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Sons of the American Revolution



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Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



Thomas M. Owen (Tom)

My fellow compatriots of the Georgia Society

The third quarter brought about advancement, pride and further accomplishment as our Society swept many of the National awards at Congress, and continued with additional honors at the September Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. We have a lot to be thankful for and an outstanding membership that cares about American traditions and values.

Let me address Retention & Renewal for these are the life blood of our organization that can sustain growth. As we go through the fourth quarter make every effort to contact your chapter membership and help them renew. Share our ancestral values with their family and instill pride in their participation

with the organization and chapter. Let new members talk about their Patriot ancestors and share experience in background research. Also, call members that can no longer get out for meetings and update them on the National, State and Chapter business, allow them to be a part of the chapter activity.

Each President is charged with these objectives and annually should seek out and encourage members. Help them with their family memberships and as time goes by, help them establish supplemental ancestors that will widen their interest in our founding generation and American History.

Conversation of late revolves around numbers and span of control by chapters, but the underlying issue of **Expansion** still needs to have constructive dialogue by the BOM. It was mentioned by a Board Member "that we have operated well since our beginning without "Change"", but the glass ceiling on membership and chapters has taken a toll year after year with attrition and little to no growth. What we did in 1921, with one region and one chapter, and a (2.8 million) State population, may not be the same "bar" (objective) we need to seek at this time. Today, with 8 regions and a (9.8 million) State population, perhaps the "bar" needs to be raised so that our incentive to do better and attain higher objectives is reached. Make no mistake, expansion and hard work needs to be implemented to sustain the future of the organization for our grand-children.

If our partner in Georgia, (the DAR), can raise 8,000 members, which has doubled their organization in 7 years, we should be very close behind. Unfortunately, our current practices have not supported expansion and maybe it is time to advance our way of conducting business. We took 70 years to break the 1,000 member mark and now 25 years to gain an additional 70%. This is not acceptable to sustain growth and it paints a dim picture for generations down the road. Let us work together into the next year to achieve success in membership growth and sustainability.

Decisions in the bylaw arena is wholly the responsibility of the Board of Managers and it requires open cross-functional debate in the BOM forum as designated for our quarterly meetings. *Please extend the courtesy to the Membership at our BOM as designated by our protocol.*

Electronic media can prohibit this open real time dialogue and does not afford members the opportunity to hear all the material at one time for the decision making process. Our open meeting forum is where members interface, discussion takes place, questions can be defined and resolution can be achieved without divisive drama. *Any of our committee's should be allowed, without pre-determination, to address the BOM with their thoughts and plans. The Georgia Society SAR is noted for respect, dignity and Roberts Rules of Civility. The court of well-mannered gentlemen is the order of the day for all our Board of Manager meetings.*

Many members of the Board of Managers have struggled with the adverse dialogue on the BOM communication system. Confusion arose when the system was diverted to an old -outdated forum with quarterly reports belonging to the Georgia Society sent to an unauthorized mail location. This old system failed the Georgia Society in the past and allowed addresses to be hacked, as well as viruses to enter our personal system. The only authorized platform for Board Members of the Georgia Society is the current address of --- gassar_bom@googlegroups.com

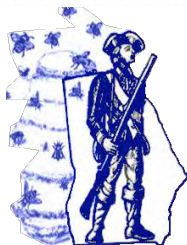
It has become woefully apparent that the Business Communications of the Board of Managers must be protected from intrusion and moderated to address civility.

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No. Date Events

52. 10 Oct – Southern Heritage Festival (Mule Days) Callaway Plantation, Wilkes Co
53. 17 Oct -- Compatriot Joe McConnell Grave Dedication
54. 19 Oct – Yorktown Day, Yorktown, VA
55. 24 Oct -- GA Society BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA
56. 31 Oct – Patriot William Haley Grave Marking, Haley Cemetery, Elbert Co
57. 31 Oct – Patriot Archibald Burden Grave Marking, Elbert Co
58. 7 Nov – Compatriot Andy Jones Grave Marking, Martin Baptist Church Cemetery, Martin, GA
59. 7 Nov – Grave Dedication Ceremony for DAR Daughters Inez Moss, Marty Thurmond, and Harriet Cooper
60. 14 Nov – Grave Marking Compatriot Harold Gosnell
61. 21 Nov – Commemoration of Fort Morris “Come and Take It!”
62. 5 Dec -- Commemoration of the Battle of Vann’s Creek, Richard B. Russell State Park, Elbert County, GA
63. 12 Dec – Wreaths Across America

NOTE

The Georgia Society Color Guard Calendar is always available at the state website.



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference January 22–23, 2016

Registration Form

Sonesta Gwinnett Place

1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, Georgia 30096
(At Exit 104 Pleasant Hill Road on I-85 in Gwinnett County)

Reservation: Phone 1-855-463-3095 or

Rooms: \$89 plus taxes (Rate guaranteed through January 5, 2016)

<http://pc.rvaaxis.com/res.aspx?Hotel=58939&Chain=5157&arrive=1/21/2016&depart=1/25/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=0121SONAMR>

Please mail this registration form by **December 31, 2015** with check payable to "Georgia Society SAR" to President Thomas M. Owen, 401 S. Alexander Ave, Washington, GA 30673-1786

Registration Fee (SAR Members Only): (Prior to Dec 31, 2015) \$ 10.00
(Late fee after Dec 31: -\$20.00) \$ _____

Schedule of Events - Friday, Jan 22:

2:00-5:30 pm Registration
2:00-4:00 pm Leadership Registration: "Role of a Registrar" (Open to all) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____
3:00-5:00 pm SAR Medals: *Criteria-Wearing-Precedence-Military (Exhibit & Handouts)*
3:30-5:30 pm Hospitality Suite
6:00 pm Reception (Cash Bar)
7:00 pm Member Awards Banquet (Members, wives, guests) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
(Black Tie, Business Suit, Uniform, Kilts, Prince Charlie)

Schedule of Events – Saturday, Jan. 23:

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: Lydia Herndon "The Liberty Trees & American Values"
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 2016 Officers
(Members, wives, and guests) *(Business Suit, Uniform)* _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Total Remitted

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

Registration Information

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Member): _____

Name of Chapter: _____ E-mail: _____

State Title(s): _____

Chapter Title(s): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Wife): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Guest): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Guest): _____



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

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

- 1) Fort Morris, Sunbury (Marshes of Glynn)
November 21, 2015
- 2) Battle of Vann's Creek (Samuel Elbert)
December 5, 2015

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

- 1) Battle of Kettle Creek & Revolutionary Days
February 12-13-14, 2016
- 2) Fort Frederica/Patriots Day (Marshes of Glynn--St Simons Island)
April 16 & 17, 2016
- 3) Constitution Day--William Few (Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church)
September 17, 2016
- 4) Battle of Savannah (Coastal Heritage Society--GASSAR)
October 9, 2016
- 5) Fort Morris, Sunbury (Marshes of Glynn)
November 19, 2016
- 6) Battle of Vann's Creek (Samuel Elbert)
December 3, 2016



George H. Wheelless



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

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2015 | <u>1560</u> |
| Plus: New Members | 171 |
| Plus: Transfers In | 2 |
| Plus: Reinstatements | 69 |
| Plus: Reinstatement-Transfers | 3 |
| Total Additions | 248 |
| Less: Deceased | 15 |
| Less: Resignations | 0 |
| Less: Transfers Out | 6 |
| Total Losses | 21 |
| Active Membership as of 30 Sep 2015 Reported to National | 1787 |
| Plus: Dual Members | 26 |
| Active Membership as of 30 Sep 2015 Reported to BOM | <u>1813</u> |

BREAK DOWN OF GEORGIA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Members | 1676 |
| Jr. Members | 60 |
| Jr. Life Members | 4 |
| Emeritus Members | 4 |
| Life Members (Regular) | 43 |
| Dual | 26 |
| Total Membership | <u>1813</u> |

George H. Wheelless, Secretary



In Memory of



Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons
Our Compatriots

**Georgia Society Deceased Members
Since Thursday, January 01, 2015**

| <u>Compatriot</u> | <u>Nat'l No.</u> | <u>Chapter</u> | <u>DECEASED</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Robert Gregg WILLIAMSON | 144099 | Edward Telfair | 12 Jan 2015 |
| William Joseph REESE, | 185211 | John Collins | 26 Jan 2015 |
| Robert Forrest TOWNS | 155521 | Athens | 10 Feb 2015 |
| Redden Parramore HART | 161955 | Valdosta | 25 Feb 2015 |
| Marion Jennings RICE | 137988 | Athens | 03 Mar 2015 |
| Richard Clarence PALMER, | 194023 | Button Gwinnett | 21 Mar 2015 |
| James McRae ANDREW, | 188004 | Wiregrass | 14 Apr 2015 |
| Mcalpin Hill ARNOLD | 154120 | Samuel Elbert | 17 Apr 2015 |
| Charles Keeley OWEN, Jr. | 175937 | Wash-Wilkes | 11 May 2015 |
| John Granville NORRIS | 166164 | Coweta Falls | 04 Jun 2015 |
| William Glenn NEELY, Jr. | 175358 | John Milledge | 10 Jun 2015 |
| Robert Lee TERRELL, | 178119 | Jos. Habersham | 15 Jun 2015 |
| Jerry Anderson CHURCH, | 180284 | Atlanta | 17 Jun 2015 |
| Benton Wilson ROBERTS, Jr. | 159747 | Joel Early | 26 Jul 2015 |
| Rodney Earl BENNETT | 172654 | Marshes of Glynn | 02 Sep 2015 |
| Dudley Gardner BROWN, Sr. | 136511 | Edward Telfair | 23 Sep 2015 |
| Richard William MALTBIE | 186085 | Button Gwinnett | 7 Oct 2015 |

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Veterans Day is November 11, so why not have your chapter declare the entire month of November as “Veterans Month.” That would be an opportunity to promote and encourage members to attend and support local and area veteran activities. Many local restaurants and business have “special deals” for veterans on Veterans Day, so why not find out who/what they are and prepare an informational piece to send to your chapter members, many of whom are veterans.

Plan your November monthly meeting around a “veteran” theme. One chapter bills its meeting as: “A Salute to Veterans.” Add a few things that you don’t normally do to decorate the meeting room in a military or patriotic motif. It doesn’t need to be elaborate – just enough to add some sizzle and convey the theme of the meeting.

