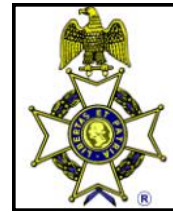


Newsletter of THE GEORGIA SOCIETY

Sons of the American Revolution



The

July - September, 2014

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



President Roger W. Coursey

Compatriots,

Boy, it is amazing how fast time seems to fly. It is hard to believe that my tenure as President is over half over. It has really been an enjoyable time, visiting with all the compatriots at the various chapters. By the time you read this, there will only be five chapters that I not have had the opportunity to visit.

I submitted a separate report in our last Hornet's Nest, covering many of the details of the 124th Annual Congress in Greenville, SC. For those who did not see it, look back in our files on the GASSAR website to see how well the Georgia Society is doing. We collectively, as a Society, Chapters and individual compatriots, received over 70 awards at Congress. Compatriots, I think that is fantastic. You guys are doing one heck of a job. CONGRATULATIONS!!! On top of that we had four of our Georgia Society members elected to National Office. By now, I am sure you are well aware of who they are. We, as a Society, are very proud of them.

Some of us just recently returned from attending the NSSAR Trustee/Leadership

Meeting in Louisville, KY. Once again, the Georgia Society had the most attendees of any Society with 15. I have submitted a report on the happenings of the meetings to the BOM email list.

During the weekend of the 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, the South Atlantic District meeting was held in Gaffney, SC. I was there to represent GASSAR as your President. Compatriot Mark Anthony, from the South Carolina Society, is our new Vice President General for the South Atlantic District. The meeting was very well attended by members from all four states in the South Atlantic District – Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina. Also attending were several members from other Districts who are running for National office this year. During the meeting, the District, voted to endorse all candidates running for National Office who are unopposed. That included our very own Compatriot J. Michael Tomme, Sr, Treasurer General, who is running for Secretary General. Also elected by the District for endorsement in contested races, was our very own Compatriot Larry Guzy, Registrar General, who is running for Treasurer General; as well as Compatriot Jack Manning who is running for Historian General.

As most of you know, our Annual Meeting will be held at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place in Duluth, GA (the same place we have held it for the last several years). I have extended an invitation to President General Lindsey Brock to attend and be our guest speaker. He has graciously accepted the invitation. I have also extended an invitation to our SAD Vice President General Mark Anthony to attend, and he has also accepted the invitation to attend. I will be sending out the registration form in the next couple of weeks. We are planning on having a training session again this year on Friday afternoon. It will be on our Veterans programs and the Stark Report. I hope many of you will plan on attending.

I have also invited the Secretary General, Thomas Lawrence, to attend the 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek in

February and be our guest of honor and guest speaker. He has accepted and placed it on his calendar. VPG Mark Anthony has also accepted the invitation to attend Kettle Creek.

This has been an active period since our last Hornet's Nest. I have attended the 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Savannah, and the Wreath Laying Ceremony Celebrating the 227th Anniversary of the Signing of the United States Constitution and recognizing William Few as one of the signers from Georgia. Compatriot Terry Gibbs also represented me at the Sycamore Shoals Commemoration. Wreaths were presented on behalf of the GASSAR at all of these functions.

I also attended several grave dedications for patriots and compatriots. Compatriot James Stallings, Sr, immediate Past-President, Compatriot Carter Wood, Northeast Regional Vice President, and Compatriot Terry Gibbs also represented me at several grave dedications. Again wreaths were presented at all the grave dedications for the GASSAR

I must thank Compatriots James Stallings, Sr, Carter Wood, and Terry Gibbs for representing me at the various functions that I was not able to attend. With their help, the President of the GASSAR was represented and we continued to show our support for these various functions.

We have several of our very dedicated members who are recuperating at this time and really need our prayers. I will not mention all their names, as some of them prefer that they not be named, but just remember them in your prayers.

Until next time, remember all our service personnel serving in uniform, and may God continue to bless this great country of ours. God Bless the SAR and God Bless the United States of America!!!

Patriotically yours,

Roger W. Coursey

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George H. Wheelless

Message from the Georgia Society Secretary

Current Membership

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

REGULAR:	1,660
JUNIOR:	54
JUNIOR LIFE:	04
EMERITUS:	04
LIFE:	37
DUAL (Between States):	19
	=====
TOTAL:	1,778

2015 Membership Dues

Dues collection for 2015 should be well under way by now. Currently I have two chapters who have collected and submitted dues for more than 50% of their membership and one with 30%. Membership dues should be received by the chapter before 31 Dec 2014. All Georgia Society dues must be sent to me by 10 Jan 2015

Forms

In order to have accurate records, it is necessary that certain forms be completed and submitted in a timely manner. Outlined here are three forms that must be completed and submitted to the appropriate officer(s).

10.01F Transfer of Chapter Membership

Any chapter member may transfer to another chapter within the Georgia Society. This form insures that all parties concerned are notified. The form is to be submitted to the State Secretary and to the demitting and/or receiving chapter's secretary. I will only transfer a member from one chapter to another when I have received this form and know that both the old and new chapters are aware of the change.

10.04F Obituary Report Form

The death of a compatriot must be reported using this form. A newspaper obituary can be attached and is much appreciated. The completed form is to be sent by mail or e-mail to the State Secretary and the State Chaplain.

10.07F New Officer Notification Form

Within the next few months nearly all 32 of our chapter will have new officers. To ensure that communication flows smoothly through the Georgia Society it is critical that this form be completed fully and submitted to the State Secretary and the Georgia Society Webmaster. For those chapters who will not change officers please indicate that on the form and submit.



