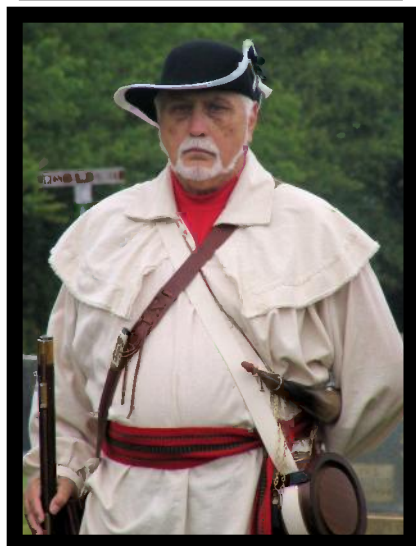




The

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



COL Robert F. Towns

This has been a very busy quarter starting with the 118th National Congress held in Sacramento, CA. Once again your Georgia Society received numerous awards as well as individuals within our Society. The President was pleased to accept these awards on behalf of those not in attendance.

Georgia was well represented, considering the travel distance to the west coast. Terry Manning even drove to the meeting! Others attending were George Thurmond, Charlie Newcomer, Larry Guzy, Mike Tomme, Joe Vancura, Doug Stansberry, and Kirby Towns.

The featured speaker was actor Cliff Robertson. Many of us will remember

him in the films **PT 109** portraying JFK, and **Stagecoach** among others.

A President's Flag Certificate was presented to Oconee Hill Cemetery in Athens recognizing their proper display and care for our Nation's Colors. The flag is not lighted at night, but rather it is raised and lowered every day with appropriate respect.

Mayor Heidi Davison of the Athens - Clarke Consolidated Government presented a proclamation to the Georgia



Towns and Mayor Davison

Society declaring September 3, 2008 as **Treaty of Paris Day** in recognition of the 225th anniversary of the signing of the treaty that effectively ended the Revolutionary War.

This president brought greetings from the Georgia Society at the DAR Constitution Week luncheon held in Peachtree City. The Color Guard was on hand to present the colors for the event.

July- September 2008

At the recent Trustees/Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY, Georgia was once again represented by the largest number of compatriots in attendance with 14. Walker Chewning, Jay Guest, and David Jessel were first time attendees. Spouses accompanied the Georgia group giving us a total of 28.

Ten of our Georgia Color Guard members participated with the National Color Guard including first time attendees Jay Guest and Walker Chewning. Four of our members were kilted, joining 12 others who were dressed in Scottish attire. There is a move on to design a badge, a tartan and a cap unique to SAR. So, all of you lads out there who have a desire to wear the kilt, stay tuned!

Plans are moving along for the first biennial Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation. Twelve young ladies are scheduled to be presented at this exciting gala which will include dinner and dancing. This is a formal evening featuring white tie for the presenters and white or black tie for escorts and marshals. The debutantes will be in lovely long white gowns. There will be several kilted guests attending, including your President. Black tie and appropriate formal wear is the dress of all other guests. Continental Uniform is also appropriate.

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



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The Georgia Colonial Ball is going to be held at the Milledgeville Country Club on December 27, 2008. Special rates have been arranged at the Comfort Suites Hotel in Milledgeville. Please make your reservations for the Ball and lodging right away.

It is not too late to notify the Committee if you have a young lady in your family whom you would like to have presented. Complete information can be found on the front page of the GASSAR web site at www.gassar.org under "News & Views".

At the Fall Trustee/Leadership meeting in Louisville, Compatriot Charlie Newcomer was presented the prestigious Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. This award is given to an individual who has displayed exemplary service to the Eagle Scout Program.

Pictured below, Compatriot Newcomer is shown receiving this award from Compatriot T. Rex Legler.



Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Continental Uniform which belonged to former President General, the late James Westlake. PG Westlake is credited with the concept of a National Color Guard. His uniform will be on display in the

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of the
State Society

museum in the future. President Towns announced the gift and Georgia Color Guard Commander, **Paul Prescott**, showed the uniform. (Below)



The SAR One Thousand Club and George Washington Fellow Breakfast at the Leadership Meeting recognizes the new donors who have met the requirements for membership by giving to either the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, or the George Washington Fellow Endowment Fund. At this meeting, those from Georgia who were recognized were Color Guard Commander, Paul Prescott and Georgia Ladies Auxiliary President, Robin Towns. *They are shown in the picture below. Robin is seated on the front row fourth from the left. Paul (standing) is third from the left.*

Thanks to both Paul and Robin for their generosity.

R.F.F



Report From The



Georgia Society SAR Graves Committee
George Thurmond

Graves Marking Activity 2008

The following graves have been marked and now reported:

Reported

- 8 Jan Patriot Francis Gaines (Samuel Elbert)
- 14 Apr Compatriot James Harmon Hair (William Few)
- 23 Apr Compatriot Robert Vance (Atlanta)
- 23 Apr Compatriot Philip Ulmer Savage (William Few)
- 24 Apr Compatriot Leck Montgomery, Jr. (William Few)
- 05 May James Nathaniel Pearre (William Few)
- 06 May Compatriot William McLeod (Atlanta)
- 09 May Edward Philip Green (William Few)
- 10 May Harry Paul Winn (William Few)
- 12 Sept Compatriot Ben Miller (Samuel Butts)

Scheduled to be marked (6)

- Oct 4 Benjamin Haygood (Ocmulgee Chapter), Monroe County, GA 1500 hrs
- Oct 9 John Sharpe, (Altamaha, Vidalia DAR Chapter), Vidalia, GA 1600 hrs
- Oct 12 Johann Leonard Klotz, (Piedmont, Rowan Resolves, Salisbury SAR Chapter, NC and Elizabeth Maxwell Steele DAR, Rockwell, SC 1230 hrs
- Jacob Deal (Piedmont, Rowan Resolves Salisbury SAR Chapter, NC and Elizabeth Maxwell Steele DAR Chapter 1500 hrs
- Nov 1 Isham McDonald (Valdosta Chapter McDonald Family, Valdosta, GA 1100 hrs
- Nov 1 John Ammons (Altamaha Chapter, Waycross, GA 1500 hrs

Message From the**Georgia Society Secretary****Kline O. Pugh****Report From The****Northeast Region Vice President****Larry Wilson**

Communications: From time to time communications are sent by the State Secretary to Chapter Presidents. In order to achieve maximum distribution he should forward the communications to his chapter members.