Have your chapter Veterans Committee Chairman or your Color Guard Commander tell what the chapter has done to support veterans and their activities since the beginning of the year. This would be an excellent time to talk about the Stark Award: what it is, why it was named that, and how every member can help the chapter earn points for it, and for them to qualify for the Service to Veterans Medal. “Wreaths Across America” is in December each year, so why not discuss it, and outline your chapter’s plans for supporting and attending a “Wreaths Across America” observance. How ‘bout asking for donations to purchase wreaths?

Get a Guest Speaker who can talk about a veterans-related topic. Veterans who can tell of an experience they had while serving, a representative from one of the veteran service organizations (American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, The Wounded Warrior Project, and DAV are just a few), an employee or representative from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, or somebody who can give a patriotic presentation with a focus on veterans are some ideas for a Guest Speaker.

Use the occasion to present “Certificates of Patriotism” for any of the Veterans Service Corps established by the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee. Also, present War Service Medals, Military Service Medals, and Service to Veterans Medals to those who are deserving of them. One newly appointed chapter Veterans Committee Chairman learned that his chapter had not made any awards of those medals for a number of years. When he asked for, and received, the required DD214s to qualify members for the medals that chapter wound up presenting 32 military medals at its November “Salute to Veterans.” Never before, or since, has that chapter had so many at a chapter meeting. That meeting was a springboard for support of the chapter’s Veterans Program that is still paying dividends. Has your chapter recognized all its veterans? Have you recognized new members who might be veterans? Have you asked for DD214 forms and qualified those eligible to be recognized? One chapter uses its November “A Salute to Veterans” meeting to present all such military awards, rather than doing it throughout the year, or trying to squeeze military awards in with all the other awards at its annual banquet.

Got somebody who does things to support veterans, but may not be a veteran, or what he does can’t be counted for Stark points? Why not recognize him with a special SAR award – certificate or medal, at your November meeting.

Promote the meeting and its theme well in advance and urge members to bring items to donate to the VA. All three Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in Georgia (Atlanta, Dublin, and Augusta) issue a pair of socks to newly-admitted patients, and to homeless veterans, so there is a constant need for socks. Books, magazines (within six months of issue), and personal care items (tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, non-alcoholic mouthwash, games, puzzles, skin lotion, etc.) are other items that can be donated. Generally, the VA will not accept electronics. Remember, all donations count for the Stark Report. There was one chapter last year that promoted sock donations before its November meeting. The result - there were over 400 pairs of socks placed on the head table prior to the meeting.

Recognizing, supporting, and honoring veterans and all who serve them and their causes are in keeping of the spirit of our patriot forefathers – our country’s very first veterans. What better way is there to celebrate Veterans Day?





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The duties of the Georgia Society Library Committee are specified in the Sourcebook, Sec. 3.2.1. One of the Committee's main duties is to foster membership in the Friends of the SAR Library at SAR headquarters in Louisville. The acquisition of materials supporting Georgia genealogy is an important focus.

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The Chairman distributed Friends of the Library brochures at the quarterly Board of Managers meeting in July and other publicity was circulated to the membership by Georgia Society President Owen. As of 30 September 2015, the Georgia Society has the following:

21 Chapters as members of FOL
 58 Compatriots and supporters
 79 Total memberships

We are pleased that the total includes a number of wives of members, the Georgia State Society NSDAR, and the Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary. With 79, the Georgia Society continues to lead the NSSAR in FOL memberships. The Tennessee Society is our nearest competitor with 66 members. The Library Committee has consulted via e-mail and plans for 2016 are under way.

Membership in Friends of the Library is available for \$25 annually for chapters and individuals. Memberships are renewable on the anniversary date but may be renewed and extended at any time. Membership forms will again be available at the October 24th BOM. Let's keep the Georgia Society in the lead. The Committee thanks the Georgia Society President and Executive Committee for their strong support of our work on behalf of the Friends of the Library.



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Since July 1, 2015 I have assisted ten prospective members with their membership applications and three Compatriots with their SAR supplemental applications.

I made five trips to the Georgia Archives during this quarter to assist Chapter Registrars and prospective members with research.

During this quarter I made six trips to Marietta, Georgia to work with GASSAR Registrar Bob Sapp at his request to assist with application reviews. Additionally, I prepared three Genealogy Data Analysis statements to resolved pending application issues at the State or National level.



Knight Essay Contest—Terry Gibbs

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The Knight Essay Contest deadline date for students to submit their essays to a chapter for entry into the contest is Monday, December 1. Chapters then must submit that entry to the Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest Chairman by December 15 for entry into the Georgia Society Contest. Electronic format in Microsoft Word is preferred but not required. Email entry is also preferred but not required. Be sure to include chapter name and designation as Knight Essay with the entry. Submit GASSAR Chapter winners' essays to: tgibbs@bellsouth.net by December 15, 2015.

The GASSAR Knight Essay Chairman will then a select panel of judges to review the essays and grade them using a standardized grading sheet. The essay with the most points will be declared the winning essay to represent the Georgia Society in the national contest.

The Knight Essay contest winner for the Georgia Society will be awarded a \$600 Cash Scholarship at the Annual Meeting in January. The runner up or second place essay winner will be awarded a \$400 Cash Scholarship.

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I have given direction to the Information Technology Committee, in consultation with myself, to handle these issues and secure the system from abuse, regardless of the origin.

As Compatriot W. Allen Greenly is specifically knowledgeable on mail and computer technology with a strong business acumen in communications systems, I have asked him to investigate on how best to address improved security, new platforms, access and use, while protecting the BOM Communication system. A solution will be recommended with a potential bylaw addition and a report to the Board of Managers at the January 23, 2016 winter meeting.

Compatriots: Lest We Forget... It is our Privilege and Responsibility to preserve what our Patriot Ancestors fought and died to create. The Georgia Society has a higher goal and all of us are needed as a Patriotic Team to achieve the objectives of our Founding Generation.



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Budget and Expenditures

Our SAR gift of \$250 in 2015 for the Georgia Society DAR Regent's Project was presented at the DAR annual conference in Stone Mountain April 30 – May 3rd. The annual donation of \$250 to the Meadow Garden properties also was made at that same meeting. This concludes the expenditures planned in the 2015 budget. These SAR gifts will be used to further the state Regent's project to improve and maintain the Meadow Garden properties in Augusta.

ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

Liaison with Georgia Society DAR Liaison

The Georgia Society DAR Liaison Committee chairperson, Audrey Wylie, and I have been exchanging notices of activities of our respective societies to keep our members mutually informed of SAR and DAR events in Georgia. The Georgia Society DAR Regent of course determines which notices will be distributed to the DAR chapters.

Chapters Visited this Quarter by this Committee's Members

Visits to Georgia Society DAR Chapters by committee members were:
 AUG 15, Georgia DAR Workshop, Bethlehem, GA
 SEP 9, Cherokee DAR, Atlanta
 SEP 14, Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR, Roswell
 SEP 19, DAR Constitution Day Luncheon

Shep Hammack has been very successful in raising DAR awareness of the DAR Finders Form and the associated awards available to the DAR.

Initiative to Recognize DAR Chapters

With the direction and approval of the EXCOM, this committee has taken steps to implement awards for DAR chapters who have been most productive in supporting SAR applications for new members. The accounting for awards will use the DAR Finders Form filed with the DAR-assisted applications. We will begin that accounting in 2016 for awards that will first be given in 2017 based on 2016 data. The awards recognize two chapters each year. The Grace Martin award will be given to the chapter with the highest total count of SAR members whose applications were assisted by that chapter's members. The Rachel Martin award will be given to the chapter with the highest percentage of DAR-assisted applications relative to that chapter's size.

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

The Source Book has been updated at Section 17.4.1 to provide details and procedures for making the Grace and Rachel Martin awards. A brochure is being prepared to publicize and explain these awards.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Assist the GASSAR Registrar with any awards that should be given to DAR members who have assisted with SAR membership applications.

Promote the use of the DAR Finders Form and the SAR competition for the awards to the DAR members and chapters. Continue to promote the SAR/DAR joint activities.



Georgia Society Registrar—Bob Sapp

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Membership Applications Processed through September 30, 2015

Applications: January 1, 2015-----September 30, 2015

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| Received as of September 30, 2015 | 235 |
| Applications Reviewed & Sent to NSSAR | 204 |
| NSSAR has approved | 145 |
| NSSAR has Pended--applications | 12 |
| GASSAR Registrar Pended | 39 |

The Statistics of Applications Reviewed and Approved is as Follows

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| 86.8% | of applications reviewed and mailed to NSSAR |
| 71.1% | of applications approved by NSSAR |
| 16.6% | of applications received & pended by Georgia Registrar |
| 5.94.3% | of applications have been pended by NSSAR |

The third quarter of 2015 flow of applications has been steady at about 6 applications per week. The quantity of pended applications by the Registrar still indicates a need for chapter Registrars to review applications preparation procedures.

Registrars should check that the lineage in each generation is documented. Also, that marriage and parental connections are documented when changing the lineage from the male line to the ancestral line of the wife.



SAR- C.A.R. Liaison—Robert W Moore

rwmkm@hotmail.com

At the July BOM the Georgia State Society SAR presented the state president of GSSC.A.R., Abby Garnett, a check for \$250.00 for her state project which is to raise funds for a stone sign to be erected at Ft. Hawkins.

The Martha Stewart Bulloch Society GSS C.A.R. was awarded the Eleanor Smallwood Niebell award for best society newsletter by the national society SAR. Devyn Baker, editor of the newsletter accepted the award.

The GSSC.A.R. held their state workshop in Macon at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on August 22nd, 2015.

The Georgia State Society C.A.R. held their State Government Studies Seminar on September 26, 2015 at the War of 1812 site of Fort Hawkins in Macon, Ga.

The Coweta Falls Chapter GSSAR participated in a bell ringing at the National Infantry Museum for constitution week with local chapters of DAR and C.A.R.

The Cherokee Rose Society along with DAR and SAR presented at Braille monument of the US flag at the Georgia National cemetery. Martha Stewart Bulloch Society C.A.R., the Piedmont Chapter SAR and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR gave the Home Depot in Roswell a retirement flag box so customers can respectfully retire their old flags.

Georgia Fellows Committee—Terry Manningtemanning@aol.com**New Georgia Fellow—Dr. John Turrentine**

John serves as the President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter SAR and as Regional Vice President for the South Eastern Region. He has previously served as the President of the Dalton Chapter SAR, Vice President of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, and Education Chairman for Marshes of Glynn.