NEWS

of the
State Society



Emory D. Fennell

Message From the Georgia Society Chaplain

Greetings Compatriots. Fall is completely here and the relief in the hot weather is welcomed.

Since my last writing to you all, I have been very busy going to meetings, offering comfort to sick and bereaved families, and representing our SAR organization at grave marker dedications.

We have had a number of departures so far this year. I hope the deaths will slow down just a little. We need a strong group to continue going forward for a common cause. A group of patriots to keep the public informed of the truth as to how our great nation came into existence. Men and women making sacrifices of their money, their property, and even their lives in order that we can live free here in America.

The Battle of Kettle Creek events are quickly approaching and I can hardly wait. I enjoy all of the activities and being able to relive a real victory for us in Georgia against the aggressor. I hope you can sense the pride it brings just knowing our contribution helped free us.

Next month we observe Veterans Day on November 11. Always remember our veterans - especially the military personnel who are serving our country abroad. Thank a veteran for his service to our flag and country. Take time to visit our VA hospitals, veterans in Personal Care Homes, Nursing Homes, and even those who are still residing at home.

Please continue to remember our obligation to our forefathers who gave us all that we enjoy in a free nation. Always stand when you have an opportunity to preserve what they established for us.

Prov. 3: 5 & 6

In His Service,
Emory D. Fennell, Chaplain



Roger W. Coursey
President GASSAR

Report From Fall Trustees/ Leadership Meeting

For those who were not at the Fall Trustees/Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. I will give a brief synopsis of the happenings in the committee meetings attended by some of our GASSAR members.

Newsletter: Deadline for NSSAR competition is December 1. Mail two issues (not two copies) to Chairman Steve Pittard, 414 Wilder Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314.

Merchandise: Price increase approved (Copy will be available at the October 25 BOM). Merchandise will be available at Congress 2015 (Louisville) at both the Gault House and at Headquarters. A restocking fee was approved. Plans are underway for the "SAR Store" that will be part of the Museum when opened.

Americanism: Battle of Blue Licks (August 19) approved as a NSSAR Historic Sites program. A Safety plan was recommended for this hot weather event. Brochure contest added to the Americanism program.

Patriot Index / Revolutionary War Graves : Volunteers for entering RW graves in the patriot Index are caught up for now. Grave Marking medals will be awarded at District or State meetings in the future.

Veterans Committee: There were some changes to the Stark Report that were voted on, and passed. They are to be effective January 1, 2015, and will not affect calculation of points for this current year. The changes are:

Section 2: Volunteer Hours: the change is that there will be a limit of 1,000 points that can be earned by a member. There is no limitation for the points a chapter can earn. Note: at 10 points per hour, a member is therefore limited to counting no more than 100 hours of donated time.

Section 4: Donated Items (Personal Care Items): Chapters will be limited to 2,500 points (1 point for each personal Care item donated)

Section 6: Publications: Chapters will be limited to 1,000 points (1 point for each book/magazine)

Section 7: Veterans Outings: Chapters can claim no more than 500 points per Veterans

Outing – including mileage. Note: chapters may count several outings, but no *one* outing can exceed 500 points

Also, there was a discussion to count *monetary* donations made to the Wounded Warrior Project the same as donations made to the VA are counted. Although SAR supports Wounded Warriors and has added a section to the Stark Report for points to be earned for recognition of Wounded Warriors, the proposal was tabled. Therefore, monetary donations made to the Wounded Warrior Project will not count for Stark points. Only monetary donations made to the VA count.

Oration: Determined not to retain the State POC on the National site as the Oration POC. The POC on the National site will be the Co-Chairs of the Oration Comm. The Oration Web-site Comm will ensure said change is made.

It was announced that the NSSAR had hired a full time permanent WebMaster who would be on site 1 Oct to handle all website issues. The Oration Web-site Comm will be working closely with the new WebMaster.

Plan of Action for the endowment fund--need to press on Corporations—need contacts . Also distributed to committee members present the corporate sponsorship brochure plus talking points.

As stewards, voted to reduce the amount of chaperones attending the breakfast to one. GW funded our breakfast for the 2015 year and paid the bill in 2014.

ROTC/JROTC/Service Academies:: Following changes approved for the Outstanding Cadet Competition effective immediately:

1st Place Winner: \$2,000 and \$1,000 for travel expenses to the National Congress

2nd Place Winner: \$1,000

3rd Place Winner: \$500 (new addition, previously no award for 3rd place winner)

Also, it was approved that in awarding the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to the Sea Cadet Program, the award to be only given at the 9-12th grade level.

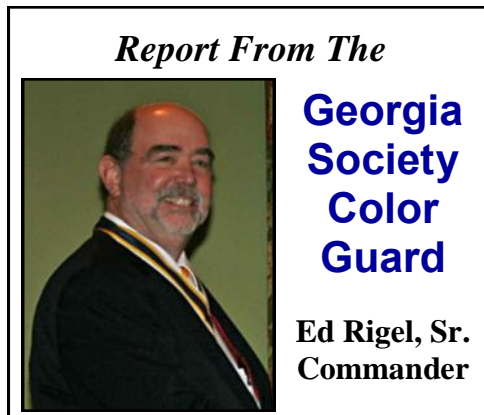
Scouting: The following changes were approved for the Eagle Scout Award effective 2016.