Significance of November 1st: New members registered at National before November 1st are 2008 members, and 2009 dues are payable to chapters by December 31. Monies submitted with applications that are received at National after November 1st will apply to 2009. New members registered on or after November 1st are 2009 members.

Completed applications should not be held by chapters so they will apply to 2009, but should be sent to our State Registrar with a note not to send to National until after November 1st. This will prevent a backlog after November 1st.

Dues Payable by December 31: Chapters should send out dues notices to members in October. Dues are the same as last year: \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, PLUS Chapter dues. All dues are to be sent to the chapters, who must forward National and State dues to the State Secretary to be received by January 15. Chapters who renew 100% of their members from previous year will be recognized at our Annual Meeting and receive a certificate.

Attention Sponsors of New Members, and Chapter Registrars: New members registered at National before November 1st are 2008 members, and 2009 dues are payable to chapters by December 31. Monies submitted with applications that are received at National after November 1st will apply to 2009. New members registered on or after November 1st are 2009 members.

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DAR/SAR Sponsorship Award: Every year at the National Congress our National Society awards the DAR/SAR award to the state society for whom the DAR has recruited the most members for SAR. This is a \$500 award that the SAR state society then presents to the DAR state society. The Georgia Society solicits the assistance of DAR in obtaining new members. When a DAR member has referred, recruited, or assisted significantly in obtaining lineage documentation, or in the preparation of an application, the sponsor of the applicant is urged to complete the form in Section 18.08.IF of our online Source Book and submit it with the application. This is a great opportunity for the Georgia Society to obtain recognition and to enhance our recruiting program. The Georgia Society has won this award in nine of the past ten years.

The Georgia Society Source Book is now on-line, and CDs will no longer be produced. The Source Book is a guideline of operating procedures of our State Society and Chapters. Chapter Presidents and State Committee Chairmen should review sections pertaining to their activities, and suggestions for upgrading are to be sent to the undersigned who is the Committee Chairman/Editor. The on-line Source Book may be accessed at <http://sourcebook.gassar.org> or from our web page: www.georgiasocietysar.org. Some sections may be restricted to members only, requiring an I.D. and password. You may contact the undersigned for access.

Kline O. Pugh, Secretary

For eleven years the GASSAR has sponsored the annual "Revolutionary War Days" during the commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek, near the date of the battle, February 14th. Both the Samuel Elbert and the Athens Chapters have co-sponsored this event along with the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Now, is it possible to formulate a new chapter that will "carry the ball" for the promotion of the "Revolutionary War Days" in Washington, Georgia?

Membership Chairman Robert A. Sapp, announces an organizational meeting for a new chapter in Washington, GA. Bob Sapp, NE GA Regional VP Larry Wilson and Samuel Elbert Chapter President Olds Harris, will hold an organizational meeting September 15th at the historic Mary Willis Library in Washington under the direction of head librarian, Lillie Crowe, at 7:00 pm.

The Samuel Elbert Chapter has about 17 members who have roots either in Washington or near Wilkes County. Bob Sapp says, "If the interested parties want a new chapter, then he, Larry Wilson and Olds Harris will help them organize."

Recently Genealogist Sapp and the Samuel Elbert Chapter sponsored a genealogy conference at the Mary Willis Library and about an average of 22 attended both sessions.

Anyone wishing to affiliate (dual membership) with the "projected" chapter should contact Bob Sapp at 2rasapp@bellsouth.net or Larry Wilson at dlwilson@elberton.net.

Message From the

**Georgia
Society
Genealogist**

Bob Sapp



Sapp conducts Genealogy Seminar

Attend the
**Winter
BOM/Training
Meeting**

Holiday Inn Forsyth
Saturday
January 24, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Where can I find my ancestor's Revolutionary War service record? The dilemma that follows is the search for documents that provides evidence of lineage. What document provides the record showing military service or evidence of contributing to the cause? The first question that must be asked is "Where did the patriot serve"? After locating the colony (state) of service, the question becomes what unit was the service in and was the service militia or continental line. Each of the colonies had to provide a specific number of regiments to the continental line. Continental line records are held by the National Archives (NARA). Militia records are held, if any, by the state archives. The state archives may also hold the state's portion of NARA records.

Compilers and researchers have gone through state records and published books that list Revolutionary War service. For example there are three books that list persons that served for Virginia. Massachusetts has a book entitled *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*. Pennsylvania militia service is listed through muster rolls in Series 5 of "The Pennsylvania Archives". Both Maryland and Virginia have books that list individuals that contributed goods or services to the cause. A library search will list books that contain titles for Revolutionary War. [Suggested search tool: < www.worldcat.org > will search all contributing libraries for book titles and locate the book in the closest library to the most distant by mileage} Interlibrary loan can get the book on loan in many cases.

The microfilm material available at NARA for the Revolutionary War is in two formats. The first are films that index the location of compiled material for a Revolutionary War soldier. The compiled material is a collection of service cards prepared by extracting data from muster rolls and paymaster records. It is the service cards that provide evidence of service because it locates the soldier in a unit on a specific date. The original records from which the service cards are prepared have not been microfilmed. These original muster rolls and paymaster sheets are currently being digitized by Footnote with arrangement with NARA. Therefore if the computer is more accessible than the National Archives then Revolutionary War service data is at your door [Continental Line].

