



The

July—Sept 2016

# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch



William Allen Greenly (Allen)

It's hard to believe that another quarter has come and gone. Over the summer things were still very busy on the SAR front.

I believe that Georgia had the largest contingent at the Annual Conference in Boston. Once again, Georgia was among the top three states receiving awards. It is through your dedication, your efforts and your sacrifice that Georgia ranks among the top states. It was an honor to see our own J. Michael Tomme, Sr. sworn in as President General and our own Larry Guzy sworn in as Secretary General.

Now we are into fall, and this is usually a busy time for the SAR. There are many events that we can attend, including patriot grave markings, historic site celebrations, and other events in your local area. I encourage you to get out and join your fellow compatriots at one or more of these events.

Also, it is the time when we begin to go back into the schools. I encourage you to attend one of the classroom sessions as an observer. I encourage each chapter to choose an education program, whether it's the Rumbaugh Orations, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, ROTC/JROTC program, middle school brochure or the poster contest. If you don't know how to get into the schools, contact your local American Legion. The Robert Forsyth chapter partnered with their local American Legion, and the American Legion presents the SAR programs along with their programs to the local schools. This year a student sent in an essay to be entered into the Knight Essay program as a result of a visit from the American Legion.

One of the issues we face today as a society is child safety. California schools are now requiring anyone coming into contact with students, other than relatives, be certified in Youth Protection. The National Society has recommended that any SAR member going into schools become registered. This process takes about 30 minutes, and the certificate is good for two years. You can take the course at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

I personally have taken the course and received my certification. Once you complete your certification, please send a copy to our Education Chairman Rick Reese who will keep a record of all members who have been certified. I know that all members that work with the Boy Scouts are required to be certified. I encourage every member that works with schools to take this course. Let's insure the safety of our children.

I would like to take the remainder of this Dispatch to talk about the future of our Society. Our Society is changing before our eyes, and we must change with it.

Our National Society has been working on an entirely new way to, not only, project our society to potential new members and the public at large, but also new ways for

potential members to become members. They have released an online application process for potential new members to sign up. This new process will help eliminate the current method of paying someone at National to enter all the application data into our database. When in full effect, this will allow them to focus more time and effort on approving applications.

One of the things we must avoid is not having the one-on-one contact with a potential new member. This one-on-one contact allows our Registrars and Genealogists to get to know the potential new member. It allows them to begin the mentoring process for all new members.

Let's not lose touch with potential new members. We will still accept paper applications, but the preferred method in the future will be the online application process. This doesn't mean that members cannot help potential new members with their applications. You can still help them fill out their worksheet and gather the documentation for their application. So please keep talking to potential new members and mentoring them on the application process and documentation required.

The National Society is working hard on Branding and Messaging. We still have a long way to go to catch up to the DAR, and we have to bridge this gap to reach exponential growth.

The new application process and the duties of the chapter Secretaries and Registrars is now becoming so important that we will be holding a seminar on the duties of each office at the Annual Conference.

I guess you could say that I see the glass as half full. I am excited about the future of our Society. I am especially am excited about the future of the Georgia Society. We are growing, not as fast as we had hoped, but we are still growing.

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I believe that the changes we are making; the new database and the upcoming e-commerce solution to allow our members to pay their dues online, will only enhance our ability to attract new members, retain current members, and to reinstate members that have dropped their memberships. I believe that we are playing a vital role in the education of our children and the general public to preserving our heritage.

In closing, we must never lose sight of assisting our members, schools, teachers, and the general public in their efforts to sustain and preserve our history and constitutional principles. May God bless the SAR and may God bless the United States of America.

Your humble servant  
Allen Greenly



**Executive Committee Meetings**

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

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**Board Of Managers Meetings**

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

**Deadline for the next issue of**  
**“The Hornets Nest”**

**15 January 2017**

Against the hostile designs of foreign enemies,

**TAKE NOTICE,**

**Georgia Society Conference**

January 27--28, 2017

Sonesta Gwinnett  
Place Hotel

1775 Pleasant Hill  
Road

Duluth, Georgia

Workshops

Member Award  
Banquet

Chapter and Youth  
Award Banquet

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**NSSAR  
127th Annual  
Congress**

Friday – Wednesday

July 7 – 12, 2017

Knoxville, TN

<https://sar.org/annual-sar-congress>



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### 2016

- 22 Oct – GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, 1000 hrs
- 22 Oct – Grave Marking for Solomon Strickland sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Griffin, 1530hrs
- 29 Oct – Patriot James Rylee Grave Marking sponsored by Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall and Joseph Habersham Chapters, Gillsville, GA
- 9 Nov – Dedication of the Brenau University Veterans Lounge
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Ceremony, Oconee Veterans Memorial Park, Watkinsville, 1100 hrs
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Ceremony, Atlanta History Center, 1100 hrs
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Activities
- 19 Nov -- Fort Morris
- 19 Nov – Brier Creek Chapter Chartering Banquet, Sylvania, evening
- 03 Dec—Vann's Creek
- 05—17 Dec—Governor's Mansion Tours and Celebration, 0930 - 1100hrs
- 17 Dec -- Wreaths Across America
- 17 Dec— Grave Marking for Daughter and Compatriot Butterworth sponsored by Col. William Candler Chapter DAR and Lyman Hall Chapter SAR, Alta Vista Cemetery Gainesville, 1330 hrs:

### 2017

- 27-28 Jan - GASSAR Annual Conference
- 10-12 Feb – Kettle Creek Weekend
- 10 Feb – Elijah Clark Remembrance
- 10-11 Mar – Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek
- 2-4 Mar – NSSAR Spring Leadership 2
- 25 Mar – Compatriot David Dukes Grave Marking, Wayne County
- 22 Apr – Frederica Days, SSI
- 23 Apr – Colonial Worship, SSI
- 20 May – Patriot John Colley Grave Marking, Wilkes County, sponsored by W-W Chapter and DAR Chapter
- 7-12 Jul – 127th Annual Congress, Knoxville, TN
- 12 or 19 Sep -- 2017 William Few Commemoration – Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church
- 28-30 Sep – NSSAR Fall Leadership
- 07 Oct – Kings Mountain
- 09 Oct – Savannah
- 18 Nov – Fort Morris
- 02 Dec – Vann's Creek

**The current version of the State Color Guard Calendar of events is always available on the Georgia Society Website.**  
<http://www.georgiasocietysar.org/pdf/>



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

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

- 1) Battle of Kettle Creek & Revolutionary Days  
*February 10-12, 2017*
  
- 2) Frederica/Patriots Day (Marshes of Glynn--St Simons Island)  
*April 22 & 23, 2017*
  
- 3) Constitution Day--William Few (Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church)  
*September 17, 2017*
  
- 4) Battle of Savannah (Coastal Heritage Society--GASSAR)  
*October 9, 2017*
  
- 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 as of 01 Jan 2016..... 1612**

Plus: New Members... 169  
 Plus: Transfers In.... 1  
 Plus: Reinstatements .... 45  
 Plus: Reinstatement-Transfers... 1

**Total Additions..... 216**

Less: Deceased.... 10  
 Less: Resignations..... 0  
 Less: Transfers Out..... 1

**Total Losses... 11**

**Active Membership as of 30 Sep 2016.... 1817**  
**Reported to National**

Plus: Dual Members..... 26

**Active Membership as of 30 Sep 2016.... 1843**  
**Reported to BOM**

**BREAK DOWN OF GEORGIA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP  
BY CATEGORY**

**Regular Members..... 1685**

**Jr. Members..... 80**

**Jr. Life Members..... 4**

**Emeritus Members..... 4**

**Life Members (Regular)..... 44**

**Dual..... 26**

**Total Membership..... 1843**

*George H. Wheelless, Secretary*



## In Memory of



Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

Our Compatriots

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

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Charles William BURGIN	111904	Coweta Falls	03 Jan 2016
Johnson Hagood ZORN, IV	151822	Marshes of Glynn	09 Jan 2016
Arthur Lewis ALEXANDER, Sr.	156022	Jos. Habersham	24 Jan 2016
Henry Johnson PRESTON, Jr.	118270	Blue Ridge Mtns	03 Feb 2016
Carl Duane BHAME	165798	Piedmont	10 Mar 2016
David Basil DUKES, Sr.	136726	Altamaha	25 Mar 2016
Charles Anton GUSTAFSON,	187129	Button Gwinnett	22 Jun 2016
Charles Herbert JORDAN	164121	Jos. Habersham	27 Jun 2016
Richard Gordon BENNETT, Sr.	158964	Altamaha	15 Jul 2016
William James SIMMEMON,	195993	Jos. Habersham	22 Aug 2016
William Francis ROBINSON,	198884	Edward Telfair	24 Aug 2016
Thomas Mercer HARRIS	166170	Wash-Wilkes	18 Sep 2016
Ben Edwin HAMPTON, Sr.	150508	Lyman Hall	26 Sep 2016
Farish Carter CHANDLER, Jr.	166431	Piedmont	10 Oct 2016
Everett Ellis PORTER, Jr.	154995	John Collins	16 Oct 2016

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## Since Friday January 1, 2016

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Altamaha</b>	29 Jul 2016	Franklin David ROZIER, Jr.	James Branch	Jason Ronald DEAL
<b>Athens</b>	23 Aug 2016	Wayne Todd STEPHENSON	Charles O'Kelly	Christopher Wayne CARTER
	23 Aug 2016	Paul Thomas STEPHENSON, Jr.	Charles O'Kelly	Christopher Wayne CARTER
	16 Sep 2016	Andrew Erwin NEIGHBORS	Dionysius Oliver	Joseph Britton NEIGHBORS, III
<b>Atlanta</b>	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.
	04 May 2016	Douglass French COVEY	Matthew French	David Andrews NOBLE
	04 May 2016	John Dunklin HENRY, Jr.	Hewlett Sullivan	John Dunklin HENRY
	26 May 2016	John Marvin MONTGOMERY	John Haisten	David Andrews NOBLE
	29 Jul 2016	William Carroll ARMSTRONG	Gerrett Lansing	David Andrews NOBLE
	17 Aug 2016	Paul Franklin SPENCER, Sr.	Abraham Childers	David Andrews NOBLE
	17 Aug 2016	John Pavel CREASY	Sims Brown	David Andrews NOBLE
	17 Aug 2016	Paul Franklin SPENCER, Jr.	Abraham Childers	David Andrews NOBLE
	17 Aug 2016	John Andrew CREASY, Jr.	Sims Brown	David Andrews NOBLE
	16 Sep 2016	Matthew Edward ALLINGER	John Green	James Norris FREEMAN
	16 Sep 2016	Christopher Thomas ALLINGER	John Green	James Norris FREEMAN
	16 Sep 2016	Victor Gay VERDI	Richard King	David Andrews NOBLE
	16 Sep 2016	Patrick Michael ALLINGER	John Green	James Norris FREEMAN
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>				
	09 Aug 2016	Paul Howard HAMMETT	Edward Hammett	William Harrison PALMER
	13 Oct 2016	Thomas Oliver TRUEB	James Lee	Donald Anthony LOUDERMILK
<b>Casimir Pulaski</b>				
	23 Sep 2016	Larry Michael EDGE	William Dawkins	George Herman WHEELESS, II
	23 Sep 2016	Garret Mitchell Lykins	William Dawkins	George Herman WHEELESS, II
<b>Cherokee</b>				
	12 Apr 2016	Richard Neel BENNETT, II	Thomas Stamps	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
	12 Apr 2016	John Cunningham BENNETT	Thomas Stamp	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
	12 Apr 2016	Marc Stamps BENNETT	Thomas Stamps	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
	19 Apr 2016	George Alan NELSON	Samuel Reed	James Edward TRAYLER
	29 Jul 2016	Suel Addison BOWEN, Jr.	John Bowen	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
	29 Jul 2016	Neal Edward CALDWELL	Michael Hoppes	Michael Ryan CALDWELL

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	17 Aug 2016	Stanley Lester HATHCOCK	Robert Barnett	LloydStanley LEWIS, Jr.
	17 Aug 2016	Raymond Frederick HANSEN, III	Thomas Berry	LloydStanley LEWIS, Jr.
<b>Coweta Falls</b>				
	17 Aug 2016	Edward Warner NEAL, Jr.	Samuel Neal	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	17 Aug 2016	Edward Warner NEAL, III	Samuel Neal	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	17 Aug 2016	William Stinson NEAL	Samuel Neal	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	16 Sep 2016	Harris Blackburn FOX	Thomas Fox	David Edward FOX
	16 Sep 2016	David Edward FOX, Jr.	Thomas Fox	David Edward FOX
	16 Sep 2016	Benjamin Blackburn FOX	Thomas Fox	David Edward FOX
<b>Dalton</b>				
	12 Jan 2016	Stephen Morrow HALL	Henry Hinds	Fred Wood SNELL, Jr.
	19 Apr 2016	Walter Eugene ARMS	Jasper Avery	Fred Wood SNELL, Jr.
<b>Edward Telfair</b>				
	28 Jan 2016	Christopher Evans VINYARD	John Vinyard	Roger Warren COURSEY
	16 Feb 2016	Jimmy Powell SMITH, Jr.	Joshua Pettit	Roger Warren COURSEY
	16 Feb 2016	Kempton Burkett BRYAN	Jehu Burket	Roger Warren COURSEY
	29 Feb 2016	James Lawrence CAVANAH, II	Peter Tondee	Roger Warren COURSEY
	12 Apr 2016	Alexander Patrick RHODES	Levi Harrell	Roger Warren COURSEY
	19 Apr 2016	Willard David JONES	Edward Denney	Roger Warren COURSEY
	19 Apr 2016	Charles Steven EAGLE	Adam Egle	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	Robert Lucas MISSROON, Jr.	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	Robert Lucas MISSROON, III	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 May 2016	David O'Leary MISSROON	John Rutledge	Roger Warren COURSEY
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	26 May 2016	Thomas Agnew HILSMAN	James Hilsman	Roger Warren COURSEY
	26 May 2016	Robert Lamar BUSH	Fleet Cooper	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 Jun 2016	William Francis ROBINSON	William Robinson	Roger Warren COURSEY
<b>George Walton</b>				
	16 Sep 2016	Leroy Bennett MATHEWS	Isaac Mathews	
<b>Joel Early</b>				
	26 May 2016	William Felix TABB, Jr.	Langhorne Tabb	David Neal SPOONER
	17 Aug 2016	David Allen PANKEY	Stephen Pankey	David Neal SPOONER

