anniversary of Kettle Creek was unusual as I was also Chairman of the HS&CC coming in to 2015. Thus, I was charged with the organization of the Kettle Creek Revolutionary War celebrations in February. This event is required to be set in place *before* our annual January Conference. The help of the Sponsoring Chapters: Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall, Athens, Samuel Elbert and Washington-Wilkes, made the Kettle Creek program an exceptional experience and the GASSAR well represented.

- 8 January 2015, Installed Officers and gave a program at the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro, Georgia.
- 10 January 2015, Attended funeral for the wife of an SAR member.
- 13 January 2015, Installed Officers at the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter in Fayette County, Georgia.
- 15 January 2015, Attended the Ex-Com Meeting in Macon, Georgia.
- 20 January 2015, Installed the Officers and gave a program at the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter in Blairsville, Georgia.
- 22 January 2015, (Sr. V.P.) Guest at the Lyman Hall Chapter Installation.
- 23& 24 January 2015, attended the GASSAR Conference, Duluth, Georgia.
- 27 January 2015, published the List of State Committee Chairman to WEB.
- 31 January 2015, via the WEB Master, updated the GASSAR State WEB site.
- 5 February 2015, Kettle Creek preparations with the Wilkes County Chamber of Commerce.
- 6 February 2015, meet with Wilkes County maintenance, administration and Sheriff's Office: GASSAR Kettle Creek Celebration briefing.
- 6 February 2015, took possession of the F&M Bank Building, on loan, for the GASSAR Living History site during Kettle Creek celebration.
- 7 February 2015 City of Washington briefing for GASSAR support (Chairs/Tables, etc..) to the SAR Living History bldg. & KC War Hill ceremony location.
- 13 February 2015, escorted Secretary General Thomas Lawrence to Athens, GA for the Memorial Service of Historian General Robert F. Towns.
- 13 February 2015, attended Joint GASSAR / KCBA Banquet in Washington.
- 14 February 2015, represented GASSAR at the celebrations in Washington, Georgia for the Living History, Parade, Monument salute and Skirmish.
- 13-14 February 2015, Co-hosted lunch as liaison for the NSSAR Sect. Gen Thomas E. Lawrence, U.S. Representative Jody Hice, GA 10th Congressional District, City Administrator & Co. Commission Chairman.
- 14 February 2015 Led the GASSAR program on War Hill, at Kettle Creek.
- 14 February 2015, Served as GASSAR Host for Secretary General Lawrence and S. Atlantic District VPG Mark Anthony at dinner.
- 15 February 2015, participated in Church Service at Phillips Mill Baptist Church.
- 15 February 2015 Led the GASSAR HS&CC Sponsored Event-Elijah Clark Park.
- 16 February 2015, attended the Athens Chapter annual banquet, presented awards, installed officers & participated in BOM meeting. Bogart, GA.
- 19 February 2015, presided at the W-WSAR meeting. Awarded two Bronze Roger Sherman medals. Presented a Meritorious Service Medal.

20-21 February 2015, Sr. V.P. Greenly represented the Office of the President (GASSAR) at the GSS C.A.R. Conference in Peachtree City. GASSAR awarded Silver Good Citizen Medals on 23 Jan 2015 to R. Walker Chewning, Jr. & Robert Moore for their support of SAR-C.A.R. Programs & Events

20 February 2015, attended a Wilkes County High School Rev. War History class.

20 February 2015, attended (PM) UGA Library student research meeting.

21 February 2015, Atlanta Chapter dinner: inducted 7 new SAR members and installed the 2015 Officers.

24 February 2015, Mailed (GASSAR) TEN (10) Formal Letters of Appreciation and Support to the Governmental Entities & Officials, and primary supporters of the GASSAR Kettle Creek Celebration. This included Representative Jody B. Hice of Georgia's 10th Congressional District.

28 February 2015, was represented by J. Michael Tomme at the Funeral of President Redden Hart of the Joel Early Chapter, Valdosta, Georgia.

28 February 2015, attended the First Families of Georgia banquet and Business Meeting in Macon as GASSAR President.

5—7 March 2015, attended the Spring Leadership in Louisville, KY. Attended the committee's: Color Guard, Graves Registration, Historic Sites, Flag Respect, Chaplaincy Corps, Council of State Presidents and GWEF Distribution. Also the Trustee meeting on the 6th at NSSAR HQ's.

5 March 2015, Hosted the GASSAR Dinner on the evening of the 5th of March with the President General, South Atlantic District VPG, Chaplain General., Treasurer General, Registrar General and Surgeon General NSSAR in attendance.