Subscribe to Footnote.com [www.footnote.com] and search the digitized files. For Revolutionary War soldier, enter given name and surname, then select "Revolutionary War 1775-1783" in the advanced search screen. Your results will be every entry that contains the <given name>, the <surname> and the combined <given name and surname>. Along with the name list there will be a thumbnail image of the record and notation of the state from which the record

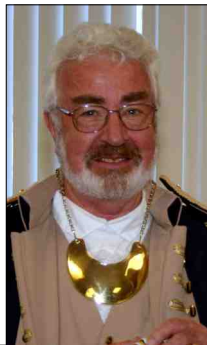
was recorded. In addition if a pension application was made for the soldier it will also be in the list of hits. [Note: pension papers are preceded with one of the following letters: S (soldier); W (widow); R (rejected)]. The thumbnail is just one of several pages connected with the record. Selecting 'view image' opens the digital image and displays how many pages are in the record.

A free search tool for many areas is through your library system. Contact your library to determine how you can access *Heritage Quest Online* through the library system from your at home computer. You must have a library card. With access to Heritage Quest Online you have three important research tools. All available US population census records are available in digital format except 1850 and 1930 for those states and territories that had US Census taken. Secondly, like Footnote you have access to digital pension papers. Most importantly, if the book you are looking for is out of print, published before about 1890, you may be lucky and be able to download a digital copy.

Last, you may be just plain lucky. Google has digitized a lot of books. Most of them are for sale. However, some are available for free download. Go to <http://books.google.com> and select Revolutionary War. A large list of books will appear. Many are recent books that have been digitized. Scan through the list. Where you see just a plain thumbnail [no book jacket] beside the title and "Full view" annotated in green, the book can be fully viewed and downloaded. Note that one volume of *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* was available as well as a book listing the Soldiers of New Hampshire.

Good hunting for that elusive patriot ancestor. Use you imagination and logic as to where to look!

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Report From The

Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**

The Fall Color Guard event season has started. There are 16 events on the schedule from West Virginia to South Georgia. Eleven of these events are right here in Georgia. Following is a list of the events:

- 20 Sep – DAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Peachtree City, GA
- 21 Sep – Gen. Andrew Pickens Birthday, Clemson, SC
- 25-27 Sep – NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 4 Oct – Board of Managers Meeting, Forsyth, GA
- 4 Oct – Ocmulgee Chapter Grave Marking, Forsyth/Macon Area
- 5 Oct – 234th Anniv. of the Battle at Point Pleasant, Pt Pleasant, WV
- 7 Oct – Battle at Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, SC
- 9 Oct – Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA
- 9 Oct – Pulaski Monument Wreath Presentation, Savannah, GA
- 9 Oct – John Sharpe Grave Marking, Toombs County, GA
- 1 Nov – Isham McDonald Grave Marking, Valdosta, GA
- 1 Nov – John Ammons Grave Marking, Waycross, GA
- 6 Dec – Cherokee Ford/Vanns Creek, Elberton, GA
- 12 Dec – “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” GA State Capitol
- 27 Dec – Georgia SAR Debutante Ball, Milledgeville, GA

The source for golf shirts dried up. However, I have located another source that has the same shirt. Fortunately the price is still the same, \$20. The shirts will be embroidered with an outline of the State of Georgia and “SAR” in the middle. In addition, Color Guard members can have “Color Guard” embroidered under the state outline and the Color Guard wives can have “Camp Follower” under the state outline. Anyone wanting a golf shirt, in one of the three formats should send me a check, \$20, for each shirt, with the design and size written on the check. Since the shirts are

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Winter BOM/Training Meeting

Holiday Inn Forsyth
Saturday
January 24, 2009
10:00 a.m.

sold at cost (the SAR makes no money from the sale), it is easier if you make the checks out to me.

Bobby Towns and I are still in need of more guardsmen in Continental uniform for the 27 December event. We hope to see you at a number of the fall events.

Paul Prescott, Commander



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

BOM MEETINGS:

OCTOBER 4, 2008

JANUARY 24, 2009 *

*** NOTE: THIS MEETING
INCLUDES LEADERSHIP
TRAINING WORKSHOP
CONCLUDES AT 3:30 PM**

**FALL NSSAR LEADERSHIP/
TRUSTEE MEETING,
LOUISVILLE, KY
SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2008**

**GEORGIA COLONIAL
DEBUTANTE BALL
MILLEDGEVILLE
DECEMBER 27, 2008**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(TENTATIVE DATES)
APRIL 3-4, 2009**

OBSERVANCES:

**BATTLE OF KINGS
MOUNTAIN, OCTOBER 7,
2008**

**BATTLE OF SAVANNAH,
OCTOBER 9, 2008**

**VANN'S CREEK/CHEROKEE
FORD, DECEMBER 6, 2008**

**BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK
AND REVOLUTIONARY
DAYS CELEBRATION,
FEBRUARY 14-15, 2009**

Report From The**Georgia Society Registrar****Mike Tomme****Georgia delegation at 118th Congress Sacramento, California**

First I would like to thank all of you for all of the hard work you have done in making sure that the applications are well documented.

NSSAR assures me that they are working very hard to get the new applications out quickly. Supplementals are still taking a little longer, as priority is the new applications.

Also, NSSAR has requested that if you have a pended application out there, they would like to encourage you to gather the information that was requested and to send to the State Registrar. They want to move these from pended to approve. If you are not going to pursue these pended applications, please let me know if you want to withdraw them and I will let NSSAR know.

Also, for those who did not attend the GASSAR Board of Managers meeting, new information was presented at Congress. Below is information from the National Membership Committee and its Chairman and Genealogist General;

The Membership Committee's proposal to modify the SAR Junior Membership Program was approved by the Congress.

Boys and young men under the age of 18 may now join the SAR as Junior Members without concurrently joining, or already being a member of, the C.A.R. The SAR continues to encourage boys and young men under the age of 18 to join the C.A.R., but this is no longer required to be a Junior Member of the SAR.