1st Place Winner: \$10,000

2nd Place Winner \$6,000

3rd Place Winner \$4,000





Color Guard Schedule

2014

- 01 Nov - Compatriot Charles Hendry grave marking
- 08 Nov - Grave marking for Patriot John Jones
- 09 Nov - Headstone Dedication for Patriot Ezekial Cloud, McDonough City Cemetery, 1500 hrs
- 15 Nov - James Starrett grave marking, 1100 hrs.
- 16 Nov - Grave marking for Compatriot Richard Neal, Antioch Christian Church, Watkinsville, GA
- 22 Nov - Fort Morris
- 06 Dec - Vann's Creek
- 13 Dec - Wreaths Across America

2015

- 10 Jan - Color Guard Awards luncheon
- 17 Jan - Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC
- 23-24 Jan - Georgia Society Annual Conference, Duluth, GA
- 14 Feb - Kettle Creek parade and Skirmish
- 14 Feb - Kettle Creek Battleground Memorial at War Hill
- 15 Feb - Hero's of the Hornet's Nest, Elijah Clark State Park
- 06-07 Mar - Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY
- 11 Apr - Grave marking for Compatriot Jack Ferguson, National Cemetery, Canton, GA
- 18 Apr - Frederica Patriots Day, St. Simons Island, Ceremony 1000 hrs, parade 1130 hrs
- 19 Apr - Colonial Worship Service, St. Simons Island 0900 hrs
- 25 Apr - Georgia Society BOM, Barnsville, GA 1000 hrs
- 25 Apr - Patriot Abraham Marshall grave marking sponsored by William Few Chapter
- 25 Jun-01 Jul - NSSAR 125th Annual Conference, Louisville, KY



*Georgia Society
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GA Society Executive Committee Meetings - 2014

10:00 AM

Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church

Social Hall

131 Ward Street

Macon, GA 31204

April 16th

July 16th

October 15th

January 14th

GA Society Board of Managers Meetings - 2014

10:00AM

Garden Patch Restaurant

100 Southland Drive, Barnesville, GA 30204-1573

April 26th

July 26th

October 25th

GA Society Annual Conference - 2015

January 23-24, 2015

Sonesta Gwinnett Place

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Georgia Society New Members From July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Atlanta	20 Aug 2014	James Anthony Comstock	Jonathan Downs	David Andrews Noble
	20 Aug 2014	Baxter Keith Bedell	Jonathan Downs	David Andrews Noble
	20 Aug 2014	David Lewis Paschall	Thomas Paschall	David Andrews Noble
	20 Aug 2014	Frank Thomas Wrenn, III	Thomas Paschall	David Andrews Noble
	04 Sep 2014	Matthew Massey McDonald	Alexander McDonald	David Andrews Noble
	04 Sep 2014	Edgar Eugene Wilson	Graves Harris	David Andrews Noble
	04 Sep 2014	Michael Duncan McDonald	Alexander McDonald	David Andrews Noble
	18 Sep 2014	Matthew Lloyd Haisten	John Haisten	David Andrews Noble
	18 Sep 2014	Harry Gilbert Haisten	John Haisten	David Andrews Noble
	22 Sep 2014	John Franklin Allgood, Jr.	John Allgood	David Andrews Noble
	22 Sep 2014	John Franklin Allgood, Sr.	John Allgood	David Andrews Noble
	22 Sep 2014	Stephen Nathaniel Allgood	John Allgood	David Andrews Noble
	22 Sep 2014	George Lee Allgood	John Allgood	David Andrews Noble
Blue Ridge Mountains	07 Jul 2014	Paul Wilcox Danner	Daniel Merritt	Jack Powell Dugger
Button Gwinnett	07 Jul 2014	Stewart Albert Woodard	Benjamin Remmington	Harold Douglas Ford
	18 Sep 2014	Kenneth Warren Keown	Moses Pressley	Milus Bruce Maney
Cherokee	18 Sep 2014	William Chandler Cannon	Henry Lusk	James Charles Lance
	18 Sep 2014	William Erick Cannon	Henry Lusk	James Charles Lance
	18 Sep 2014	William Michael Cannon	Henry Lusk	James Charles Lance
Coweta Falls	04 Sep 2014	Richard Herbert Smith	Henry Graybill	Hugh Irmon Rogers
Edward Telfair	20 Aug 2014	James Noah Wooten	Joel Wooten	Roger Warren Coursey
Four Rivers Patriots	01 Aug 2014	Kenneth Ray Miller, Sr.	Jacob Hauseman	Ned Leland Shuman, Sr.
George Walton	17 Jul 2014	Charles Christopher Brown	James Johnston	William Peck Freese, II
John Collins	12 Sep 2014	Carl Quinton Black	Moses Payne	Bryan Franklin Black
	12 Sep 2014	Benjamin Franklin Black	Moses Payne	Bryan Franklin Black
	12 Sep 2014	James Roy Hollifield, III	Nathan Bent	James Roy Hollifield
John Milledge	07 Jul 2014	Richard Kenneth Dunham	Azariah Dunham	Robert Forrest Towns
	04 Sep 2014	Nathaniel Ennis Smith	John McGinty	Thomas Lee Wood

