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Sons of the American Revolution



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Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



President James E. Stallings, Sr.

My Compatriots,

Since my acceptance address, which I delivered after the installation of the new officers of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution on 26 January 2013 during the GASSAR Annual Conference, was composed with the entire Society membership in mind and many of you could not attend that event I have decided to share my thoughts and feelings in my first dispatch to the membership.

Vice President General Pittard, Secretary General Brock, Chaplain General Moody, Historian General (select) Bobby Towns, My Compatriots and Honored Guests. I stand before you today having been given a significant and totally unexpected honor.

To be elected to the Presidency of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, is to me, an almost impossible dream.

I have always placed my life in the hands of the Lord and where he leads me have attempted to follow as best I could. He has never given me more than I could handle, and it is with that confidence I begin another journey in my life.

Thank you George Thurmond for that phone call in late 2011. Why, I do not know.

You are talking about a completely unknown entity. I imagine when my name as the Sr. Vice President nominee was announced, at the Fall 2011 BOM, there were a number in attendance that wondered who is this person. I still to this day, relate to Admiral James Stockdale, Vice Presidential running mate of Ross Perot, who said "Who am I, Why am I here".

Thank you Remona Charlene for your willingness, for the fourth or more times, let me do my thing, not really knowing the sacrifice and commitment you would, once again, have to make as we approach the twilight years of our lives.

I understand the awesome task ahead. My predecessors have made sure the path I must follow will not be easy.

Fortunately, I will be surrounded by a most outstanding staff elected and enlisted from the ranks of the Georgia Society.

No president or leader of an organization, even the leader of a nation, can be successful without the competence, ability and willingness of their lieutenants to get the job done, and we have the best.

To be characterized as an Award Winning Society is not mere words, but, an ongoing challenge for higher achievement. For to be regressive or complacent is no option and will result in ignomy.

I have learned through the years to discern but not discard the advice of others to determine the wisest course to take. I do not take offense at criticism or counsel, but, welcome and evaluate all things.

There are many and greater things yet to be accomplished to fulfill our mission to honor our ancestors and to insure their sacrifice will not be forgotten or for nought. We must see to it that our history is perpetuated by education of our youth and all others within the sound of our voice or media, otherwise their sacrifice will have been in vain and we will be recorded as failures.

Before I close I must say thank you to my mentor, outgoing President Ed Rigel, Sr.. When I was elected as Sr. Vice President, I was as a "babe in the woods", so to speak, regarding the operations (no pun intended) and functions of the SAR.

Ed is easy to get to know, non pretentious, just an ordinary guy. He brought me into everything, kept me informed, as it should be. He made all the dinner arrangements at the NSSAR Leadership Conferences at really nice places. He had agreed to do the same during my presidency so we are on record for that.

I must take this opportunity, while so many are present, to express my appreciation to those committee chairmen who readily agreed to remain during my term and continue the outstanding work they have performed in the past. To the several new chairmen, all who have come highly recommended, thank you for joining a really great team and I look forward to working with you during this next year.

A few months ago I traveled to Mount Vernon, VA, where I was honored to stand a Vigil Guard at the tomb of the great General George Washington.

On the day before our duties at the tomb I visited the Mount Vernon Museum and spent several hours learning about the life of General Washington. One of the exhibits was a display of some of the quotes attributed to the General and one in particular was significant to me and I could not help but think of what possibly lay ahead of me in SAR.

On June 16, 1775 General Washing was reported as having said and I quote "I do not think myself equal to the command I am honored with".

With that said, my Compatriots and friends, with your help and the blessings of the Almighty, I promise to do the best I can for this Society."

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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George H. Wheelless

Message from the Georgia Society Secretary

January 1, 2013

Current Membership

As of January 1, 2013, the total membership for the Georgia Society is as follows:

REGULAR:	1,400
JUNIOR:	15
JUNIOR LIFE	3
EMERITUS:	5
LIFE:	40
DUAL (Between States):	17
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TOTAL:	1,480

Membership and Reinstatements:

The Georgia Society had 180 members who failed to renew their membership for 2013 and have been dropped from National and Georgia Society rolls. Our Society membership was 1,654 on 31 Dec 2012 and, due to membership drops, is now 1,474 as of 01 Jan 2013.

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 member's recent 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 2013 as State Secretaries and National complete the Reconciliation process.

IRS Forms 990 and 990-N:

President Rigel recently sent a message to the BOM regarding 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.

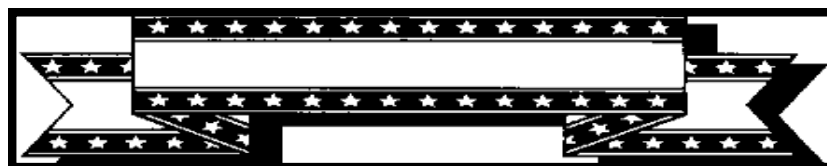
Officer Changes:

Changes in chapter officers is still ongoing. If your chapter has changed or will be changing officers please complete the NEW OFFICER NOTIFICATION FORM found in the Source Book. E-mail to: secretaryga@comcast.net.

My first year as Georgia Society Secretary has been an interesting one. I am still learning more and more about this position, especially the intricacies of our Membership Database and what a valuable tool it is for the Society.

