

Newsletter of THE GEORGIA SOCIETY Sons of the American Revolution



The

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Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



President Thomas Owen

My Compatriots:

First: Please share the "Hornet's Nest" with everyone in your chapter. Send to your chapter members via their email and have a HARD COPY of the Hornet's Nest at each of your Chapter meetings. It is imperative that the leadership of the Georgia Society reach out and share our organization's message, traditions and quarterly news with every member of the Society. It is our combined responsibility to see that every member stays informed regarding our Society's business and that they are included and valued as a member of the Chapter and the Georgia Society SAR.

As the senior representative of the Georgia Society I pray that God continues to bless our organization as we enter a new era of American history with many different challenges in our 21st century.

Who is the Georgia Society? It comprises many members but, primarily a silent majority within our base of those who joined not only to honor their Patriot Ancestor, but return to the traditional values of our Nation's birth. Membership in our Society is charged with perpetuating the values, traditions, symbolism and faith of our Patriot Ancestors.

Whether in Revolutionary War era uniforms, 18th century period dress, or 21st century business attire, our membership represents our American Heritage, our Constitution, our Colonial and Revolutionary War History and depicts the traditions of the men and women that won our freedom and built the American Nation.

I presented several challenges to the Georgia Society leadership with my acceptance speech on January 24, 2015 and these were:

- 1st: Stress Quality and Traditional Values
- 2nd: Promote Training to our Core Membership
- 3rd: Seek and Retain Members

In this edition of the "Hornet's Nest" let me briefly present my thoughts of "**Quality and Traditional Values**" in everything we do as an organization.

Quality & Traditional Values:

In many areas today people think of the old hereditary organizations as relics of America's past and not viable institutions of the present day. We all know what the SAR stands for, and what we do to remember our ancestors and America's early history, but it is apparent that many of the general public do not understand us. What the Public and potential Members see, creates their image and determines their evaluation as to what

we represent and who we are! **Impressions are valuable and Sometimes, Forever.**

Delivering programs before civic or governmental entities and the general public, I ask all our membership to deliver a quality program and project an image, dress and speech that presents the core fabric of the SAR. To attract new generations and sell ourselves, it is pivotal in the 21st century that we deliver a quality program whose image present the Sons of the American Revolution in the most positive light.

Many of the hereditary organizations of America's past are in decline, **not the Georgia Society SAR**, we are alive and well. Success is not automatic and we cannot lose sight of membership needs, leadership training, public image, preservation of symbolism, faith in God, protection of our constitutional rights and American family values. We are a place where many American's seek out an affiliation where they, and their children, can experience the Traditions we represent. It is our responsibility to pass down these American values through a quality delivery. Let us not forget that presenting a favorable "First Impression" defines our organization.

Our youth today are seldom exposed to family and social values of our heritage, but instead we see these being replaced with a new educational **paradigm** that views pre

1900 America History, Social Values and Traditions as obsolete and no longer a valid educational tool. We all know this is wrong and not traditional as our ancestors assimilated into a nation of one America and their social values were very successful for over 200 years. Something has changed in America.

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

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To demonstrate the Georgia Society commitments to the concepts I have mentioned let me give a few words on the recent Georgia Society sponsored event at the Kettle Creek Battlefield. Our Color Guard, Militia and Membership performed brilliantly over the weekend of February 13—15, 2015. We even had “many” Color Guard and Militia personnel from our sister states that allowed the Georgia Society to field the largest contingent of re-enactors than ever before at the NSSAR Kettle Creek event.

The City of Washington and the residents were in awe of the spectacular presentation by our membership in the salute to the Wilkes County Revolutionary War monument, as well as the Parade and skirmish. As in the past, we were joined by the Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets from Greene County High School who provided a great background for the wreath presenters as they walked underneath the extended sabers of the Cadet Corps to present honors at the memorial before the Kettle Creek Battlefield monument.

Representing the National Society Sons of the American Revolution was Secretary General Thomas E. Lawrence of Houston, Texas. Three other General Officers of the National Society were also present: Registrar General Larry Guzy; Surgeon General Dr. Ed Rigel and South Atlantic District Vice President General Mark Anthony.

The Georgia Society had an added bonus as we were recognized and honored by Representative Jody B. Hice of Georgia's 10th Congressional District. Congressman Hice spoke before the Kettle Creek crowd memorializing our Revolutionary era veterans, the heroes of Kettle Creek and the men and women that serve us today. He then took his place in line to present Honors before the Federal Monument to our Patriot heroes of the Battle of Kettle Creek.

We stand today entrusted to preserve and represent America's past as Volunteers to promote our ancestors Traditional Values. We are the hereditary vehicle to deliver and teach our American way of life. What better way to serve then volunteering to train, teach and promote the core values of our Ancestors, spread by an ever increasing membership. As we bring new compatriots into our fold that dream will come true.

I encourage every member to visit the annual National Society Sons of the American Revolution event at Kettle Creek and become a part of our Georgia Society SAR celebration of America's history.

In Patriotism
Thomas M. Owen, President



C.A.R. Members present flags of the thirteen original colonies



Secretary General
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Representative Jody B. Hice of
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**HORNET'S NEST
Jan 2015**

**Active Membership as of 31 Dec 20141779
Reported to National**

Less: DROPS.....220 (A LOSS of 12.4%)

**Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2015.....1559
Reported to National**

Plus: Dual Members.....21

**Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2015.....1580
Reported to BOM**

Membership and Reinstatements:

The Georgia Society had 220 members who failed to renew their membership for 2015 and have been dropped from National and Georgia Society rolls. Those members who have been dropped may be reinstated by sending National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer: \$30 National, \$13 State, plus Chapter dues. No form is necessary. The chapter treasurer needs to send a list of member reinstatements that give name, National and State numbers, and any change of address or phone numbers.

If a dropped individual's membership was in another state, Form 0918 is required along with a check for dues payment. A RECORD COPY is required when submitting this form. Should the member not have one, an additional \$10 must be submitted to cover the cost of acquiring one from National.