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	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
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	28 Aug 2014	Samuel David Caneer	Hezekiah Davis	William Hughes Raper
	28 Aug 2014	Joshua Charles Kolb	Hezekiah Davis	William Hughes Raper
	28 Aug 2014	Charles Choate Caneer	Hezekiah Davis	William Hughes Raper
	28 Aug 2014	William Henry Caneer	Hezekiah Davis	William Hughes Raper
	28 Aug 2014	James Raymond Kolb	Hezekiah Davis	William Hughes Raper
Lyman Hall	04 Sep 2014	Benjamin Noah Ingram	John Ingram	Colvin Waymon Ingram
	04 Sep 2014	Kevin Cason Ingram	John Ingram	Colvin Waymon Ingram
	04 Sep 2014	Kevin Benjamin Ingram	John Ingram	Colvin Waymon Ingram
	04 Sep 2014	Jonathan Walker Benjamin	John Ingram	Colvin Waymon Ingram
Marquis de Lafayette	01 Aug 2014	William Thomas Moore, III	William Minor	John Michael Tomme, Sr.
Marshes of Glynn	12 Sep 2014	Charles Scott Hinson	Christopher Mercer	James Steven Hinson, Sr.
	12 Sep 2014	Elton Farrell Hinson	Christopher Mercer	James Steven Hinson, Sr.
	12 Sep 2014	Jeffery Todd Hinson	Christopher Mercer	James Steven Hinson, Sr.
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Robert Forsyth	28 Aug 2014	Kevin Jason Owens	Ichabod Packard	William Allen Greenly
Samuel Elbert	20 Aug 2014	Edmond Lawrence Faust, IV	Dependence Shapleigh	Larry Norman Richardson
Valdosta	17 Jul 2014	Timothy Eldon Klocko	Asa Cram	Michael Maxwell Black
William Few	18 Sep 2014	John Todd Garcia, Jr.	John DeLoach	William Howard Colbert
	18 Sep 2014	Patrick Andrew Garcia	John DeLoach	William Howard Colbert
Wiregrass	20 Aug 2014	Justin Matthew Hooks	William Hooks	DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III
	20 Aug 2014	Gerald Delano Hooks, Jr.	William Hooks	DeSaussure Dugas Smith, III
	18 Sep 2014	Cecil Thomas Christopher, Jr.	Benjamin Lanier	Ruskin King Powell
	18 Sep 2014	James Ebb Daughtry	Jacob Daugherty	Homer Sylvester Durden, III
Total	52			



In Memory of

Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

Our Compatriots

2014



Georgia Society Deceased Members Jan 1, 2014 to Sep 30, 2014

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Charles Haddock Hendry, MD	184426	Piedmont	20 Jan 2014
William Maurice Slayton	172800	Coweta Falls	21 Jan 2014
Murray Stanton King	182261	Blue Ridge Mountains	23 Jan 2014
William Kenneth Jackson	155036	Samuel Elbert	30 Jan 2014
Loring Charles Covington	168635	Captain John Collins	11 Mar 2014
John Richard McAliley, Jr.	185254	Atlanta	25 Mar 2014
William Loyd Dobbs	146924	George Walton	04 May 2014
Glen Willis Herrin	178537	Valdosta	15 May 2014
William Joseph Barns	73800	Edward Telfair	13 Jul 2014
William Lee Lester	151706	Samuel Elbert	14 Jul 2014
Dewey Ray McKenzie, Sr.	153063	LaGrange	16 Jul 2014
Charles Fredrick Daniel, Jr.	168907	Ocmulgee	27 Jul 2014
Robert Carlisle Young	171588	Atlanta	28 Jul 2014
Charles Irvin Beck	189478	Marshes of Glynn	03 Aug 2014
Green Braselton, Jr.	144492	Lyman Hall	09 Aug 2014
Harold LaRoque	189021	Casimir Pulaski	10 Sep 2014
John Perry Hendrix, Sr.	145909	Joseph Habershams	22 Sep 2014
Former Members			
James Dee Slayton	173266	Coweta Falls	19 Jan 2014
Edward Hawthorn Fluker	160050	Washington-Wilkes	20 Jan 2014
Francis Jenarel Shuman	138192	Altamaha	23 Jul 2014
Forest Freen Scales		Lyman Hall	21 Aug 2014
Julian Issac Newton, Jr.		Joseph Habershams	18 Sep 2014

* **Past State President**



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Atlanta

The Atlanta Chapter hosted Morgan Love of the Allen Howard Society C.A.R. at their September 11th meeting. Morgan was promoting the G.S.S.C.A.R.. President's project and raised over \$600. She is shown holding a large Revolutionary War themed coloring book.



Blue Ridge Mountains

September 13, 2014 was a busy day for the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter as they conducted two grave dedications co-sponsored with the Silas McDowell Chapter, NC on the same day. The morning started with the grave dedication of Patriot Samuel Reed at the Reid United Methodist Church in Cherokee County, North Carolina. The GASSAR Color Guard and the Elijah Clarke Militia participated in the event. Several GASSAR Chapters, GA and NC DAR chapters presented wreaths; the local VFW chapter also participated. A proclamation was provided by David Wood the Cherokee County Commissioner. Kenny West, Chief of Staff for NC Congressman Mark Meadows read the citation inserted in the U.S.

Congressional Record and a copy was presented to Compatriot Ed Reid. Over 75 were in attendance.



Following that ceremony, a barbecue lunch was provided by the First United Methodist Men's Group in Blairsville prior to the Compatriot Fred Smith grave dedication in the afternoon. Fred Smith was a member of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter and a nationally known musician.

The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter continues to grow. At their September 16, 2014 meeting they inducted 3 new members; Paul Danner, Charlie Hunter and Devon Turner, all three of Union County. Wayne Elliot of Fannin County was re-instated. At that same meeting, Sidney D. Turner was presented a Supplemental membership certificate and his Vietnam Veterans Corps Certificate, joining chapter Compatriot Jack P. Dugger. Martha Preston was presented the Martha Washington Medal and certificate for her support to the chapter.