His hobbies speak to an active lifestyle with scuba diving, flying, swimming, and hiking.

His credentials include MD (Ob/Gyn Surgeon), DMin (Doctor of Ministry and certified marriage and family counselor), and PhD (American history). He is married and the proud father of two sons and two daughters and the grandfather of a grandson with all of the males being members of SAR. Would you be surprised to learn from this photo that he portrays period heroes such as Paul Revere?



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| Roster of Georgia Fellows |
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Abbott, Kendall Edward
 Acree, Glynn
 Andrews, Richard
 Bearden, James
 Brown, Wayne
 Chapman, Christopher
 Chewning, Newton Walker
 Coursey, Roger W.
 Dayhuff, Barbara S.
 Dayhuff, Hal
 Dobbs, William
 Dooley, Joseph W.
 Faith, Robert D.
 Flanagan, Jimmy
 Galer, Robert
 Gibbs, Terry
 Golab, Theodore H. "Ted"
 Gray, Rita
 Gray, Skip
 Greenly, Allen
 Guest, Jackson "Jay"
 Guest, Sara
 Guzy, Karin
 Guzy, Larry
 Hammack, Shep
 Hampton, Charles

Haught, Tucker
 Hays, Bill
 Hay, William (Bill) M., Sr.
 Henderson, Michael
 Henson, James Allen, Jr.
 Hulsey, Leland
 Jenkins, David Denton
 Jessel, David G.
 Jessel, Brenda
 Lamb, Roger G., Jr.
 Leathers, Bob
 Lynch, James W.
 Martin, Hall
 Maney, Bruce
 Maney, Charlene Strickland
 Manning, Terry E. P.
 Manning, Virginia Coning
 McCutcheon, John E.
 Newcomer, Charlie
 Newcomer, Clare
 Owen, Thomas M.
 Palmer, Virgil
 Prescott, Nancy
 Prescott, Paul I.
 Rigel, Edward P., Sr.
 Rigel, Joan S.

Rigel, Edward P., Jr.
 Rodgers, Hugh
 Sapp, Robert A.
 Scow, Steven
 Shaw, Bob
 Stallings, James, E., Sr.
 Stansberry, Douglas
 Thompson, Billy H.
 Thomas, Don Ray
 Thurmond, George
 Titus, David
 Tomme, Cilla Leed
 Tomme, J. Michael
 Towns, Robert F.
 Turbyfill, Robert R., Jr.
 Turrentine, John E.
 Webb, Mark
 Woliver, Walt
 Wood, Carter J

(71 Georgia Fellows – July 20, 2015)



Correction - Clarification

Your humble Editor sincerely appreciates any and all input on both coming and past issues. He is therefore very glad to reproduce here the full content of an observant and thoughtful Compatriot regarding an item in the previous issue of "The Hornet's Nest".

Feedback is a gift.

Gentlemen,

Thanks for the new issue of *The Hornet's Nest* and for the informative but unsigned article, "The First Fallen Peace Officer" on p. 25.

It was my privilege as president of the William Few chapter in 2005 to be instrumental in mounting the SAR markers on the wall at St. Paul's Church shown in your third photo on the page and to be emcee at their dedication ceremony. Additionally, I was present as an invited guest at the dedication at St. Paul's of the Robert Forsyth marker by the Georgia Historical Society in 2008.

In the interest of historical accuracy, I want to point out that Forsyth, who died in 1794, was not "the first law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty" [in the Constitutional United States]. Although that was long believed to be the case, especially in Augusta, research in recent years has revealed that three peace officers in New York State were killed by gunfire while in the performance of their duties in 1791 and 1792.




I refer you to the websites www.odmp.org (Officer Down Memorial Page) and <http://www.nleomf.org/officers/search> (National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund) for verification. The first killed was Constable Darius Quimby of Albany County, NY. You can read more about him under his name at wikipedia.com. Robert Forsyth still has the distinction of being the first U.S. marshal and first federal law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. The GHS marker identifies him as such.

The question of whether any peace officers were killed between 1775 and 1791 has never been investigated to my knowledge.

For the benefit of all our compatriots, I hope you can print this information in the next issue of *The Hornet's Nest*.

Patriotically,
Russell K. Brown, Ph.D.
Grovetown, GA
706-868-6450

On Jul 23, 2015, at 10:01

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|  | Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith Westchester County Sheriff's Department, NY EOW: Thursday, May 17, 1792 Cause of Death: Gunfire |
|  | Sheriff Cornelius Hogeboom Columbia County Sheriff's Office, NY EOW: Saturday, October 22, 1791 Cause of Death: Gunfire |
|  | Constable Darius Quimby Albany County Constable's Office, NY EOW: Monday, January 3, 1791 Cause of Death: Gunfire |
| <p>Dr. Brown is correct. Here is a clip from the referenced website—Editor</p> | |

Chapter Reports

NEWS

Altamaha

Athens

The Athens Chapter is having another good year. Our membership is holding steady with new members and reinstatements offsetting those Compatriots who passed away. We have been active with Flag Certificates, Eagle Scout recognitions and ROTC/JROTC medal presentations.

Our meeting programs included:

- Short Stories of American Revolution – by Harry W Cooper
- Myths of the Revolution – by Compatriot Terry Manning
- Life in Colonial Times – by Daughter Beth Collins
- The Turtle: First Warfare Submarine – by Compatriot Terry Manning

Atlanta

Blue Ridge Mountains



Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Summer Activities

The chapter did not slow down during the summer months of June through August in which several opportunities were selected and accomplished. The chapter joined the Boy Scout Troop 101 in the annual flag retirement ceremony on June 14, Flag Day. Then, on June 27 it conducted a chapter Patriot grave dedication for Henry Parks.

Independence Day was celebrated at the First United Methodist Church of Union County with musket firings and the display of the traveling trunk and flags. A new feature of the traveling trunk was the use of constructed games that allowed children to play games used by our ancestors.

The church event was for the public and expanded the counties' July 4th celebration with the public invited to the facilities and to watch the Union County fireworks. Weather on July 4th caused the rescheduling of the Murphy NC Independence Day parade to the following week on July 11. The Chapter's color guard was honored to lead the parade, but without the chapters float due to scheduling issues.

On August 22 the chapter participated in the 11th annual Hogsed Youth Conservation Day at Brasstown NC. This event was organized to show children the beauty and opportunities of the outdoors, especially for children ages 5-18. The chapter's display of the traveling trunk, period games and musket demonstrations was a perfect match of the two organizations objectives.

A new feature of the traveling trunk was providing a small zip lock bag of material samples showing the use of wood, sassafras, beeswax and wampum to each of the children. A 10' by 20' tent provided cover for the traveling trunk and two colonial games of "Shut the Box" and "Ninepins" attended by 250 children and parents. A separate 10' by 10' tent provided space for the children to have their photo taken with "George Washington".

The Hogsed organizers were to later post the children's photos on their website for parents to download. Parents also took photos and put them on their face book and sent over the internet. The flintlock musket was explained and demonstrated by loading and firing. Six chapter members, all dressed in colonial uniforms, were joined by the Archibald D. Murphey Chapter and the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the DAR. Eight demonstrations of 30 minutes each were conducted from 9 AM to 1:00 PM all in a cow pasture located near Brasstown NC. Chapter members participating were David Anderson, David Cook (dressed as George Washington), Jack Dugger, Wayne Elliott, Ed Reid and Sid Turner.

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Note - see page # 35 for our participation of the Viet Nam 'Moving Wall'

Blue Ridge Mountains - continued

The chapter's entry in the National Society Poster Contest, submitted by Sam Jabaley from West Fannin Elementary School, has won 2nd place at the national level. Last year we won 3rd place. His poster is now on display in the National headquarters for the remainder of the year.

The Stark Award is presented to chapters that support veterans in the territory covered by the local chapter. The BRM Chapter has placed 3rd nationally with 5558 points. The outstanding performance of the BRM Chapter has significantly helped the GASSAR achieve National recognition.

The BRM Chapter is proud to present a Blue Star Banner and Certificate to Todd and Jennifer Smith, parents of Marine T.J. Smith who has just recently completed Basic Training at Paris Island, SC. T.J. is planning on making a career in the US Marine Corps. The Smiths will be able to display the banner for years to come.

The Martha Washington Medal was authorized in 1971 and may be given by the National Society, a State Society or a local chapter to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to the SAR. The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter was proud to present the Martha Washington Medal to Carolyn Brazil, wife of Compatriot William O. "Bud" Brazil, for outstanding service to the chapter in support of her husband for over twelve years. The medal was presented at the September 15 chapter meeting.

At our chapter meeting on November 17 we will honor our chapter veterans with the National Society SAR "Military Service Certificate". This certificate may be presented by a chapter to SAR members who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, Coast Guard or a country that was an ally of the United States or in a United Nations Peace Keeping Force, who otherwise do not qualify for the SAR War Service Medal. Proof of such service, in the form of a copy of the members discharge papers or DD214, must be presented to the chapter. Therefore, ALL chapter veterans are requested to send to President Cook this proof or bring to the September chapter meeting.

Button Gwinnett

Serendipity at BGSAR Induction Ceremony



L-R Gordon Woodard, Bill Palmer, Brent Beck, Bill Schultz, Harold Ford

-Photo by Bennie Koon

Last month's unexpected family reunion has nothing on this coincidental story.

Compatriot Frank W. Quinn and his cousin Bob Quinn met for the first time at our August Chapter dinner. This came to pass due to Frank's wife, Joye, a professional genealogist, a chance meeting of Bob at a Georgia Genealogical Society meeting. She crunched the ancestors and sure enough, Frank and Bob were cousins through Frank's gggrandfather and Bob's ggggrandfather. Wait, there's more....Bob's and Frank's fathers have the same name, Howard Quinn, plus Frank's and Bob's wife are both named Mary Ellen Quinn.

The inductions of Brent Beck and William Schultz took an unexpected turn when President Woodard mentioned Brent's Patriot Ancestor Henry Holland of North Carolina. William instantly recognized the name from his own NSSAR research over number of years as a Patriot in his family lineage. This all started with Henry serving in the same militia unit with the three sons of Percival Clay, Sr. Percival, Jr., Cholanter and David. Of course, Henry also knew their sister Sara Clay.

The families remained close through the years with Percival Jr. signing an affidavit in support of Henry Holland's Revolutionary War pension and in turn Henry Holland signed a similar affidavit for Eve Clay's pension who was the widow of David Clay.