6 March 2015, NSSAR Color Guard for the Opening Ceremony of Leadership .

7 March 2015, NSSAR Color Guard for the Closing Ceremonies.

8 March 2015, Participated in NSSAR Chaplaincy Corps Sunday Service.

12 March 2015, attended a briefing on the Brier Creek Battlefield by Cypress Consultants of SC in Swainsboro, GA..Sponsored by the Wiregrass Chapter. Other SAR Chapters represented were William Few (Tankersley), Edward Telfair (Coursey), Washington-Wilkes (Owen GASSAR-President) and the GASSAR East Reg. V.P. Chip Durden.

12 March 2015, News Articles on GASSAR Rev. War & KC event published. (7) SAR Articles went to print for GASSAR (8 Jan, 29 Jan, 5 Feb, two on 12 Feb, 19 Feb & 12 Mar.) News Reporter, Wilkes County.

14 March 2015, Senior Vice President Greenly the Office of the President (GASSAR) at the NPS event at Guilford CH, North Carolina.

17 March 2015, prepared 59 Certificates of Appreciation for the Wilkes Co. H.S., Middle School, Greene Co. AFJROTC's & Local Officials for 14 February at Kettle Creek.

21 March 2015, attended the 1st Battle of Thomas Creek event in Jacksonville, Fla., with PG Lindsey Brock in attendance.

28 March 2015, joined PG Brock, Treasurer Gen Tomme, S. Dist. VPG, State Presidents of La., Al., Fl., Ga., Ms., Wv., Tn., Ky. & Oh., Speaker of the TN House of Rep's & a host of Nat. & State DAR at the Massing of the Colors-Memorial in *Niota, Tennessee*. (Honoring the Signers of the Women's Suffrage Amendment to the U. S. Constitution)

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas M. Owen (tom)

President GASSAR

The Second Battle of Brier Creek

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting on March 12, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church Social Hall at 6:00. In attendance were over 60 people, including the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution President Tom Owens, GASSAR Past-President Roger Coursey, and members of the William Few Chapter SAR in Augusta. The program for the evening was presented by Archeologist Daniel Battle on the "Battlefield of Brier Creek".



L to R: Dess Smith III, Rusking Powell, Wilder Smith, Steve Burke

This battle during the American Revolution happened on March 3, 1779 in Screven County, GA. On Tuesday March 10, 2015, several members of the Wiregrass Chapter SAR and members of the David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter DAR attended a public meeting held at the Screven County Library hosted by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Palmetto Products Pipeline LLC.

The reason for the public meeting was to hear the public's concerns over the proposed pipeline route that was scheduled to come right up through the middle of the Battlefield of Brier Creek over the graves of over 150 American Revolution Patriots graves that were killed and buried there by the British and the Loyalists on March 3, 1779.

Daniel Battle was given a grant by the City of Sylvania and the DOT to survey the location of the Battlefield. While completing this survey, Daniel found out about the proposed pipeline and notified the SAR, DAR, River keepers, TV stations, Newspapers and as many friends of the American Revolution and our heritage that he could notify.

The first words out of the Pipeline Companies spoke person at the meeting was that they had changed the route so as not to come through the Battlefield of Brier Creek. Our Club expressed much thanks to Daniel for his hard work in making the people of Georgia aware of the pipeline."



L to R: GSSAR President Tom Owens, Wiregrass President Wilder Smith, Daniel Battle, Steve Burke.

Col. Samuel Elbert won this battle with the pipeline! By Compatriot Larry J Wilson—published in “The Elberton Star”

About one hundred Georgia Citizens met Tuesday Night at the County library in Screven County, GA to register their grievances to the proposed one hundred million dollar Palmetto Pipeline owned by Kinder Morgan Energy Company. They were concerned about encroachment on their property in Screven County. Included in these grievances involved proponents to save the Brier Creek Battlefield- after the pipeline had originally been cited for impacting the Battlefield!

After hearing the many grievances, one good thing which came from Kinder Morgan representatives was, “The pipeline will not impact the battlefield”. Kinder Morgan Energy is the largest pipeline developer in the United States. The 360 mile pipeline connects Jacksonville, Florida to Belton, South Carolina and will become a major segment of the total United States pipeline structure going to New York and the northern states. (See photo-1). Its scheduled plan will install pipe 218 miles crossing in Georgia and 142 miles in South Carolina. It originates from Jacksonville, Florida and is designed to deliver up to 167,000 barrels per day.