For the first time in BRM Chapter history, the chapter has an opportunity to advertise its activities on radio. At present WUCG-FM 93.1 is using the SAR produced CD, "Keyholes to History". The chapter presented WUCG with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Constitution Day was observed by obtaining proclamations from Fannin and Union County Commissioners. Displays of the Constitution were placed at the Union County Courthouse and the Union County Veterans building.

A display cabinet was donated to the "Major Leon Davenport Veterans Building" in Blairsville. The cabinet will be available for the various Veterans organization as well as the BRM Chapter.

Button Gwinnett

The Button Gwinnett Chapter strives to support veterans and the C.A.R.. at every opportunity. When Georgia State Society C.A.R.. President Walker Chewning, Jr. asked to make a presentation on his State President's project, the opportunity was accepted enthusiastically by the chapter membership.



The G.S.S.C.A.R.. State President's Project for 2014-2015 will directly benefit the residents of the VA Medical Center in Decatur, GA, by creating a comfortable, green site to relax on the existing patio outside the dining hall. Walker is raising funds by selling merchandise and asking for donations from individuals and organizations. The funds raised will be used to purchase large, comfortable wooden rocking chairs, colorful pots, perennial plants and climbing vines, and handicapped accessible planters for use by the residents. The rockers will have the insignia of one of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces embedded in the headrest and a dedication plate on the back of the headrest with an inscription chosen by the donor of the rocker. The slogan for the project is "Honor Patriots ~ Support Veterans".

This VA Medical Center serves the northeast region of Georgia. It has a 40 bed nursing home component, a 400 bed hospital, 40+ outpatient clinics, an emergency department, and serves more than one million patients each year.

The Button Gwinnett Chapter was excited to support this worthy project by purchasing project pins, t-shirts, polo shirts, caps, mugs, and by making a generous donation. The compatriots of Button Gwinnett Chapter are looking forward to helping with the party for the residents at the VA Medical Center which will accompany the "unveiling" of the patio in the spring of 2015.



Coweta Falls

This past calendar quarter started with a bang with the festivities at the National Infantry Museum on July 4th. Coweta Falls' patriots, Dan McMichael and Roy Collier, along with members of the 1st Hamilton Legion demonstrated how a swivel cannon works and performed a musket salute for onlookers. Inside the museum, President Bill Hay and other chapter members, were interacting with visitors.



Celebrating July 4th at National Infantry Museum: Cannon firing by 1st Hamilton Legion led by Dan McMichael.
Musket salute by 1st Hamilton Legion led by Roy



Collier (behind smoke) on July 4th at National Infantry Museum
Dan McMichael, Bill Hay, Roy Collier & Taylor Hay at



National Infantry Museum on July 4th

Coweta Falls Chapter recognized a real hero at the July meeting. Fire Medic Joshua Rash was presented a Fire Safety Commendation medal & certificate. Josh

went back into a burning house, located a young girl & brought her safely out.



President Bill Hay presents Fire Safety Commendation & Certificate to Fire Medic Joshua H. Rash (center); his supervisor, Sgt. Heddy Ortiz on left

In August, compatriot Bob Galer & President Bill Hay presented a Flag Certificate to the Historic Linwood Foundation at Linwood Cemetery in Columbus, GA. Jane Brady, Executive Director, accepted the certificate.



Bob Galer presents Flag Certificate to Historic Linwood Foundation, accepted by Jane Brady, Executive Director.

Coweta Falls Chapter participated in Constitution Week activities which started on Sept 2nd with a Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Court House in Columbus. There, twenty-eight applicants from fifteen countries took the Oath of Allegiance & became citizens of the United States. Each new citizen was presented with a miniature US flag & was given a copy of the US Constitution. Chapter Compatriot Honorable Clay Land, Judge of the Federal District Court, presided in his courtroom over the induction of the applicants.

That same day, President Bill Hay along with Taylor Hay, attended a meeting of the Columbus Consolidated Government Council to receive the Mayor's Proclamation of Constitution Week.

Local DAR members from several chapters hosted a reception after the ceremony.



Naturalization Ceremony: Compatriots, Richard Andrews, Hugh Rodgers, Neil Gillis, Judge Clay Land & Bill Hay before ceremony.

The Color Guard of the Piedmont Chapter attends every Immigration and naturalization Service (INS) held at the Richard B. Russell Federal Court in Atlanta. taken with us.

Lyman Hall

The morning of October 4th was sunny and cool, a perfect setting for a Grave Marking ceremony. The Lyman Hall Chapter SAR and the Colonel William Candler Chapter DAR co-sponsored the ceremony to honor GA Society Past President Kit Braselton and his wife DAR Peggy.

The ceremony was held in the Braselton Family Cemetery in Braselton, GA. Approximately 45 family, friends, and participants were in attendance. Family members present were the Braselton's daughter, Becky Braselton Gerald and her husband Mike, and son Herbert B. Braselton, Jr. with his three sons, Justin, West, and Cody.

Ed Rigel, Jr., Lyman Hall Secretary, served as Master of Ceremonies. Eleven members of the Award winning GA Society Color Guard served as flag bearers, militia, or, as in the case of John Mortison, Piper for the event. West Braselton, grandson of Kit and Peggy gave a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Members of the two sponsoring Chapters played roles in the ceremony. Peggy's biography was given by Col. William Candler Chapter Regent Christine Lanzing. Peggy was born in Virginia and attended Brenau College in Gainesville. It was at a sorority function that she met Kit; they were married two years later. Peggy was active in various organizations in Braselton, but especially her church.