The National annual dues for Junior Members were established at \$5. State societies and chapter may establish their own annual dues for Junior Members. The Membership Committee recommends that state and chapter annual dues be set at a very low rate, or even waived, if possible, but this is a

decision to be made by each state society and chapter. The Membership Committee believes the SAR should do everything it can to attract and keep Junior Members.

Also, another proposal put forth by the Membership Committee was presented to the Congress, and approved: the family plan for supplemental applications. Family members within two degrees of kinship may now submit supplemental applications at the same time, based on the same line of descent from the same supplemental Patriot ancestor, and receive a discount on every supplemental application beyond the first one.

This is the same policy that has long been in effect for primary applications. The application fee for the first primary application is \$60, but for every additional primary application for family members within two degrees of kinship, submitted at the same time and based on the same line of descent from the same Patriot ancestor, the application fee is only \$30.

So now, the application fee for the first supplemental application remains \$40, but for every additional supplemental application for family members within two degrees of kinship, submitted at the same time and based on the same line of descent from the same supplemental Patriot ancestor, the application fee is only \$20.

Secretary Pugh has put out new information in Source Book to reflect the new rates for applications.

NSSAR has advised that if you use family histories, please make sure that book cites primary sources, secondary sources, etc. Please make sure to send the title page, page with your ancestor on it, the page that will cite sources that were used and maybe the

index page. This is important when using these. Also, please refer to form 912 on the NSSAR web site for the 17 items that can be used.

I checked the NSSAR web site, and here is the current status (September 7, 2008, the date I checked this) for **THE DAR/SAR MEMBERSHIP AWARD**. Please note the **application must be approved before numbers are listed on the web site**.

The list is as of 8/29/2008 on NSSAR web site:

1. Missouri-29
2. Georgia-24
3. North Carolina-18
4. California-15
5. Arizona-13
6. Florida-12
7. South Carolina-10
8. Maryland-9
9. Texas-8
10. Kansas-7
11. Pennsylvania-4
12. Nevada-3
13. Maine-1

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Message From the



**Georgia
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Ladies'
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**Robin Towns
President**



Now in its second printing, the exciting and beautiful **SAR NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY COOKBOOK** is now available for purchase!

The price per cookbook is **\$17**, which includes shipping. All cookbooks are being shipped from SAR headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

SAR Chapters are being encouraged to invest in a box of books to keep on hand to sell to new members who did not have the opportunity to purchase a cookbook in the first printing, and to use for Chapter speaker gifts. The cookbooks should also be sold to our non-SAR friends, in our other social circles, to widen the reach of the fund raising for *The Center for Advancing America's Heritage*.

Just think about what great results the **Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary** would have if each member purchased just one cookbook! Please consider supporting this worthy cause with your purchases! Christmas is coming very soon and the cookbooks make lovely gifts, while supporting a great effort!

Please order your **SAR NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY COOKBOOKS** today. Please use the Cookbook order form Sales coupon below.

In SAR service,
Robin Towns
President, Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary
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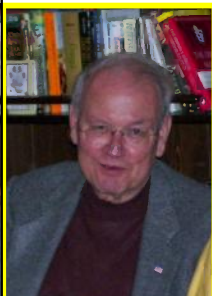
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Report From The



Georgia Society N.S.C.A.R.

Hal Dayhuff

Compatriots we want to thank the many who have bought the National and State CAR pins and T-shirts. Those of you have been faithful participants in the programs of the CAR THANK YOU. Those of you who have not been so lucky, please consider participating at this time. There are CAR chapters in your areas and they have contests for participation with the SAR.

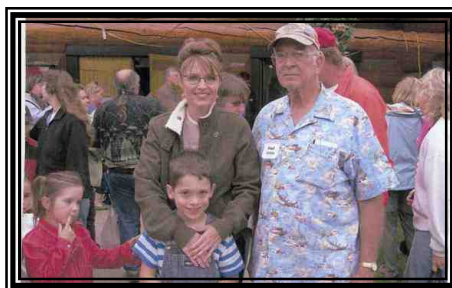
We had a great Summer Conference on August 16 with many SAR, DAR and CAR members present. Here the CAR committee chairman presented their programs for the year. One of the exciting ones was an original puppet show by Walker Chewing Jr and a cast of many. With original hand made puppets and aids. With set up and a great cast of SAR and CAR members working the puppets. Telling us of the American History program. Ask Walker Chewing Sr. about this. Many SAR and DAR were there to help but it was a CAR member show and it was wonderful. You will be amazed at what they are doing. There are 32 different programs which they compete in during the year. It is mind boggling the miles they travel, the people they see and meet, the places they visit. Ask a compatriot in your chapter what are they doing with the CAR. If you are not then send an email to State President Carter Moore rwmkm@hotmail.com and she will connect you with the CAR chapter nearest to you. They have to present a program with an SAR chapter. Please help them. Ask them to tell you of the many programs which they participate in for recognition and awards at their State Conference in February.

Please participate in the State and National program which are part of their fund raising efforts. The funds go to great causes and projects. You all have been to Kettle Creek and the bleachers were the State project from President Meredith Baker in 2003-2004. Many of you have the 225th Anniversary pin. Now you can have the State and National pin for 2008-2009 for \$10.00 each. The glow worm T shirt shown to the right is bright and part of



the State Project to raise funds. Contact National President Kevin Baker at lindseyhbaker@netzero.net and tell him you want a pin or a disc for his project. Patrick Henry *Give me Liberty or Give me Death* speech and presentation. You can see the pin and the project at www.nscar.org Thank you for your support of the youth of our Society.

A lot of things happen in the lives of our CAR members. It is a pleasure to send this picture to all of our readers. Jarred Cline a member of the Button Gwinnett Society with the Vice President Nominee Governor Sarah Palin, Grandfather Compatriot Paul Grimes, member Marquis de Lafayette Chapter SAR, in Alaska. Ask Jarred to tell you of this picnic. (the great sled and dog race). You have seen the two ladies on National TV lately. Proud of you Jarred and Paul.