It has been my pleasure to get to know, at least by e-mail and/or phone, many of the outstanding members of the Georgia Society. I look forward to working with chapter officers and chapter members from around the state for a second year. If I can be of assistance to any of you do not hesitate to contact me.

IF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CHAPTER OFFICERS DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS (THERE ARE SOME OUT THERE), PLEASE PROVIDE THEM WITH A COPY OF YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORY AND DUES REPORT





George H. Wheelless

Message from the Georgia Society Secretary
January 1, 2013

Youth to Membership Sample Letter

Per Section 12.07.2.2 of the Source Book

Date:

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
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1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203-3292

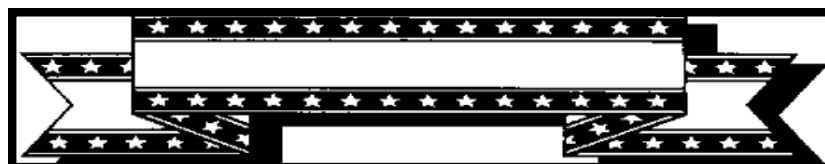
Dear Registrar General,

I wish to activate my Junior Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution with the enclosed payment of National dues. I am currently a Youth Member and wish to affiliate with the (Name) Chapter of the Georgia Society.

Youth Member Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx
NSSAR Youth #xxx

Yours in patriotism,

NOTE: This letter along with National and State dues should be sent to the Georgia Society Secretary. He may also be contacted if you need your Youth number.



NEWS

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Message From the Georgia Society Chaplain

Roger Lamb

TRUST, FAITH, HONOR

Recently, I had a conversation with a minister who had signed a renewal agreement lease for his church. Having dealt with the landlord for five years, and deemed friendship was in place, he did not read the lease. As the bi-annual payment was made to the one year agreement, he was told that the rental rate had increased. When protesting this increase without his consent or consultation, he was told that he should have read the lease before he signed it. And that's right, he should have read it, and would have discovered a clause that allowed the landlord to invoke increases. He should have sat there and taken the time, at the landlord's expense, to read that contract. How many times have you signed something you didn't read? How many times have you discovered a bit of information that you needed that another individual had and knew that you needed, only to be told, "Well, you didn't ask."

How sad. How sad the minister must feel for having been taken advantage of without any warning. How sad that trust and faith has been subverted. How sad that an individual's outlook and attitude towards his fellow man has been changed forever, and to be suspicious of others. How sad that the landlord has no sense of honor, knowing the lease had changed, and knowing – but not pointing it out.

Trust: **1 a:** assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something **b:** one in which confidence is placed **2 (1)** a charge or duty imposed in faith or confidence or as a condition of some relationship **(2)** something committed or entrusted to one to be used or cared for in the interest of another

Faith: Etymology: Middle English *feith*,

from Old French *feid, foi*, from Latin *fides*; akin to Latin *fidere* to trust **1 a:** allegiance to duty or a person

Loyalty b (1): fidelity to one's promises **(2): sincerity of intentions 2 a complete trust 3:** something that is believed especially with strong conviction

Honor: ¹**hon·or** Function: *noun* Etymology: Middle English, from Old French *honor*, from Latin *honos, honor* **8 a:** a keen sense of ethical conduct

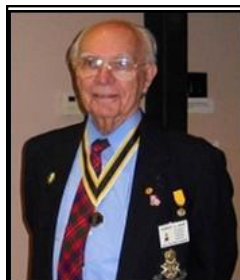
Integrity b: one's word given as a guarantee of performance

How we wish we could go back to the days when trust was a handshake, where you could take one's word and move forward. In the world today we cannot seem to trust anyone. But we must not give up and allow the dealings of a few to break the will to trust others. There are those who will use the point of guilt to prod you into their thinking, but you must not be blinded by this loyalty. This is the ploy of secularism. God has given you the sight of wisdom to evaluate that which is brought to you.

In a powerful line in the movie "The Ten Commandments", when Moses found out that he was Hebrew, his Princess Nefitari told him, "No one has to know who you are, let's get on with our lives." Holding the pattern of the Hebrew cloth in his hand he said, "Love cannot drown truth." We should not shy away from putting trust in others, but you must be careful that when you do so your judgment is sound, and that trust which you have given meets the task set forth by you.

Loyalty is a trust earned and not given. Watch how you go this week.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Fill us with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Amen.



Robert A. Sapp

Message From the Georgia Society Registrar

since February 2012. Due to various circumstances your State Registrar's review and approval time from receipt of applications has stretched to 4 to 6 weeks. The last applications received in 2012 were mailed to the Society's Secretary on 3 January 2013. Of the applications reviewed, six were held for additional material and two were withdrawn. Of the applications submitted to NSSAR for approval to date eight were pended at the end of the year. Three were for proof of service, three for proof of identity, and two for DAR reference data. The year end pended total is 15.

In March 2011 NSSAR indicated that the Georgia Society had 81 pended applications, several of which were three years or older. Through the diligent efforts of Compatriot Mike Tomme and Larry Guzy as Assistant Registrars that number has been reduced to only four outstanding. Three pended applications were added this year as carry over from 2011 submittals. The attention and review by the first line signers and chapter registrars has lead to a higher approval of applications this year. Thanks go to those who contributed to this effort.