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	19 Aug 2016	Mark Griffith PANKEY	Stephen Pankey	David Neal SPOONER
	23 Aug 2016	William Rayford COX, Jr.	Matthew Cox	David Neal SPOONER
	16 Sep 2016	Raymond James PERKINS	Joel Etheridge	David Neal SPOONER
	16 Sep 2016	William Samuel WISEMAN, II	Richardson Rountree	David Neal SPOONER
<b>John Collins</b>	19 Apr 2016	Paul Wesley BELTER	Hercules Ogle	Bert Reece CHRISTY
	17 Aug 2016	Michael Blair REITHER	Alexander Ramsay	Robert Van Blackwell
	19 Aug 2016	William Blair REITHER	Alexander Ramsay	Robert Van Blackwell
	16 Sep 2016	Earl Stallilngs HOWELL, Jr.	Joseph Howell	Wayne Lambert BROWN
<b>Jos. Habersham</b>	26 May 2016	Thomas Gregory COLE	John Neely	William Hughes RAPER
	29 Jul 2016	Clarence Gyer MASON, Jr.	James Mason	William Hughes RAPER
<b>Lyman Hall</b>	29 Jul 2016	Scott Lamar SNEAD	Barrett Brewer	Hall Alexander MARTIN
	29 Jul 2016	George Stewart RUTLEDGE	Peter Rutledge	Edward Paul RIGEL, Jr.
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>	16 Feb 2016	Warren James SMITH	Philip Fusselman	David George JESSEL
	16 Feb 2016	Nathan Merion SMITH	Philip Fusselman	David George JESSEL
	12 Apr 2016	Thomas Eric TURNER	Michael Stump	David George JESSEL
	12 Apr 2016	Luke Daniel TURNER	Michael Stump	David George JESSEL
	29 Jul 2016	Nathaniel Banks GLOVER, Jr.	Lyttleton Johnston	David George JESSEL
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>	09 Feb 2016	Peter Matthew DILLON	James Woods	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	04 May 2016	David Francis DENGLER	George Wiant	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	29 Jul 2016	Bryan Alexander FEENEY	Lambert VanDyke	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	17 Aug 2016	Michael Kenneth SMITH	John Burkhalter	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	17 Aug 2016	Alan Robert SMITH	John Burkhalter	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
<b>Mount Vernon</b>	19 Apr 2016	Ryan Christopher KELLY	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	Caden Paul Walker KELLY	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	Lucas Riley NELSON	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	James Grayson FRICKE	Martin Shofner	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	19 Apr 2016	William Theodore FRICKE, Jr.	Martin Shofner	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	19 Apr 2016	Charles Edward FETTER, Jr.	George Stober	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	19 Apr 2016	Charles Edward FETTER, III	George Stober	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	19 Apr 2016	Jordan Nelson KELLY	Nicholas Paul	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	Maxwell Robert Ake REED	Yost George	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	Benjamin Franklin TINGLE	Solomon Tingle	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	Davis Michael DUNN	David Fiske	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	04 May 2016	John Lewis DYER	James Dyer	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	26 May 2016	David Rogers REDDING	Samuel Newcomb	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	26 May 2016	Alan Russell REDDING	Samuel Newcomb	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
	29 Jul 2016	Charles Coleman HENRY	James Pitma	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	29 Jul 2016	James Marshall WHITE	Thomas Johnson	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	29 Jul 2016	Owen Hayes ROBBINS	Thomas Hendricks	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	29 Jul 2016	Ross Hayes ROBBINS	Thomas Hendricks	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	29 Jul 2016	Tommy Warren HAYES	Thomas Hendricks	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	29 Jul 2016	Scott Hamilton ROBBINS	Thomas Hendricks	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	29 Jul 2016	Larry Coleman WHITE	Thomas Johnson	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	09 Aug 2016	John Eldon WADE	William Anderson	Larry Thomas GUZY
	09 Aug 2016	David Edward REAP	Hendrick Delamater	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	17 Aug 2016	Christopher B. COLWELL	Amos Fowler	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	17 Aug 2016	Peter MacLaren COLWELL	Amos Fowler	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	17 Aug 2016	Steven A. Colwell	Amos Fowler	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	23 Aug 2016	James Wilson SPENCER, Jr.	Joseph Adair	Donald Michael HART
	23 Aug 2016	Jonathan Walker SPENCER	Joseph Adair	Donald Michael HART
	23 Aug 2016	Jameson Walker LILY	Joseph Adair	Donald Michael HART
<b>Ocmulgee</b>	10 May 2016	Jack Ashley RUSSELL	John Wansley	James E. STALLINGS, Sr.
	16 Sep 2016	Benjamin Elwyne DAVIS	Charles Gatliff	James E. STALLINGS, Sr.
<b>Piedmont</b>	16 Feb 2016	Kevin James ABERNATHY-CORNELIUS	Joseph Turpin	Carl Duane BHAME
	19 Apr 2016	James Alan MILLER	John Gorsuch	William Dale MILLER
	19 Apr 2016	Luis Javier JIMENEZ	Samuel Sewall	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	19 Apr 2016	Mario Francis JIMENEZ	Samuel Sewall	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
<b>Robert Forsyth</b>	28 Jan 2016	Joel Mason KING, Jr.	John Lott	William Allen GREENLY
	23 Sep 2016	Thomas Milton SLAUGHTER	William Blakeslee	Christopher Michael RUSSO
<b>Rome</b>	19 Apr 2016	Stephen Duane DAVIS	Thomas Vickers	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
<b>Samuel Elbert</b>	29 Jul 2016	Sidney Gaines ADAMS	James Adams	James Larry WILSON
	23 Aug 2016	Galen Hugh MILLS	George Alexander	James Larry WILSON
	23 Aug 2016	Jason Hugh MILLS	George Alexander	James Larry WILSON
	23 Aug 2016	Robert Keary REYNOLDS	Charles Peale	James Larry WILSON
	23 Aug 2016	Jared Clay MILLS	George Alexander	James Larry WILSON
	23 Aug 2016	James Turner REYNOLDS	Charles Peale	James Larry WILSON
	23 Aug 2016	Jordan Thomas MILLS	George Alexander	James Larry WILSON
<b>Wash-Wilkes</b>	26 May 2016	John Terrell SISSON	Phillip Coombs	Thomas Milne OWEN
	26 May 2016	Mickey Gary SISSON	Phillip Coombs	Thomas Milne OWEN

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>William Few</b>	19 Apr 2016	John Lawrence KENNEDY, II	James Devlin	William Howard COLBERT
	19 Apr 2016	Kyle William HANCOCK	Jesse Tillman	William Howard COLBERT
	19 Apr 2016	Bama McKinne HARDWICK, Sr.	James Dozier	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	19 Apr 2016	John Lawrence KENNEDY, III	James Devlin	William Howard COLBERT
	19 Apr 2016	Bama McKinne HARDWICK, Jr.	James Dozier	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	10 May 2016	Stephen Cooke GLAZE	Alexander Ewing	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	10 May 2016	Phillip O'Neil Rodwell	Charles Allen	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	10 May 2016	Kenneth Wayne GLAZE, Sr.	Alexander Ewing	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	18 May 2016	Frank Rainsford YARBOROUGH	Aquila Miles	William Howard COLBERT
	29 Jul 2016	Stephen Howard HAMMOND	Lewis Lanier	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	29 Jul 2016	David Alan BUTLER	George Kiker	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	09 Aug 2016	Sam Wayne THOMAS	Nathan Hinkle	William Howard COLBERT
	17 Aug 2016	James Hayden McCLOUD	David Larkin	Alton Oneal MCCLOUD
<b>Wiregrass</b>	23 Sep 2016	Daniel Edward BATTLE	Jacob Durang	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	23 Sep 2016	Lachlan Grey BATTLE	Jacob Durang	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	12 Jan 2016	Watson Virgil MOSLEY	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	16 Feb 2016	Jake Kevin PALMER	Dioclision Davis	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	16 Feb 2016	Timothy Kevin PALMER	Dioclision Davis	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	18 May 2016	Jason Earl BURKE	Abraham Lane	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Travis James SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Gage Lee SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Carlie Lee SMITH, Jr.	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Brian Lee SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	29 Jul 2016	Richard Payne MASON	Colesby Smith	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	29 Jul 2016	Richard Gary MASON	Colesby Smith	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	29 Jul 2016	Corey Todd WATERS	Robert Ellison	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	09 Aug 2016	John Alexander FITZNER, Jr.	James Scott	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	09 Aug 2016	John Alexander FITZNER, III	James Scott	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	17 Aug 2016	Adam Don BAZEMORE	John Bazemore	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	17 Aug 2016	Craig Andrew WILDI	Francis McCormick	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	17 Aug 2016	Don Shelby BAZEMORE	John Bazemore	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	23 Aug 2016	Casey Cleve COTTON-DIXON	Edward Blackshear	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	23 Aug 2016	Charles Edward COTTON-DIXON	Edward Blackshear	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	23 Aug 2016	Christian deVaux COTTON-DIXON	Edward Blackshear	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Conner Nathan SMITH	Francis Flanders	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 May 2016	Andrew Silas MORRIS	Dioclision Davis	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
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**Total: 166**



President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr. Inaugural Remarks  
 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution  
 Westin Copley Hotel · Boston, MA · 13 July, 2016

*Golden Opportunities for the Future of the SAR "Where the past embraces the future".*

Compatriots, distinguished guests, and ladies. What an honor and a privilege it is to stand before you this evening as your 113<sup>th</sup> President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. I am humbled and I appreciate the confidence that you have bestowed upon me, by electing me to this position. I am excited to serve you and this worthy organization.

First, I want to thank PG Tom Lawrence for a great year and wonderful 126th Congress.

At this time, allow me to take a couple of minutes to introduce members of my family:

My wife, Cilla Leed and your First Lady.

Our son, John M. Tomme, Jr., and his wife Jenny.

Our two daughters, Leslie and Laura (whom are not in attendance due to work schedules) and our five grandchildren are all at home in Georgia. My Dad, at age 88, is unable to attend due to his current medical conditions. I want thank each of my family members for supporting me in this journey.

I also want recognize my Georgia SAR "family" as these are the individuals who first introduced me to the SAR. Will the members of the Georgia Society please stand, and be recognized?

I take great pride in that I am a member of the SAR. This is your society and each of us has an important role to play. We should take every opportunity to educate the public on who we are and why we are relevant. I believe we can increase our identity and have the SAR become more recognizable to the public. Over the years, a lot of our compatriots and colleagues have worked hard to make this organization into the largest, strongest and best society that it can be. However, there is still a lot of work to do, both now and into our future.

At the Spring Leadership and Trustees meeting, we took an important step into the future. We engaged in discernment and debate of the proposal, and then the Trustees voted to pay the final installment of the interpretive plan to Solid Light and approved moving ahead with the Educational Outreach Center, when we have the money in hand. I believe that our compatriots like our Patriot ancestors, came away from this session with an overall appreciation of the process and agreed to move forward.

This facility will be a wonderful addition to our Society not only now, but into the future of our organization once it is completed. With our headquarters located on Main Street, among numerous museums and tourist attractions, this Educational Outreach Center once completed will not only enhance our visibility, but should attract new prospective members who visit the area. Visitors could tour our Educational Center and then exit next door to our library to conduct research on their own family history.

I will continue the Implementation Committee that PG Lawrence started. This will be chaired by PG Nathan White. This committee will continue to be made up of stakeholders from the following committees: SAR Foundation, IT, Education, Budget, Finance, and Strategic Planning Committees. They will continue to review our existing plans, programs and needs as we progress into the future and continue to prioritize them. The Committee will continue to set forth and present to the ExCom and Trustees a list of priorities.

*I am also continuing the following committees and programs, which were in place before I was elected:*

Compatriot Doug Collins will continue as chair the Patriot Ancestors' Biographies.

PG Brock will chair SAR Medal of Honor Recipients and work to finish this project.

Compatriot Chuck Sweeney will chair the Veterans Recognition Committee.

Compatriot Paul Callanan will chair the Congress Review Committee.

Compatriot Dr. Rudy Byrd will chair the Council of Youth Awards.

Compatriot John Dodd will chair the Governance and Organization Committee.

An important part of SAR mission is *patriotic education* and therefore it is our responsibility to share our knowledge of the founding of this country and the struggles of our forefathers and ancestors. That is why my first initiative is *Education Outreach*. To enhance our Educational Outreach beyond the borders of Louisville, KY, this new Educational Outreach Team initiative will extend this mission into our chapters and reach out to the children in their schools, scout organizations, civil groups, religious institutions, and other patriotic societies.