PLEASE NOTE: All reinstatements submitted will be held until 01 Mar 2015 as State Secretaries and National complete the Reconciliation process.

IRS Forms 990 and 990-N:

One of these forms must be filed every year by the 15th day of the fifth month after the chapter's fiscal year. For most chapters this is 15 May. If more information is needed contact me or our Treasurer Wayne Brown.



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

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2014	<u>1559</u>
Plus: New Members....	210
Plus: Transfers In.....	3
Plus: Reinstatements	45
Plus: Reinstatement-Transfers....	4
Total Additions.....	262
Less: Deceased.....	31
Less: Resignations.....	0
Less: Transfers Out.....	11
Total Losses....	42
Active Membership as of 31 Dec 2014	1779
Reported to National	
Plus: Dual Members.....	21
Adjusted Membership as of 31 Dec 2014.....	<u>1800</u>
Reported to BOM	

BREAK DOWN OF GEORGIA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY

Regular Members.....	1677
Jr. Members.....	55
Jr. Life Members.....	4
Emeritus Members.....	4
Life Members (Regular)	39
Dual.....	21
Total Membership.....	<u>1800</u>

George H. Wheelless, Secretary

Active Membership numbers for 2015 are tentative pending verification by National.



Compatriots,

They say “time flies when you are having fun”. Well, we must be having a lot of fun, because it seems like I was installed as your President only a very short time ago. It has certainly been a busy year, with a lot of time on the road. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the members of this great Society at your chapter meetings. By the time I finished my term as President, I will had the privilege of attending the regular meetings of 29 of our 32 chapters. Some of the chapters, I have had the fortune to attend more than one meeting.



“Farewell to the Troops”

Roger W. Coursey

I am truly indebted to all those who voluntarily offered to represent me at grave markings and other functions of which I was unable to attend. Through your efforts, we were able to ensure that greetings were brought on behalf of the GAS-SAR, when I had other commitments. Without your help, and the help of so many other of our members, we could not have had the year of success that we have obtained. Without you, I could not have done my job as President of this great Society, to the standards that we have all come to expect.

Our Society has continued to honor our patriot ancestors and the events in which they participated. Since my last Dispatch, as a Society we have sponsored or participated in the 234th Battle of Kings Mountain, the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Savannah, the Fort Morris-Sunbury Memorial Ceremony in Midway, and the Battle of Vann’s Creek. Numerous grave markings have also occurred during this period. Our award winning Color Guard has been very visible at all these functions. We also be participated in the 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens in Spartanburg, SC in January 2015.

January was a very busy month with the final planning for our Winter BOM and Annual Meeting in Duluth, GA. I hope that many of our nearly 1800 members will plan on attending and taking an active part in the business of our Society, to include the election of our new officers for this year. We recognized many of our members with awards at our Awards Banquet on Friday night, 23 Jan 2015. By the way, this was a KILT Night for those who dared to show their knees. Then on Saturday, 24 Jan 2015, we honored our youth at the Luncheon, along with our chapter awards, recognized the hard work put forth by many of our chapters. Compatriots, we owed it to our fellow compatriots and our award winning youth, to be there giving our support and recognition for the hard work many have put forth.

As I close out my year as the President of your Society, I want to tell you what an honor it has been for me to serve you. I was, and still am, very humbled that you elected me to represent and lead you during this past year. I truly wish that I could have done more to serve the membership of this Society, but I feel that together, we have put forth the effort that has represented the Georgia Society well.

May God Bless each and every one of you as you continue to represent your patriot ancestors. May God continue to bless the SAR, the members of our great Armed Forces (including the Coast Guard—Semper Paratus!) and the United States of America.



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At the 2014 Spring Leadership Conference and Trustees Meeting the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee had no objection to the Military Service Medal being raised to the same precedence level (level 4) as the War Service Medal. The Veterans Recognition Committee also acknowledged that qualifying veterans for the Military Service Medal contributed equally in service to their country, each initially swearing to serve their country up to and including giving their own life. They were awarded the National Defense Service Medal, and that is a requirement for acceptance into the new Military Service Veterans Corps. The rationale was that where a service person was assigned during wartime was determined according to the needs of the military, not the needs of the veteran.

The new "Military Service Veterans Corps (MSVC)" was authorized by President General Brock. Its purpose is to recognize any and all veterans who served honorably and are entitled to the SAR Military Service Medal. Many of the recipients of the War Service Medal have applied for, and are members of the already-existing World War II, Korean Service, Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps and have received Certificates of Patriotism for their service. Now, the Military Service Veterans Corps will cover the remainder of the honorably discharged veterans who have received the National Defense Service Medal Service Medal.

If you served in the U.S. Armed Forces, or have been awarded either the SAR War Service Medal or the SAR Military Service Medal and have not applied for entry into one of the Veterans Corps, you can do so by completing a Universal Survey form. The form can be found on the NSSAR website under the Veterans Recognition Committee. You'll need your Chapter President to verify your military and eligibility.



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If We Forget, They'll be Forgotten

One of the graves the Athens Chapter marked this past year was located in the New Hope Presbyterian Cemetery in Paoli, Georgia. The patriot we honored was Samuel Long, Sr., whose descendant, Dr. Crawford W. Long, was the discoverer of ether (diethyl ether) for use as an anesthetic. While preparing the gravesite for the grave marking ceremony, we noticed a large grave site nearby enclosed by a stone wall.

Upon inquiry we learned that a Native American who aided in the Revolution was buried there and possibly other patriots. Searching the internet we found that a survey of graves in the New Hope Cemetery was conducted several years ago. Included with the survey was a picture of this stone walled gravesite with a bronze SAR grave marker (see picture below). Today this grave marker is gone, presumably taken by some unscrupulous person for its metal content.