So, fast forward over two hundred years with neither Brent nor William knowing about their family connection until their induction.

They now realize the marriage on September 2, 1783 of Henry Holland and Sara Clay makes Brent and Alan cousins through their common ancestor Percival Clay, Sr. How 'bout that....and a good time was had by all !!



L-R: Hubert E. Tucker Jr, the first president of the current Button Gwinnett Chapter, Frank W. and Robert Quinn

-Photo by Bennie Koon

Button Gwinnett - continued



Photo by Stewart Woodard

Bill Palmer, Gordon Woodard and Bruce Maney at McDaniel's Farm Park in Duluth, Georgia, in coordination with the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center.

They entertained classes with presentations of Revolutionary War diet, military history, musket salutes and period games.

NSSAR awards to Button Gwinnett members from the 125th Congress

Walker Chewing - Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster.

Harold Ford – Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster.

Jim Lynch – Sapphire Lamplighter Contribution Award.

Bruce Maney – Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster.

Charlie Newcomer - Knight Essay Contribution and three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Bill Palmer -National Patriot Grave Marking Medal

Charlene Maney,William Day Chapter NSDAR – NSSAR Molly Pitcher Award

The Naval Battle of Flamborough Head

Captain J. Eric Wilson,USN received a Button Gwinnett Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding presentation of the Battle of Flamborough Head. Captain Wilson's program of the Naval Battle in the North Sea that saw Captain John Paul Jones of the American ship *Bonne Homme Richard* defeat Captain Richard Pearson of the *HMS Serapis* in a bloody battle that secured the fledgling American Navy's place on the high seas. Also, when Jones was asked to surrender he said "I have not yet begun to fight".

A Tribute to Revolutionary War Soldiers at St. Marys, Georgia

A color guard of the Sons of the American Revolution members, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base personnel and the Ave Maria Assembly Knights of Columbus present the flags at the Sept. 12 tribute to Revolutionary War patriots at Howard Gilman Memorial Park.

This Patriotic Event was attended by BGSAR members Walker Chewing, Mike Watkins, Bill Palmer. BGSAR Past President Michael Henderson did the honors by laying a Button Gwinnett Chapter wreath on the memorial in Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Marys, Georgia to honor twenty-five Revolutionary War Patriots in unmarked graves.



(Photo by John S. Rush)

Vigil at the Tomb of George Washington

Button Gwinnett member John D. Hyatt stood vigil September 19, 2015 at the tomb George Washington

in honor of the two hundred nineteenth anniversary of Washington's Farewell Address.

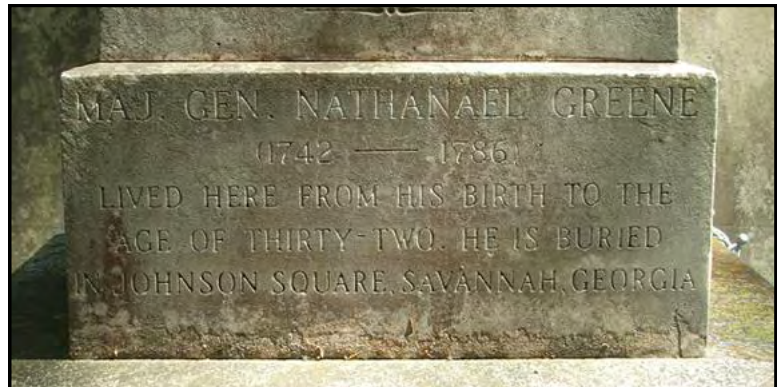


Coweta Falls



Compatriot Dan McMichael, as Gen Nathanael Greene, had a major part in recent dedication ceremonies of a Statue of General Greene at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The event took place on August 7, 2015. **Dan was the model for the Statue.**



Four Rivers Patriot

Lee Burton made a very impressive presentation at the Four Rivers Patriot Chapter. He spoke about training to become a SEAL sniper. Lee is currently chairman of the Toombs County GOP. He graduated from Vidalia High School in 1988 and joined the Navy in 1991, becoming a Navy SEAL.

After serving his country for 20 years as a sniper, an instructor, and a warrant officer, he returned to Vidalia. Burton ran for Georgia State House of Representatives District 156 in 2014.



Lyman Hall



Lyman Hall Vice Preside Carter J Wood makes a presentation of historic flags as part of a fundraiser for the Veterans Administration annual event—"Stand Down".

More than three hundred attended to support the VA Operation that served nearly 1,000 homeless veterans this year.

Joseph Habersham

Larry Whitfield of the Joseph Habersham Chapter is presented with the Lamplighter medal for his support of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.



Rodney Coleman is inducted as a new member of the Joseph Habersham Chapter by Bill Raper.

Richard Wayne Sadler and his son Brian Gregory Sadler were inducted into the Joseph Habersham Chapter.



See also: Page 36

Ocmulgee



Ray Crumbley, President of the Ocmulgee Chapter, GASSAR presented a Flag Certificate to Kelly Bradley, General Manager of Camping World in Byron, Georgia on August 18, 2015.

The flag and flag pole and the marker honoring Marine Corps Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. Rodney M. Davis of Macon was installed earlier this year in a ceremony attended by over 50 veterans and dignitaries on the property. The huge flag measuring 40 feet by 80 feet is the largest flying flag in Georgia to our knowledge.

Camping World people are true Patriots committed to honoring military servicemen and veterans by installing the flag and marker located at their business adjacent to Interstate 75 south of the Georgia Highway 49 overpass.

Flag certificates were presented to Lowe Toyota and the Cantrell Center of Warner Robins, GA. Ocmulgee Chapter President Ray Crumbley and Vice President Moses Alexander made flag certificate presentations to Mr. Mike Cantrell owner of the Cantrell Center for Physical Therapy and Mr. Wayne Lowe owner of Lowe Toyota.

Both men demonstrated patriotism by installing lighted flag poles to properly display the American flag at their businesses in Warner Robins. Mike Cantrell is owner and operator of the Cantrell Center for Physical Therapy and father of Miss Betty Cantrell, Miss Georgia for 2015 who was named Miss America on September 13, 2015 three days before our presentation. Mr. Lowe founded Lowe Toyota ten years ago and is proud of being named the "Car Dealer of the Year" in Houston County for the past two years.



Abby Garnett spoke to the Ocmulgee Chapter to present this year's project by the Georgia Society, Children of the American Revolution.

Ray Crumbley, President of the Ocmulgee Chapter, GASSAR presented Abby with a certificate of Appreciate for her leadership of the C.A.R. this year and for the Society's project.

See more details on the C.A.R. project on page # 32.

Samuel Elbert

Larry James Wilson, President of the Samuel Elbert Chapter presents a Flag Certificate to Robert S. Conger, local land owner, who flies the U. S. Flag in a proper manner..



Robert S. Conger's store near Elberton—with the newly constructed flag pole.

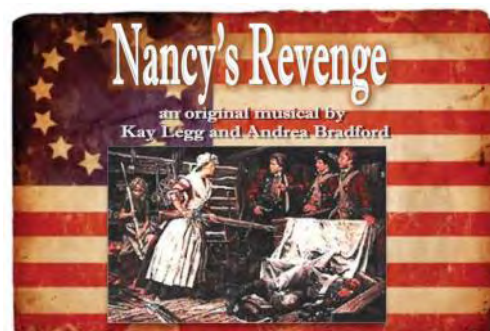
It is another example of properly displaying 'Old Glory' to motorists passing by.

Congrats and Thank you from the GASSAR.

"Nancy's Revenge" is a musical telling the amazing story of Nancy Hart's life. Her single-handed efforts against Tories and Indians in the Broad River frontier, as well as her covert activities as a patriot spy, have become the stuff of myth, legend, & local folklore.

During the American Revolution, Nancy Hart became known for her work in opposing the Tories, English soldiers, and British sympathizers. Living on the Broad River frontier (in what is now Elbert County), Hart's life has inspired local folklore. Accounts describe her as six feet tall, with red hair, a scarred face, and crossed eyes. She was known for her temper and fearless spirit. For most of the war, she cared for her children while her husband served in the Georgia militia under Elijah Clarke. She sometimes disguised herself as a man and served as a spy for the patriots. One story of Hart's courage occurred when six Tories came to her cabin and demanded information about a patriot leader. Not convinced when she denied any knowledge of the man's location, one of the Tories killed her prized turkey and ordered her to cook it for them. As she served the Tories their dinner, she passed between them and their weapons, passing the weapons one by one to her daughter waiting outside. Her daughter signaled the neighbors. When one of the soldiers noticed that she was removing the weapons and tried to stop her, Hart shot him and one other. She kept the others captive until her husband and the other men arrived. The remaining Tories were hanged. (In 1912 workmen discovered a row of six skeletons buried three feet underground near the site of the old Hart cabin, seeming to substantiate this story.)

The Samuel Elbert Chapter assisted and supported the several performances.



Piedmont

63rd Annual Old Soldiers Day Parade



Compatriot Paul Prescott = Piedmont Chapter 'Bugle Boy'



Piedmont Chapter again participated in the annual 'Old Soldiers Day Parade' in Alpharetta, GA on Saturday, 1 August.

Compatriots arrived early to decorate the chapter's trailer. They rode on the trailer, marched in the parade and stood guard throughout the ceremonies that honored all of those who have served in defense of freedom.

Special attention and honor of course was directed toward the Honorary Grand Marshall. Lee Brown was one of those 'Greatest Generation' who stormed ashore in Normandy on 6 June 1944. His mission on that fateful 'D-Day' was to ascend a sheer cliff by rope while under enemy fire to Pointe du Hoc, engaging and destroying a large German gun emplacement.

Lee was among the few who survived that mission and went on to serve in the French hedgerow country. He and another soldier captured a German General. Later his unit fought in the Battle of the Bulge and under the command of General George Patton helped to liberate the Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

GA SAR considered it a high honor to be in his presence and to assist in the ceremonies.



Lee Brown—US Army Ranger—1944

William Few



A Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Rev. Daniel Marshall and his five sons: Abraham, John, Zaccheus, Levi and Joseph was held at 1pm on October 3, 2015, at the Marshall Historic Site near Appling, GA.

The ceremony was planned and presented by the Col. William Few Chapter, SAR and the College Hill Chapter, NSDAR to honor their patriotic service. In spite of difficult weather circumstances due to heavy rainfall in the region, there were 75 - 100 people in attendance.