The NSSAR Genealogy Committee has issued two documents for preparing applications and policies. These documents are a compilation of past approved practices. However, the preparation of an acceptable application is dependent upon interpreting the documents that support the lineage and the patriot's service.

Your Registrar is becoming more aware that the Georgia Society members are in need of three things that can only be provided through a guide book and a training session. These are 1) the minimum documents required to prepare an application; 2) the presentation statements that interpret and define lineage and 3) training sessions with chapter registrars. With your help in Q&A dialog a collection of notes and examples can be generated to provide guidelines for application preparation. Your Registrar has started collecting proof statement examples and notes for data request that will provide a good base for review.

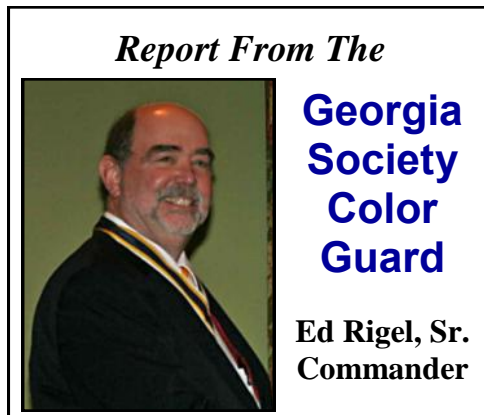
Next year's applications quality will be dependent upon how well your Registrar has communicated with you on requirements and interpretation of data.

Your Registrar serves at the pleasure of the State Society and is your most humble servant.

Robert A. Sapp

The Georgia Society closed the calendar year 2012 by submitting a total of 254 membership and supplemental applications





Color Guard Schedule

2013

5 Jan – Color Guard Awards Luncheon

18 Jan – Daniel Morgan Statue, Spartanburg, SC, 1430 hrs

19 Jan – Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1000 hrs

25-26 Jan – GASSAR Annual Meeting Weekend

9 Feb – Kettle Creek

10 Feb - Hornet's Nest Commemoration, Elijah Clarke State Park, Lincolnton

14 Feb—Kettle Creek Proclamation, Georgia State Capital

22 Feb—George Washington Birthday commemoration, sponsored by the Lyman Hall Chapter, Gainesville, 1700 hrs

28 Feb - 2 Mar NSSAR Spring Leadership/Trustee Meeting

2 Mar – Brier Creek

2 Mar—Last Naval Battle of the Revolution—Cape Canaveral, FL

9 Mar—Patriot John Jones Grave Marking, sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette/Ocmulgee chapters, Twiggs County, 1430 hrs

12 Apr—Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place, 9:30 hrs

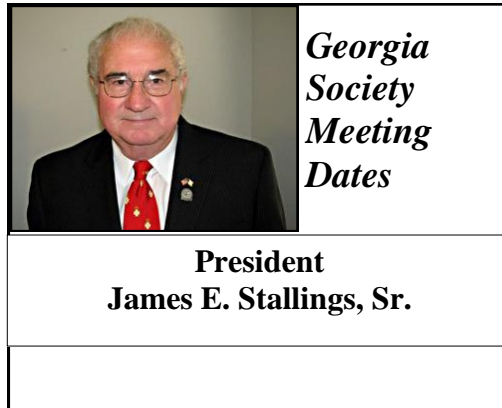
13 Apr – President General presentation of wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Arlington National Cemetery, 1615 hrs

20 Apr – Frederica Days, St. Simons, GA

22 Jun - Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration, Lincolnton, NC, 1000 hrs

21 Sep – GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon





GA Society Executive Committee Meetings - 2013

10:00 AM

**Powers Ferry United Methodist Church
245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta
(Corner of Marietta 120 Loop and Powers Ferry Road**

April 3rd

July 17th

October 16th

January 15th

GA Society Board of Managers Meetings - 2013

10:00AM

**Garden Patch Restaurant
100 Southland Drive, Barnesville**

April 13th

July 27th

October 26th

January 25th, 2014

GA Society Annual Conference - 2014

January 24-25, 2014



*Report
From The*
**Georgia
Society
Past
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Ed Rigel, Sr.

Immediate Past President's Final Ramble

One just never knows. In my last "Ramble", in October, I laid out all the plans for my last quarter as President. Two weeks later and Burns' "gang aft agley" became not just a quote, but a reality. Given the demographics of our Society, allow me to share my lesson learned. Compatriots, despite what we might think of ourselves, we are not invulnerable. Refresh in your mind the signs and symptoms associated with angina or a heart attack and then pay attention to them should they occur. Should you experience symptoms, inform your spouse. She is less likely to be convinced of your invulnerability and more likely to stimulate you to take appropriate action. And on the subject of spouses, signs and symptoms of a heart attack are different for females. I recommend that the two of you research that matter and keep your findings in mind.

Well, I was lucky. I ignored what was in my trained physician's mind definitely NOT cardiac pain for about 45 minutes before getting nervous enough to call 911. An electrocardiogram demonstrated how much I knew and quick intervention limited the damage to my heart. Three weeks later, another three stents, and I had a new heart. I am in my second month of Cardiac Rehab and doing very well including making the appropriate changes in lifestyle that might prevent a reoccurrence.