Colonel Samuel Elbert

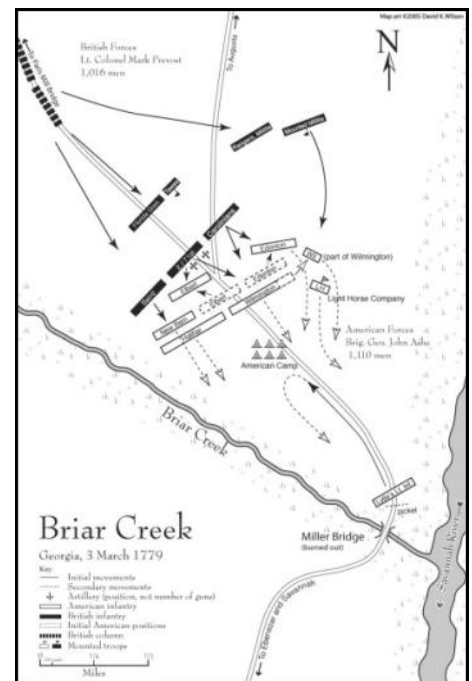
For those unfamiliar with the battle (see map above by David K. Wilson from his book, “The Southern Strategy”), the battle occurred March 3rd, 1779 in what is now Screven County (about 70 miles from Savannah, GA) less than a month after the successful victory of the Patriots at the Battle of Kettle Creek, a morale “booster” victory over the British! The Patriots led by Gen. John Ashe lost the most important battle for Georgia during the American Revolution where it allowed the British to claim Georgia under the “Crown” and prolonged the war in Georgia for another year.

It was in this battle where Col. Samuel Elbert was captured, and his unit was slaughtered and at least 150 men were killed and buried there. The battle was a total disaster to Georgia. Many of the men managed to escape and re-join the South Carolina militia or the Continentals to continue fighting against the British. After major battles such as Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and Guilford Courthouse, General Cornwallis finally went to the north conceding indirectly the “Southern Strategy” had failed and could not recruit loyalists like they needed to combat General Washington’s forces in the northern colonies. Cornwallis was cornered by Gen. George Washington and had to give up over 8,000 men October 19, 1781 at the Battle of Yorktown which finally ended the American Revolution.

As important a battle as Brier Creek was to Georgia, our state officials, historians, and local officials have not given attention to preserving this battlefield. The root cause is found where the lack of funds in Georgia (particularly for the Department of Natural Resources) dictates how we preserve and manage our historic sites. The Department of Natural Resources owns the Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and the (1989) Tuckahoe WMA is a hunting preserve and they also allow tree farming on the grounds. By nature of its title, Tuckahoe WMA, it has little concerned interest in protecting the Brier Creek Battlefield.

What is needed is a secure management plan to make sure these threats (including pipeline threats) do not happen again and what’s more, after seeing photos of road equipment trenching on the Brier Creek Battlefield, the Preservation Department of DNR must do their job and regulate how any road equipment can disturb the terrain of the battlefield.

Funds should be allocated to protect our Georgia History and include Brier Creek! This battle, as important as it was, should be included in the History of Georgia and the



battle site prioritized to manage. Help save the Brier Creek Battlefield from further threats, and help protect the battlefield through funding! Our Elbert County was named after Col. Samuel Elbert, later General and Governor of GA.

For those who helped get the word across back to Kinder Morgan we thank you!

For our state representatives who helped get the word back to DNR, “Thank You!”



By: Hugh T. Harrington—Gainesville, GA

"BRITISH SOLDIERS American War"

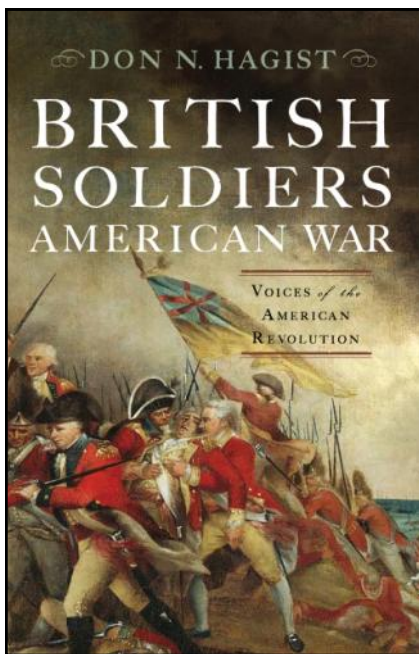
Americans, even Americans who enjoy studying the American Revolution, don't know much about the British soldiers. While British officers have left some written accounts of themselves and their experiences the private soldiers' left very, very little.

Don Hagist has filled the knowledge void for the private soldier as well as it can be filled. Personal accounts of nine British soldiers are gathered together for the first time. Why only nine? Because, only nine soldiers left anything more than a few scraps of information. Through the writing of these nine men we see the men, not just the red coats.

Accompanying the soldiers' own writing are comprehensive, well researched, essays expanding the background of the soldiers and their service. For the most part these men, and their companions, were professional soldiers who volunteered to join the army as a career.