Notable among them were 20 descendants of this distinguished Georgia family, with reflections on the patriots offered by 6th generation descendant of Rev. Marshall, Mr. Joseph H. Marshall, III, Ph.D. Also present were representatives from the GASSAR BOM, lead by President Thomas Owen, many of our state SAR chapters, DAR state leadership, represented by Chaplain, O.B. McCorkle, and state DAR chapter members.

We were honored that attendance also included representation from all four states in the South Atlantic District, NSSAR, lead by Ed Rigel, Sr., Vice President General.

While wreath presentations and honors by representatives of the GASSAR and NSDAR chapters, and the children of the Marshall family were planned, as were honors by the GASSAR Color Guard, rain prevented the actual ceremonial presentations.

The program concluded with Taps, and a musket salute by the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia, GASSAR. Mr. I.B. Parnell of the Kiokee Baptist church sang the National Anthem and Amazing Grace.



A very well done video, filmed and produced by local videographer Jack Stone, may be seen by accessing the following "Youtube" link:
<https://youtu.be/u3R6ApYU4EI>



Congratulations to the Elijah Clarke Militia for keeping their powder dry!

Wiregrass

Compatriot Burke Presents British & Loyalist Program

Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Vice President and Programs Director Steve Burke put together a program on the "British, Loyalist and Tory Soldier" during the American Revolutionary War. He was asked by Compatriot Dess Smith III to present this program in his recently purchased British Soldier uniform. Steve will be wearing this uniform at Revolutionary War days in Georgia and during Ceremonies honoring our American Patriots that participated in the Revolutionary War over 232 years ago.



Steve presented this program at the Swainsboro Kiwanis weekly meeting on August 11, 2015. At that meeting was a "Kiwanis Interclub" from Statesboro Kiwanis. In the photo with Steve from the Statesboro Kiwanis Club is Danny Foglio, Bob Marsh, Carl Sellers and J.D. Turner.



Steve Burke and Dess Smith III

Compatriot Burke has many different programs on the American Revolution that he presents to many organizations when they contact him. He has presented programs to DAR Chapters, SAR Chapters, Civic Organizations, Family Reunions and American Revolutionary War Celebrations. Compatriot Steve Burke's most recent American Revolution War program was at the Screven County Library during an organizational meeting of the proposed new Brier Creek Chapter of the SAR in Screven County."



Wiregrass Chapter Inducts two new Members

The Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, inducted two new members at their monthly meeting held at the Emanuel Medical Center Cafeteria. President Wilder Smith, Jr. presented Smith Edenfield and Tony Bellamy with their SAR member pens, Approved Applications and their Sons of the American Revolution Certificates.

Both Smith and Tony's Patriot ancestor was "Colesby Smith". Colesby was born in 1755 and lived in Chatham County, North Carolina. He was Revolutionary War Soldier with Patriotic Service in North Carolina. He and his family, along with other Patriotic families moved to Washington County, Georgia in 1800.

Thousands of his descendants live in this area, including Smith's, Edenfield's, Mason's, Flander's, Bellamy's, Lawson's, Bragg's, Donaldson's, Barron's, and many others.

L to R: Smith Edenfield, Tony Bellamy, President Wilder Smith, Jr.

Wiregrass—Continued

Wiregrass Chapter was well represented at the 125th Congress in Louisville.



Wilder Smith and Dess Smith III with newly elected "Secretary General" Michael Tomme of the National Society



Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith & Dess and Ginny Smith at the 2015-16 President General Thomas E Lawrence Installation Banquet



Vice-President East Region GASSAR Chip Durden and his wife Jane at 2014-15 President General Lindsey Brock's Banquet



"Wiregrass Chapter Members attend 125th Congress in Louisville, KY"

Wiregrass—Continued

Wiregrass Chapter Flag Certificate Presentations



#15—Alvie Faulkner



#17—Bill Carmichael



#16—Bob Boemer

**Congratulations to Flag Certificate Chairman
Pete Roundtree ! Job well done –
but he's not done yet !**



#18 & 19 – Swainsboro Officer Wes Coleman and Stanley Holmes of the East Georgia Regional Airport

Introducing a Three-Part Series

“Georgia’s Signers Of The Declaration Of Independence”

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Gordon Burns Smith GASSAR—165801

First Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Savannah 10 August 1776

In February of 1776 Georgia nominated Archibald Bulloch, Button Gwinnett, John Houstoun, Dr. Lyman Hall, and George Walton as delegates to the Continental Congress. However, Bulloch felt he was too busy as president of Georgia to attend, and Houstoun believed he was of greater service by remaining in Georgia. Only Gwinnett, Hall, and Walton arrived in Philadelphia, barely in time to sign the Declaration of Independence.

The news that the united colonies had proclaimed their independence from Great Britain arrived back in Georgia on 8 August. On the day of its arrival in Savannah, more than a month after its adoption in Philadelphia, the Council of Safety read the copy of the Declaration and the accompanying letter from John Hancock, president of Congress. President Archibald Bulloch issued orders for the arrangements to be observed upon the promulgation of the Declaration, which occurred on Saturday, 10 August 1776. After great festivities and a public dinner that followed, the citizens formed a funeral procession and symbolically “buried” the Royal Government.

On 4 July 1777, the first anniversary of the signing, chance had the 4th Battalion Georgia Continental Line in Philadelphia while on its march south to Savannah. This command had been raised at Peekskill, New York, for service in Georgia. In celebration of the first anniversary of the Declaration, Congress put the new Georgia battalion into special service. The battalion officers formed up their men in front of the doors of the Congressional chambers, and the unit fired the *feux de joie* to set off a full day of celebration of the event. One year later, most of these soldiers were dead, the 4th Georgia having suffered terribly during the Third Florida Expedition.

Button Gwinnett

It has been stated succinctly that Button Gwinnett’s strange allure in history is derived from his bearing a famous name rather than the name of a famous man. Certainly, his signature is highly-prized by autograph collectors, as we shall see. Button Gwinnett received baptism in St. Catherine’s Church, Gloucester, on 10 April 1735, the son of the Rev. Samuel Gwinnett, a clergyman of the Church of England and vicar of Down Hatherly in Gloucestershire, and his wife Anne (Eames) Gwinnett.

Button Gwinnett’s parents apprenticed him in his youth to a merchant in Bristol. On 19 April 1757 Gwinnett married Ann Bourne in the Church of St. Peter’s parish. They ultimately had three daughters, Amelia, Ann, and Elizabeth Ann, but the family line is said to have failed by 1800.

Button Gwinnett traded in the colonies prior to his emigration, and he owned an interest in several merchant ships. In the early 1760’s he brought his family to Charleston, South Carolina. About two years later, he and his family arrived in Savannah. In 1765 he advertised himself as a dry goods merchant there, but soon failed in business. He settled for second best, borrowing money from Thomas Bosomworth to purchase St. Catherine’s Island, a large tract directly adjacent to Sunbury, Georgia’s second port of entry at the time. In 1767 Gwinnett received an appointment as justice of the peace in St. John’s Parish, and two years later that parish elected him to the Georgia House of Commons.

However, Gwinnett was a “chronic debtor,” and financial problems compelled his withdrawal from politics. During a climactic sequence of meetings in February and March of 1773, a group of his creditors, principally Alexander Rose and Robert Porteous, forced him to sell out. Gwinnett put his plantation on St. Catherine’s up for sale and disappeared from public view. He took no part in the Liberty movement leading up to the American Revolution. Ultimately, he and his family resided at Sutherland’s Bluff on Bruro Neck in St. John’s Parish.



In the summer of 1775 Gwinnett abruptly made an aggressive move out of obscurity and began organizing followers in the rural parishes of Georgia with the intention of breaking the political dominance of the Savannah-area coalition of “conservative” Whigs. His real motivation at the time, however, seems to have been financial.

In January 1776, upon Georgia's receiving authorization by the Continental Congress for a regiment of Continental troops there, Gwinnett managed to muster enough votes in the provincial Congress to defeat the well-qualified Samuel Elbert for command of the new unit. The conservative faction refused to accept this, since Gwinnett had no military experience whatsoever. As a compromise, Gwinnett withdrew his name and Lachlan McIntosh, not identified at the time with either faction, received the commission as colonel in command of Georgia's Continentals. Instead of the military commission, Gwinnett received the election as one of Georgia's members of Continental Congress—financially, an even more powerful position than colonel of a regiment. Once in Congress, Gwinnett served on the Marine Committee and the Committee to Study the Confederation of the States. Soon after signing the Declaration of Independence, Gwinnett returned home.

Back in Georgia, Gwinnett worked successfully to place more of his radical faction, which assumed the name of the “Popular Party,” “Country Party,” or “Liberty Party,” in the General Assembly. The Radicals boldly accused the Conservatives of being Loyalists in disguise, and succeeded in electing Gwinnett the speaker and other Radicals to key positions. History credits Gwinnett with primary responsibility for shaping Georgia's first constitution. He and his fellow Radicals crafted this document to openly favor their political allies and end the political dominance of the tidewater faction.

Following the “suspicious” death in February 1777 of Archibald Bulloch, president of the Council, Button Gwinnett succeeded Bulloch as president—and commander-in-chief of Georgia's military forces. Learning that he had been accused in the Continental Congress of misappropriating money intended for Georgia, President Gwinnett intercepted the letter containing the charges and destroyed it. In response, Lachlan McIntosh complained of Gwinnett's high-handedness.

The new president answered by quickly making it known to McIntosh that the military—both Militia and Continentals—were completely subordinate to Georgia's civil government, which he, of course, headed. He claimed to be the “principal Leader” of all military forces in Georgia.

Gwinnett decided to capture St. Augustine, guarded by its nearly impregnable citadel Fort St. Marks. He asked General Robert Howe, commander of the Southern Department, for more men. Howe regarded it as a foolhardy venture. Although Howe did order one battalion to garrison Sunbury, he took the remainder of his troops back to Charleston with him. “He came, he saw, and left us in low Estate,” said Gwinnett, who proceeded aggressively with his plan without consulting COL Lachlan McIntosh, Continental commander in Georgia.

Disputes over command of the expedition against East Florida arose quickly, so the Georgia Council of Safety recalled both Gwinnett and McIntosh to Savannah. The Council then ordered COL Samuel Elbert, McIntosh's second-in-command, to conduct the expedition.