At the GASSAR Annual Conference held this past January, only nine of our 32 chapters submitted completed Grave Registry Forms for patriot graves marked during 2014. I would like to encourage all Georgia Chapters to seek out and mark Patriot graves during 2015. Once these graves are no longer identifiable they are lost. If we don't mark these graves and submit the locations to Graves Registry they will be lost forever!





Georgia Society Chaplain - Emory Fennell - efennell@nctiv.com

Greetings Compatriots in the wonderful name of our Lord from your Georgia Society SAR Chaplain. I have just returned from the 236th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek in historic Washington, Georgia. The weekend was a great success.

Everything began Friday night with the KCBA banquet. The program for the evening was presented by Dan Battle from Beaufort, SC. He spoke about "Georgia Troops at the Battle of Brier Creek".

On Saturday, even with the cold and wind, crowds gathered downtown for the parade and the portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Fort Washington Park, Everyone enjoyed the musket fire and small cannon firing during the battle. Saturday afternoon we proceeded to War Hill for the Battlefield Memorial Service. Sunday morning we gathered at Phillips Mill Baptist Church.

A special thanks go to Brother Mark Woods for sharing his pulpit with me for the Colonial Worship Service. Our weekend events concluded at Elijah Clark State Park for the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Commemoration Service. Following the service, Friends of the Park were gracious to provide a warm shelter and chilli. I truly enjoyed the three-day affair and look forward to doing it again.



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**Review Ready SAR Application
Check List**

First Page

- Two copies of application on watermarked SAR archival paper
- Upper portion of application filled out [State Society, Chapter, Patriot Name, generation, and service, Applicant's full name, address, age and telephone]
- Applicant's children listed with date and location of birth
- First Generation: Applicant's full name, date and location of birth, name (s) of wives, their date and location of birth, and marriage date and location
- Subsequent Generations to Patriot generation: Each generation complete as possible with date and location of events and with spouse's maiden name
- Each generation shows lineage through son or daughter

This completes the front of the application, except if lineage goes beyond 8th.

Second Page

- Continue lineage to Patriot if required
- Patriot's burial place if known
- Documentation connecting generation to generation
- Generation 1: Applicant's birth record showing parents
- Generation 2 to Patriot: At the top of each document mark in red the generation to which it applies. In the body of document underline and mark the generation noted for that person and pertinent vital records assisting in connecting to the next generation [mark in red as Gen: X]

- All published documents have title page along with page providing the evidence
- Patriot's service record
- Applicant's Signature, date and occupation
- Sponsors signature with NSSAR #

As a protection against misplacing documents at NSSAR it is suggested and requested that the following notations be made on the back of all documents used for documentation :

Applicants last name/ Patriots last name/ Chapter/ State

Caveats:

- LDS IGI records are not primary and are not acceptable.
- Web material is not acceptable unless it is a photo copy of original or compiled work.
- Center checked NSDAR Record Copy applications are subject to having generations center checked supported by documentation.

When changing lineage from son to daughter, marriage record is required to show maiden name and lineage to her parents.





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

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

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

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

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



Report From The

**Georgia
Society
Color
Guard**

**Ed Rigel, Sr.
Commander**



Color Guard Schedule—2015

- 16 Jan – Dedication of Liberty Plaza, GA State Capitol
- 16 Jan – Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony, Spartanburg, SC
- 17 Jan – Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC
- 23 Jan – GA Society Annual Conference Friday Banquet, Duluth, GA
- 23 Jan – GA Society Annual Conference Saturday Luncheon, Duluth, GA
- 14 Feb – Kettle Creek Parade & Skirmish
- 14 Feb-- Kettle Creek Battleground Memorial at War Hill
- 14 Feb -- Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, VA
- 15 Feb -- Colonial Worship Service, Phillips Mill Church
- 15 Feb -- Hero of the Hornet Nest--Elijah Clarke State Park
- 22 Feb – Commemoration of Washington's Birthday, Gainesville, sponsored by Lyman Hall Chapter
- 06 Mar – Friday Night Banquet, Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY
- 07 Mar – Saturday Night Banquet, Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY
- 18 Apr—Fort Fredericka Patriot Day, St. Simons Island, GA
- 19 Apr – Colonial Worship Service, St. Simons Island, GA
- 25 Apr – GA Society BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA
- 26 Apr -- 100th Anniversary of the Monument erected for Revolutionary War Generals James Screven & Daniel Stewart, Midway, GA
- 2 May – Dedication of the Marie Antoinette Oak Tree from the Versailles Palace Garden
- 23 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery
- 23 May – Grave Marking for Patriot George Paschal sponsored by the Trahlyta Chapter DAR and Lyman Hall Chapter SAR, Lumpkin County
- 13 Jun – Patriot Willis West, Sr. Grave Marking sponsored by Captain John Collins Chapter, Fayetteville, GA
- 25 Jun – 1 Jul – NSSAR 125th Annual Congress, Louisville, KY
- 02 Jul -- Northeastern Judicial Circuit reading of the Declaration of Independence, Gainesville
- 25 Jul -- GA Society BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA
- 12 Sep -- Multiple Grave Marker Dedication, Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Marys, GA,
- 17 Sep – Constitution Day sponsored by Chapel Hill and Augusta DAR, St. Paul's Church, Augusta, GA
- 19 Sep – GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Piedmont Driving Club, Atlanta
- 25-26 Sep – NSSAR Fall Leadership
- 03 Oct— Patriot Abraham Marshall Grave Marking—sponsored by William Few Chapter, Appling, GA
- 07 Oct – Battle of Kings Mountain
- 09 Oct – Battle of Savannah
- 10 Oct – Southern Heritage Festival (Mule Days) Callaway Plantation, Wilkes Co
- 24 Oct -- GA Society BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA
- 31 Oct – Patriot William Haley Grave Marking, Haley Cemetery, Elbert County
- 21 Nov – Commemoration of Fort Morris "Come and Take It!", Fort Morris Historic Site, Midway, GA
- 05 Dec -- Commemoration of the Battle of Vann's Creek, Richard B. Russell State Park, Elbert County, GA