The long range goal of this initiative is to develop and share educational program presentations by SAR members. These presentations would be *Colonial Living History* (era before or during the American Revolution), a discussion about or founding documents, presentations on battles or personalities, or other appropriate patriotic programs targeted for children. *The long term goal is to have a NSSAR data base of all Educational Outreach Teams and their programs.* This would allow educators a data base of our nationwide programs including contact information and scripts and/or videos.

Colleen Wilson, NSSAR Education Director; Brooks Lyles, Educational Committee Chairman; Bill Stone, Educational Outreach Center Production Chair; and Tom Jackson, Web-based Educational Learning Subcommittee Chair, and others on the NSSAR Educational Team will work together to develop this initiative. The NSSAR Educational Director could assist in the developing of new presentations.

The details of this long range initiative can found on the NSSAR website. There will be two levels of the program, (1) for those chapters who have *never offered* an educational outreach program and (2) for those chapters who *already* have an educational program in place. The basic requirements are the same and will require chapters to share their program information with NSSAR to be included in the national education website. Streamers will be available for those chapters who complete this initiative between now and 31 May 2017. But this initiative does not stop in 2017. It continues for many years into the future.

*My next initiative is the Mentor Program.*

When does the mentor process begin? It begins when a new prospective member inquires/seeks information on becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution by a casual conversation, email inquiry, or responding to an ad in local paper. At that time, the process should be an offer to assist or a referral to a mentor in the chapter. The President should have a list of mentors in the chapter to assist in this endeavor. Each chapter should have mentors regardless of the size of the chapter. The mentor should assist the applicant through the process of acceptance and continue on once he becomes a member *to assimilate the new member ensuring a meaningful relationship with the current members and a commitment to the mission of the society.*

It has been recognized that the retention rate of members, especially new members should be increased. I believe the retention rate may be significantly increased by involving a new member in the activities of the chapter, state and national level through “mentoring” of new members. The mentoring of members is a responsibility of all SAR members and especially the 1<sup>st</sup> line sponsor and chapter.

Therefore, I am asking the *Membership Committee* to spear head this project. I am requesting that they review their policies, pamphlets and brochures and bring them up to date. Their publications should be “eye catching” to the public. I would charge the Membership Committee to work with the Medals and Awards Committee to look into the possibility of tying a portion of this program to the Liberty Medal. The goal of this initiative is to create an effective mentorship program which will enhance not only our enrollment numbers, but the quality and quantity of our SAR programs.

Our Youth programs continue to be strong. We continue to have strong leadership in these committees. Our Council of Youth Awards has put together a wonderful brochure listing all of Youth Awards. I am aware that additional money is required to increase the awards provided by the various programs. Therefore, I am issuing a *challenge* to each *State Society* to donate \$1,000 or more to the Council of Youth Awards (*not to the individual youth programs*) between now and 1 June 2017. Those states that meet the \$1,000 challenge will receive a streamer. If *100% of the state societies* donate \$1,000, Cilla and I will donate \$10,000 or more to the Council of Youth Awards. The total donations would then be divided amount the various programs. I would charge the Committee to look at the various programs and determine how to equalize the awards.

Our NSSAR CAR program continues to grow. I am asking Chairman Darrin Schmidt to make sure that each State Society has a State CAR Chairman. I would like the State CAR Chairman to *encourage* each chapter to create a CAR Liaison. Chapters should encourage SAR members to become Senior Leaders in the local and state CAR societies, as well as at the National level. I would like each SAR chapter to enroll CAR members as Junior Members in our society. Once they become SAR Junior Members, the chapters are *encouraged* to get them involved in our committees. Many of the CAR members are already serving on committees in the CAR, why not with the SAR? This would increase our membership. Once the Junior Member ages out, they would continue on into the parent organization.

This year the National Park Service is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year of service. This is wonderful opportunity for the *Historic Site and Celebrations Committee* to build our relationship with the Park Service and partner with them in their year of celebration. The Park Service is engaging in a campaign to reintroduce the national parks and the work of the National Park Service to a new generation of Americans. Therefore, I am issuing a *challenge* to the Historic Site and Celebrations Committee to build upon our relationship with the National Park Service. Many of our American Revolutionary historic sites our maintained by the Park Service and with our increased involvement, this would bring increased visibility and promotion of the SAR to a potential new member base.

In closing, I would like reflect on the exceptional members we have in the SAR. We have all given of our time, talents and financial assets to make this organization prominent. Now is our opportunity to take the SAR to a new level and commitment. We must continue to promote the SAR to the public, so that we are recognizable. We must constantly tell our ancestor's stories and those of the early patriots who fought for our independence. We live in the greatest country and enjoy the freedoms that our forefathers fought for over 230 years ago. *We are obligated to continue to preserve our heritage, our mission, and the historic principals for which this country was founded upon.*

I ask that you please keep Cilla and me in your thoughts and prayers as we travel this great nation, to carry out the business of our society. We both look forward to a wonderful year. Thank you once again for the confidence you have placed in me. I look forward to working alongside you for our Society, a society of gentlemen, the Sons of the American Revolution.

*Now for a few announcements:*

Cilla and I are excited to announce our "Road to Saratoga" tour that will be held next May 4-11, 2017. We will begin in Quebec, Canada visiting the sights of Old Quebec. We will then travel on to Montreal, where we will visit the Old Montreal and Fort Lennox National Historic Site and then on to Burlington, VT, and visit the Ethan Allen homestead. We will travel on to Fort Ticonderoga and then on to Saratoga National Park. It will be a great trip and we encourage you to register as soon as possible. We will have flyers available in the back of the room. God Bless America and each of you.

Yours in Patriotism,

*J. Michael Tomme, Sr.*

J. Michael "Mike" Tomme, Sr.



## 127th Annual SAR Congress



KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE  
JULY 7TH - JULY 13TH 2017

**Registration information  
will soon be available.**

**The primary hotel is fully booked.**

**Secondary accommodations  
are very close.**



On Saturday, 8 July 2017, there will be a barbecue reception and dinner hosted by the Tennessee SAR at the **James White Fort**.





# Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference

January 27--28, 2017

## Registration Form

Sonesta Gwinnett Place

1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, Georgia 30096

(At Exit 104 Pleasant Hill Road on I-85 in Gwinnett County)

Reservation: Phone 1-855-463-3095 or

Rooms: \$94 plus taxes (Rate guaranteed through January 5, 2017)

Registration Link

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=58939&Chain=5157&arrive=1/26/2017&depart=1/29/2017&adult=1&child=0&group=0127SONSSS>

Please mail this registration form by **December 31, 2016** with check payable to "Georgia Society SAR" to President William A. Greenly, 6440 Ivey Meadow Lane, Cumming, GA 30040-6675

**Registration Fee (SAR Members Only):** (Prior to Dec 31, 2016) \$ 10.00  
(Late fee after Dec 31: +\$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Schedule of Events - Friday, Jan 27:

2:00-5:30 pm Registration  
2:00-4:00 pm Leadership Registration: "Role of a Registrar" (Open to all) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
3:00-5:00 pm Leadership Registration: "Role of a Secretary" (Open to all) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
3:30-5:30 pm Hospitality Suite  
6:00 pm Reception (Cash Bar)  
7:00 pm Member Awards Banquet (Members, wives, guests) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Black Tie, Business Suit, Uniform, Kilts, Prince Charlie)**

### Schedule of Events – Saturday, Jan. 28:

8:00 - 8:20 am Late Registration  
8:30 am Memorial Service (Members, wives, guests)  
9:15 am Winter Board of Managers Meeting (Members)  
9:15-10:00 am Ladies' Program: Brenda Jessel – "Colonial Imposter Sarah Wilson"  
10:15-11:00 am Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting  
10:45 am Annual Meeting: GA Society Election of Officers (ALL Membership Votes!)  
11:45 am Chapter and Youth Awards Luncheon & Installation of 2017 Officers  
(Members, wives, and guests) **(Business Suit, Uniform)** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Total Remitted

(Registration, +/- Late Fee, Friday Workshop, Banquet & Saturday Banquet) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Information

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Member): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

State Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_

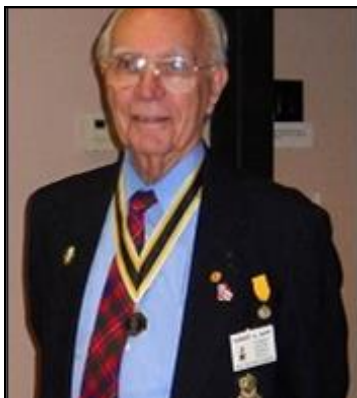
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# State Officers & Committees

# NEWS



## Georgia Society Registrar—Bob Sapp

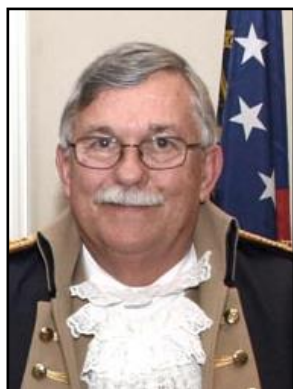
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Applications received through 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2016 were 238 with 226 reviewed and sent to NSSAR for approval. NSSAR approved 141 applications. The state registrar pending a total of 35 applications. NSSAR genealogy staff pending 2 applications.

The statistics of applications reviewed and approved are as follows:  
 95% of applications reviewed and mailed to NSSAR  
 62.4% applications approved by NSSAR  
 15.5% of applications received pending by state registrar

Many of membership applications were for members of two new chapters that are in the process of formation. The newly formed Mount Vernon Chapter received a large portion of the new members that have been approved.

At the Fall Leadership meeting a strong push was made for all chapters to begin using the online application process. Your registrar strongly suggests contacting him when you have questions on documentation.



## DAR Liaison—Shep Hammack

[Shep7j@aol.com](mailto:Shep7j@aol.com)

### ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

The National DAR Liaison committee is promoting the expansion of the Georgia DAR Referral Award program to other states. The Georgia DAR Society SAR/SR Liaison Committee chairperson, Leslie Watkins, and I have are exchanging notices of activities of our respective societies to keep our members mutually informed of SAR and DAR events in Georgia.

The Committee Chairman attended the DAR Constitution Day Luncheon and had over 40 DAR Referral Awards trifolds picked up by Georgia Daughters. On September 12 we presented a Medal of Appreciation to Connie Bivins of the Martha Stewart Bulloch chapter for her recruitment of 6 new SAR members. She is working on six more from another branch of her family.

### PLANS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Continue to 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 October 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.

**The Committee requests that any SAR member who visits a DAR chapter please make us aware of your actions.**



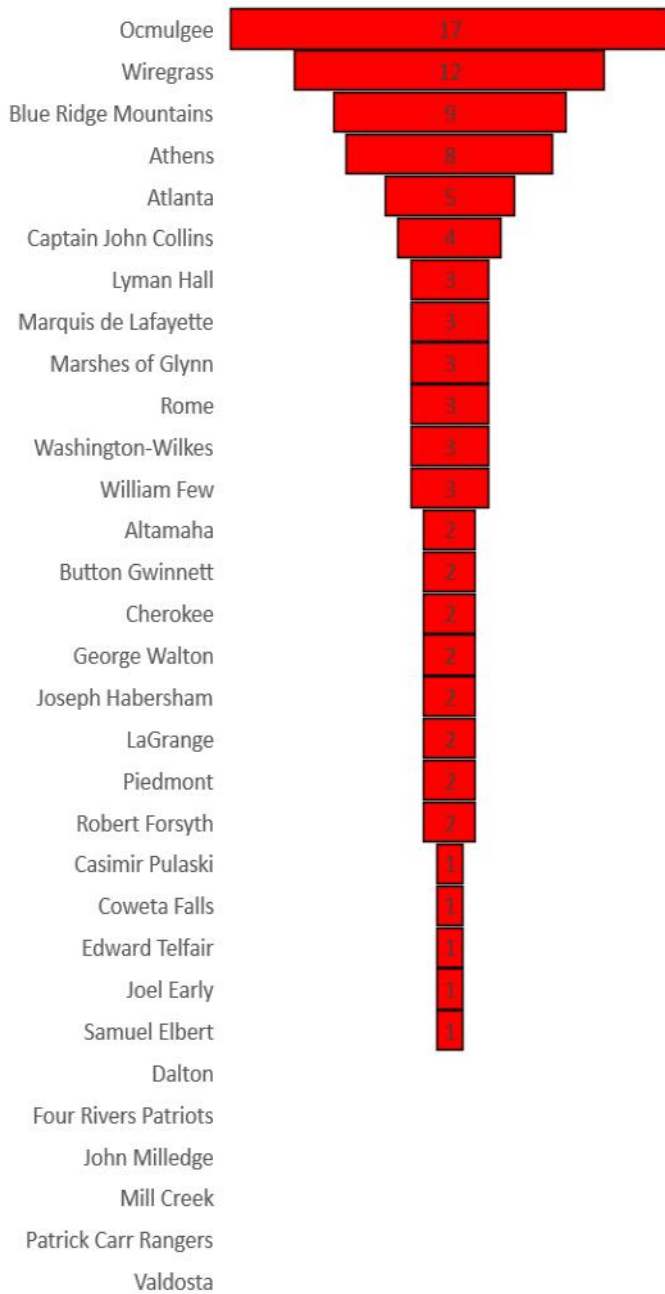


Flag Respect—Paul Prescott

The Flag Committee requested that the Regional Vice Presidents give each chapter a Flag Certificate and ensure that each chapter in their region present the certificate to a qualified organization or person. If the chapter is not interested in presenting a Flag Certificate, The Regional VP should present one on their behalf. Not all of the chapters have sent in their third quarter BOM reports. Thus, the data are not complete. I will continue to remind the BOM of the chapter Flag Certificate activity in hopes of getting 100 percent chapter participation this year. Below is the chapter data I have extracted from the chapter BOM reports.