As a continuation of the struggle between the Radicals and the Conservatives for civil and military dominance, President Gwinnett and COL Lachlan McIntosh contended for the appointment as brigadier general of the Continental forces in Georgia, the contest becoming intensely partisan. McIntosh won the commission, and strong jealousies intensified.

Just at this critical moment, George McIntosh, brother of Lachlan, became involved in a very stupid business enterprise with two Tories. Gwinnett learned of the transaction, and striking without the advice of his Council had George arrested and placed in irons in the common jail, charged with treason. There George remained month after month awaiting bail, which Gwinnett refused him “due to the nature of the charge.” George McIntosh reported that he had not even been informed of the charges against him. Eventually, after Gwinnett left Savannah on other matters, the Georgia Council of Safety met and voted to release McIntosh on £20,000 bail and presented him copies of the papers received from the Continental Congress in order for him to prepare his defense.

When the Council of Safety released McIntosh from jail, one of its specifications was that he would go to Congress to present his case, but required him to give security to the executive before departing. President Gwinnett having refused McIntosh a trial in Georgia, the latter set out for Congress without notifying him. On 8 May 1777 John Adam Treutlen surprised Gwinnett by being elected the first governor of Georgia under the new state constitution, succeeding President Gwinnett as commander-in-chief. As the new executive of Georgia, Governor Treutlen sent a guard which overtook McIntosh while on his way to Congress. The guard handcuffed McIntosh and delivered him to Congress as their prisoner—further humiliating the McIntoshes.

Georgia's new Assembly met under the Constitution of 1777, and it considered the recent, disastrous expedition to East Florida. After hearing both Button Gwinnett and Lachlan McIntosh, the Radical-dominated Assembly approved Gwinnett's conduct. Stung by this announcement, McIntosh called Gwinnett “A Scoundrell & lying Rascal” to his face and in front of the Assembly. Gwinnett quickly challenged McIntosh to a duel, and on 16 May the two antagonists met in a meadow southeast of Savannah, pursuant to the *Code Duello*.

The “turbulent and controversial” Dr. George Wells, a fellow Radical, acted as Gwinnett's second. Joseph Habersham, a member of the conservative faction, acted as McIntosh's second. When the parties met for the duel, these seconds had not made all of the necessary arrangements. Asked what the distance should be, Gwinnett snapped, “Whatever distance the General pleases.” McIntosh suggested eight or ten feet, to which at Habersham's request another pace was added. Gwinnett proposed that they should turn back to back, then whirl and fire, to which proposal McIntosh replied, “By no means. Let us see what we are about.”

Afterwards, in her anguish at the death of her husband, Mrs. Ann Gwinnett wrote John Hancock in Congress blaming the seconds for being “cruel and bloodthirsty” in fixing the distance “at only 10 feet.” She did not comprehend that the close distance was to ensure that the men, firing low, would not accidentally hit one another in the torso, a wound in the stomach being an agonizing death. At such a close distance, it was all but impossible to miss. It is clear that the two men intended to satisfy the requirements of honor rather than take one another's life. Both fired at the word, their pistols aimed low in an effort to strike a leg rather than a torso.

In fact, both received leg wounds, Gwinnett above his left knee and McIntosh through the thick of his leg. Modern examination of Gwinnett's remains revealed that McIntosh's bullet did not shatter the bone, but only lodged in it. Obviously, the two duelists were using pistols carrying a light or “dueling” charge, rather than a full charge of powder.

Their seconds had the two men removed to their respective homes. According to McIntosh, this apparently harmless and honorable resolution of their quarrel “seemed to give general satisfaction throughout the state.” Dr. Wells, Gwinnett's second, reported that each had done his duty as a gentleman.

Gwinnett's wound became gangrenous, and he died three days later, on the morning of 19 May. McIntosh argued that his death was due to incompetent medical care. When he learned of Gwinnett's death, McIntosh turned himself in to Judge John Glen, and posted bond. Unsatisfied with the outcome of the duel, Dr. Lyman Hall and Joseph Wood, political associates of Gwinnett and members of the Executive Council, went before the Assembly and charged Judge Glen with neglect of duty because McIntosh had not been bound over for

murder. Subsequently, General McIntosh went before a jury on the charge of murder, and the jury acquitted him.

Dr. Hall now assumed leadership of the Radical persecution of McIntosh, both in the Assembly and throughout the state, composing a petition which demanded McIntosh's removal from command. Styling themselves the Liberty Club, McIntosh's enemies circulated the petition in the several counties for others to sign. McIntosh's friends in Congress at the time, George Walton of Georgia and Henry Laurens of South Carolina, requested his transfer, rather than have Congress strip him of his commission. On 6 August General McIntosh received orders to report to General Washington for reassignment.

On 9 October the Continental Congress voted not to try George McIntosh, and referred to a committee the issue of returning him to Georgia for trial or discharge. However, George died before his case could be resolved. General Lachlan McIntosh "abstracted" himself from military duties in Georgia, and left the state. Having gotten rid of the Continental Army commander in Georgia, the Radicals next forced the Continental Navy commander in Georgia, Commodore Oliver Bowen, to leave the state for his native Rhode Island.

In an effort to account for the money that the Continental Congress had given Gwinnett during the summer of 1776, a Congressional committee recommended that three South Carolinians be appointed to audit Georgia's public funds. Following Gwinnett's death, John Wreath, Continental Agent in Georgia, had Gwinnett's properties sold at public auction to repay "money which belonged to the Continental Congress" received by Gwinnett and for which he had not accounted."

The factional warfare originating with Gwinnett greatly detracted from Georgia's preparations for military defense. The British easily captured Savannah in 1778 and eventually returned Georgia to Crown rule—the only state to be so completely reduced to colonial status.

In mentioning that a political clique had formed itself into a society named the Liberty Club, Hugh McCall recorded:

"It is worthy of remark, that governor Treutlen and the six members of the executive council, who voted for the measures of this [Liberty or Radical] party against general M'Intosh, all took protection afterward under the British government, except John Lindsay."

Thus, the leaders of the Radical faction accused the Conservatives of being Tories, but when confronted by the stark results of what they themselves had brought about, they were foremost in signing the oath of loyalty to the Crown. Meanwhile, the surviving Conservative leaders continued the fight against the British. Button Gwinnett's ambitious arrogance was the primary factor leading to this disaster. Hugh McCall summed up his character, "Gwinnett appears to have been a man of considerable literary talents, but hasty in his decisions, overbearing in his temper, and wild and excentric (sic) in his plans."

Gwinnett's Signatures, 1912–1927

In 1905 "S. Millington Miller, M.D." published an article in *Collier's* magazine "proving conclusively the authenticity" of the so-called "Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." In a subsequent issue of *The American Historical Review*, historian Alexander Samuel Salley Jr. of South Carolina denounced Miller's article and exposed him as a fraud.

In 1912 "Dr. S. Millington Miller of Philadelphia" appeared at the Public Library in Savannah, asking for a guide to Mulberry Grove, which he boldly asserted was "once owned by Button Gwinnett." The librarian corrected him that Gwinnett had never owned Mulberry Grove, and Miller replied that Mr. [Van R.] Winkler, "a descendant of Button Gwinnett," resided there, and he, Miller, wished to discuss a Gwinnett signature with him. The librarian again corrected Miller that Winkler was in no way related to Gwinnett.

Miller subsequently sought out Abram Minis' aunt, said to possess a large collection of valuable documents, some perhaps bearing Gwinnett's signature. Miller claimed he simply wanted to borrow some of them. Forewarned, she refused to let Miller see the documents.

Belatedly, William Harden, the public librarian and a fine historian in his own right, realized that Miller was the same person as the author of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence fraud. Harden immediately called his niece, a clerk at the bank in which the Telfair Academy had placed the Gwinnett signature for safekeeping. She replied that, indeed, Miller had just arrived, demanding to see the Gwinnett autograph. Likewise forewarned, she refused to produce it.

Next, Miller showed up in the office of the clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County, wanting to see some original records, again searching for Gwinnett autographs. Harden tracked him down to the office, and shouted to the clerk, "This is the man; he is a fraud and will steal. Don't let him see any records in this building!" Miller responded, "Do you believe that lie about me?" Indignant, Harden "swung his mighty left, landing the open palm squarely upon the other's cheek." Miller staggered and retreated out of the courthouse to the corner of Bull and York Streets, with Harden in close pursuit. Outside, Harden again denounced Miller and ordered him to take the next train out of town.

Miller did leave town, but arrived in Brunswick in search of Dr. William Berrien Burroughs, also a collector of valuable documents, perhaps including a Gwinnett signature. Miller shoved aside Dr. Burroughs' servant at the door and walked in on Dr. Burroughs. He introduced himself as Dr. S.M. Miller of New York and broached the topic of Gwinnett's signatures. Burroughs refused to show him any of his collection, so Miller left.

The value of the Gwinnett signatures increased to "fabulous" prices over the years. This was particularly so during the "Signers Craze" of the 1920's, when autograph collectors began paying large sums for signatures. In 1926 the state of Georgia learned that a resident of Mobile, Alabama, possessed the Gwinnett *Bible*. This person was unable to explain his possession of the *Bible*, nor his possession of a letter from Lachlan McIntosh to Henry Laurens, the deposition of Joseph Habersham (as McIntosh's second in the Gwinnett duel), nor the deposition of Dr. George Wells (as Gwinnett's second in the duel), all documents directly relating to Gwinnett's death. The state of Georgia tried unsuccessfully to obtain this *Bible*, and today its location is again unknown.

Somehow, Charles Colcock Jones Jr. secured Gwinnett's last will and testament out of the office of the Ordinary (now Probate Judge) of Chatham County, Georgia, and the Pierpont Morgan Collection in New York came into possession of it. In April of 1927, despite direct testimony by authorities from the Georgia Department of Archives and History, including Ruth Blair, that the document had been stolen, a New York court ruled that even though it had been the object of theft, it legally belonged in New York.

Search for President Gwinnett, 1957–1964

In 1848 the committee of arrangements for the Signers Monument in Augusta, having been unable to locate Gwinnett's last resting place, had Lyman Hall and George Walton re-buried there without Georgia's third signer of the Declaration of Independence. In 1957 Arthur J. Funk of Savannah studied Gwinnett's life and death, and made the logical deduction that he had been buried in Colonial Cemetery in that latter city. After a short search, he and others located what Funk believed were Gwinnett's remains, due to the obvious damage to a femur.

Arrayed with Arthur Funk and Lilla Hawes, director of the Georgia Historical Society, were several other historians of considerable expertise. Together, they submitted the remains to experts for forensic examination, and the final report concluded that the it is incumbent upon us to show them charity.