Georgia Society Meeting Dates



President
Thomas M. Owen



GA Society Board of Managers Meetings - 2015

10:00AM

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

April 25^h

July 25th

October 24th



GA Society Executive Committee Meetings - 2015

10:30AM

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

July 15th

October 14th

January 13th

Georgia Society New Members - 01 October to 31 December 2014

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Atlanta				
	02 Nov 2014	Timothy Parrish BORDEN	Yost George	David Andrews NOBLE
	03 Nov 2014	George Harlan Grant SMITH	Moses Stepp	David Andrews NOBLE
	03 Nov 2014	Jack Manning McLaughlin, Sr.	William Moultrie, Sr.	David Andrews NOBLE
	03 Nov 2014	Jack Manning McLAUGHLIN, Jr.	William Moultrie	David Andrews NOBLE
	14 Nov 2014	Gary Randall SMITH	James Graham	David Andrews NOBLE
	19 Dec 2014	Huston Theodore COLLINGS	John Woodson	David Andrews NOBLE
	19 Dec 2014	David Allen GIBSON	George Gibson	David Andrews NOBLE
Button Gwinnett				
	02 Nov 2014	Henry Gordon WOODARD	Shadrack Simons	Gordon Lee WOODARD
	02 Nov 2014	Donald Anthony LOUDERMILK	Malcom McCurry	Milus Bruce MANEY
	02 Nov 2014	Michael Troy WATKINS	Michael Ault	Milus Bruce MANEY
Edward Telfair				
	19 Dec 2014	Russell Keith MacDONALD	Nathan Salisbury	Roger Warren COURSEY
Joel Early				
	14 Nov 2014	Perry Stephen PEACE	John Peace	David Neal SPOONER
	14 Nov 2014	Jason Gabriel PEACE	John Peace	David Neal SPOONER
	14 Nov 2014	Christopher Stephen PEACE	John Peace	David Neal SPOONER
Jos. Habersham				
	02 Nov 2014	Verner Rodney COLEMAN	David McCracken	William Hughes RAPER
Lyman Hall				
	14 Nov 2014	Carter Colby CORNELSON	Solomon Cowles	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
	14 Nov 2014	John Colby CORNELSON	Solomon Cowles	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
	14 Nov 2014	Hugh Colby CORNELSON	Solomon Cowles	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
	19 Dec 2014	William Leslie FISHER	Josiah Lambert	Hall Alexander MARTIN
	19 Dec 2014	William Michael FISHER	Josiah Lambert	Hall Alexander MARTIN
	19 Dec 2014	Stephen Scott FISHER	Josiah Lambert	Hall Alexander MARTIN
Marshes of Glynn				
	01 Nov 2014	Stewart Allen THOMASON	William Thomason	JamesStewart THOMASON
	01 Nov 2014	James Wynne THOMASON	William Thomason	JamesStewart THOMASON
Mill Creek				
	19 Dec 2014	Gordon Lee PARKS	Henry Parks	Frank Cleveland PARKER, III

<u>Registered</u>		<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Piedmont				
	19 Dec 2014	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.	Peter Sheaffer	JamesMalcolm RUFF, Sr.
	19 Dec 2014	Andrew Tyler HOLSOMBACK	Arthur Fuller	RickieLamar HOLSOMBACK
Valdosta				
	14 Nov 2014	Timothy Joseph LEHMAN	John Brand	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	14 Nov 2014	Thomas Joel LEHMAN	John Brand	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	19 Dec 2014	David Wayne NOBLE, Sr.	Thomas Tart	Michael Maxwell BLACK
Washington-Wilkes				
	14 Nov 2014	James Ansley GRANADE, Jr.	Thomas Ansley	WalterLouis HARRIS
Wiregrass				
	14 Nov 2014	Jack Lamar McLENDON	Daniel Inman	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
Total: 31				



Congratulations Chapters!

Thank you Sponsors and Registrars!



In Memory of

Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

Our Compatriots



Georgia Society Deceased Members

01 October 2014 to 26 January 2015

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Eschol Sampson DARDEN	165794	Ocmulgee	27 Nov 2014
Eddie Lee JACKSON	140491	Lyman Hall	28 Dec 2014
Albert Sydney JOHNSON, III	159753	Athens	29 Dec 2014
Joseph Burton McCONNELL	153972	Blue Ridge Mtns	22 Dec 2014
James Fredrick McENTIRE, Sr.	132513	Athens	27 Oct 2014
Jeffrey Daniel OLDS	164112	Coweta Falls	19 Nov 2014
Billy Hilton THOMPSON	130758	Coweta Falls	12 Dec 2014
Robert Bruce THOMPSON	173268	Coweta Falls	25 Oct 2014
Robert Forrest TOWNS	155521	Athens	10 Feb 2015
Robert Everett WATSON	118019	Coweta Falls	18 Oct 2014
Emory Joe ANDERSON,	180559	Samuel Elbert	01 Dec 2014
Andrew Kirk JONES,	182623	Button Gwinnett	31 Dec 2014
William Joseph REESE,	185211	John Collins	26 Jan 2015

NEWS

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Blue Ridge Mountains

The last quarter of 2014 was extremely active and exciting for the members of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.

Presentations using the “Traveling Trunk” were made to the fourth grade students in three elementary schools. The Fire Safety Public Service Medal was presented to James “Chad” Forehand and the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Deputy Lee Charles both of Gilmer County. The Chapter Color Guard accompanied the chapter’s float entry in the Union County Sorghum Festival Parade, winning first place for the second year in a row. Displays were placed in the Leon Davenport Veterans building in Blairsville commemorating the following: the victory at Yorktown, the Boston Tea Party, Columbus Day and the signing of the Mayflower Compact. A real highlight of the last quarter was the celebration of Veterans Day with a reception for resident veterans at the Gilmer County Nursing Home. Certificates of Appreciation for their service were presented to each veteran.