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Kit was the youngest son of Green and May Braselton. He graduated from the University of Georgia before entering the Navy in WW II. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant and was wounded late in the war. He returned home and managed the hardware department of his father's store, Braselton Brothers. He became a member of the SAR in 1998. He served as Chapter President for two years, GA Society President and as National Trustee from Georgia.

The Braselton's markers were unveiled by their children, Herb and Peggy. The individual headstones had been engraved with the emblems of the Braselton's respective Societies.

Pastor Russell Harbin of Northeast Church, where the Braselton's worshipped, shared his thoughts on Kit and Peggy and concluded the program with the Benediction.



Family, members of the SAR and DAR, and friends gathered for the ceremony honoring Compatriot Kit Braselton and his wife DAR Peggy

Piedmont

Patriotism is alive and well in north Georgia as evidenced by the turnout for the 62nd annual Old Soldiers Day Parade held on August 2, 2014 in Alpharetta, Georgia. The event was well attended with representation from the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., Centennial High School, American Legion, Alpharetta High School, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veteran Groups, Shriners, and several other organizations. Piedmont Chapter President Bill Lusk, who was one of the organizers for this year's parade, offered the following observation, "If anyone thinks that patriotism is dead, they need to attend the Old Soldiers Day Parade in Alpharetta. Next to the Memorial Day Ceremonies Roswell and Milton, this has to be the best showing of patriotism in Georgia." The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard and other members of the Georgia Society Color Guard led the parade.



L to R Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly, Shep Hammach and Bruce Maney

The Piedmont Color Guard attends every INS ceremony held at the Richard Russell Courthouse in Atlanta.

After the new citizens receive their certificate of citizenship, they are welcomed by the Color Guard and others in a receiving line. George Thurmond and I usually head-up that line and many of the new citizens want to have their picture taken with us.

Normally we welcome 150+ new citizens at each ceremony, and I have never before met any of them afterwards -- that is, not until recently. I have a salt water fish tank and I purchase seaweed in the sushi department at Publix to feed the fish. Yesterday when I was at Publix buying seaweed, the lady who prepares sushi said, "I know you!" Her name is Lucy Pau. I had not recognized her with her hair covered, but she recognized me. She then proceeded to show me a picture of herself with George on one side and me on the other taken at the INS ceremony. What are the chances, Paul Prescott?



Compatriot Shep Hammach was presented the Liberty Medal by Chapter President Bill Lusk for recruiting ten new members to the

SAR. President Lusk and the Membership Committee have challenged each Piedmont Chapter member to sponsor one or more candidates for membership this year. Carl Bham, Registrar, reported that our membership presently is 104 with eight applications in process.



Captain Roger Coursey, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired) and GASSAR President, was the guest speaker at the August Chapter meeting. His presentation was about the town of Ebenezer, Georgia. The town near Savannah was established in 1734 by 150 Salzburger Protestants who had been expelled from the Arch Bishop of Salzburg in present-day Austria by edict.



Carter Hehir, 8th grade graduate at Little Mill Middle School recently received a second place award in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution brochure contest for Middle School students. Carter produced a brochure on the national theme "Francis Marion - The Swamp Fox." His entry was sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter and the Georgia Society. Carter received a check for \$150 in the national competition and \$200 in the state competition for his entry along with certificates. Carter is now a freshman at Central Forsyth High School.

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L to R George Thurmond, James Hehir (grandfather), Cheri Hehir (grandmother), Carter Hehir, Sandra Gibson (grandmother), Leslie Hehir (mother), Jimmy Hehir (father), and Brenna Hehir (sister)



George Thurmond and VP Tom Davis



L to R Tom Owen USAF, Bobby Towns USA, Allen Burton USA, David Tyler USAF, Don Burdick USA, Jackson Guest USA, Joel Seymour USA, Mark Waters USN

Robert Forsyth

The Robert Forsyth chapter has been busy over the summer. At its July meeting, the guest speaker was James M. Smith, a Deputy Marshal with the U.S. Marshals Service. He gave a very informative talk and slide show presentation on the U.S. Marshals Service. After the meeting, he stayed and answered more questions for members. The chapter kept in contact with Marshal Smith and has offered to present a Police Medal to the top Marshal each year. The offer was accepted and the chapter expects to present the medal



in December.

Marshal James M. Smith and VP Tom Davis

In August the chapter held its first annual picnic at Fowler Park. It was well attended and a good time was had by everyone.

Our September speaker was Past Georgia Society President George Thurmond, who is also a dual member of our chapter. George gave a very interesting talk on Thomas Sumpter who was a soldier in the Virginia Militia and than a Brigadier General in the South Carolina Militia. He was nicknamed the "Carolina Gamecock" for both his fierce fighting style and his attacks on British soldiers after they burned down his house. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and to the U.S. Senate.

Our President Allen Greenly attended the Fall Leadership conference at the end of September. During the Trustees meeting, he and Georgia Society President Roger W. Coursey made a presentation of the Flag Recycling receptacle project to all of the attendees. The project was well received and there were many chapters across the country that expressed an interest in obtaining one or more of the receptacles for their chapters.

Washington-Wilkes

David L. Tyler was honored by veterans from several different chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution at a dinner and award ceremony held at the Women's Club. President David Chesnut and the WWSAR membership served as host for the SAR, DAR & C.A.R.. members in attendance.