Certainly, the appreciation of Georgia was such that its legislature named a county for each of the three men, and buried Hall and Walton under a monument to them as Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

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Continuing this Three-Part Series

“Georgia’s Signers Of The Declaration Of Independence”

Watch for the author’s discussion of Dr Lyman Hall
in the next issue of “The Hornet’s Nest”

The Greatest Generation

Wayne Shelnett, 100 year old veteran of Pearl Harbor, was honored on Saturday, 15 August at the Conyers American Legion Post. Wayne was the only man in his 5" gun crew aboard the battleship USS California to survive the day where 2,471 Americans died in the early morning surprise attack.

He later served on the destroyer USS Gherardi with ten tours across the North Atlantic. This proud ship provided covering fire for troops assaulting Utah Beach at D-Day and later in support of the invasion at Cherbourg before being converted to a high speed mine chaser for duty in the Pacific. The Gherardi defended smaller minesweepers against enemy suicide planes for three months near Okinawa.



GASSAR Senior Vice President Allen Greenly presents Wayne Shelnett with The Silver Citizenship Medal



Wayne served in the US Navy for twenty years before retiring in 1954 as a Warrant Officer

The celebration was organized by his Masonic Lodge. It included a motorcycle escort for his limousine transport and recognitions by several civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations including VFW, Patriot Guard, Boy Scouts and the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

In September Wayne was one of twenty-three WWII veterans who travelled to Washington, DC on an 'Honor Flight'.

'December 7th, 1941—a date which will live in infamy.'

- President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

This year the Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution is excited to be raising money in order to purchase a stone sign to place in front of the newly built visitors center at Fort Hawkins in Macon, Georgia.



Fort Hawkins was built to protect Macon from attack during the War of 1812, and is named after the famous Indian agent, Colonel Benjamin Hawkins.



GASSAR President Tom Owen presented Abby Garnett with a donation at the July BOM in Barnesville, GA



This year's GSSC.A.R. theme is "Rocking the Fort," as the stone sign will be made to look as if it was built out of the same rocks that the base of the fort was built from. We hope you will join us as Georgia spends our year "Rocking the Fort!"



Abby has raised about 4,400 so far for the stone sign and hopes to raise at least \$8,000. Another goal of Abby's project is to raise awareness and support for Fort Hawkins.

This Fort is often overlooked and ignored as a historical landmark in Georgia. Abby has written letters to the mayor of Macon to ask for interstate signs and better advertising for the fort so more tourists will stop to enjoy it. She is selling tee shirts, hats, bags, and visors to raise funds.



L to R: Walker Chewning, Jo Ann Chewning (State Senior President C.A.R.) Abby Garnett

The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association

Invites you to join us with the
Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution
in celebrating the Battle of Kettle Creek
at the annual KCBA banquet to be held on

Friday, February 12th, 2016

Pope Center
48 Lexington Ave
Washington, GA 30673

Program: Langford D. Holbrook
“Kettle Creek Battlefield
Conceptual Plan for a National Park”

Dinner Cost: \$30.00 per individual
Please make your checks payable to KCBA
Cash Bar & Reception 5:00 P.M.
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Mail to:
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Washington, GA 30673

Please include your email address
Dinner reservation must be received by January 31, 2016
(Contact Walker Chewning at 678-409-4644)

NOTE: Those wishing to sit as a group or family please designate on your RSVP—Tables seat “8” and will be assigned by number



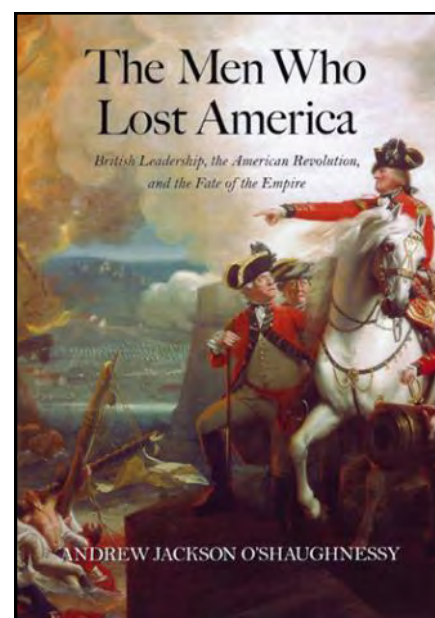
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The Men Who Lost America—Andrew Jackson Oshaughnessy

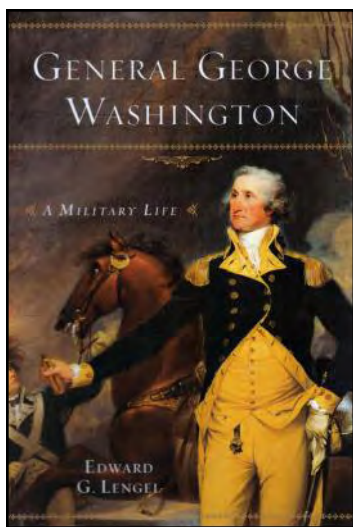
Many of us have been brought up with the understanding that the British leadership, both military and/or governmental, was made up of incompetents. This view is commonly maintained by both Americans and British. In addition, it is a view promoted by legitimate historians such as George Otto Trevelyan, and Winston Churchill. The vision of ineffectual leadership often appears in fiction. Arthur Conan Doyle, a historian himself, had his fictional detective Sherlock Holmes say, "...I am one of those who believe that the folly of a monarch and the blundering of a minister in far-gone years..."[1]

Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy convincingly presents the case that the monarch, George III, and the Prime Minister Lord North, were far from foolish and blundering. Nor were the other highlighted leaders which includes the Howe brothers; Generals Burgoyne, Clinton, Cornwallis; Admiral George Rodney, and the administrators George Germain, and the Earl of Sandwich. O'Shaughnessy is quick to point out that these men were not error-free in their judgment nor error-free in their personal qualities. However, he carefully explains the problems they faced and how they reached the decisions they made. It is fascinating to see that some of their errors were based on erroneous reports on the situation in distant (both in communication time and mileage) America, or their own misunderstood concept of the situation on the ground. These men also had to balance military and logistical requirements not only in America but around the world which influenced their decision-making.

O'Shaughnessy demonstrates that these talented and competent men together formed a very capable enemy for the Americans to successfully overcome. The fact that the Americans did succeed only enhances the Americans achievement. The book is beautifully written and reads easily. The scholarship is excellent and provides an insight into the British that for most will be fresh and thought provoking. I highly recommend it.



General George Washington—Edward G Lengel



For over 230 years books and articles have been written about George Washington. Every facet of his life, his personality, his accomplishments and his failures have been told and retold with varying degrees of insight and accuracy. One may well question the need for yet another biography of Washington.

The answer is simple. *General George Washington, a Military Life* does not try to be all encompassing, nor does it focus on a minute aspect or event in the life of Washington. Clearly and concisely Edward Lengel takes Washington from his earliest experiences in the military on through his involvement with the French and Indian War, American Revolution and lesser known military ventures later in life.

Edward Lengel is currently the editor-in-chief of the massive Papers of George Washington project at the University of Virginia which is a collection of 140,000 letters to or from George Washington. Lengel has been working on the project since 1996. He probably knows Washington as no one else has ever known him.

Quite possibly most people first learn of Washington through his military activities in the Revolutionary War and perhaps the best place to learn about those experience is through this book. Lengel takes the reader through the military engagements, good and bad, that formed Washington's military mindset. The reader watches as Washington learns, makes mistakes, sometimes learns from those mistakes and inevitably forges ahead to the next battle or campaign. *General George Washington, a Military Life* is so well written anyone from the age of 10 or 12 ought to have no problem with it. It is very hard to put down as it is a page turner. The adventures continue on and on as extraordinary difficulties are thrown in the way of the amateur commander. How he faces those difficulties tells us much about the man. The more I know about Washington the more I find myself admiring him. This is a book to buy and keep.

The Viet Nam 'Moving Wall'



The Blairsville Chapter of the Viet Nam Veterans Association displayed the 'Moving Wall' - a half scale replica of the Viet Nam Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC as part of the annual 'Sorghum Festival'.

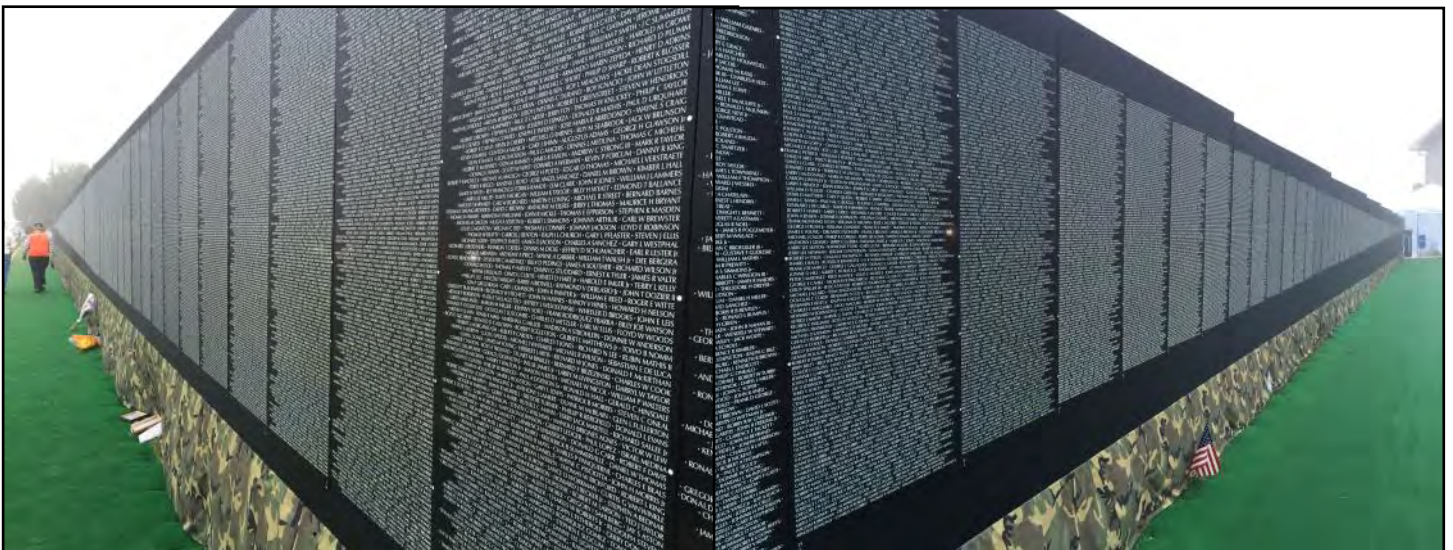
Organizers of the event invited the GASSAR Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter to present the Colors at the culmination ceremony on Monday, 12 Oct.