Sincere thanks for all the thoughts, prayers and other expressions of concern. They were all deeply appreciated by Joan and me. Enough Dr. Oz. It was the Vann's Creek event (killed me to miss the BOM meeting in October!) before I could really get back in the saddle. I participated with a large contingent of the Color Guard and brought greetings from the Society. Great speaker! A few days later I visited the William Few Chapter at their Christmas dinner. After an impromptu installation of new officers, I gave my old standby, "Reluctant Rebels – GA in the Revolution" program. That Chapter has an enthusiastic core and I look forward to hearing more from them in the near future.

Down to Conyers at the end of the week to have supper with the George Walton Chapter. A small and delightful group that does more than you would expect from a group their size. Christmas supper with the Athens Chapter followed their typical hospitality in the home of Compatriot Guest. Compatriot Terry Manning gave a most entertaining program on the history of Santa Claus to wrap up the evening. Accompanied by Flag Respect Committee Chairman Prescott, I concluded the activities of December by presenting a Flag Certificate to the City of Gainesville for its display at the new Public Safety Complex.

The last four weeks of my term were jam-packed. First the Color Guard Awards Luncheon and then attendance at the Tomochichi Chapter DAR meeting to present a Certificate of Recognition for 100 years of service and dedication. Following supper and a stirring presentation on the Constitution by the Towns County Sheriff, I installed the new officers of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter. Up to Spartanburg, SC to represent the GA Society at the South Atlantic District meeting before a long drive to Savannah to present the program to the Edward Telfair Chapter and install their officers. Then just enough time to catch my breath before guiding the Society's Annual Conference. Congratulations to all those individuals and chapters receiving recognitions, all of them very much deserved.

While it was with some relief that I lifted the State President's neck ribbon from around my neck and placed it around Compatriot Stallings', and then enthusiastically accepted the Past State President pin, I must admit that I very much enjoyed my term as President. I enjoyed visiting about two-thirds, wish it could have been more, of the chapters in the state. All the travel led to opportunities to meet people and make new friends. Those are friendships that will last for a lifetime. I encourage those chapters who have lost the tradition of inviting the President to attend one of their meetings to find it.

Ours is truly a great Society. It was a privilege to serve as its President and I thank you for giving me that opportunity.

**Hornet's Nest
Deadline
April 15, 2013**

2012 New Members

Georgia Society New Members From September 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

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	10 Oct 2012	Stanley Biff Perry	William Daniell	Robert Forrest Towns
	10 Oct 2012	James Carroll Perry	William Daniell	Robert Forrest Towns
	04 Nov 2012	Joseph Wilson Elder	Drury Jackson	Robert Forrest Towns
	11 Dec 2012	Julius Edwin Lord, Jr.	James Ritchie	Charlie Alfred Newcomer, III
	11 Dec 2012	Julius Edwin Lord, III	James Ritchie	Charlie Alfred Newcomer, III
Atlanta	01 Oct 2012	Benjamin Wesley Polston, II	Matias Johnson	David Andrews Noble
	01 Oct 2012	Benjamin Wesley Polston, III	Mathis Johnson	David Andrews Noble
	03 Nov 2012	John Richard McAliley, Jr.	John McAliley	David Andrews Noble
	03 Nov 2012	William Patrick Smith, III	Reuben Smith	David Andrews Noble
	03 Nov 2012	William Patrick Smith, V	Reuben Smith	David Andrews Noble
	03 Nov 2012	John Richard McAliley, III	John McAliley	David Andrews Noble
	03 Nov 2012	Michael David Driscoll	Amos Chipman	David Andrews Noble
	03 Nov 2012	William Patrick Smith, IV	Reuben Smith	David Andrews Noble
	04 Nov 2012	Andrew Scott Wiseman	David Horton	Houston Dillard Smith, Jr.
	04 Nov 2012	Marcus Harrison Cone	William Key	Ernest Deurell Key, Jr.
	04 Nov 2012	Edward Brooks Burk	Joseph Burk(e)	David Andrews Noble
	04 Nov 2012	William Chase Cone	William Key	Ernest Deurell Key, Jr.
	04 Nov 2012	John Daniel Hall, II	Benjamin Hammon	David Andrews Noble
	04 Nov 2012	Houston Dillard Smith, III	David Horton	Houston Dillard Smith, Jr.
	04 Nov 2012	James Garnett Reid, Jr.	William Key	Ernest Deurell Leu, Jr.
Blue Ridge Mountains	10 Oct 2012	Kyle Christian Webb	John Webb	Milus Bruce Maney
	10 Oct 2012	Skyler Thomas Webb	John Webb	Milus Bruce Maney
	10 Oct 2012	Jack Bernard Webb, Jr.	John Webb	Milus Bruce Maney
	02 Nov 2012	John Halbert Hollingshead	John Shimp	William Oscar Brazil
Button Gwinnett	11 Dec 2012	Harry Lamar Kitchings	Peter Knight	Milus Bruce Maney
	11 Dec 2012	Benjamin Charles Kitchings	Peter Knight	Milus Bruce Maney
Coweta Falls	02 Nov 2012	George Thomas Parker	John Parker	Hugh Irmon Rodgers
	04 Nov 2012	Richard Adams Munn, Jr.	Elisha Weathers	Rusty Callaway
Edward Telfair	01 Oct 2012	John Alexander Dana	Matthias Firestone	Roger Warren Coursey
	03 Nov 2012	John Heard Clements	James Wilson	Roger Warren Coursey
	07 Nov 2012	Daniel Edward Hanlon, III	Rufus Rose	Roger Warren Coursey
	27 Nov 2012	David Moore Thomas	George Freeman	Roger Warren Coursey
	28 Dec 2012	Dean Todd Peterson	William Peterson	Roger Warren Coursey
Joe Early	02 Nov 2012	George Lexton Bramlett	Zoath Spooner	David Neal Spooner
	05 Nov 2012	William Bird Dismuke	Philemon Bird	Kenneth Neal Spooner