The chapter was proud to have representatives attend the Ft. Morris, Vann’s Creek and the James Starrett celebrations and the chapter co-sponsored, with the Silas McDowell Chapter, NC Society, grave markings and dedications for the Bryson brothers.

Robert Forsyth

Robert Forsyth Chapter Gives Bill Norman an Award

On January 12, 2015, the Robert Forsyth Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution awarded Joseph William “Bill” Norman it Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at Norman’s Landing Restaurant. Bill was one of the original founders of Longhorn Steakhouse and left the partnership 19 years ago to open Norman’s Landing Restaurant in Cumming. Since then, Bill has made more than \$1.5 million in charitable contributions from various fundraising efforts including golf tournaments and spaghetti dinners. The restaurant has a “Ping-Pong room” where guests can play table tennis and the cost of the game is added to the charity jar, which goes to a different organization each month. Bill has upped the donations by holding tournaments in the room, with all proceeds going to local charities.

The list of charities include the United Way of Forsyth County, March of Dimes, American Red Cross, the Family Haven domestic violence shelter, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Literacy Forsyth, and the Bald Ridge Lodge residential shelter for displaced boys.

For his tireless work in raising money to support local charities, the Robert Forsyth Chapter was proud to present Bill Norman it Bronze Good Citizenship medal. Presenting the medal were Thomas R. Davis, President, Edward P. Rigel, Jr., Vice President and Allen Greenly, Secretary.

Robert Forsyth Chapter Awards James Smith a Law Enforcement Medal On January 12, 2015, the Robert Forsyth Chapter Sons of the American Revolution presented Deputy U.S. Marshal James Smith the Law Enforcement Medal. The Robert Forsyth Chapter is named after Robert Forsyth, a Revolutionary War Patriot

and the first U.S. Marshal to be killed in the line of duty.

Deputy Marshal Smith was chosen as the outstanding law enforcement recipient by Chief Deputy Mike Brady for the Northern District of Georgia. The award was made at the Northern District of Georgia U.S. Marshal’s Service offices in Atlanta. Chief Deputy Mike Brady, Assistant Chief Deputy Dan Hall and Senior Deputy Nettie Bateholts attended the service. Tom Davis, President of the Robert Forsyth Chapter presented the medal to Deputy Smith. Also in attendance from the Robert Forsyth Chapter were Edward P. Rigel, Jr. and Allen Greenly.



Photo – L to R: Edward P. Rigel, Jr., James Smith, Allen Greenly, Tom Davis



William Few

The Col. William Few Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), met Thursday evening December 11th at the Pinnacle Club in downtown Augusta. The occasion was our 4th quarter meeting and annual Christmas banquet, there were 28 members and guest in attendance.



Several items of business were conducted in a brief business session. The chapter welcomed Patrick Garcia as a new chapter member. Patrick's brother, John, was unable to attend and their father, John Garcia, accepted his certificate on his behalf. Mother, and Augusta Chapter, DAR member, Bunny Garcia, was also on hand for the presentations. The chapter also received and approved BOM nominations for the 2015 chapter officers: William Colbert, President; William Tankersley, Vice President; Alton McCloud, Registrar; Albert Beveridge, Secretary/Treasurer; David Titus, Chaplain; and Roger Buterbaugh, Parliamentarian/Judge Advocate. President Colbert announced that membership has risen to 36 members and 2 dual members. We also have 7 applications at various stages of the approval process.



Special guest, GASSAR East Region Vice President Chip Durden, accompanied by his wife Jean, brought greetings to the chapter from the state officers. Vice President Durden also conducted the installation ceremony for our 2015 chapter officers. As always, we appreciate the interest and participation of our GASSAR leadership.

Dinner and a time of fellowship followed, closing out a great year for our chapter. With respect and regards, we wish all of our fellow GASSAR chapters a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and productive New Year.

Lyman Hall

The Lyman Hall chapter finished the year in a big way with Trunk Talk or similar presentations to over 1900 students. We are looking forward to repeat appearances at several nearby schools.

We are always recruiting. In fact one recent program speaker has completed his documentation and has been inducted. Congrats to William Fisher.



In October we honored our Compatriot and Past State President Herbert B. 'Kit' Braselton by marking his grave with a well attended and moving ceremony. Instead of adding a metal marker the SAR insignia was cut into the face of his stone while the date of death was added.

Wiregrass Chapter

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting on Thursday night November 13, 2014 at the Emanuel Medical Center Cafeteria at 6:00. Registrar Dess Smith III who was the host for the program introduced LTC (R) Allen Burton of Washington, Georgia who presented the program on the American Revolution Battle of Saratoga.

LTC Burton is a history professor at Georgia Regents University in Augusta and is a retired officer of the United States Army having served three tours of duty in Vietnam. LTC Burton also presented a program on the Battle of Kettle Creek to the Wiregrass Chapter last March. LTC Burton stated that there were actually two Battles of Saratoga, the first was fought on September 19, 1777 and the second was on October 7, 1777.

The American Forces won a decisive victory over the British in the Saratoga campaign. British General John Burgoyne led a large invasion army up the Champlain Valley from Canada, hoping to meet a similar force marching northward from New York City; The southern force never arrived, and General Burgoyne was surrounded by American forces in upstate New York. General Burgoyne fought these two small battles to break out. They took place 18 days apart on the same ground, 9 miles south of Saratoga, New York. They both failed. Trapped by the American Forces, commanded by Major General Horatio Gates, with no relief in sight, General Burgoyne surrendered his entire army on October 17.

This surrender, says historian Edmund Morgan, was the great turning point of the war, because it won for Americans the foreign assistance which was the last element needed for victory.