I will send a reminder in December and ask all chapters to respond to me directly as to the number of Flag Certificates they have presented in 2016.

Flag Certificates - per Chapter - 2015



Flag Certificates -per Chapter 2016 YTD



Genealogist —Bruce Maney[MilusBruce@aol.com](mailto:MilusBruce@aol.com)Third Quarter 2016 GASSAR Genealogist BOM Report

Since July 1, 2016 I have assisted members of several GASSAR Chapters with research to resolve or attempting to resolve lineage issues for prospective members or Compatriots personal supplemental applications.

Research during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter included trips to the National Archives and the Georgia State Archives in Morrow.

I received one request from Compatriot Bob Sapp, State Registrar, regarding assisting a prospective member who had contacted the State Registrar directly. During the quarter I met with the prospective member and his first line signer. Documentation requirements and guidance for each generation was discussed. The efforts by the prospective member and first line signer were finalized with a completed and signed application presented to the Chapter's Registrar at their September regular monthly meeting.

Information Technology Committee - Ed Rigel Sr.[compatriotrigel@charter.net](mailto:compatriotrigel@charter.net)

The Information Technology Committee will encourage, guide, and assist the Board of Managers, chapters, and membership in efforts to maintain effective electronic communication through the Internet. The committee will maintain a Georgia Society web site for the display and ready access of information that would be of use and interest to Georgia Society members and the general public.

**3rd Quarter Activity:**

The Georgia Society website was hacked at least once during the quarter briefly interrupting service. The Graves Registry site was also disrupted and required longer to repair. The assistance (read – all the work) of Tom Roberts in resolving these issues is greatly appreciated.

Development of the State's membership database continues though moving slower than hoped.

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

BOM Members distribution list: [gassar\\_bom@googlegroups.com](mailto:gassar_bom@googlegroups.com)

Color Guard Members distribution list: [gassar\\_colorguard@googlegroups.com](mailto:gassar_colorguard@googlegroups.com)

The Committee works very diligently to keep the information on the Society website [www.gassar.org](http://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.

Friends of the Library —Hugh Rodgers[h\\_slrogers@knology.net](mailto:h_slrogers@knology.net)

Friends of the Library Memberships as of 30 September 2016: 18 Chapters  
 1 Georgia Society  
 43 Compatriots and other individuals  
 62 Total

The Georgia Society remains the leader among state societies in the NSSAR. Thanks to all chapters and compatriots for their strong support of this important SAR function.

Chapter and personal memberships in FOL are available for \$25 annually and can be renewed on the anniversary date or extended at any time. Mail checks to NSSAR 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Be sure on the memo line to indicate the check is for FOL and include your chapter's name and GASSAR. Individuals should also include their national number.

Let's continue to keep the Georgia Society leader among NSSAR state societies.

Americanism Committee—Roger W CourseyCapnrog2000@yahoo.net

The 2015 NSSAR Americanism contest was a real success for the Georgia Society, thanks to the efforts of all the chapters that submitted Americanism Reports last year. Nationally, there are 562 chapters and 58 state societies that comprise the National SAR.

A total of 175 chapters (31% of all chapters) submitted a score sheet. That was 12 chapters more than the 2014 contest. A total of 15 state societies (26% of all state societies) participated.

In the Georgia Society 20 of the 32 chapters from the beginning of 2015 submitted reports. NO matter how your chapter fell in the rankings nationally, each chapter that submitted a report supported the Georgia Society and your points helped our society do as well as we did among the state societies.

Below is a listing of where each chapter ranked nationally:

**Americanism**

2. Blue Ridge Mountains
6. Casimir Pulaski
12. Wiregrass
17. Washington Wilkes
27. Rome
32. Cherokee
63. George Walton

1. Marshes of Glynn
2. Button Gwinnett
12. Athens
13. Marquis de Lafayette
22. Lyman Hall
24. Ocmulgee
25. Robert Forsyth
30. Captain John Collins
33. William Few
33. Joseph Habersham
48. Edward Telfair

2. Piedmont
14. Coweta Falls

1. Georgia

**President General Streamer****Chapters with 1-49 members (75 chapters participated)**

4. Washington-Wilkes
6. Blue Ridge Mountains
23. Wiregrass
25. Casimir Pulaski
43. Cherokee
50. George Walton
75. Rome

**Chapters with 50-99 members (65 chapters participated)**

5. Button Gwinnett
7. Marquis de Lafayette
8. Lyman Hall
16. Captain John Collins
23. Robert Forsyth
25. Marshes of Glynn
27. Edward Telfair
28. Athens
38. Ocmulgee
40. William Few
50. Joseph Habersham

**Chapters with 100-199 members (28 chapters participated)**

2. Piedmont
18. Coweta Falls

**States (1000+members)**

2. Georgia

**President General Cup**

2. Blue Ridge Mountains
6. Casimir Pulaski
8. Washington Wilkes
14. Cherokee

4. Button Gwinnett
5. Marshes of Glynn
11. Lyman Hall
12. Robert Forsyth
15. Marquis de Lafayette
16. Athens
21. Captain John Collins
27. Ocmulgee

1. Piedmont
13. Coweta Falls

Our Society and chapters did extremely well as far as receiving the awards for the Americanism and President Generals contest. The winners of the various Americanism Awards are listed below:

Liberty Bell Americanism Award recognizes the top chapters that participate in the various educational outreach programs of the SAR.—**Blue Ridge Mountains** (10-49 members); **Marshes of Glynn** (50-99 members)

President General's Streamer Award is presented to the top chapters and State Societies that record the best efforts with respect to various administrative goals that contribute to the success of the SAR—**Piedmont** (100+ members)

President General's Cup is presented annually to the top chapters with respect to a combined scoring system of both the Liberty Bell and President Generals Streamer awards and chapter membership levels—**Blue Ridge Mountains** (10-49 members); **Piedmont** (100+ members)

The Allene Wilson Groves Award to the top State Society that participates in the various educational outreach programs of the SAR.—**Georgia** (1000+ members)

**Note:** Some chapters won the award even though they were ranked second. This is because the same chapter cannot win 2 years in a row, they will get an honorable mention the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The Georgia Society could not have won the Allene Wilson Groves Award without the input of every chapter that submitted a report last year. Therefore, it is very important for every chapter to submit an Americanism Report this year. All chapters should be compiling their reports at this time.



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

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The Knight Essay Contest began with the beginning of the school year. The deadline date for students to submit their essays to a chapter for entry into the contest is Monday, December 1, 2016. **Chapters then must select their chapter winner and submit that entry to the Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest Chairman by December 15, 2016 for entry into the Georgia Society Contest.**

**There are new rules and procedures for entry into the contest this year. There is a requirement that essays must be submitted electronically in pdf format. Complete rules are included in this email. A new entry application has been created. Entry forms are available on the National web page in the Youth Programs section.**

Submit GASSAR Chapter winners' essays to: [tgibbs@bellsouth.net](mailto:tgibbs@bellsouth.net) by December 15, 2016. The GASSAR Knight Essay Chairman will then select a panel of judges to review the essays and grade them using a standardized grading sheet. The essay with the most points will be declared the winning essay to represent the Georgia Society in the national contest.

The Knight Essay contest winner for the Georgia Society will be awarded a \$600.00 Cash Scholarship at the Annual Meeting in January. The runner up or second place essay winner will be awarded a \$400.00 Cash Scholarship.

Submit any questions regarding the contest to me at [tgibbs@bellsouth.net](mailto:tgibbs@bellsouth.net). Complete information regarding the contest is located in the Source Book on the GASSAR website under Youth Programs sections 27.2.2, 27.2.3, and 27.2.4.

### [State Historian—Dr. David A. Ludley](#)

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Activities of the past quarter as State Historian:  
Second Quarter GASSAR BOM Meeting: gathered many items for Atlanta History Center.

Items were added to the Digital Catalog to be placed in storage at the Atlanta History Center, Kenan Research Center.

Duplication of 58 page 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress, Atlanta, Georgia, from June 1983, at behest of leadership so that we have our own copy separate from the History Center's.

September 5<sup>th</sup> letter of thanks from the Atlanta History Center for donation of materials.

Other Activities:

7/19/16—Attended the July Captain John Collins Chapter Meeting.

8/16/16—Attended the August Captain John Collins Chapter Meeting.

### [Georgia Fellows Board Chair—Edward P Rigel, Jr](#)

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The Georgia Society Fellows Board consists of three living SAR Georgia Fellows selected from among the various Georgia Fellows members. A term of membership on the Board will be for three consecutive years with the terms of office staggered among the Board members to require the election of one Board member each year. The purpose of this board is to maintain administrative oversight of the Georgia Society Fellow Program's contributions, requests, disbursements, and membership, and to promote the program among Georgia Society members and other friends of the Georgia Society. The Board will act on behalf of the Georgia Fellows membership in recommending use of Georgia Society Fellows Funds.

James Stallings will complete his three years of service at the end of the 2016 term. At the request of State President Greenly, I am calling for nominations to fill the 2017-2019 term of Georgia Society Fellows Board Member. Any Georgia Fellow who is a member in good standing of the Society is eligible to serve on the Board. If you are interested in serving, or wish to nominate someone, please submit names to me for confirmation of willingness to serve. Nominations must be received by Nov. 7 so that an election can take place before December 1.





## Source Book Committee—Edward P Rigel, Sr

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The *Source Book* Committee regularly reviews and updates the contents of the *Source Book*, the unofficial guide to the operation of the Georgia Society. A current version of the Source Book is maintained on the Georgia Society website.

**Website Information:** The Georgia Society SAR SourceBook is accessible for viewing by all members of the Society:

[http://www.georgiasocietysar.org/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=70](http://www.georgiasocietysar.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=70)

Follows is a list of SourceBook sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016:

- 06.10.1 Chapter New Member Induction Ceremony.doc
- 06.10.2 Chapter New Member Induction Ceremony (alt).doc
- 06.8.0 Chapter Officers Installation Ceremony.doc
- 06.8.1 Chapter Officers Installation Ceremony (alternate).rtf
- 06.8.2 Chapter Officers Installation Ceremony (alternate).doc
- 06.9.0 New Chapter Charter and Installation Ceremony.doc
- 06.9.1 Charter Chapter Flag Presentation Ceremony.doc
- 27.2.3 Knight Essay Rules GA.doc
- 27.2.4 NSSAR Knight Essay Rules-2016.docx
- 27.7 Junior ROTC (JROTC) Program.docx
- 27.7.2 JROTC Enhanced Program 2016-2017.doc
- 27.7.2F JROTC Enhanced Nom. Form 2016-2017.pdf

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



## ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Liaison Committee

LCDR David G. Jessel USN Ret

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The NSSAR web site is being revised and some bugs need to be worked out. This email and the attachments have all the information needed for you to manage your JROTC Awards Programs.

My objective is to get needed information into the hands of the Senior Military Instructor (SMI) to assist them with our SAR JROTC Awards Programs.

Every JROTC Unit in the Georgia Society SAR area should know by name the SAR Chapter that supports them. Additionally the JROTC Unit should have a Chapter POC (Point of Contact) name, phone numbers and email addresses for that compatriot and his assistant. Now is the time to affect liaison with the SMI or SEI for all the JROTC Units in your Chapter AO (Area of Operations).

SMI's should be working on their Outstanding Cadet (OC) Nomination for the JROTC Enhanced Program. One cannot put together an OC Nomination Package in a few days or a week. Ask the SMI to use the information I provided as a Check List. Remember the Chapter Winner OC Nomination Package to me has a Deadline of **NLT Friday 2 December 2016**. Send me the package in late October or early November and I'll look it over and give the SMI a chance to correct or revise any problem detected.

Several chapters have Sea Cadet Units and I have addresses the SAR Award (BGCM) and Sea Cadet Ribbon.

SAR does not have an awards or recognition program for (Youth) Civil Air Patrol Cadets (CAP). A chapter may be contacted by a CAP Unit about an award for one of their outstanding cadets. If the Commanding Officer of the Unit provides sufficient justification for an award, the chapter could opt to award the BGCM to that Outstanding CAP Cadet.

If you have questions about these award programs, call me or send me an email.



## Bylaws Committee—Edward P Rigel, Sr

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The committee reviews the Georgia Society SAR Bylaws on a regular basis to recognize needed revisions and prepare any recommended changes to the Bylaws by the membership for review by the Executive Committee and submission to the Board of Managers for approval. The committee provides assistance to members seeking guidance on making revisions to the Bylaws by offering suggested re-wording or alternative means to accomplish the desired action.

**Website Information:** 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity:

The Committee is formulating an amendment to the Article V, Section 3 Executive Committee. The amendment is under review by the Executive Committee.

An amendment to Article V, Section 4, Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee was submitted to the Bylaws Committee too late to go through the appropriate review process and will be presented to the BOM for consideration at the January BOM meeting.