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	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
John Collins	10 Oct 2012	Walter Lamar Cheatham, III	William McGuire	Larry Thomas Guzy
	01 Nov 2012	Andrew Kirby Seger	William Colvin	Larry Thomas Guzy
	02 Nov 2012	William Joseph Reese	Samuel Reid	Larry Thomas Guzy
	02 Nov 2012	George Patrick Marion Reese	Samuel Reid	Larry Thomas Guzy
	03 Nov 2012	L. Chandler Vreeland	Drewry Allen	Larry Thomas Guzy
	27 Nov 2012	Jonathan Nicholas Snyder	Abram Hoyt	Larry Thomas Guzy
	27 Nov 2012	Richard Edward Hoyt	Abram Hoyt	Larry Thomas Guzy
Jos. Habersham	28 Dec 2012	Caden Hunter Kipps	Edward Blackshear	William Hughes Raper
	28 Dec 2012	Harrison Davis Brown	Edward Blackshear	William Hughes Raper
	28 Dec 2012	Cory Edward Brown	Edward Blackshear	William Hughes Raper
	28 Dec 2012	Preston Edward Brown	Edward Blackshear	William Hughes Raper
	28 Dec 2012	Edward Blackshear Brown, Jr.	Edward Blackshear	William Hughes Raper
Marquis de Lafayette	10 Oct 2012	William Richard Lechner	Joseph Bullard	David George Jessel
Marshes of Glynn	07 Nov 2012	John Elemuel Barnhill	George Dame	Robert Hudson Lear
	07 Nov 2012	Ethan Hunter Barnhill	George Dame	Robert Hudson Lear
	07 Nov 2012	George Franklin Barnhill	George Dame	Robert Hudson Lear
	07 Nov 2012	George Elemuel Barnhill	George Dame	Robert Hudson Lear
Piedmont	03 Nov 2012	Clifton Wade Bush	James Bush	Robert Alvyn Sapp
	07 Nov 2012	William Thomas Brannen, Jr.	Henry Downs	Richard Averill Paine
	11 Dec 2012	Thomas John Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
	11 Dec 2012	Sean Patrick Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
	11 Dec 2012	Timothy Michael Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
	11 Dec 2012	Robert Wilson Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
	11 Dec 2012	Dexter John Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
	11 Dec 2012	Daniel Dexter Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
	11 Dec 2012	Miles David Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
	11 Dec 2012	Ryan Thomas Reardon	Simeon Cutler	RobertWilson Reardon
Samuel Elbert	11 Dec 2012	Philip Sanford Butler	Patrick Butler	James Larry Wilson
	11 Dec 2012	Charles Bernard Heard	William Dunaway	James Larry Wilson
Valdosta	03 Oct 2012	Donald Keith Everett	Christian Inabinet	Michael Maxwell Black
William Few	01 Nov 2012	Steven Walter Brown	Richard Brown	Russell Kenneth Brown
Wiregrass	05 Nov 2012	Albert Martin Smith, II	Joseph Sumner	Fred Darwin Womack
Total: 70				

Way to Go Chapters!



In Memory of

Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

Our Compatriots

2012



Georgia Society Deceased Members January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Dr. Charles D. Hudson	86463	LaGrange	20 Jan 2012
William HP Shiver	172239	Marshes of Glynn	21 Feb 2012
Guyton B. McCall, LTC	134211	Atlanta	22 Feb 2012
Holton S. King	148926	Joseph Habersham	25 Feb 2012
Davis R. Watson, Jr.	147870	Coweta Falls	16 Mar 2012
John D. McLeod III	182947	Wiregrass	16 Mar 2012
James William Bartlett, Jr.	148386	Coweta Falls	02 May 2012
William Grant Mitchell, Jr.	150248	Casimir Pulaski	08 Apr 2012
William Emil Nichols	166602	Atlanta	30 Apr 2012
Thomas Malin Rodgers, Jr.	156720	Atlanta	20 Apr 2012
Thomas Edward Senf	88072	Lyman Hall	06 Apr 2012
Raymond William White, Sr.	167702	Marshes of Glynn	22 May 2012
Sion D Bass, Jr.	154450	Piedmont	20 Jun 2012
Donald Alexander McArthur,	180014	Four Rivers Patriots	28 Jun 2012
Jack Thomas Hutchinson	82899	Cherokee	14 Jul 2012
Alfred Murray McAfee, Jr.	183730	Piedmont	15 Jul 2012
Andy Edwin Blalock	174654	Edward Telfair	02 Aug 2012
Charles Moore Wallace	160248	LaGrange	26 Aug 2012
Richard Lester Pope	136518	Coweta Falls	30 Aug 2012
Richard Eugene Kelly	134486	Coweta Falls	11 Oct 2012
Gilbert Leon McKinstry	159338	Coweta Falls	22 Oct 2012
James David Mills	166429	John Milledge	31 Oct 2012
William Cecil McCullough	137664	Atlanta	11 Nov 2012
Russell McKinley Johnson, Jr.	161113	Ocmulgee	21 Nov 2012
Ted Ray Spivey	169694	Marshes of Glynn	07 Dec 2012
Robert Roland Parker	157902	Piedmont	12 Dec 2012
Claud Ashley McCann Madray	150860	Altamaha	17 Dec 2012
William Fredric Fowler	174168	Joel Early	21 Dec 2012