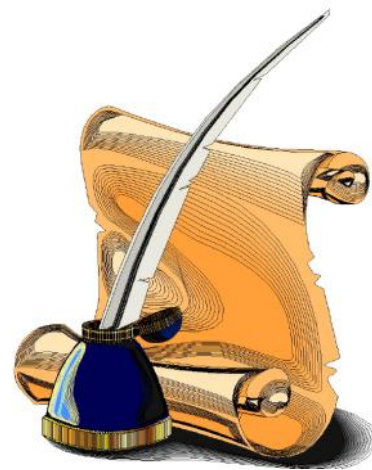
Hornet's Nest**Deadline****April 15, 2015**

Make sure your Chapter news gets published!

Send your Editor a copy of your Chapter newsletter or minutes from your meetings.

Here follows 'place holders' for each Chapter not in this issue.

You are doing great work. Let everyone know about it.

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Photos from the Georgia Society Annual Conference



President Roger W. Coursey



President General Lindsey Brock



C.A.R.
Robert Walker Chewing, Jr



South Atlantic District
VPG Mark Anthony



Senior Honor Guard Award
Bruce Maney and Edward P. Rigel Sr.



Von Steuben Medal
Jay Guest



John Dooley
Education Outreach Award
David Cook



DAR State Regent
Ida 'Bea' Best Smith Fischer



Molly Pitcher Award
Teresa Coursey



2015 Patriot Medal Awardees LtoR: PG Lindsey Brock, Pres. Roger Coursey, Teresa Coursey, David G. Jessel, Brenda Jessel, Kenneth Neal Spooner, Brenda Spooner, J. Michael Tomme, Sr, (not shown) Curtis McWaters



2014 Membership Streamer Chapters
LtoR: Blue Ridge Mountains, Marquis de Lafayette, Wiregrass, Edward Telfair, Button Gwinnett, Athens (not shown) Altamaha

Fort Morris “Come and Take It!” Celebration

“Come and Take It!”-- Patriot Lt. Colonel John McIntosh’s defiant reply to British Colonel Lewis Fuser’s demand to surrender Fort Morris 236 years ago -- echoed throughout the Fort Morris Historic Site near Midway, GA on Saturday, November 22.

Since National Society SAR President General Lindsey Brock participated in this year’s Memorial Ceremony, the activity was recognized as a “National event.” Georgia Society SAR President Roger Coursey welcomed the 150 attendees along with Arthur Edgar, Fort Morris Historic Site Manager. Georgia State C.A.R. President Robert Walker Chewning Jr. proudly represented the Children of the American Revolution during the Ceremony.

The program entitled, “Remembering Coastal Georgia Battles,” was a demonstration of patriotism and allegiance by the Children of the American Revolution. It included summary descriptions of ten Revolutionary War battles in Coastal Georgia and British East Florida, along with descriptions and impressive displays of ten flags from the American Revolution. This highlight of the Celebration was sponsored by the Bonaventure Society C.A.R. from Savannah, whose performers were dressed in Colonial attire and were assisted by Scouts from Midway Boy Scout Troop 461 and Webelos Den 1, Pack 7 from Savannah.

The uniforms, flags and dignity displayed by eighty representatives of forty-five C.A.R., DAR, SAR and other heritage organizations during the Presentation of Colors, Wreath Presentations and Musket and Canon Salute was extremely impressive. Many traveled long distances in Georgia and Florida to participate and demonstrate their desire to help keep the Fort Morris Historic Site open for historical interpretation. The sunny warm weather in this meaningful historical location certainly contributed to the ceremonial atmosphere.

On Friday afternoon, thirty DAR and SAR participated in a guided tour of the Historic Midway Church and Museum, led by Diane Kroell, Executive Director of the Midway Museum. Following the tour, along with Martha Martin, Regent of the St. John’s Parish Society Daughters of American Colonists, Johnny Turrentine and Bill Ramsaur of the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter conducted a tribute to the twenty-one Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the Colonial Cemetery at Midway.

As Georgia’s ONLY Revolutionary Historic Site with extensive earthworks, Fort Morris stands as a testament to the will and fortitude our Patriots exhibited during the American Revolution -- a priceless piece of Georgia’s Revolutionary War Trail. Please place the next Fort Morris Celebration which is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2015, on your personal calendar and on the calendar of your SAR Chapter.



National Society SAR
President General Lindsey Brock



Georgia Society SAR
President Roger W. Coursey



Georgia - Florida Color Guard—Continental



L to R:
NSSAR President General
Lindsey Brock

GASSAR President
Roger W. Coursey

Marshes of Glynn Chapter
President Steve Ford



Georgia Color Guard with Wreaths
L to R: Jimmy Boatwright, J Michael Tomme Sr, Charlie Newcomer,
Hall Martin, Allen Greenly, Walt Reed, George Thurmond

“Come and Take It!”



Cannon Salute by
2nd Georgia Artillery



Presentation of Grand Union Flag
by Scouts and C.A.R.



Musket Salute by
Elijah Clarke Militia



DAR Wreath Presenters and
GA-FL SAR Color Guard



NSSAR President General with
Webelos Scouts, Pack 7, Savannah



NSSAR President General
with Georgia C.A.R.



Presentation of Bedford Flag
by Scouts and C.A.R.



Huzzahs from
2nd Georgia Artillery



Presentation of Sons of Liberty
Flag by Scouts and C.A.R.

Georgia Society Annual Awards

The following medals and awards were presented at the Georgia Society's Awards Banquet and Awards Luncheon on January 23-24, 2015. Some of these awards may have been presented during the year.