## Education Outreach Committee—Rick Reese

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### Education Outreach Programs

Our President General, J. Michael Tomme, Sr. in his inaugural remarks at the 126<sup>th</sup> Congress In July in Boston stated:

*“An important part of SAR mission is and therefore it is our responsibility to share our knowledge of the founding of this country and the struggles of our forefathers and ancestors. That is why my first initiative is To enhance our Educational Outreach beyond the borders of Louisville, Kentucky, this new Educational Outreach Team initiative will extend this mission into our chapters and reach out to the children in their schools, Scout organizations, civil groups, religious institutions, and other patriotic societies.”*

With that said, it is important that all of our Georgia Chapters make a strong effort to participate in as many of the SAR education outreach programs as possible to reach and support education for the youth at all levels in our various communities.

Remember that the [www.SAR.org](http://www.SAR.org) website provides a host of educational materials to support youth education.

The **Traveling Trunk** program is an excellent way to reach Elementary, Middle, High School students, and their teachers. This gives us the ability to reinforce the efforts of the educators to teach students about the Revolutionary War...and even convey more everyday life details than the school curriculum allows for.

We also have other programs for school students to enhance their interest in Revolutionary War topics:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Brochure Contest
- High School Knight Essay Contest
- High School Oration Contest
- JROTC awards
- Eagle Scout awards

### Youth Protection Program

It is also important to note that a growing number of school systems have instituted a “Youth Protection Training” program for individuals such as us who make presentations to school age children.

The NSSAR Education Committee is advocating that SAR presenters to school students be proactive in getting that training before it becomes an absolute requirement. The recommended program is available online through the Boy Scouts of American at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). All SAR presenters should go to that website, create an account (Free) and click on “Youth Protection” to take the training.



### Eagle Scout Committee - Bill Coffeen

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Our committee has received 70 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date exceeding all of 2015's requests put together. The chair passes on these requests to chapters who have active Eagle Scout programs or the chair fulfills the request himself if no chapter support presently exists. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to set up a recognition program please contact me at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com) or call me at 770-419-2549.

The Georgia Society can approve up to three compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. Only one application has been submitted year to date. Before the end of the year I encourage all other chapters to submit an application to me for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition. If you find it difficult to find the application, I'll be glad to send it to you. Then forward it along with a check for \$20 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

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

***If your chapter still recognizes Eagle Scouts but simply don't have an appointed Chair, please let me know to whom I might forward requests for such recognition.***

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](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com). **It is essential that all 2016 applicants use the current application available on the National website. No others will be accepted.**



### Graves Committee—Don Burdick

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#### Web Site Information

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

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

the drop down for the Compatriot Form.

#### Current Quarter's Report

Grave markings by Samuel Elbert Chapter for Patriots Robert Walters and Moses Ayers were conducted in September. Also, in September, the Athens Chapter conducted a grave marking for Compatriot Albert Sydney Johnson III, Ph.D.

Chapters that have scheduled grave markings for the remainder of 2016, include Casimir Pulaski (Compatriot Gosnell), William Few (Patriots, Reuben Blanchard, James Cartledge & Samuel Cartledge) and Marquis de Lafayette (Patriot Solomon Strickland). The Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall and Joseph Habersham Chapters are also scheduled to conduct a Grave Marking for Patriot James Rylee..

Chapters are reminded to include in their grave marking program a Grave Dedication Statement presented by the Georgia Society President, Chapter President or Senior member attending.

If any member would like to serve on the Georgia Society Graves Committee please contact President Greenly or Graves Committee Chairman, Don Burdick

Chapters are encouraged to seek out Patriot Graves and schedule Grave Marking Ceremonies. The goal is to have each Chapter conduct **at least one** Grave Marking Ceremony in 2017.



**Color Guard—Edward P Rigel, Sr**

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**STATISTICS – PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS AND YTD**

**Membership:** The Color Guard has added 15 members as first time participants to its roll this year to date. The lack of a reliable source for the Continental uniforms remains a deterrent to the recruitment of Continental members.

**Participation:** The number of members participating is high. Militia turnout has been outstanding! There was an excellent turnout for the premier Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek.

Year	Members Participating	State and National Events	Total Color Guard Participation
2011	64 (12 Rookies)	82	782
2012	62 (15 Rookies)	72	663
2013	60 (3 Rookies)	60	578
2014	80 (17 Rookies)	68	761
2015	81 (13 Rookies)	66	786
2016	86 (15 Rookies)	51	569

**Activity:** 30 events remain on the Color Guard Schedule.

**Budget:**

Budget Item	Budget	Actual - YTD
<i>Income</i>		
5a Color Guard Donations	150	75
<i>Expense</i>		
19a Gear - New, Replacement, Maintenance	350	341.96
19b Color Guard Awards and Medals	625	
19c Elijah Clark Militia (Gunpowder, certificates, etc.)	60	

**Acquisitions:** An outdoor SAR flag has been ordered for the Southern Division.



**Audit Committee—Shep Hammack**

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Committee Members:

Chairman: Shep Hammack, President, Mount Vernon Chapter, Al Adams, President, Atlanta Chapter

The audit committee began preliminary work on the annual 2016 audit of the Society's Books of Account by reviewing the ETF account. This review will be completed in October 2016.

The annual audit for 2016 which will be conducted in January 2017, with results available prior to the Board of Managers meeting.



[Public Relations Committee - John Trussell](#)

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The GASSAR Public Relations committee is composed of John Trussell, Chairman, (Ocmulgee Chapter President), Ray Crumbley (Past Pres, Ocmulgee Chapter), Jack Russell (Ocmulgee member), Wayne Brown, GASSAR VP, and Ashley Russell Rubin and Billie Trussell (Dar members) and is charged with spreading the good word and works about the SAR across our great state. We are currently soliciting new members, so if you have a desire to help in our efforts, please contact John Trussell at [jtrusswr@cox.net](mailto:jtrusswr@cox.net).

Two items that we are currently working on are 1) developing a power point presentation that can be used by any Georgia SAR or DAR Chapter for public education and new member recruitment. If your chapter has already developed an PR outreach program, we would appreciate you sharing it with us. Ed Rigel has already shared a great program with us. The power point will focus on the great works accomplished by SAR and DAR and how our organizations serve our local communities. It will also briefly review the Revolutionary War in Georgia and the south and some of the important battles leading to our independence. It will briefly discuss finding your patriot ancestor, exploring your roots through DNA testing and documenting your family history. It will cover the many programs we sponsor to educate and build character in our youth, so they can be better citizens. Lastly, it will briefly discuss keeping America strong by honoring our military, supporting our governmental agencies, taking an active role in government by being informed on the issues, voting at every opportunity and joining the SAR or DAR!

The other item 2) that we are looking at is developing a brief new member profile that will be on our website, so that potential members can share basic info with us by email to expedite their inquiry into potential membership. This is already being used by several other SAR state organizations, like Tennessee.

GA SAR President Allen Greenly recently stated that two of his goals for 2016 were to increase the public's awareness of GA SAR and to increase membership. To obtain those goals it will take the effort and commitment of all of our 33 chapters and it will be a work in progress. We must use low cost (Free) methods which are readily available and develop strategies which keep the Sons of the American Revolution in the public mind on a frequent basis. The presidents of each chapter should reach out to local newspapers in the methods described below so that local citizens will come to know SAR on a higher level. To increase public awareness of SAR we must get the attention of potential members who will be the life blood of our future organization. With only 1,800 members we are barely scratching the surface of potential memberships. Below are some actions that will increase participation in our chapter meeting and add members to our rolls.

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

2) Don't overlook the chance to write letters to the editor on a frequent basis. When representing the SAR, your letters should be of patriotic nature, advance American ideals and goals and be non political in nature, never criticizing candidates or political parties. The SAR website and GA SAR Source book have some good topics to explore. Below is a general letter that can be used by every Georgia chapter, to advance new member recruitment, for your consideration.

*Did your great grandfather fight in the American Revolution?*

*The fact is that most people have no idea if any of their past relatives fought in the rev war. But that's not usual since that war occurred over 200 years ago. But the truth is that most US citizens have one or more rev war ancestors in their backgrounds, just waiting to be discovered!*

*We owe them a debt that can never really be repaid, and in most cases we don't even know their names! I'm talking about those early ancestors who came to America seeking freedom and economic opportunity. Would you like to discover who your American patriot is and know more about him and yourself?*

*Popular TV shows like "Who do you think you are" and "Finding your Roots" entertain us with celebrities who, with the help of professional genealogists, discover the remarkable truth about their individual family histories. However your own personal family history is probably no less remarkable and interesting!*

*Most people don't have the knowledge or training to conduct family background research. But that's where Sons of the American Revolution or Daughters of the American Revolution can be of great help! The volunteer registrars of these two groups will work with you to help you discover your own family history. Once you uncover your fascinating family history, it will be something that you'll be able to share with all your relatives. They will be both amazed and appreciative for your efforts to build a living family legacy to be passed down to future generations. To start your own journey of discovery, go [www.gassar.org](http://www.gassar.org) or [dar.org](http://dar.org) to locate your nearest SAR or DAR chapter and contact information.*

*Let us help you discover your Revolutionary War patriot ancestor!*

*Local SAR president signature, address, phone number*





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

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At the summer SAR GA Board of Management Meeting that was held on July 30, 2016, a check was presented to Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution State President, Rachel Fitzgerald by Georgia State Sons of the American Revolution President, Allen Greeley. Rachel discussed her project "Liberty's Joy" in which she will be raising funds to purchase specially designed bicycles for disabled children for Camp Twin Lakes. Special thanks to many BOM members who purchased merchandise from Rachel. One of the special guests of the BOM was Senior State President, Mrs. Peggy Bruckner.

This SAR/CAR Liaison attended the Georgia State Workshop in Rutledge, GA where he learned about the National and State Committee Programs for the upcoming year. Some of the members even created skits to demonstrate the upcoming contests. A locally farm raised lunch was served at Camp Twin Lakes and members were treated to a tour of the grounds. Special thanks to the SAR members that attended the workshop, Walker Chewning, Charles E. Hall, Jr., Arthur E. Hall and Marc Frederick.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the GSSCAR State Government Studies Seminar in Watkinsville, GA. CAR Member Tyler Baker presented a program on Broken Treaties and the Results Thereafter. After lunch, members toured the Eagle Tavern.

On September 7, Compatriot Arthur E Hall of Coweta Falls Chapter and Senior Society President of Lucy Spell Raiford Society CAR along with members of Coweta Falls SAR, George Walton Chapter DAR and Oglethorpe Chapter DAR accepted a proclamation from Mayor Teresa Tomlinson marking Constitution Month during the Columbus GA Council meeting.

During Constitution Day, I participated with Coweta Falls SAR, George Walton Chapter DAR and Oglethorpe Chapter DAR during the Constitution Day event at the National Infantry Museum. Coweta Falls Compatriot Bill Hay, discussed the Traveling Trunk with visitors. Afterwards, we met with Alpha Company 1-46 Infantry Battalion for a Bell Ringing to celebrate Constitution Day.

C.A.R. is experiencing new interest as several new societies are either forming or reorganizing. These include The Eagles of Liberty Society in Gainesville, The Thronateeska Society in Albany, The George Walton Society in Newnan and the Cyrus Dart Society in Glynn County. I encourage all of you to get involved with a society in your area.

I will accompany the National 1st Vice President of the C.A.R., Erin Moore, as she travels to attend 235th Anniversary of Yorktown celebration on October 18 and 19 in Yorktown, VA.

If your Chapter participates with any C.A.R. activities please let me know so I can include in my next report.



**Public Service & Heroism Committee—Bill Tankersley Ed.D.**

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Here is the Q3 GASSAR Public Service & Heroism Report showing medals presented in 2016 (Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Commendation, Emergency Medical Services, Heroism.)


The goal is for each chapter to present at least one of the four medals per year. Chapter officers, please advise if your chapter has made a presentation not included on the report, or if any corrections need to be made.

There has been some confusion about where to find the NSSAR reporting form for these medals since the new website was created. Speaking of this form, the statement at the bottom of the form reads "Remember to send a copy of this report to your state-level society Public Service and Heroism Committee Chairman.

All reports are due by June 1 for the recipient's name to be published in the Public Service Awards Booklet at the following annual SAR Congress.

The form is attached to this message and is accessible by clicking on this link:

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/201/Sh5coWc5cxHj.pdf>

GASSAR 2016 Public Service & Heroism Medal Presentations				
Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety Commendation	Emergency Medical Services	Heroism
				
Athens	1	1	1	2
Button Gwinnett	1	1		
Capt. John Collins	1			
Cherokee	1			
Col. William Few		1		
Marquis de Lafayette				1
Robert Forsyth	1			



# Summer BOM Awards



Bill Kabel receives the single National level award from President Greenly

## Gen. William C. Westmoreland Award

Georgia Society President Allen Greenly presents the Westmoreland award to Compatriot Bill Kabel of the Piedmont Chapter for his long serving efforts in support of military veterans.

The Westmoreland Award was authorized in 1996. Only one award is presented annually to an SAR member who has distinguished himself by his service to veterans.

SAR Veterans Committee determines a winner at the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, and the award is presented at the annual SAR Congress.

Among the criteria considered in making a selection are: the number of hours volunteered for serving veterans; service on veterans committees at the chapter, state-level society, and national levels; hours and miles driven to help veterans; the number of items and cash contributions made to Veterans Services; association with other organizations that work with veterans; sponsorship of veteran events at SAR events; and accomplishments in regards to veterans programs.