Gone but not forgotten



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Veterans Day



Georgia Society Color Guard at the Georgia State Capital for the Governor's signing of the Veterans Day Proclamation and medal presentation to Commissioner Pete Wheeler on November 8, 2013.



L to R Robert Cruthirds, Pete Wheeler and James Stallings

On November 8, 2012 Commissioner Pete Wheeler, Director of Veterans Affairs for Georgia was presented with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his long service to Georgia Veterans. Making the presentation were Compatriots Robert Cruthirds, Chairman of the GASSAR Veterans Affairs Committee and James Stallings, Sr. Vice President.

Vann's Creek

"Most people think nothing ever happened where they are," historian Ann Lee Caldwell

told a gathering on December 1, 2012.

"But all history is local," she told the crowd of about 50 at Richard B. Russell State Park in Elbert County, Ga. "It all connects. And this small battle in the backcountry became a link in the chain of events that founded America."

Caldwell, a history professor at Augusta State University and a specialist in colonial history, was the keynote speaker at a commemoration of the Feb. 11, 1779, Battle of Vann's Creek. The battle saw a patriot force of about 100 men commanded by South Carolinian Robert Anderson oppose the crossing of the Savannah River by an estimated 800-man force of loyalists from the South Carolina upcountry.



Members of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard stand at attention while a salute is being fired at a commemoration of the Battle of Vann's Creek.

Marking little-known battles such as that at Vann's Creek serves an especially important purpose in today's world, according to Steve Pittard, Vice President General of the Southeast District of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, who attended the ceremony Saturday.

"Very little of the period is taught in our schools these days," Pittard said, "little about why the people fought and what they fought for, little about our founding documents. This is why the Sons of the American Revolution has taken up the challenge of doing it."

Color Guard Awards Luncheon

The Color Guard Awards Luncheon was held in early January. Fifty-two Guardsmen and guests attended. Receiving Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals were Compatriots David Martin, Roscoe McMillan and Ed Rigel, Sr. Honor Guard certificates for attending 100 Color Guard events went to Compatriots John Mortison, Ted Smith and Bobby Towns.



Larry Guzy being presented the Senior Honor Guard Certificate by Commander Ed Rigel, Sr.

A Senior Honor Guard Certificate for attending 200 events was presented to Compatriot Larry Guzy. Joan Rigel was presented the Camp Followers Award.

Compatriot Don Thomas, Sr., was named Rookie of the Year in a presentation by the 2011 Rookie of the Year, Allen Greenly.



Allen Greenly being presented the Order of the Purple Finger by Commander Ed Rigel, Sr.

Compatriot Greenly was then presented an award of his own for his continued dedication to the Color Guard despite severe physical impairment. Compatriot Greenly declined to elaborate on his injury, and understandably so, for he had strategically placed a finger where it could be crushed by a closing trunk lid. For this act of heroism (??), Compatriot Greenly was presented the Award of Demerit – Order of the Purple Finger complete with Certificate and Trophy.

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Jack Ferguson receiving the Order of the Bent Wrist with Oak Leaf Clusters by Commander Ed Rigel, Sr.

Not to be outdone, Compatriot Jack Ferguson received his own Award of Demerit. Compatriot Ferguson tripped over a crack in the sidewalk, not once, but twice, first breaking his wrist (and maybe his back) and then a finger preparatory to participating in Color Guard events. For his feats, Compatriot Ferguson was presented the Order of the Bent Wrist with Oak Leaf Cluster that included a splint for the next time.

It was pay-back time for former Color Guard Commander Prescott, the initiator of the gag award. When he passed the reins of Color Guard Commander to Compatriot Rigel two years ago, he also passed on, and got out of his house, an old "Barnes" Georgia State Flag with the suggestion that it might be used for a gag award. Careful what you ask for Compatriot Prescott, recipient of the "Ol' Ugly Award" for most U.S. Flags retired such award consisting of a Certificate and a non-cash award of guess what!



Milus Bruce Maney receiving the Militiaman of the Year Award from outgoing Militia Commander Jay Guest.