Piper Palin, Governor Sarah Palin, Jarred Cline, Paul Grimes, at Iditarod Picnic June 2007



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Message From the



Georgia Society SAR Chaplain

Pastor Dan Gates

Letters To Soldiers!

A longtime program of the Georgia Society's Chaplaincy Corps continues to grow. For months, letters have been written to active duty military personnel thanking them for their service to our nation. Now, the program has been expanded from one or two letters each month to as many as fifteen or twenty. Our hope is that each Chapter will consider adopting the "Letters To Soldiers" program as an outreach to our "heroes."

The letters, written on SAR letterhead, of course, are mailed directly to an active duty military man or woman. Addresses for soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines are made available through the auspices of the "Thank You Soldier" website, a non-profit organization designed to simply share with those who are serving the appreciation of a grateful nation.

Each letter reminds our present-day heroes that they are walking in the footsteps of our forbearers, who, dressed in olive drab, khaki ... and homespun, ... stood against tyranny to keep America strong.

One or two letters per month sent by each chapter adds up to a tremendous outreach of appreciation. For more information on how your Chapter can participate, please contact me at the email address below.

Email Chaplain Gates at: chaplaingates@knology.net

Pastor Dan Gates



In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2008

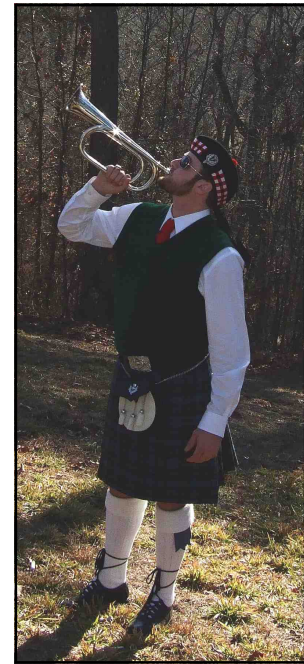


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Marquis de Lafayette
July 24, 2008

Malcolm Wilder Forte, Jr.
Coweta Falls
July 4, 2008

Kenneth William Davis
Mill Creek
August 26, 2008

Herman Brown Thompson
Samuel Elbert
August 23, 2008



**Gone but not
forgotten.**

Coweta Falls

THE REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER FINDS A HOME IN STONE AT THE NEW NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM IN COLUMBUS

Early in July the planned stone monument to the Revolutionary Infantryman was assigned a specific location at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Columbus, Fort Benning, Georgia. An official escorted members of the Sons of the American Revolution to the site on Wednesday, July 9th.

A prominent intersection on the Walk of Flags was designated as the assigned spot. It is a few hundred feet east of the main Museum building where the Walk branches left to the stadium and parade ground, and right to the restored WW II Street. The SAR monument and the ¾ scale jump tower just beyond the parade ground are seen as being all in line as visitors traverse the 1000 ft. long, 24 ft. wide Walk of Flags

“The SAR monument would normally be assigned a spot with other monuments to the American infantry in the woods on the Walk of Honor”, said Mr. Larry French, Chief landscape architect of the museum. “But without America’s First Soldier, we would not be here today.” Maj. Gen. White and other Museum folks felt that a Revolutionary War monument should have an honored place close to the main Museum building.



L to R Bill Hay, Glynn Acree, Billy Thompson, Bob Galer

Museum construction is underway on a 200-acre site where Columbus merges into the Army post just south of town. Completion is scheduled in the first half of 2009.

The SAR monument will be built in Georgia of Georgia gray and Pennsylvania black

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granite. It will be installed early next year. Dedicated to the Revolutionary War Infantryman, the ten-foot high monument was conceived and funded primarily by members of the Coweta Falls chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Over \$21,000 was raised in a three-month campaign that began in November of 2007. The Coweta Falls chapter is based in Columbus, Georgia and is the largest chapter in the Georgia Society with 194 members.

Over \$91,000,000 is pledged to build the new National Infantry museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park from donors from all over the world. Its main features are a Museum building with all the latest features depicting the history of the American infantry soldier, a parade ground seating 2,000 visitors, a reconstructed World War II company street and the Walk of Honor.

“We are delighted and impressed with the monument site assigned to the SAR,” said William M. Hay, President of the local Sons of the American Revolution chapter. “Visiting fathers, mothers, uncles and aunts who have come to Fort Benning to see their loved ones graduate from basic training and other classes will pass by here on their way to the parade ground. Others will see it enroute to the WW II company street which includes General George Patton’s sleeping quarters.”

The chapter committee guiding the construction and funding of the project consists of Billy H. Thompson, Dr. Hugh I. Rodgers, John Deaton, Jr., William M. Hay, Jim Weatherford, and Robert F. Galer, Chairman. Until his recent death, Malcolm Forte, Jr. was a committee member.

Marquis de Lafayette

On June 14, 2008, Paul Grimes and Mike Tomme took part in the Flag Day Ceremony hosted by the Ocmulgee SAR Chapter at the Aviation Museum at Warner Robins Air Force base.

On June 26, Bo Hill, Knox Herndon and Paul Grimes, members of our chapter color guard posted colors for Fayetteville Elementary School.

On July 3, Bo Hill, Knox Herndon and Paul Grimes did a living history at Nash Farms. Also joining them were Liz Grimes and Peggy Cline from the Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter. Jerred Cline from the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society joined them as well.

On July 4, Bo Hill, David Jessel, Paul Grimes, Knox Herndon, Keith Larson, Geoffrey Oosterhoudt and Ernie Kearns took part in the Peachtree City Fourth of July parade. Also, Jerred Cline and Garrick Larson, members of the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society, and Liz Grimes and Peggy Cline of the Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter and Brenda Jessel of the General Daniel Newnan DAR Chapter joined in the parade. That afternoon, Jeff Lowe, John Sloan, Ted Hackney and Jim Robinson members of the MDL, took part along with members that participated in the parade that morning. Augustin Clayton DAR members joined in as well as seven (7) members from the James Waldrop DAR Chapter, and CAR took part in Let Freedom Ring in Fayetteville. That evening MDL members Bo Hill, Geoffrey Oosterhoudt, Paul Grimes and Knox Herndon took part in the City of McDonough July 4th ceremony. Our group did another living history for the folks attending. Joining them were Peggy Cline of Augustin Clayton DAR and Jerred Cline of the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society.