INDIVIDUAL MEDALS AND AWARDS

District Meritorious Service Medal

Roger W. Coursey

Martha Washington Medal

Ida 'Bea' Best Smith Fischer
(DAR State Regent)

Lydia Darraugh Medal

Teresa Melton Coursey

Silver SAR/CAR Medal of Appreciation

Robert Walker Chewning, Jr
Robert W. Moore

Bronze Color Guard Medal

James Hal Boatwright, III

Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medal

David Cook
William Allen Greenly
Hall Martin, Sr
Walt Reed

Camp Follower Award

Benetta Cook
Joyce Martin
Linda Reed
Brandy Rigel
Leslie Watkins

Honor Guard

Bill Ramsaur

Senior Honor Guard

Bruce Maney
Edward P. Rigel, Sr

Von Steuben Medal

Jackson W. Guest

Molly Pitcher Medal

Teresa Melton Coursey

Color Guard Rookie of the Year

Bill Palmer

Color Guard Commander's Award

William Allen Greenly

PG Robert B. Vance, Sr Membership Trophy

David A. Noble

Silver Roger Sherman Medal

James Edward Stallings, Sr
Curtis Eugene McWaters
William Allen Greenly
Paul Ithel Prescott
William Martin Hay, Sr
Bobby Delano Shaw
Edward P. Rigel, Jr

Gold Roger Sherman Medal

Larry Thomas Guzy
Paul Ithel Prescott
George Edward Thurmond

Meritorious Service Medal

Wayne Lambert Brown
James Hal Boatwright, III

Silver Good Citizenship Medal

Mark Stanton Moseley

State Distinguished Service Medal

James E. Stallings, Jr

Patriot Medal

Roger W. Coursey
Curtis Eugene McWaters
David Jessel
Neal Spooner



**Georgia
Society
SAR
Education
Committee**

Terry Manning

with, not the best nor the most active program, but the most improved program from the previous year. This year's winner is the **Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter**. They receive a Certificate and a check for \$200.

Chapter. Mrs. Whitfield is prominent member of the Tomochichi Chapter DAR and has provided over 120 presentations, reaching over 10,000 students since 2008. She will receive a check for \$200, a plaque, and a Certificate.

Education Committee Awards

Education Outreach Streamer and Certificate

The Education Outreach Streamer is presented to chapters that report to the Committee that their programs, outside of regular meetings, reached 1,000 or more students and adults during the calendar year.

Chapters being recognized for their education outreach programs for 2014 are:

Atlanta
Blue Ridge Mountains
Button Gwinnett
Casimir Pulaski
Coweta Falls
Marshes of Glynn

These 6 chapters made a total of over 15,000 presentations for the year.

Dr. Lyman Hall Education Outreach Award

The Dr. Lyman Hall Education Outreach Award was started in 2009 to recognize the chapter

Best Education Outreach Program Award

The 2014 winner is the Atlanta Chapter. They participated in 62 related SAR events, reaching over 1,659 attendees; partnered with the Marshes of Glynn Chapter in exhibiting the "Sacred Soils" display; donated over \$1,400 to other entities for outreach programs; donated to the USO; and created and operated a traveling bookstore.

They will receive a Certificate and a check for \$200.

Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award

This award was initiated to recognize a lady making significant contributions to the education outreach related to the American Revolution as pertaining to the goals and objective of the SAR.

This year's winner is Evie Whitfield. She was nominated by the Joseph Habersham



John Dooly Education Outreach Award

The John Dooly Education Outreach Award was initiated to recognize an SAR member that has made significant contributions to education outreach as it relates to the American Revolution in conjunction with the goals and objectives of the SAR.

This year's winner is David Cook. David is a member of our Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter who nominated him for this award. He made presentations to over 1,000 people in 13 presentations, populated 6 articles, and participated in 29 SAR related events. He is receiving a check for \$200, a plaque, and a Certificate.

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT

Filing Date: 13 February 2015DISTRICT: South AtlanticVPG NAME: Mark C AnthonyADDRESS: 12 Misty Oaks Dr, Greer, SC 29651

DISTRICT MEETINGS DATES & LOCATIONS: (1) 6 October 2014, 4:30 pm, Aegean Pizza, 1547 W Floyd Baker Blvd, Gaffney SC; (2) 16 January 2014, 4:30 pm, Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC; (3) 17-18 April 2014, Ramada Convention Center, 2703 Ramada Rd, Burlington, NC; (4) 30 June 2014, 7:30 am Galt House Hotel, 140 North 4th St, Louisville, KY

NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED:

State Societies	President	Chapters	Annual Meeting	City
1. North Carolina	Ken Wilson	25	17-18 April 2015	Burlington, NC
2. South Carolina	Daniel Woodruff	19	16-17 May 2015	Columbia, SC
3. Georgia	Tom Owens	32	23-24 January 2015	Duluth, GA
4. Florida	Steve Williams	33	1-2 May 2015	Orlando, FL

REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS:

Historic Celebrations & Meetings attended:

- 26-27 September: NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 06 October: South Atlantic District Meeting, Gaffney, SC
- 07 October: 234th Anniversary of Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC
- 11 October: SC Society Board of Governors Meeting, Columbia, SC
- 16 October: Daniel Morgan Chapter (SCSSAR) Meeting, Spartanburg, SC
- 08 November: Veterans Day Parade, Charlotte NC
- 11 November: Veterans Day Service, Padgett's Creek Baptist Church, Union, SC
- 04 December: Cowpens Planning Meeting with NPS, Chesnee, SC
- 06 December: 239th Anniversary of Battle of Great Cane Break, Simpsonville, SC
- 06 December: Presented Flag Program at CBRN Family Day, Greenville, SC
- 06 December: Greenville Christmas Parade, Greenville, SC
- 09 December: NPS Informational Meeting, Spartanburg, SC
- 09 December: Spartanburg Christmas Parade, Spartanburg, SC
- 13 December: Gaffney Christmas Parade, Gaffney, SC
- 15 December: Daniel Morgan Chapter (SCSSAR) Meeting, Spartanburg, SC
- 16 December: SC Society Executive Committee Meeting, Greenville, SC
- 29 December: GA Society Colonial Debutante Ball, Bogart, GA
- 08 January: Served as Judge in American Legion Oration Contest, Chesnee, SC
- 10 January: SC Society Board of Governors Meeting, Columbia, SC – Presented talk on Americanism Contest
- 16 January: Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony, South Atlantic District Meeting, 3rd Annual Cowpens Lecture, Spartanburg, SC
- 17-18 January: 234th Anniversary of Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC
- 23-24 January: GA Society Annual State Meeting, Duluth, GA
- 31 January: Battle of Cowan's Ford, NC Society Board of Managers Meeting, Huntersville, NC
- 13-15 February: Kettle Creek Anniversary / Heroes of the Hornet's Nest, Washington, GA