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution awarded David Lee Tyler the War Service Medal w/Vietnam Bar and a Certificate of Patriotism with membership in the NSSAR Vietnam Veterans Corps. SAR members came from Elberton, Athens and Hart County to participate in delivering the award to David Tyler. Major General Donald N. Burdick leading the veterans group, commented on David's service and spoke about the generation of Vietnam Veterans that were not recognized. Maj. General Burdick then read the NSSAR War Service citation which was followed by Brigadier General Joel W. Seymour placing the NSSAR War Service Medal on David's coat. Immediately following this ceremony and representing the National Office of the SAR, Historian General Robert F. Towns came forward with the NSSAR Vietnam Veterans Corps Certificate. Joining the procession were all the veterans present to officially welcome home a Vietnam Veteran.

William Few Chapter

The William Few Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), met Monday evening September 22nd at the Garlic Clove Restaurant for our 2014 3rd Quarter meeting with 16 members and 14 guests in attendance.

A highlight of the meeting was the announcement of NSSAR approval of the applications of two new members, John and Patrick Garcia, bringing our total membership to 36. We are looking forward to their presentation to the chapter in the very near future. We also welcomed several potential members and spouses this evening, as well as the parents of Compatriot Roger Buterbaugh, Logan and Ilise Buterbaugh. They were with us to see Roger receive his Military Service award.

The chapter was also briefed on a change in plans for the grave marking ceremony for Patriot Chaplain Abraham Marshall. Originally planned for April 2015, it is now being considered for a fall time slot. Other event participation includes our presence at the annual "Constitution Day" event at St. Paul's Cathedral September 17th. The chapter approved recommendations to participate in the "Wreath's Across America Day" event on December 13th, attending at Belview Cemetery in Grovetown, GA., and to participate as a chapter in the "Friends of the SAR Library" program. It was also noted that chapter vice president Richard Noegel has coauthored a new book entitled, "How Firm A Foundation", subtitled, "A Survey of Church Architecture in Rural America". Excellent written narrative by Richard on many of our historic churches, further illustrated by the excellent photography and notes of co-author, Carol J. Mohor. The book will be on sale at Meadow Gardens and other book outlets.

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After dinner, we welcomed chapter Compatriot Don Anderson for his presentation titled, "My Ancestor's Military Service". This was an excellent presentation, our thanks to Don for sharing his family's history and contributions to our nation. Programs like this one certainly remind us of the sacrifices made by those who came before us; sacrifices that will soon be forgotten if not for continual reminders like this one of our heritage and its costs.

Wiregrass

The Wiregrass Chapter presented our third "Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America", on Thursday night, August 14, 2014 at the Emanuel Medical Center. Bo Gunn, the Emanuel County Administrator, was present to accept this certificate for the Emanuel County Commissioners. The Emanuel County Commissioners are flying the U.S. Flag in front of the Emanuel County Courthouse located on the U.S. Hi-way #1 side just beside the Bicentennial Monument. Sons of the American Revolution Chair Pete Rountree, travels all over Emanuel County looking for businesses, organizations or private citizens that are displaying the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way. This project is an ongoing project of the Wiregrass Chapter, GASSAR and we will be honoring others with this certificate.



President Wilder Smith, Jr. and Bo Gunn

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented our fourth "Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America", on Thursday night, September 11, 2014 at the Emanuel Medical Center Cafeteria. David Cieslica, manager of HOTSET AMERICA, was present to accept the certificate for Hotset. Hotset flies the

U.S. Flag 24 hours a day and flies it correctly. They are located on Highway 57 North, just past the 810th Combat Engineer Company armory.

President Wilder Smith, Jr. and David Cieslica



The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution installed its newest member, Thursday night, September 11, 2014 at the Emanuel Medical Center Cafeteria at 6:30. Jerry's Revolutionary ancestor was William Hook, a private in the Continental Army from Virginia. Private William Hook was with General George Washington's Continental Army at Valley Forge, PA and the worst winter camp of all, Morristown, NJ, during the war, plus many battles with the British. Jerry's son Justin is also a new member and he will be installed at a later date. The Wiregrass Chapter now has 37 members.



President Wilder Smith, Jr., Gerald Delano Hooks, Jr



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Roger W. Coursey
President

On the following page you will find the GASSAR Annual Conference Registration Form. Note that the dates are 23-24 Jan 2015 at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place, Duluth, GA (same place as last year). Please note that I need your Registration Form returned to me by 31 Dec 2014 with payment.

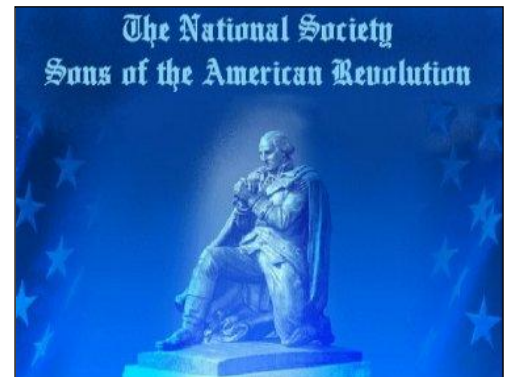
Also note that the training session this year will be Friday, 23 Jan, at 4:00 pm. It will be on "Service to Veterans" -- to include the Stark Report, Wreaths Across America, Quilts of Valor and other ways chapter can have an effective Veteran's program.

Information for registering for your room at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place is on the registration form. I am also including it in this message. Room rates are the same as last year at \$82.00 plus tax per night. This gets you a King Bed or Two Double Beds. Contact information below:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=58939&Chain=5157&arrive=1/22/2015&depart=1/26/2015&adult=1&child=0&group=0122SONAMR>

For those who wish to make their reservations via the telephone, they can call Sonesta Reservations toll-free at [1-855-463-3095](tel:1-855-463-3095).