July 4 through July 9, Mike and Cilla Tomme attended the NSSAR Congress held in Sacramento, CA. On the evening of July 9, Cilla Tomme had the honor of bringing in George Washington’s ring that was presented to the incoming President General, David Appleby. Cilla had been requested by Joe Harris, Executive Director, NSSAR to make a pillow for this event. The pillow was crafted in the NSSAR colors and the ring was tied onto the pillow.

On July 5, John Sloan our flag chairman presented two (2) flag certificates to the Lawson family and Hisel family. Joining

Liz Grimes of the Augustin Clayton DAR Chapter and Jerred Cline of the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society.

On July 6, Paul Grimes posted the colors for two (2) church services at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fayetteville. Also, Knox Herndon posted the colors for three (3) services. Afterwards, Paul Grimes transported the Boy Scouts of Troop 1168 to Camp Thunder for a camping trip.

On July 19, Bo Hill, Mike Tomme and David Jessel attended the GASSAR BOM. That morning Mike Tomme introduced Ms. Carter Moore, G.A.C.A.R. State President. She presented her state project for the year and raised money towards her state project. Pins and tee shirts are available. Please support the C.A.R. as they are our future.

On July 20-31, Mike and Cilla Tomme attended the Eastern, Mid Southern and Southeastern Regionals with the N.S.C.A.R. There are 9 Regionals around the US. We caught up with the C.A.R. in Baltimore, Maryland for the Eastern Regional. Our next stop was Williamsburg, VA for the Mid-Southern. Afterwards we traveled to Jacksonville, FL for Southeastern the last regional on the tour. Mike and Cilla helped out along the way with the kids and seniors when and where they were needed. Mike was appointed after the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention to Senior Co-Chairman, C.A.R. / DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations.

On August 9, Paul Grimes and Kevin Napier attended the Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society meeting.

On August 9, we held our annual picnic at the common area in Chip Harrington's neighborhood. We had great weather and fellowship.

On August 16, Mike Tomme, Hal Dayhuff, Paul Grimes, Kevin Napier and Kevin Baker (National President C.A.R.) and member of the Marquis de Lafayette SAR, attended G.A.C.A.R. workshop held in Griffin. Also attending were Cilla Tomme and Augustin Clayton DAR member Liz Grimes. We held our business meeting and discussed the upcoming year. At the meeting the packets were put together with this years contest based on N.S.C.A.R. National Contests. Skits

were performed by the children and some of the seniors. We had lunch and some of the Senior Leaders went swimming with the children.

On September 5, Mike Tomme took part along with the NSSAR Color Guard in the posting of the colors for the ribbon cutting ceremony at The Speed Art Museum located in Louisville, KY. The exhibit is Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, American Art from the Yale University Art Gallery. On display is the John Trumbull collection of 8 paintings from the American Revolution and other pieces and artifacts.

On September 6, Bo Hill, Paul Grimes, Keith Larson and Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Society members Jerred Cline and Garrick Larson attended the Patriot Walk in Peachtree City and gave a musket salute. That afternoon, Kevin Baker, N.S.C.A.R. National President, Bo Hill, David Jessel and John Sloan attended a luncheon hosted by the James Waldrop DAR Chapter, Commemorating the birth of The Marquis de Lafayette and the 225th anniversary of the signing of The Treaty of Paris.



Cilla and Mike Tomme shown with the Pillow and the George Washington Ring 118th Annual Congress Sacramento, California

Hornet's Nest Deadline
December 15, 2008
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Samuel Elbert

Aston & Gunnells Receive Rev. War Ancestor Certificates

At the September 4, 2008 Samuel Elbert Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution dinner meeting, SAR members Dr. R. Lee Aston and Roy E. Gunnells received supplemental membership certificates for other ancestors who served in the American Revolutionary War.

For Roy Gunnells, it was his 12th Revolutionary War ancestor, Isaac David; for Ashton, it was his 4th Revolutionary War ancestor, Joseph Headley, who served in the New Jersey Militia.

Pictured below receiving their supplemental membership certificates from SAR President Olds Harris are: L to R, R. Lee Aston, Olds Harris, and Roy E. Gunnells.



Pictured below, is a new granite monument Lee and Mary Aston set for their Rev. War Headley ancestor in 2005 in Cortland, Ohio where the Headley family settled after the War. (The weathered original Jos. Headley marker is seen behind the new monument with a DAR marker beside it.)



Atlanta

Returning to the regular meeting schedule after the summer break, the Atlanta Chapter held its September meeting on the 11th at the Petite Auberge Restaurant, with a good turnout of members and guests.

The program was presented by Compatriot Mark Webb who spoke on the outstanding contributions Cavalry units made during the Revolutionary War. He also provided a brief overview of the origins of "mounted troops" centuries earlier, and ended with remarks about the changes that occurred in Cavalry units in the 20th century.

Citations to accompany Flag Certificates were presented by 2nd Vice President Guyton McCall, relating to certificates to be presented to Tom Jumper Chevrolet and Belmont Village. The Tom Jumper Flag is quite large, measuring 20 feet by 38 feet, and is flown from a one hundred ten foot flagpole – a real landmark in its neighborhood on Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. The Flag at Belmont Village is admired by the residents of this retirement living community, and is visible to many motorists traveling on Glenridge Drive.

The Atlanta Chapter, under the leadership of Compatriot Fisher Craft, continues its participation in service to the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Chapter meetings are held monthly at 12:00 Noon at the Petite Auberge Restaurant, except for July and August. You are invited to join us. No reservations required.