I have been invited to the following upcoming events & meetings

- 19 February: Mecklenburg Chapter President's Day Community Dinner, Charlotte, NC
- 21 February: Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Currie, NC
- 28 February: Lecturing at Hilton Head Life Long Learning College, Hilton Head, SC
- 28 February: SC Society C.A.R. Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC
- 6-7 March: NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 13-14 March: Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC
- 21 March: Thomas Creek Marker Dedication, Jacksonville, FL
- 17-18 April: NC Society Annual Meeting, Burlington, NC
- 1-2 May: FL Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 16-17 May: SC Society Annual Meeting, Columbia, SC

As of 12/31/2014, the district membership totaled 5,778 out of 33,569 nationally which is 17.2% of the national total. Actual membership was 2,066 for Florida, 1,803 for Georgia, 1,044 for North Carolina and 865 for South Carolina.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Annual Meeting of the District has been moved to coincide with the NC Society Annual Meeting on the weekend of 17-18 April 2015. Registration and details are available on the NC Society website under the Calendar & Events link.



KETTLE CREEK 2015







GASSAR's Eagle Scout Scholarship Winner

Trey (William J. Walker III) is a fine young man who hails from Bainbridge, Georgia and is a member of Troop 502 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bainbridge in the Suwannee River Council, BSA. Trey Walker was the Joel Early chapter's entrant in our scholarship competition. He was awarded \$600 as our GASSAR entrant in the national competition forthcoming and was presented with an Eagle sculpture at our annual banquet in January of this year. Trey has earned 51 merit badges to date, is a highly accomplished trombone player, is ranked number one in his senior class of 295 at Bainbridge High School, plans on attending college and ultimately medical school plus has time to be heavily involved in both church and community activities.



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GASSAR's Eagle Scout Winning Essay

Benjamin Franklin - American Role Model

One of the most influential leaders in the history of this great nation was Benjamin Franklin. In addition to being a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Franklin was a world-renowned polymath, an individual who excels in many areas of study. Franklin was a student of a myriad of subjects such as electricity, meteorology, music and political science. He was also a newspaperman and even played a role in founding a renowned university - William and Mary. He was viewed as a leader not only in his community, but in the nation.

Franklin's influential political career began in the mid-1750s as a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly in which he radically reformed the postal system in the state. Under his system, mail was delivered on a weekly basis. After taking part in the Albany Congress in 1754, organizing the Pennsylvania Militia in 1756, and becoming the Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1764, Franklin's political career accelerated quickly. He then became a minister to England on the behalf of the Pennsylvania Assembly, foreshadowing his extensive tenure as an ambassador in his later life.

As for his business investigations, Franklin began his pursuit of entrepreneurship at an early age after leaving his Massachusetts home for Philadelphia. Here he was employed by several newspaper shops around town, only to be disappointed by what he could not achieve as an employee. As years passed, he returned to the newspaper business in the 1730's and attempted to establish a chain of newspapers throughout the colonies in order to express his views and educate the colonists. As a major proponent of free speech, his newspaper skills were unrivaled through the colonies.

In addition, Franklin was also an avid inventor and scientist. His areas of study included electricity, demographics, oceanography, meteorology, as well as music. In fact, among his many inventions, which include the lightning rod and bifocal glasses, is the glass armonica. The armonica is essentially a set of glass tubes that the player strokes in order to produce the desired sound. Though Franklin was deeply involved with all of these areas of study, a personal passion of his was chess, which he played extensively. In fact, he even wrote several well-known chess articles in colonial newspapers.

Benjamin Franklin is recognized as one of the most influential people in not only American history, but all of history. He accomplished what most humans would take several lifetimes to achieve, and for that reason, I feel that he is definitely a role model for all Americans, especially Boy Scouts. This aggregate of intellectual comprehension encompasses every single aspect of the Boy Scout Law and Oath, especially the lines "to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight", as well as "thrifty," "helpful," and "friendly". That is why I, as well as all other Boy Scouts, should look to Benjamin Franklin as an ideal role model for improving the quality of life here in this great United States of America.

Loran Smith: Remembering Bobby

By [LORAN SMITHSPORTS@ONLINEATHENS.COM](mailto:LORAN.SMITHSPORTS@ONLINEATHENS.COM) – updated Friday, February 13, 2015

There was more to Bobby Towns than athletic accomplishment. He expected to serve his country in the military and became an officer like his father who served in World War II, going back to fight the Germans who had cheered for him in Berlin when he won the Olympic gold. Spec was definitively patriotic. His brother, Preston, was killed at the Battle of the Bulge, something he never forgot.

Bobby was about as well rounded as you could find on a college campus. After graduating from Athens High with valedictorian honors, he earned his BBA and MBA degrees at Georgia. He was a member of Gridiron and Scabbard and Blade. You never found Bobby drinking beer at the hangouts around town when he should have been at the library. In fact, Bobby preferred the library over any of the popular watering holes.

Following pro football and military duty, retiring with the rank of Colonel, he enjoyed a successful business career with AFLAC, based in Columbus. He officiated SEC football for 30 years and found time to sign up for membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Colonial Wars and War of 1812, Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Magna Charta Barons, Order of Founders of North America and Military Order of Stars and Bars. He could have taught history.

I was always fascinated by Spec Towns' legend in the Olympics and revered my old coach, Bobby's dad. The Towns family was good to me, like they were good to their boys, Bobby and Preston. They enjoyed vegetables from the garden and they loved living out their lives in a laid back college town. Bobby enjoyed following in their footsteps. He was a model citizen, quiet and contributing behind the scenes.

Losing a friend is hard on the emotions. It's even harder when you lose a teammate.