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Conference.



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference

January 23-24, 2015

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

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Rooms: \$82 plus taxes (Rate guaranteed through January 5, 2015)

Please mail this registration form by [December 31, 2014](#) with check payable to "Georgia Society SAR" to President Roger W. Coursey, 259 Stagecoach Ave, Guyton, GA 31312

Registration Fee (SAR Members Only): (Prior to Dec 31, 2014) \$ 10.00
 (Late fee after Dec 31: +\$20.00) \$ _____

Schedule of Events - Friday, Jan 23:

2:00-5:30 pm	Registration	
3:30-5:30 pm	Hospitality Suite	
4:00 pm	"Service to Veterans" (Stark Award, etc) Check if you plan to attend	_____
6:00 pm	Reception (Cash Bar)	
7:00 pm	Member Awards Banquet (Members, wives, guests) _____ x \$50.00 =	\$ _____
	(Black Tie, Business Suit, Uniform)	

Schedule of Events – Saturday, Jan. 24:

7:30 - 8:20 am	Hospitality Suite	
8:00 - 8:20 am	Late Registration	
8:30 am	Memorial Service (Members, wives, guests)	
9:15 am	Spring Board of Managers Meeting (Members)	
9:15-10:00 am	Ladies' Program	
10:15-11:00 am	Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting	
10:45 am	GA Society Annual Meeting: Election of Officers (Members – Everyone votes!)	
11:45 am	Chapter and Youth Awards Luncheon & Installation of 2015 Officers (Members, wives, and guests)(Business Suit, Uniform) _____ x \$35.00 =	\$ _____

Total Remitted (Registration, +/- Late Fee, Friday Banquet, Saturday Banquet) = \$ _____

Registration Information

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Member): _____

Name of Chapter: _____ E-mail: _____

State Title(s): _____

Chapter Title(s): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Wife): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Guest): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Guest): _____

SAR-C.A.R.. report

The past few months have been busy for the C.A.R.. Walker Chewning, State President started his year by assisting the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter by helping them place over 2000 flags on Veterans' graves at the Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens in Snellville on May 24, 2014. He then joined Button Gwinnett and Atlanta SAR Chapters on 6-14-14 at the Snellville Courthouse as Mr. Terry Manning gave a narrative on flag history. Walker also carried some historic flags and fired a musket salute with the Elijah Clarke Militia and the GASSAR Color Guard. On 6-21-14, The Martha Stewart Bulloch Society, C.A.R., presented a wreath at the White Oak Presbyterian Church, Senoia, GA at the graves of Patriots Drury Banks and Benjamin Hughes. Walker Chewning discussed his state project to raise money to purchase Rocking Chairs to the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center in Atlanta and sold his State President's Project Merchandise to the Atlanta Chapter, SAR (pins, T-shirts, hoodies, polo shirts, baseball hats, etc.) on 6-28-14. The GA State Society C.A.R. hosted the SE Regional Meeting in Peachtree City in which this chairman brought greetings on behalf of the GA State Society SAR. Walker then attended the SAR BOM in Barnesville on 7-26-14 where he told the SAR Board of Management about his project and brought greetings from the GA State Society, Children of the American Revolution. On 8-14-14, Walker attended the Button Gwinnett SAR Meeting, at the La Petite Auberge in Atlanta, and discussed his project. On August 16, 2014, Walker presided at the GA State Workshop in Snellville, GA. The members participated in skits which illustrated the various contests for the year. Other GA SAR members in attendance were Walker Chewning, Sr., Rob Chewning, Dorsey Stancil, Robert W. Moore, Charles E. Hall, Jr., Arthur Hall, In September, Morgan Love visited the Allen Howard SAR Chapter and assisted Senior State President Jo An Chewning in promoting the State President's project of the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution. Morgan is a member of the Allen Howard Society out of Gwinnett County. They were successful in raising over \$800 at The Atlanta Chapter SAR meeting to support the veterans at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. The Cherokee Rose Society of the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution donated two bronze braille American Flags - one to the Georgia National Cemetery located in Canton and another to the Georgia Academy for the Blind School located in Macon. Both donations occurred during the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore celebrating the 200th birthday of the Star-Spangled Banner as well as in conjunction with Constitution Week. On September 13, 2014, The Martha Stewart Society C.A.R. participated in the grave marking dedication of Fred Smith at the Union Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Blairsville which was sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, SAR. Our State C.A.R. Government Studies Seminar was held Columbus Day (October 13, 2014) at the American Village in Montevallo, AL. with Walker Chewning, Sr. and Charles E. Hall, Jr., in attendance. This chairman has posted the state grave markings on the various C.A.R. Facebook pages.

This year's project by State President Walker Chewning, Jr., is to "Honor Patriots – Support Veterans" by creating a green space for veterans at the VA Medical Center in Decatur, Georgia. Walker's project will add shrubs and flowering plants to the existing planters and install new planters. Wheelchair accessible planters also will be purchased and prepared for the veterans to use as vegetable gardening areas. The project includes the purchase of large wooden rocking chairs to be placed under the covered portion of the deck.

These chairs will have the seals of the various armed forces: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard, and bronze plaques on each to recognize donors of \$200 or more or to memorialize a veteran of their choice such as a parent, brother, or friend. The rockers will provide relaxation for patients and nursing home residents. The Atlanta Chapter SAR has already purchased one of these chairs to assist Walker in his State Project.