Compatriot Jay Guest, retiring as Commander of the Elijah Clark Militia, was recognized for his years of service in that position. Compatriot Guest then presented the Militiaman of the Year trophy to Compatriot Bruce Maney.



Commander Ed Rigel, Sr. (L) presenting Don Ray Thomas the Commanders Award with Milus Bruce Maney looking on.

Awards concluded with the presentation of the Commanders Award for exceptional attitude, helpfulness, and participation in events in and outside the activities of the Color Guard to Compatriot Don Thomas, Sr. Commander Rigel brought the proceedings to a close with his Year in Review Slide Show which highlighted the many activities of the Color Guard and poked fun at the many who deserved it.

[Eagle Scout Scholarship](#)

The 2012 Eagle Scout Scholarship Award was presented to Eagle Scout Kyle Mercer from Troop 353, sponsored by the Burnt Hickory Baptist Church in Powder Springs, Georgia at the Annual Banquet.



L to R Treasurer General Brock, Eagle Scout Scholarship Award Winner Kyle Mercer, President Ed Rigel, Sr. and Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Bill Coffeen

[Kyle Mercer's Winning Essay](#)

Prison Ships of the Revolutionary War "Rebels, turn out your dead!"

American prisoners during the Revolutionary War, housed in abandoned warships, woke each morning to this command by their jailers. Some of the prisoners were captured in battle. A few were arrested for serving on American controlled privateers. One-third were imprisoned for simply

refusing to swear an oath of allegiance to the Crown. These notorious warships, sixteen in all, were kept in the waters near New York Harbor. More Americans - over 11,000 - died on these floating dens of vermin, pestilence, and hunger than died in battle.

The worst of these prison ships was the Old Jersey. Stripped of all ornamentation and rigging, her dark and dirty appearance echoed the death and despair within. Nicknamed "Hell" by her inmates, she housed over 1,000 men at any one time. While the prisoners were allowed above board during the day, at dusk they were forced down into the bowels of the ship by the point of a bayonet. Unanswered pleas for water wailed throughout the night. Yellow fever, small pox, and dysentery raged through the ship, greedily taking their full share of victims. Derangement, brought on by disease or the crushing confines of the crowded lower deck, turned the soldiers into mad men, driven wild with despair. Every night, a dozen or so men died, their corpses thrown onto the surrounding mud flats each morning. According to Thomas Andros, a survivor of the Old Jersey, it was common to lie down next to a man in the evening, only to wake up beside a corpse. General Washington in a letter to Lord Howe, the chief of British forces, called the prison ships "cruel and unjustifiable" and called for relief. His letter went unanswered.

There were a few ways off the prison ships. A handful of prisoners had sufficient funds to buy their way off. Limited prisoner exchanges existed between the Americans and the Redcoats - officer for officer, soldier for soldier. The British dangled an enticing offer in front of the suffering men. Any prisoner promising to join the British forces would be released immediately from the confines of the prison ships and turned over to serve in the Royal Navy. Love of our fledgling country prevailed, though. While a few prisoners did accept the British offer of freedom in return for service, most chose loyalty to the cause of freedom. Their departure from the prison ships came by death.

On July 4th, 1782, with the war's end in sight, the emaciated prisoners of Old Jersey celebrated their new nation. The outraged British guards, unable to silence their captives' joy, lashed out, hacking and wounding every prisoner within reach. Forcing the bloody, battered men down into the lower deck, the guards locked the hatch, leaving the men to suffer and perish.

Many died that night in the depths of Old Jersey, but their unrelenting spirit and belief in liberty remain a beacon to our nation's quest for independence.

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Athens

2012 Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation

The Athens Chapter sponsored a most successful 2012 Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation at the Milledgeville Country Club in Milledgeville, Georgia on Saturday, December 29, 2012. Twelve lovely young ladies were presented to the Society by their fathers. Presented were: Stephanie Brooke Bailey, Lauren Taylor Bailey, Kindl Lynne Chewning, Anna Melisa Dooley, Lily Elizabeth Garnett, Lauren Elizabeth Hawthorne, Margaret Alaina Johnson, Melinda Kathryn Johnson, Mary Hannah Lanphier, Sara Ellen Moe, Carter Elizabeth Moore, and April Victoria Toney.

Dignitaries in attendance were NSSAR President General Stephen A. Leishman and First Lady Janet; South Atlantic District Vice President General George Steven Pittard and his lady, Judith; Registrar General J. Michael Tomme and his lady Cilla; Dr. T. Rex Legler, Past Vice President General, Central District and his lady April; Mrs. Virginia Grace Linglebach, State Regent, Georgia State Society NSDAR; Mrs. Charles N. Garnett (Amanda), Senior State President, Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution; and Mrs. Robert F. Towns (Robin), National President, National Society Southern Dames of America, and Chairman, Debutante Presentation.

James Stallings, Senior Vice President Georgia Society SAR brought greetings on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. COL Joseph B. Neighbors, III, President, Athens Chapter brought greetings on behalf of the Athens Chapter.

COL Robert Towns, NSSAR Inspector General and Athens Chapter Registrar served as Emcee for the evening.

Dr. Mark H. Pelton, Associate Vice President, Georgia College served as Debutante Herald.