They were not the dregs of society, criminals forced into the military, draftees or victims of press-gangs as the myths would have us believe. It is often useful to demonize the enemy in time of war, however when looking at these men we find that they're not demons but men much like their colonial adversaries.

- Hugh T. Harrington



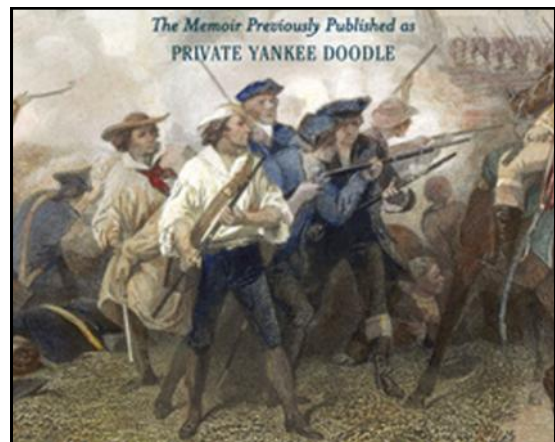
"The Memoir Previously Published as PRIVATE YANKEE DOODLE"

This book is must reading for anyone interested in the American Revolution. It is by far the best account written by a private soldier. Some officers wrote about their experiences but few private soldiers writings survive. The book was first published by Martin in 1830 with the title *A Narrative of Some of the Adventures, Dangers and Sufferings of a Revolutionary Soldier, Interspersed with Anecdotes of Incidents That Occurred Within His Own Observation.*

In 1962, it was republished along with gentle editing by historian George F. Scheer under the title *Private Yankee Doodle, Being a Narrative of some of the Adventures, Dangers and Sufferings of a Revolutionary Soldier.* More recently it has appeared as *A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier* featuring an Introduction by Thomas Fleming and an Afterward by William Chad Stanley. The reader will be delighted with whichever edition he reads.

Martin is a delightful writer. He has the ability to make the reader feel the cold, the hunger, the fear and the laughter. In addition, Martin witnessed many events over an active military career spanning 1776 to 1783. His descriptions are valuable as they give a feel of the war from the foot soldier's view but also because he describes events as only an eyewitness could. In some cases his reporting is the only eyewitness report available.

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Remembering Jack

Saturday, April 11, was a sunny day at the Georgia National Cemetery near Canton, Georgia – a perfect day for the Piedmont Chapter of the Georgia Society to conduct a grave marking ceremony honoring Compatriot Garnett Lane “Jack” Ferguson, Jr.

Piedmont Chapter President Bill Kabel opened the ceremony by welcoming all in attendance. The Georgia Society Color Guard posted the Colors, with the exception of the SAR flag with its awarded streamers. As President Kabel pointed out, the SAR flag was posted next to Jack Ferguson’s headstone because Jack always insisted on carrying that flag in his role as a Color Guard member due to the respect he had for the principles of the SAR. So, it was only fitting that it be next to him one last time.

Piedmont Chaplain, the Reverend Bill Floyd, provided the invocation and Piedmont Vice-President Rick Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem followed.

After President Kabel introduced the honored guests attending the ceremony, J. Michael Tomme, Treasurer General, NSSAR, spoke of Jack’s contribution to the Piedmont Chapter and to the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Past Piedmont Chapter and Past Georgia Society President Bob Sapp spoke to those assembled about how he first met Jack at Lockheed, where they both worked. Jack was an administrator and Bob was an engineer tasked with carrying out Jack’s instructions – which at times resulted in a somewhat adversarial relationship between the two. After he had retired from Lockheed and joined the SAR, Bob was asked to help someone named “Garnett Lane Ferguson” qualify for the SAR. Not knowing who that was, Bob called the phone number provided and discovered it was his former Lockheed nemesis, Jack Ferguson. After helping Jack join the SAR, they became great friends.



Jack Ferguson, a World War II veteran and a longtime member of the Piedmont Chapter, delighted telling school children stories about our patriot forefathers and their quest for American Independence. Teachers looked forward to Jack’s visit each year, and often asked about “that little fella in the Revolutionary War uniform.”

Although the exact number of presentations Jack made throughout the years is unknown, all concede the number of people he impacted, especially children, was considerable.



Georgia Society President Tom Owen presented Jack’s widow with the SAR memorial medallion, and Past Piedmont Chapter and Past Georgia Society President George Thurmond then presented Mrs. Ferguson with a United States flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on July 4, 2014, in honor of her late husband.

Piedmont Chapter Piper John Mortison played “Amazing Grace” following thirteen organizations representing the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. that presented wreaths in honor of Compatriot Ferguson. “Taps” were played prior to the retirement of the Colors by the Georgia Society Color Guard and the benediction by the Rev. Floyd.