The Westmoreland Award is a special gold version of the SAR's Service to Veterans Medal. An SAR member may receive this medal only once. A certificate accompanies the medal. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

## National Winners—Chapter Awards

Two Georgia Society Chapters earned National level distinctions in 2015.

Chapter Presidents Sid Turner of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter and Rick Reese with the Piedmont Chapter received certificates recognizing their chapters' efforts in the Americanism and President General competitions.

Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter was first in the nation among chapters with membership of 1-49 Compatriots on both categories. Piedmont Chapter led all Chapters with 100-199 members in Americanism and President General Streamer.

The Georgia Society earned a total of fifty Chapter recognitions in the whole range of Chapter sizes and variety of competitions.

At the National total, 2015 contests saw another record being set in terms of chapter participation. A total of 175 chapters - or 31.14% of all chapters - participated by submitting a score sheet.

This was an increase of 12 chapters over the 2014 contest. A total of 15 state societies (25.86%) participated which equaled the total from 2014.



Chapter Presidents Sid Turner and Rick Reese display Chapter Certificates



*Training Tomorrow's Leaders*



# Georgia's Newest Society !



## Meet the members of the 'Eagles of Liberty' Society, Children of the American Revolution.

Ten Charter Members of the new C.A.R. Society posing in their personalized shirts with Dr. Del Mixon—Senior Society Treasurer and Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr (rear) who serves as the SAR liaison. The Society is off to a great start under the leadership of Senior President Caroline Mixon. Congrats !

***"I think you will agree with me that the hope of this country is with her youth...."***

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic youth organization in our country. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution.

Members gain valuable leadership experience in conducting meetings, following parliamentary procedures and standard protocol, serving as delegates and speaking before groups at local, state and national conferences. The responsibility and privilege of selecting officers helps members gain an understanding of the democratic process.

***"Good citizens cannot be made suddenly. They must grow..." Harriett Mulford Lothrop***

*Founder of The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, April 5, 1895*

# Announcing the

## *Vann's Creek Ceremony*

at the Richard B. Russell State Park 2650 Russell State Park Road in the Pavilion on Golf Course Road. December 3<sup>th</sup>, 2016; 11:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Samuel Elbert Chapter GASSAR.

Directions to travel to the Richard B. Russell State Park pavilion. Richard B. Russell State Park is located on the Ruckersville Road in Elbert County, Georgia. --use the address: 2650 Russell [State Park](#) Rd for your GPS., Elberton, GA 30635 , [gastateparks.org/info/richbruss](#) or use: N 34.16667 W 82.74583 or (N 34deg 10 min 0 sec; -82deg 44 min 45 sec). Then on entrance to the park take 3<sup>rd</sup> left then first right to get to the Pavilion. Lunch will be offered for \$10.00 each.

From Elberton, from GA Hwy 17/72 Georgia take GA Hwy 77 North for approximately 1.2 miles, turn right onto Ruckersville Road (see park Sign at corner), travel 7-8 miles to entrance on right at Richard B. Russell State Park.

From I85 to the Hartwell, GA Exit onto GA HWY 77 and Stay ON US GA HWY 77 South going through Hartwell south to Elberton. Turn left onto Ruckersville Road just before entering the City Limits of Elberton...see sign for Richard B. Russell State Park. Travel about 7-8 miles on Ruckersville Road (east).

### Registration Form:

If your organization would like to present a wreath on behalf of a "Lost Patriot" at the battle site ceremony please call 706-283-1627 or email:

Larry Wilson at [dlwilson@elberton.net](mailto:dlwilson@elberton.net)  
Olds Harris at [OT5425@Hotmail.com](mailto:OT5425@Hotmail.com)

*Patriot:* \_\_\_\_\_

*We will serve lunch at the Pavilion---- offered by "Dutch Treat" required.*

*Wreath Presenter (Name) :* \_\_\_\_\_ *Organization:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Lunch Reservation(BBQ); \$10 each. Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

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Dalton

Edward Telfair

Four Rivers Patriots

George Walton

Joel Early

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Joseph Habersham

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the next issue is

**January 15, 2017**

## Athens



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

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



2014 Debutantes

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

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

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

#### 2016 Debutante Ball Committee

COL Joseph B. Neighbors III – Chairman, Master of Ceremonies  
LTC Justin N. Reese III – President, Athens Chapter SAR  
Patricia B. Massey – Regent, Apalachee Chapter DAR  
Dr. Mark Pelton – Debutante Herald  
Camille R. Baxter – Grand 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  
Virgil W. Palmer – Communications, Publicity  
MG Donald Burdick – Properties  
William Allen Greenly – SAR State President, ex officio





*Athens Chapter Georgia Society*  
*National Society Sons of the American Revolution*  
*and*  
*Apalachee Chapter Georgia State Society*  
*National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*  
*requests the pleasure of your company at*  
*The Georgia Colonial Ball and*  
*Debutante Presentation*  
*on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth of December*  
*Two thousand and sixteen*  
*at half after six in the evening*  
*The Georgia Club*  
*1050 Chancellors Drive*  
*Statham, Georgia*

**Georgia Colonial Ball & Debutante Presentation**  
**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

**INFORMATION**

The Georgia Club  
1050 Chancellors Drive  
Statham, Georgia

**6:30 pm** Social & Seating  
**7:30 pm** Debutante Presentation  
**8:15 pm** Dinner & Dancing

**Attire**

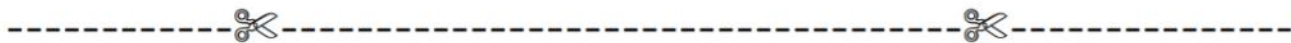
Ladies - Formal gowns of any color other than white

Gentlemen - Black tie, white tie, Black or white tie Tartan, Military Dress Uniform, Continental Uniform

Medals and decorations are appropriate.

**Accommodations**

Special arrangements have been made with the *SpringHill Suites by Marriott*, located at 3500 Daniells Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30606, for the participants and guests of the *Georgia Colonial Ball*. Well-appointed suites (with two queens or one king bed, breakfast included) are available for a rate of **\$99.00** per night for Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Reservations at this rate can be made by calling the hotel directly at (706) 353-8484. Please make reservations early, but certainly by December 1<sup>st</sup> for the special rate. Mention Georgia Colonial Ball, code GCBR.



**Response Card**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: December 10, 2016**

**Please detach card and return to:**

**SAR Colonial Ball Committee**  
**P.O. Box 48851**  
**Athens, GA 30604**

**\$75.00** per person      Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ made to Georgia Colonial Ball

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ *Email* \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names of attendees for seating together, only if you have a preference:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend, but want to support this SAR project with a donation.

\_\_\_\_\_ My check is enclosed.



## Brier Creek

Brier Creek Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its 3rd Planning meeting Thursday night on August 4, 2016 at Wall's Diner at 7:00.

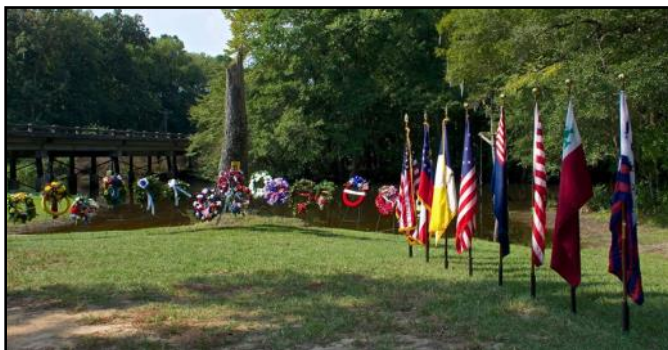
With President Craig Wildi presiding, we had 24 in attendance. The meeting began with the Invocation from Chaplain Lee Smith and then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and then the pledge to the SAR.

President Craig Wildi then recognized the guests and visitors. He then asked Compatriot Dess Smith to update the Chapter on new member status and a Charter update.

The program, "The Traveling Trunk", was presented by Compatriot Don Thomas and his wife Pat. Don is a member of the Col William Few Chapter in Augusta. The meeting was closed with a benediction from Chaplain Lee Smith after which he lead us in the SAR Recessional.



### "The Traveling Trunk" - Don Thomas



### Day of Commemoration

Brier Creek Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held a "Day of Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek" on Saturday morning, September 10, 2016 at the Brannans Bridge Landing at Brier Creek at 11:00.

The "Master of Ceremonies" was the Brier Creek Secretary C. Tommy Christopher. After the Invocation was given by Wiregrass Chapter Chaplain Emory D. Fennell, the Presentation of Colors was lead by State Color Guard Commander Ed Rigel and presented by the Georgia Society Color Guard. Greetings were brought by W. Allen Greenly, President GASSAR, Larry Guzy, Secretary General NSSAR, Roger W. Coursey, International VP General NSSAR, and David Kelsey, Chm. FLSSAR Trust Funds. Next Dess D. Smith III, Wiregrass Chapter Registrar, introduced the speaker, Daniel Battle, Brier Creek Chapter Vice President. His presentation was titled "The Significance of the Battle of Brier Creek".

Twenty-six wreaths were presented from Georgia, Florida and the National Society. Next the "Retrieving the Colors" was held and at the same time, Georgia Society Militia Commander Paul Prescott lead a three round musket volley. Then the Brier Creek Militia Commander Steve Burke and Wiregrass Chapter Sgt.-at-Arms George King fired three rounds with their 6-pounder and 10-pounder cannons. As soon as the cannon volley was fired, Rebecca Hutto Wildi played taps. After the "Retirement of Colors", Chaplain Emory D. Fennell said the benediction.

Closing remarks were given by the Georgia Society President W. Allen Greenly. A special thanks to the Screven County Manager Rick Jordan and the Tuckahoe Plantation Howard Pope for their help



Brier Creek—continued



The Brier Creek Chapter  
of  
The Georgia Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

Cordially invites you and your guest to attend our

Charter Banquet

Saturday, November 19, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

Buck Creek United Methodist Church  
2508 Buck Creek Road  
Sylvania, GA

*Receipt of your payment prior to November 9<sup>th</sup> is your RSVP*

*Mail payment to:*

Wiregrass Chapter - SAR  
c/o Ruskin Powell  
2259 Hwy 56 South  
Swainsboro, GA 30401-5313

\$25.00 Per Person

Dress: Coat and Tie  
or Uniform



## Cherokee



### Memorial Day May 30, 2016

Memorial Day ceremonies are an annual event at the Veterans Memorial Bridge and Gardens in Ellijay, Ga. The park was founded by Cherokee Chapter Compatriot Sandy Lyons and the event is well attended by veterans, state and local leaders, scouts and citizens. Many dressed in period uniforms from the Revolution forward presented our colors and a 21 gun salute. The program and keynote speakers were focused on honoring those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.

Dennis Griffin Jane, President of the Cherokee Chapter SAR, recognized the guest of honor, Compatriot Sandy Lyons, and presented him with two SAR recognitions, the Bronze Good Citizenship medal and a 1776 James Williams Certificate of Appreciation.

Compatriot Jane's presentation was as follows:

The Cherokee Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, a lineage society, is proud to have a small part here on Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial Bridge and Garden. The Gardens has over 750 marble pavers for veterans, patriots and civic organizations along with many huge marble slabs engraved with tributes to our nation's history.

On this day of remembering, the SAR wishes to recognize our compatriot member Sandy Lyons for all his work in making this Bridge and Garden what it is and what it represents. We are keenly aware of the time and personal expense Sandy has given and hope you follow Mr. Winn's suggestion for donations to continue his good works as well as your other options for participation.



Most of you know Sandy and see his work in Gilmer County as one who has devoted much of his life to the honored recognition of patriots from the founding of our nation and those who continued to protect the liberties given to us by those original patriots. Most locals know he retired from Lockheed in 1995 following 40 years of service and continued his outstanding public service in North Georgia. What we can't recite from memory is all his many contributions driven by a strong faith, community pride and Olympian energy.

Sandy is the founder of the Veterans Memorial Bridge and Garden, organizer of this and other events at the Bridge, head architect, maintenance man, chief funder of this Bridge Memorial, past President of the Ellijay Lions Club, Co-chair of the Gilmer County Disaster Relief Team, organizer of the Honduras Relief from Gilmer County, fundraiser for the Gilmer County Senior Center and Director of the Gilmer County BMX track and service with the SAR and several historical groups.

The Cherokee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to present to Sandy Lyons the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and its supporting certificate for his noteworthy achievements in his community.

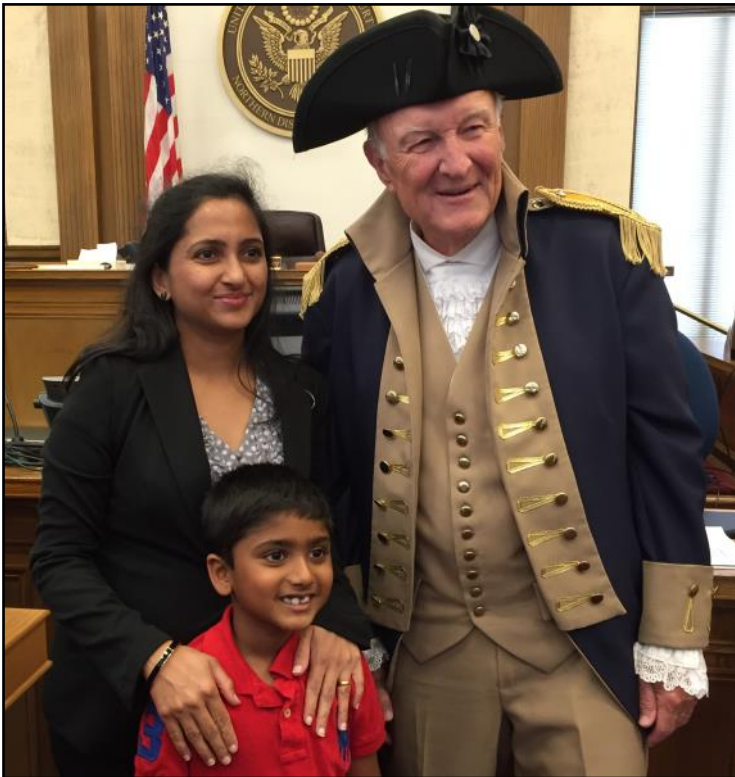
The Chapter also recognizes Compatriot Sandy Lyons with our 1776 James Williams Certificate of Appreciation for his preservation of the memory of those people and events that founded our great nation and perpetuated our obligations as exhibited here at the Veterans Memorial Bridge and Garden, Ellijay, Georgia.