Compatriots stood guard near the wall and fired a musket salute as twenty local Viet Nam veterans each received a quilt made by the 'Quilts of Valor' foundation.

"Battle Cross" built by Compatriot Sid Turner.



L to R: Paul Danner , David Cook , Sid Turner , Jared Ogden , Carter Wood , Devon Turner , Ed Reid , Jack Dugger , Wayne Elliott



There are 58,299 names listed in the order (by date) in which they were taken from us, and within each date, the names are alphabetized.

SAR @ UGA

Scott Blackstock is an Eagle Scout and is in his Junior year as a US Army ROTC Cadet at the University of Georgia. He was part of the US flag presentation at the UGA home football game on 26 September.

Scott is the son of Roger and Julie Blackstock of Cumming, GA. His Grandfather is Rodney Coleman of Tiger, GA.

Both Scott and his Grandfather are members of the Joseph Habersham Chapter GASSAR.



Judge Ed Butler Complies with Request from HRM Felipe VI de Borbon, King of Spain To Write Book About Spain's Assistance During the American Revolutionary War

"Best Revolutionary War History Book for 2014"



PG Judge Butler and First Lady Robin visit with King Felipe VI of Spain

In May 2010 Judge Ed Butler and his first lady, Robin, led a group of 35 members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on a tour of Spain. During their visit to Madrid, then Crown Prince Felipe granted the SAR members and their wives a private audience at Zarzuela Palace, the royal residence in Madrid, Spain. During that audience King Felipe asked judge Butler to write a book about Bernardo de Galvez and Spain's assistance to the U.S. during the American Revolutionary War.

Gently poking judge Butler on the shoulder King Felipe, with a broad smile on his face said: "I want you to write a book about Spain's assistance to the United States during the American Revolutionary War; then I want you to write a screen play, and get Hollywood to make a movie. I would like Antonio Banderas to play the part of General Galvez."

It received the Order of the Granaderos de Galvez award as the
"Best Revolutionary War History Book for 2014."

The reviews on his book have been very positive. For example:

Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, President Texas A&M University-San Antonio, had this to say:

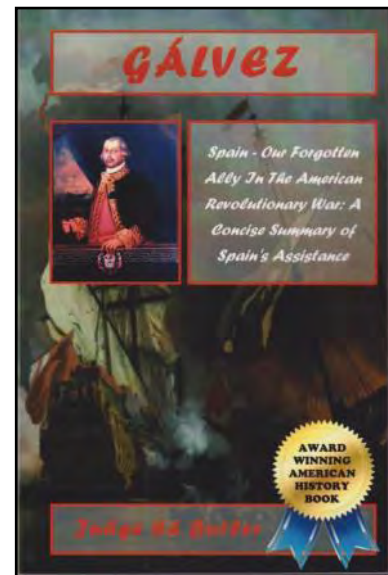
Never has a more important book been written that confirms what has been silent in our American History books. Our students identify closely with Mexico and now through Judge Butler's scholarly work, they can, as Americans, be proud of their ancestors important role in the birth of our beloved nation. Every student of American history can now know "the rest of the story". Thank you Judge Butler for your passion and commitment to our history and for making all of us with Spanish surnames proud.

Mimi Lozano, educator and activist for Hispanic rights who co-founded the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research, and is the editor and publisher of *Somos Primos*, an online monthly publication dedicated to Hispanic heritage had this to say:"

*This book should be on the shelf of every school library. . . . and . . . There are many fine books of recent publication out on General Bernardo de Gálvez, but, *Gálvez/Spain Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War* is a tidy, quick-read, quick-reference book, handy to have on hand to convince any sincere truth seeker, that in fact, the Spanish did play an important, very major role in winning the American Revolution.*

The book was published by Southwest Historical Press, P.O. Box 170, 24165 IH-10 West, Suite 217-170, San Antonio, TX 78257, and is available for \$29.00 + \$6.50 p&h.

Judge Butler and his wife live in the hills in northwest San Antonio. He is a retired U.S. Federal Administrative Law Judge, and in 2009-2010 served as President General of the 33,000 man strong National Society Sons of the American Revolution. He was the founder and charter Grand Viscount General of the Order of the Founders of North America 1492. The latter organization was formed to provide a lineage society for those descending from the Spanish army and settlers of New Spain.



Constitution Day



L to R: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Tom Owen, Allen Greenly, Shep Hammack, Ed Rigel, Sr

For one of the last significant Georgia State Society DAR functions of the year members of the Color Guard provided the backdrop for the Constitution Week Luncheon at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta.

SAR Leadership posted the Colors and stood for a multitude of photographs at the event.

The SAR will launch a Membership Drive shortly for the DAR Chapters / Individuals to earn Certificates & Monetary awards for sponsoring SAR applications. The luncheon provided a great atmosphere for the continuing partnership we have with the Georgia DAR Daughters who share parallel goals and objectives with the SAR.



GA SAR at St Marys

Attached is an article from today's front page of the Brunswick News about the Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony in Oak Grove Cemetery conducted in St. Marys, GA on Saturday. The photo features Lindsey Brock, Johnny Turrentine and Mike Tomme unveiling the SAR Plaque which lists the names of twenty-nine Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

HONORING PATRIOTS



A plaque with the names of the 29 soldiers who fought in the American Revolution is unveiled Saturday during a ceremony at Oak Grove Cemetery.

St. Marys observance honors Revolutionary War soldiers

The Memorial Tribute held in St. Mary's Waterfront Park prior to the Cemetery Dedication attracted at least four hundred, and most joined the three block procession to the Cemetery for the dedication of ten SAR Memorial Grave Markers and four DAR Memorial Grave Markers, in addition to the SAR Plaque. Following the SAR Color Guard and the Chatham Artillery in the procession were at least sixty representatives of local St. Marys organizations, including Knight of Columbus, VFW, SUBVETS, American Legion, Masons, Camden County High School Navy JROTC Cadets, and Boy & Girl Scouts. Bea Fischer, Georgia State Regent of the DAR, led members of sixteen DAR Chapters followed by at least forty descendants of the honored Patriots.

The SAR Color Guard supported our efforts in so many ways- as Honor Guards for the DAR & SAR wreath presenters at each of the ten grave sites; and the Militia performed the Musket Salute at the Waterfront Park and Mourn Muskets in the Cemetery. Terry Manning explained purpose of the Sacred Soils at the Plaque and others placed the soil samples on the individual grave sites.

The weather even co-operated as planned- overcast until the completion of the ceremony when the skies opened. This made for tough travel home, and again we- along with the Brunswick and Earl of Camden DAR Chapters - thank all who made the long trip to Coastal Georgia to honor the twenty- nine Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

We- Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter - want to express our appreciation for the outstanding support from the GA Society SAR Color Guard and other Compatriots representing sixteen GA Society SAR Chapters, plus three Florida Society SAR Chapters. At least fifty-five SAR were present at the event- including thirty- four SAR Color Guard. The third volley of the militia was so loud the Navy Submarine Base Commander said his sailors probably went on full alert.

Tom Owen for the GA Society SAR, and four other Presidents of Georgia heritage societies- C.A.R., DAR, Colonial Dames & Daughters of 1812 - presented wreaths at the SAR Plaque, plus others: Ed Rigel for the National SAR, Johnny Turrentine for Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter and the Georgia Society Sons of the Revolution. Unique wreaths were presented by two groups; one by the National Guard of the 118th Field Artillery, dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms, who trace their lineage to the Chatham Artillery of the Revolutionary War, and the St. Marys Masonic Lodge who represented three of the Patriots who served as Pall Bearers at the Re-enactment of George Washington's Funeral held in St. Marys on February 3, 1800.



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Members of the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia fire a musket salute in honor of 29 Revolutionary War veterans buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys.

125th Congress Awards



The Georgia Society was very well represented at the Sons of the American Revolution 125th Annual Congress in Louisville, KY last July.

Von Steuben Medal – CAPT Roger Coursey

Molly Pitcher Medal - Lexie Jane Owen

NSDAR Certificate of Appreciation—Georgia Society Color Guard

SAR 1776 Campaign Society Recognitions:

Gold Quill Level - Larry T. Guzy

Signer Lapel Pin Level – George Thurmond

Signer Lapel Pin Level – Robert Alvyn Sapp

Signer Streamer Level—Piedmont Chapter

Congratulations to all of these deserving recipients

126th Congress

Return to where it all began !

126th Annual Congress will be in Boston, MA at the Westin Copley.



8 July – 13 July

Boston



The Massachusetts Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Founded 1889



<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NSSAR2016BOSTONCONGRESS>



Revolutionary War Soldiers Recognized

The Samuel Elbert Chapter Sons of the American Revolution will be honoring two revolutionary war soldiers October 31st, 2015 at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. You are cordially invited to the ceremonies of Revolutionary War Soldier William Haley at 11:00 am and Revolutionary War Soldier Archibald Burden at 2:00 pm. These soldiers are two of about 200 revolutionary war soldiers who help settle this County after it was created in 1790. Their descendants are many and spread all over this country! If you are a Haley descendant or a Burden descendent you are invited to these two ceremonies.

Wreaths: Send Name, Organization, Position and State Association. Wreaths should be registered with Larry Wilson at dlwilson@elberton.net 706-283-1627 or committee chairman and Vice-President Olds Harris ot5425@hotmail.com 706-436-5215.

Directions:

William Haley (11:00 am) from Elberton, GA. take GA. Hy 77 N to GA Hy 368, turn right at Ruckersville Rd, about .5 miles turn left at Alexander Dr.

Archibald Burden, (2:00 pm) from Elberton, drive north on GA. Hwy 17N toward Bowman, turn right at Dewy Rose (across from US Post Office) onto Pulliam Mill Rd. Travel about 3.6 miles. Park about 40 yards from cemetery on right.

Lunch:

There will be a BBQ luncheon for the Color Guard (our treat) and guests. Extra plates will be offered for \$9.00. Please register so we will know how many to prepare for. We expect a large crowd so please come early for seating and parking.