Marshes of Glynn

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter donated 12 books to the children's department of the Brunswick Public Library. These books are novels set during the Revolutionary War period and were selected by the library to compliment their present collection. Similar gifts are planned for other local libraries in the future.



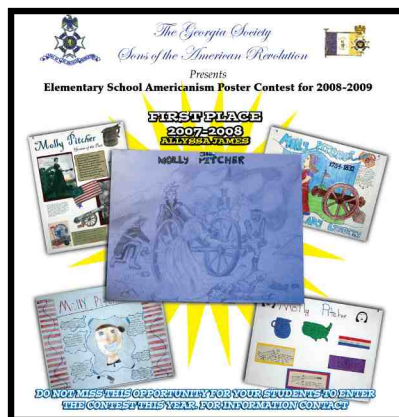
Pictured from left are Richard Johnson and Debbie McKeon, Children's Coordinators and Jimmy Boatright, Vice-President of Marshes of Glynn Chapter.

Piedmont

The Piedmont Chapter has been active during the summer months and going into fall. The Piedmont chapter with others presented colors and attended INS Ceremonies at the Richard Russell Building in Atlanta in June, July and August. Representatives from the chapter will attend the Constitution Day INS Ceremony and give new citizens brochures on the Constitution on September 17th. The November INS Ceremony will start the third year that Piedmont members have attended and in some cases presented the colors at the Atlanta INS Ceremony.

The Piedmont Chapter asked three government bodies to present "Treaty of Paris" Proclamations noting the 225th anniversary of the event. The Captain John Collins chapter joined the Piedmont Chapter at the Cobb County Commissioner's presentation of the Proclamation. The Piedmont chapter's full contingency of color guardsmen and chapter officers; President, Vice-President and Secretary received the "Treaty of Paris" proclamation from compatriot William Lusk, Milton's City Councilman. The city of Alpharetta also made a "Treaty of Paris" proclamation.

Poster Contest Oct 2008 to Feb 2009 Subject: "Paul Revere's Ride"



Contact Terry Manning for details.
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Compatriot William Lusk (left) reads proclamation as Chapter members look on. L to R Color Guard commander Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Allgood, President Jim McIntire, Bob Sapp, Glynn Acree, "Jack" Ferguson, "Skip" Gray, Vice-President Bob Shaw, and Secretary Carl Bhame.

Attend the

Winter BOM/Training Meeting

Holiday Inn Forsyth
Saturday
January 24, 2009
10:00 a.m.

William Few

At their regular quarterly meeting on August 26, which was attended by some twenty members and guests, the William Few Chapter elected new officers as follows: Edwin S. "Ed" Presnell, president; H. Campbell Chafee II, vice president; Robert R. Turbyfill Jr., secretary-treasurer; Albert H. Beveridge II, judge advocate/parliamentarian; David R. Titus, chaplain. After the election, the new officers were installed by out-going president Dr. Richard R. "Chip" Schuster.

Chapter members also chose a new board of managers. Elected to staggered terms and installed were: 2008 – 2009, David Titus and Albert Beveridge; 2008 – 2010, Russell K. Brown and Richard Schuster; 2008 – 2011, Edwin S. Presnell and Robert R. Turbyfill.

Compatriot Bob Turbyfill briefed the chapter on the CAR state project. He distributed copies of the CAR newsletter and encouraged members to contribute to the project, displaying sample T shirts and pins that are available as incentive awards.

Following the business meeting, the group was entertained by a talk by Dr. Ruth E. McClelland-Nugent of the history department at Augusta State University. Her topic was "The American Colonies As Viewed from the London Stage," a unique and first-class presentation.

In September, Compatriot David Titus represented the chapter and placed a wreath during the DAR's annual Constitution Day observance at the grave site of Colonel William Few, our namesake, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta.



more Samuel Elbert

On the second Saturday of September in the year 2008, descendants, compatriots and other interested people gathered at the Old Stone Church near Clemson, South Carolina to celebrate the 269th birthday of Revolutionary War General Andrew Pickens. Twelve other patriots buried in the churchyard were also honored, including General Robert Anderson. Pickens County, SC and Anderson County, SC was named respectively, after these two revolutionary war leaders. It was Under the direction of Capt Andrew Pickens, Capt. Robert Anderson led some 100 patriots against a superior force of British and Tories commanded by Col. Boyd of some 500-800 troops. The skirmish that followed the confrontation of the two forces occurred at the mouth of Vann's Creek and the mighty Savannah River in what is not Elbert County located next to Anderson County, SC. Both Anderson and Pickens were later commissioned Generals.

A brief memorial service, a proclamation by Pendleton Mayor Carol Burdette, the laying of wreaths by various chapters at the patriots' graves and a 21-gun volley by Clemson's Pershing Rifles were all part of the ceremony. Among those placing a wreath was Samuel Elbert Chapter members Will Pickens Carter, a direct descendant of Andrew Pickens and Larry Richardson.

In his comments, Professor Ralph Welton of Clemson University said "but we honor (General Pickens) today not for the facts of his life, but the character of the life he lived. General Pickens' character was the model of what America would become. He was deeply religious, a ruling elder in three Presbyterian churches, Hopewell on Long Cane Creek, here at Hopewell Keowee (Old Stone Church) and later at Bethel near Tamasee. Not only was the General a ruling elder, but he was a founding elder of the Old Stone and Bethel churches," Welton said. "In his character we see the model for the nation we have become. We are known as the most generous nation on earth. It has become our policy to extend our hands to our former enemies and help them rebuild while learning to live in peace," he continued. "After defeating our enemies in World War II, we rebuilt Germany and Japan. We are currently engaged in rebuilding Iraq.

The event was hosted by the General Andrew Pickens chapter of the Sons of the

American Revolution (SAR), a historical, educational and patriotic non-profit organization that seeks to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, an appreciation for true patriotism, a respect for our national symbols and the value of American citizenship.