# Lyman Hall

## Naturalization Ceremony



Compatriot Roscoe McMillan, Past President of the Lyman Hall Chapter welcomes new citizens at a naturalization ceremony on Friday, July 8th. Forty-four immigrants from twenty-six nations became citizens in the proceedings at the US District Court in Gainesville, GA.

Guest Speaker at the ceremony was the Honorable Meng Lim, Superior Court Judge of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit who recounted that his naturalization ceremony had taken place in the very same Courtroom many years ago. Then an immigrant of about the same age as the child in this photo, Judge Lim presented himself as an example of the opportunities available to these proud new citizens.

Lyman Hall Compatriots and Bruce Maney conducted the flag ceremony to open and close the official proceedings.

## Flag Certificates



Lyman Hall Compatriot Chris Smoot covered a lot of territory on Wednesday, September 28th.

After researching potential sites, he presented three Flag Certificates in one day.



Chris made a Flag Certificate presentation at the Veterans Administration Clinic at Flowery Branch, GA to an Administrator and one of the Doctors.

Chris Smoot with the Manager of the Hamilton Mill Home Depot store at Dacula, GA.

Chris presents a Flag Certificate to the Principal of Chestnut Mountain Elementary School in Hall County.





# Marquis de Lafayette

## 4th of July Parade



L to R: Past President MDL LTC Bo Hill Ret., President John Swab, General Daniel Newnan Chapter NSDAR Anna Thompson, MDL SGT-at-Arms MAJ Bill Lechner Ret., Past Regent GDNC NSDAR Brenda Jessel, Past Regent GDNC NSDAR Marge Lechner, MDL Compatriot Ernie Kearns, and MDL Historian Marc Potteiger (not shown MDL Past President LCDR David Jessel Ret. truck driver & picture taker).



Past President MDL LTC Bo Hill Ret



Past Regent GDNC NSDAR Brenda Jessel



# Mount Vernon



Members and guests assemble for the Mount Vernon Chapter's Chartering meeting on 24 September.



**The Mount Vernon Chapter Charter**

## Ocmulgee

### Chapter Programs



At our 21 June 2016 chapter meeting a very interesting program entitled "The Revolutionary War in the South," was presented by Ocmulgee Past President William "Bill" Gifford who received a Certificate of Appreciation from President John Trussell.



On 16 August 2016 Dan Bray, Piper for the Georgia State Patrol, delivered an informative and entertaining program, entitled "Bagpipes and Indian Flutes," which included histories of the two instruments as well as demonstrations of both. President John Trussell presented him a Certificate of Appreciation for his appearance.



At our 20 September 2016 chapter meeting a very interesting program entitled "The Summer of 1776" was presented by Ocmulgee Past President Ray Crumbley, Jr. who received a Certificate of Appreciation from President John Trussell.



On 10 September 2016 James and Remona Stallings represented the Ocmulgee Chapter SAR and Mary Hammond Washington Chapter DAR at the Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek near Sylvania, GA.



## Piedmont



### Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On Sunday, July 31, 2016 Bill Kabel and Chapter President had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Paul Lee. The ceremony was held by the Atlanta Area Council, Northern Ridge District Troop 3143 at the Johns Creek United Methodist Church. Paul's Scout Troop, family, and friends were all in attendance.

Our chapter continues to honor many Eagle Scouts in the Atlanta area, as a result of the efforts of our Eagle Scout committee chairman, Michael Smith. Whenever possible we make the presentation of the SAR certificate honoring these Eagle Scouts in person at their respective Courts of Honor.

### Old Soldiers Day Parade

On Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> Alpharetta held its 64<sup>th</sup> annual Old Soldiers Day parade. The Piedmont Chapter SAR sponsored a float representing the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

The Georgia SAR Color Guard presented the colors and led the parade. Marching color guard members included NSSAR Secretary General Larry Guzy, GASSAR President Allen Greenly, GASSAR Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown, Mount Vernon Chapter President Shep Hammack, Button Gwinnett Chapter President Bill Palmer, Button Gwinnett Chapter member Mike Watkins, GASSAR Membership Committee Chairman Gordon Woodard.



Piedmont Chapter member John Mortison played his bagpipes at the opening ceremony to begin the parade.



## Robert Forsyth

### ANNUAL PICNIC



Robert Forsyth Chapter met on July 23 for a typical Georgia Bar-B-Que Picnic. Thank goodness we had an air conditioned club house to relax in as we enjoyed the food and fellowship of our compatriots and family.



Piedmont and Mount Vernon Compatriots represented the Georgia Society at the 4th of July Remembrance held by the community of Roswell, GA.

### ROBERT FORSYTH TRAVELING TRUNK

Our chapter now has a traveling trunk. This educational tool contains objects representing typical items owned and used by citizens of the era. Some of the pieces are a comb, quilt, fan, wallet, toys, candle molds, soap, lead musket balls, as well as reproduction copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

There is still room to add additional items to help our interpretive presentations make the life and times of colonial citizens come alive to the imagination of the audience. You can help fill the gaps by checking your personal collection of items for duplicates, or checking our SAR Wish list on Amazon and purchase something for the chest.





## Rome



*Photo by Doug Walker and the Rome News-Tribune*

Allen Greenly, president of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presents a Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Roman Charles C. Parker on Thursday.

Parker, a former Floyd County commissioner, a long-time real estate agent and veteran who served in the Fourth Rifle Company of the United States Marine Corps, was honored for a lifetime of service to the community.



## Samuel Elbert



Compatriot Wayne Mortison again piped stirring tunes.

## Patriot Grave Marking

**Moses Ayers**

**Robert Walters**

Samuel Elbert Chapter continued their good work with two more Patriot Grave Markings. Honors for Patriots Moses Ayers and Robert Walters were conducted on Saturday, 3 September in Hart County.

This event brings the Chapter's total of Grave Markings to thirty-seven since 2002.

Congratulations to the Officers and Compatriots of Samuel Elbert Chapter.





## Samuel Elbert—continued



Chapter Vice President Olds Harris served as Master of Ceremonies for both Patriot Grave Markings organized and hosted by the Samuel Elbert Chapter on Saturday 3 September in Hart County.



The Elijah Clarke Militia rendered a musket salute at the Patriot grave sites. Shown here L. to R: James W. Stallings Jr, Charles Newcomer, Mike Watkins, Don Thomas, Mike Ruff, Devon Turner, Sid Turner, Jay Guest, Don Burdick, Bill Palmer.



## William Few

The Colonel William Few Chapter has been busy in their effort to meet the goals and objectives of the SAR during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2016. Traveling Trunk Chapter Compatriot Don Thomas and his wife, Pat, presented the Traveling Trunk program to the Wiregrass Chapter on July 14 and to the newly formed Brier Creek Chapter on August 3. Also in attendance at the Brier Creek Chapter meeting on August 3 were Chapter President Bill Tankersley and Registrar Alton McCloud.

### Eagle Scout

Alex Brady, son of chapter Compatriot and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jim Brady, Alex Brady received the SAR Eagle Scout recognition at his Eagle Scout ceremony. Alex and team of 24 completed 500 + Electrical Circuit Learning Kits for Richmond County Middle Schools; raised more than \$2k; and logged more than 100 service hours in a single work day.



### Traveling Trunk



### New Members

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter chapter meeting was held on Monday, September 26 at the Snelling Center in Augusta. An excellent membership crowd was on hand, along with a number of family and friends, and SAR member guests from the Wiregrass Chapter. GASSAR Chaplain Alan Smith opened the meeting with prayer, and 1st VP, Sonny Pittman, led our pledges.

It is always a pleasure to have East Region VP, Chip Durden, who brought greetings from the GASSAR. Wiregrass chapter Registrar Dess Smith brought greetings from his chapter, and a very informative update on the progress of the new Brier Creek SAR chapter.



Vice President Sonny Pittman inducted three new chapter members: David Alan Butler, James Hayden McCloud and Sam Wayne Thomas.

Chapter President Bill Tankersley brought the BOM quarterly report and presented the slate of chapter officers for 2017: Bill Tankersley, President; Sonny Pittman, 1st VP; James Brady, 2nd VP; David Titus, Chaplain; John Garcia, Secretary/ Treasurer; Alton McCloud, Registrar; Jerry Brigham, Parliamentarian, and John Garcia, Chancellor. President Tankersley also brought an update on the October 15th Patriot Grave Marking at the cemetery located near Damascus Baptist Church.

Al Beveridge, chapter Secretary/Treasurer, encouraged all members to be prompt in their response to the membership dues notice that will be sent out shortly. The annual Winter Christmas chapter meeting will be held at the Snelling Center on December 8th. More announcements will be forthcoming on that evening. Pat Colbert, Regent, Augusta Chapter, NSDAR, requested some assistance from our membership in setting up tables and chairs for an event at Meadow Gardens on Saturday October 1st.

Our speaker for the evening, introduced by 1st VP Sonny Pittman, was Bill Colbert, Past Chapter President, who spoke on his experiences while working as a Presidential Trip Officer and member of the White House Communications Agency (WHCA) during the terms of Presidents Carter and Reagan. Chaplain David Titus, who quoted George Washington's prayer for the nation, closed the meeting and 2nd VP, James Brady, led the SAR Recessional.



**William Few**—continued**Flag Certificate****War Service and Military Service**

War Service and Military Service Medals were presented by chapter Chaplain David Titus to Edward Zeigler (WWII), Russell Brown and Richmond Harris (Vietnam), James Brady (Global War on Terrorism), and Gail Amstutz and Sonny Pittman (Military Service).

**Battle of Brier Creek**

memorial of the Battle of Brier Creek on Saturday, September 10th. The Wiregrass and Brier Creek SAR chapters are to be congratulated and commended for a truly outstanding event that celebrated and memorialized the heroes of the Battle of Brier Creek.

While not a victory, this battle became a rallying point for the beginning of the Southern campaign leading to the eventual victory over the British and the establishment of our great nation. As we celebrated this battle and these men, we were challenged to protect, preserve and memorialize this battlefield and the graves of these men from the ravages of time and of those that would destroy and desecrate this hallowed ground in the name of economic and personal gain.

We were led in this challenge by our guest speaker, Daniel Battle, historian and Brier Creek Chapter Vice President, as he spoke on "The Significance of the Battle of Briar Creek." It is the intent to encourage the establishment of this site as both a state and national monument, and to recognize this battle annually with a celebration memorial event.



On July 19<sup>th</sup>, chapter president Bill Tankersley presented an SAR flag certificate to Dr. Sandra Carraway, Superintendent of the Columbia County Board of Education, which has displayed the U.S. flag correctly and faithfully for many years.

**White House Communications Agency**

Compatriot Bill Colbert with his display of memorabilia and artifacts from his service in the White House Communications Agency during the Carter and Reagan administrations.

We were honored to participate in the 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary



**William Few**—continued

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

On Monday, September 12, the Augusta Chapter, NSDAR sponsored the annual celebration at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta. DAR and SAR members of several local and state chapters were on hand, including the College Hill Chapter, NSDAR and the Col. William Few Chapter, GAS-SAR.

The threat of rain did nothing to deter a very large crowd that included children from the Episcopal Day School, Heritage Academy and a home school group. Georgia State Regent, Joyce Patton was on hand for the event, as was the Mayor of Augusta, Hardie Davis, Jr. and the Mayor of North Augusta, Lark Jones.

Members of the GASSAR award winning Color Guard and Militia were also on hand to present the colors and render a traditional musket salute.



Compatriot Sonny Pittman saluting at the grave of Col. William Few, Jr. at the Constitution Week celebration in Augusta.



**Patriot Grave Markings**



Descendants of honored Patriots assemble at the graves of their heroes.



The fifth great-grandson speaks of his Patriot ancestors.

On Saturday, October 15, a grave marking ceremony for Patriots Reuben Blanchard, James Cartledge, and Samuel Cartledge, was held at the Damascus Baptist Church cemetery in Columbia County near Appling. A large crowd was in attendance. We were honored to have special guests GASSAR President Allen Greenly, County Commissioner Gary Richardson, the award winning GASSAR Color Guard, and many more individuals who played important roles in the ceremony.

Michael Blanchard, a fifth great-grandson of Patriot Reuben Blanchard, spoke on behalf of the descendants. Augusta Chapter DAR Regent Patricia Croft sang the National Anthem Isabelle McJunkins sang Amazing Grace. The audience enjoyed the musket and cannon firing by the Elijah Clarke Militia.

Over thirty wreaths were presented. The College Hill Chapter DAR provided refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony.



## Wiregrass



### 25th Flag Certificate

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its meeting on August 11, 2016 at the New China Restaurant.

Recognizing people, businesses, organizations and the government with a U.S. Flag Certificate is a project of the Sons of the American Revolution. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by Chair Pete Rountree to Doug Sikes of Crider Foods of Stillmore, GA in recognition of exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way.

The Wiregrass Chapter began presenting these certificates in June 2014 and this project is an on going project of the Wiregrass Chapter, the GASSAR and the NSSAR and we will be honoring others with this certificate.

### Liberty Medal—Oak Leaf Cluster



President Wilder introduced our program for the evening, Rev. Scott Brenton, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Swainsboro.

Rev Scott's program was on "Samuel Adams, before, during and after the American Revolution"

Dess Smith III received the National Society Sons of the American Revolution's "Liberty Membership Medal with the Oak Leaf Cluster". The Liberty Membership Medal is awarded to any SAR member that is the first-line sponsor of 10 members into the SAR. After receiving the Medal, every 10 additional members, the Compatriot will receive an Oak Leaf Cluster.



**Wiregrass**—continued**Another Troop 75 Eagle Scout**

Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recognized Eagle Scout T.J. Freeman who is a member of Troop 75, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church in Swainsboro, GA.

Eagle Scout Chair Chip Durden read the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate and then presented T.J. with his certificate. Eagle Scout Co-Chair Jim Daughtry then presented T.J. with a SAR Challenge Coin.

This project of the NSSAR, GASSAR and the Wiregrass Chapter is an ongoing project and the Wiregrass Chapter will be honoring future Eagle Scouts.

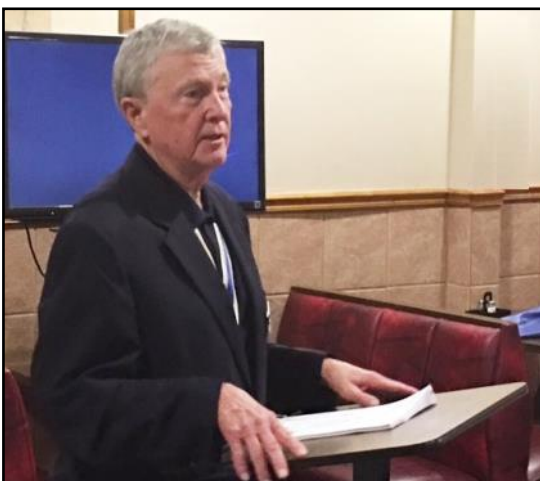
**New Members**

Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution installed two new members at their monthly meeting, held on Thursday night, September 8, 2016.

President Wilder Smith, Jr. performed the Induction Ceremony by asking new members, Payne and Gary Mason, if they would recognize their responsibilities to preserve and enrich their American Heritage, and to the best of their ability contribute to the accomplishment of the patriotic, historical, and educational objectives of the Society.



L to R: President Wilder Smith, Jr., Payne Mason, Wayne Mason, Mrs. Mason, Dess Smith

**Battle of Saratoga**

Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Tuesday night September 8, 2016 at the New China Restaurant at 6:30. With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, we had 40 people in attendance, 26 members and 14 guests. After an outstanding buffet meal, President Wilder installed two new members, Payne and Gary Mason, and then presented a program on the American Revolution "Battle of Saratoga".

President Wilder had just recently visited the battlefield and brought home a video about the battle and how it helped the war against the Loyalist and the British. President Wilder told us that, after British General John Burgoyne led a large invasion army up the Champlain Valley from Canada, he was surrounded by the American forces in upstate New York. Gen Burgoyne fought two small battles, September 19 and October 7, 1777, to break out. They took place eighteen days apart on the same ground, 9 miles south of Saratoga, New York. They both failed. Surrounded by much better American units, Gen Burgoyne surrendered his army on October 17. It was said that this was the win that the American forces needed to get France to "fully" assist them in the American Revolution."



## Wiregrass—continued

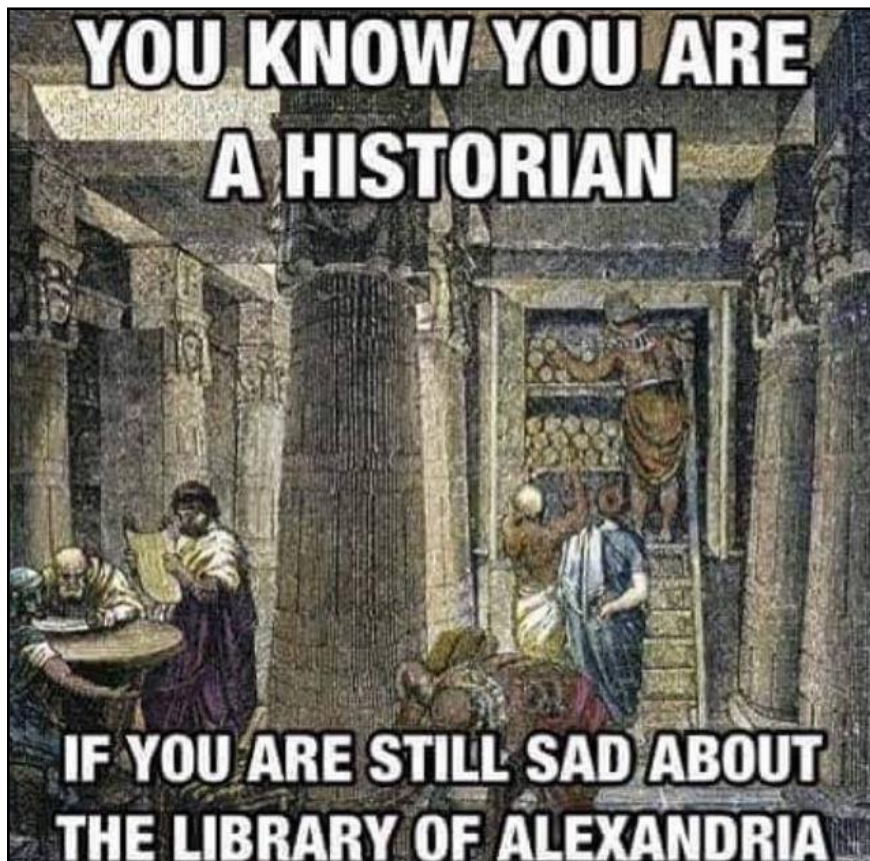
### Poster Presentation

Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution presented a framed document showing and naming the 64 Georgia Counties after Revolutionary War Patriots.

Life Scout Andrew Hutcheson received the document from the Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr. Andrew is the son of Will and Leigh Hutcheson of Swainsboro.

By hanging this document in the Troop 75 Scout hut, it will remind the scouts to earn 3 very important merit badges that they can use later to enter the SAR sponsored competition for Eagle Scouts.

This document also has photos of six National Leaders of the American Revolution and eight photos of Outstanding Georgia Leaders of the American Revolution. It also has a small write-up of Georgia's Original 8 Counties and the other 56 Counties that were named after Patriots. This document was donated by the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

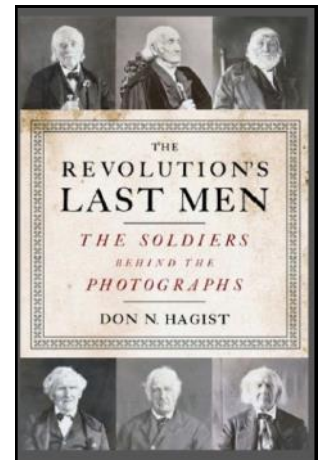




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## The Revolution's Last Men—The Soldiers Behind the Photographs

Don N. Hagist

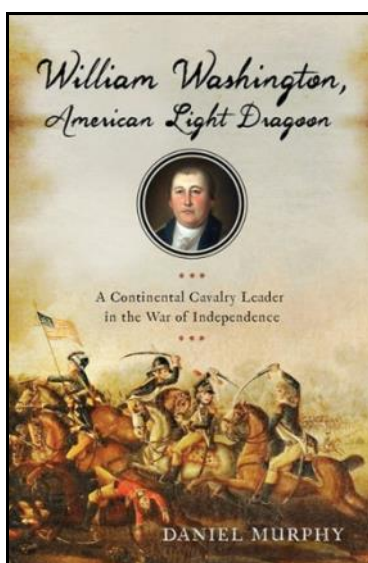


In 1864, *The Last Men of the Revolution* was written by Elias Hillard. It purported to be not only the stories of these ancient warriors from the American Revolution but also included their photographs. Hillard and his photographer had visited these men, photographed them and taken down whatever the men had told them. It is a remarkable book. When I saw a copy of the old book I stared into the eyes of the veterans and considered that through those eyes were seen historic combat. Perhaps, even glimpses of legendary officers. When I turned to the text I soon became disenchanted as the history was improbable or even clearly erroneous. After the passage of so many years, and so many retellings of the tales the facts had gotten blurred and obscured. Hillard made no effort to reconcile obvious inconsistencies.

Don Hagist has brought about a miracle of sorts. He has taken the 1864 volume and has dug deep into the military careers of the *Last Men*. This is not a cursory look here and there for information but rather a concerted and expertly conducted investigation in a wide range of primary sources. The result is utterly fascinating. The *Last Men* are revealed in detail that would astound them. An added benefit is that the narrative of the true experiences of the old soldiers takes the reader into areas and aspects of military life that may be unfamiliar territory. Therefore, besides learning about these specific individuals we also come away learning a great deal more about the life of soldiers in general than we would have expected.

To the great credit of the publisher the extensive footnotes are where they belong, at the bottom of the page. They are a must read. Not only is there valuable additional information but the sources themselves are fascinating. As one reads the footnotes one must respect and admire Hagist's research skills. Additionally, the book contains the pension applications of the old veterans as well as the narrative presented in the 1864 volume. A very unusual set of drawings have been created especially for this volume by historian and artist Eric H. Schnitzer depicting what the *Last Men* may have looked like in their youth dressed and accoutered properly for the period.

This book is unique. I highly recommend it. And, don't forget you can look into the eyes of the *Last Men*.



## William Washington, American Light Dragoon:

### A Continental Cavalry Leader in the War of Independence - Daniel Murphy

William Washington, the Revolutionary War cavalry commander, is relatively unknown. However, he played an important role in the War especially in the South, and should be recognized for his skills and accomplishments.

Virtually every written account of the military career of William Washington has been consulted in creating this book. However, what makes this book unique is "the view from the saddle." Daniel Murphy is an experienced horseman with extensive knowledge of 18th century cavalry. The book shines when tactics and such details as the complications involved in changing a charge in column of fours to line abreast are discussed. Facts such as the distance covered per second by a charging horseman gives the reader an insight into combat found nowhere else.

It is insights such as these that encourage the reader rethink just what takes place when cavalry are involved in combat. The advantages, limitations, capabilities and various uses, and misuses, of cavalry are discussed which may alter the dismounted historian's views and understanding of mounted combat.

Murphy speaks from a position of knowledge and practical experience that is refreshing. This book should find a welcome place on anyone's shelf.

# The Flags They Flew...



## Flag of the Second Continental Light Dragoons

Continental soldiers carried regimental banners that evoked ideals of freedom, valor, and home. This squadron flag from 1776, features a canton of thirteen "liberty stripes" and the Latin motto: "Her country calls and her sons respond in tones of thunder."

The **2nd Continental Light Dragoons**, also known as **Sheldon's Horse** after Colonel Elisha Sheldon, was commissioned by the Continental Congress on December 12, 1776 and was first mustered at Wethersfield, Connecticut in March 1777 for service with the Continental Army. The regiment consisted of four troops from Connecticut, one troop each largely from Massachusetts and New Jersey, and two companies

of light infantry. The regiment saw action at the Battle of Woodbridge, Battle of Brandywine, Battle of Kingston, Battle of Schoharie, The Battle of The Flocky (site of the first cavalry charge on American soil), Battle of Paoli, Battle of Whitmarsh, Battle of Morrisania, Battle of Saratoga, Battle of Germantown, and the Battle of Yorktown.

The unit almost never served as a whole. Usually individual troops were assigned as necessary. The regiment also performed numerous raids from whaleboats against British and Loyalist installations on Long Island. Some of the successful raids captured Fort St. George, Ft. Slongo and Lloyd's Neck, Long Island. Elements from the unit comprised Washington's personal bodyguard. In 1778, when Loyalist agents and a crack British commando team shadowed Washington for weeks with the intention of kidnapping him, they had to abandon the operation because, according to the British Intelligence Dispatches, "The 2nd Dragoons are (always) with him." The 2nd Dragoons also guarded John Andre during his incarceration, trial and subsequent execution in Nyack, New York.

The regiment's main patrol areas during the war were in Southern Connecticut and New York, where they intercepted British supplies and fought off bands of Loyalist partisans who preyed on local citizens. This duty earned them the nickname "Watchdogs of the Highlands". They also earned the sobriquet "Washington's Eyes", likely because of their spy work. Major Benjamin Tallmadge became a spy master who ran one of the most successful spy rings of the war, able to infiltrate the British military command in New York city.

On January 1, 1781, the regiment was reorganized by the dismounting of two of its six troops and re-designated the *2nd Legionary Corps*. The regiment was furloughed June 9, 1783 at Newburgh, New York and discharged on November 20, 1783 by proclamation of General Washington. The 2nd Light Dragoons are prominent in Colonel John Trumbull's paintings of the American Revolution.

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