William Pickens Carter (left) and Larry Richardson (right) present wreaths at the 269th anniversary of the birthday of General Andrew Pickens, Revolutionary War hero.



New Members Since Last Issue

	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Athens	David Dwight Griffeth Cash Vandiver Morris Clell Vandiver Morris John Clell Morris	John Griffith Benjamin Brown Benjamin Brown Benjamin Brown	Robert N. Hale, Sr. Robert F. Towns Robert F. Towns Robert F. Towns
Atlanta	James Paul Harris, Jr.	Alexander Walker	T. Fisher Craft
Button Gwinnett	Robert Thomas Leathers Gordon Lee Woodard	Samuel Craig Thomas Maxwell	N. Walker Chewning Harold Ford
Casimir Pulaski	Gregory Van Goggans Matthew Vincent Goggans	William A. Goggans William A. Goggans	Michael B. Campbell Michael B. Campbell
Cherokee	Joseph William Ledbetter Louis John Sillay, Jr.	Richard Ledbetter Lazare Cauvain	Billy Jack Templeton Billy Jack Templeton
Coweta Falls	Robert Lee Faulkner Philip J. C. McEachern Brian Albert Richards	Thomas Youngblood Mathias Harman Elijah Robosson	Richard R. Simpson, Sr. Richard R. Simpson, Sr. Richard R. Simpson, Sr.
Joel Early	Larry Brantley Grant Garland Ashley Register, Sr. Garland Ashley Register, Jr. Howard Brinson Register Mark Elliott Register Ronald Jerrod Spooner	Jacob Braswell Benjamin Register Benjamin Register Benjamin Register Benjamin Register Zoath Spooner	David Neal Spooner Thomas E. Peters Thomas E. Peters Thomas E. Peters Thomas E. Peters David Neal Spooner
John Collins	Samuel William Keaton Robert Stephen McGehee Ryan Stuart McGehee George David Meyer	Keader Keaton Joseph Gill Joseph Gill Richard Asbury	Stuart W. Keaton Larry T. Guzy Larry T. Guzy Larry T. Guzy
John Milledge	James Craig Coleman	John DuPree, Jr.	Robert L. Bridges, Jr.
LaGrange	Benjamin Rhoads Colgrove Donald Lee Wilkerson	Adam Yerger Nathaniel Howell	F. Clark Johnson, III F. Clark Johnson, III
Marquis de Lafayette	Steven Carl Ward Robert Martin Wylie	Abijah Ward Garrett McAllister	J. Michael Tomme, Sr. John F. Sloan
Marshes of Glynn	Franklin Augustus Hart, Jr. Franklin Augustus Hart, II Forester David Scarboro William H. P. Shiver	Robert Hart Robert Hart Sylvanus Marshall Philip Goodbread, Sr.	Brent W. Taylor Brent W. Taylor William F. Ramsaur Brent W. Taylor

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	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Ocmulgee	Marion Francis Clark, II Emory Willie Holloway, Jr. William Melson Walker William Otis Walker	Amos Latham James Prather Joseph Little Joseph Little	Milton I. Johnson, Jr. Milton I. Johnson, Jr. Christopher Stokes Christopher Stokes
Sons of Liberty	Stanley Jan Gajdik, III Stanley Jonathan Gajdik	Samuel Cooper, Sr. Samuel Cooper, Sr.	Kendall E. Abbott Kendall E. Abbott
Valdosta	Robert Douglas Bishop	George Bishop	Alexander B. McFadden

“A New SAR Tradition is Created”

By Cilla Leed-Tomme

Following the 119th SAR Congress in Williamsburg, Virginia, Executive Director, Joe Harris contacted by husband, Mike Tomme, regarding the presentation of the Georgia Washington ring during the installation of the new President General. Joe stated that in the future he wanted to create a more formal ceremony “rather than just pulling the ring out of my pocket and handing to the President General”.



Joe was aware that I had crafted a number of colonial period uniforms for Mike and several period outfits for myself. With my sewing skills in mind, Joe asked if I could create a pillow so that the Georgia Washington ring could be presented in a more formal ceremony. I readily agreed to craft such an item and felt honored that the SAR had asked me to perform this important task.

With a couple of thoughts in mind, I was off to visit several fabric stores to find the perfect fabric for this project. I created a 16” by 16” pillow of royal blue brocade which was trimmed with gold brocade piping. The top of the pillow was trimmed with gold braid and four golden tassels were displayed from each corner. Gold cording was adhered to the top of the pillow so that the George Washington ring could be safely secured during the presentation ceremony.

At the 120th SAR Congress in Sacramento, California, I was asked by the National Color Guard Commander, Larry Perkins, if I would bring forth

the pillow with the George Washington ring. I readily accepted and was honored to be part of this ceremony and the creation of this new SAR tradition. Commander Perkins led the procession followed by myself and the ring. I was escorted by Karl Jacobs and Chuck Lampman of the National Color Guard. Upon reaching the dais, I presented to the pillow to President General Bruce Wilcox who in turned greeted me with a broad smile and big “thank you”. President General Wilcox removed the ring and presented it to David Appleby, the new President General. The color guard was dismissed and the activities of the evening continued.

I truly appreciate the opportunity to be presented with this task with the knowledge of the historical importance reflected in this ring. Being a part of this new ceremony in my home state of California was truly an honor as well. At each respective Congress, this new tradition will continue as part of the installation process of the new Present General. Thank you to the SAR for allowing to me to be a small part of this new SAR tradition.



Note about Cilla:

She has been actively involved with the SAR since Mike became a Charter Member of the Marquis de LaFayette SAR Chapter in 2003. She has served in many capacities both behind the scenes as well as in the public eye. She is an active member of the Marquis de LaFayette education team which provides educational programs on colonial living to 4th and 8th grade students in the metro Atlanta area. She is frequently seen dressed in period attire at grave dedications and local parades.