Compatriot William G. Neely, III and his lady, Kay, were sponsors for the Milledgeville Country Club. J. Michael

Tomme served as Grand Marshall. Serving as Pages were Abby Garnett, Emily Garnett, and Olivia Pelton. The Highland Color Guard, consisting of Compatriots Jackson Guest, Virgil Palmer, William Galt, and Kirby Towns, all in magnificent traditional Scottish dress, did a fine job of presenting the Colors.

Dedicated ladies and gentlemen served on the Colonial Ball Committee. Included were: Music, Amelia Pelton; Decorations, Camille Baxter, Compatriot Christopher W. Carter, Compatriot Jackson Wesley Guest, and Robin Towns; Bouquets, Cilla Leed Tomme. Compatriot Larry Guzy, and his lady, Karin prepared the lovely corsages and boutonnières.

After their presentation, the Debutantes danced the traditional first dance with their Presenters and then with their Escorts.

The remainder of the evening was filled with a sumptuous buffet supper and dancing to the music of the Harmony Road Band. A wonderful time was had by all, and even before the evening ended, plans were being made for the Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation for 2014.



Debutantes Presented at 2012 Georgia Colonial Ball
Front row (L to R): Mary Hannah Lanphier, Brooke Bailey, Carter Moore, Millie Johnson, Melisa Dooley, Maggie Johnson; Back row (L to R): Sarah Moe, Lily Garnett, Lauren Bailey, First Lady Janet Leishman, President General Stephen Leishman, April Toney, Kindl Chewning, Lauren Hawthorne.

Blue Ridge Mountains

The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter closed out 2012 with a "Bang". The highlight event of the year was conducted on October 13, i.e. the marking and dedication of the grave of Peter G. Ledford, Sr. in rural Clay County NC. This was by far the largest attended event conducted by the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter in the 12 years since the chartering of the Chapter. Approximately 110 SAR, DAR and Ledford family members were present.

The Clay County Commissioner Stephen "Doc" Sellers presented a Proclamation to Bobby Ledford, a decent, naming October

13th as Peter G. Ledford, Sr. Day in Clay County.



The Georgia Society Color Guard attended in "full force". There was musket firing, bugle blowing, a bagpiper, a biographical sketch of Pvt. Ledford read by Megan Cook, a descendant, etc. This event received great coverage in the National SAR Magazine.



Chapter Secretary, David Cook, represented the Chapter as part of the Georgia Society Color Guard at the annual Kings Mountain and at the Battle of Savannah celebrations.

The November event was the annual Reception for Veterans in residence at one of the County nursing facilities. This year's event was held on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, at the Heritage Healthcare of Blue Ridge, GA. Special, personalized Certificates of Appreciation were presented to 14 Veterans. A Flag Certificate was presented to the Home, recognizing their proper flying of the American Flag.

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The Chapter's Traveling Trunk was on display in the Union County Court House in Blairsville, GA. The basic "Trunk" was purchased by the Chapter and many other items have been added.

The Chapter closed out 2012 with the presentation of three Public Service Medals and Certificates. The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate was presented to Captain Rob Stuart of the Blue Ridge, GA Police Department at a ceremony in the Department Headquarters on Monday, December 10, 2012. The presentation was made by Chapter President Terry E. Legg and James Ivy, Local Representative.



L to R Lonnie Oliver, David Cook and Jay Craig

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate was presented to Fire Fighter Michael Cornelius.



L to R David Cook, Jay Craig and Michael Cornelius

The Emergency Medical Service Medal and Certificate was presented to Retired Director Lonnie Oliver. Both awards were presented at the Department's Awards Banquet and Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13, 2012. The Awards were presented by Terry Legg, Chapter President, David Cook, Chapter Secretary and James Ivy, Local Representative.

All three Awards received full coverage in the *News Observer*, Fannin County's oldest and leading newspaper; the Fire and EMS presentations in full color.

At their January 15, 2013 Chapter meeting, the Chapter installed the 2013 slate of officers. They are: David Ray Cook – President; Dr. Jacob S. Craig, III – Vice President; David Cook – Secretary (until June); Sidney Dubose Turner – Treasurer; Bruce M. Maney – Registrar; David C. Anderson – Chaplain – Joseph B. McConnell – Sgt. at Arms. The induction ceremony was conducted by Dr. Ed Rigel, President of the Georgia Society.

Button Gwinnett

As part of a fundraiser for the Louisiana State Museum in New Orleans, Michael N. Henderson, president of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Georgia Society SAR spoke to an audience of historians and researchers who gathered for "A Records Review: Colonial Documents Going Digital." The event was held to raise awareness and \$1.5 million to support the museum's Colonial Documents Digitization and Online Publication Project. This multi-year effort to preserve the records' contents for all posterity will, once complete, enable unprecedented access to the archive by researchers from around the globe.

President Henderson shared how he utilized the colonial records, along with other resources, to locate documents to complete his SAR application package and was inducted into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution in 2010. "I stand as a living memorial of the importance of making these valuable documents available and accessible to a broad audience," said Henderson. His patriot ancestor's story was captured in a segment of the PBS program, "History Detectives," titled the "The Galvez Papers."

"My hope is that others from around the country and the world will be able to access these documents and themselves make a connection to their Revolutionary War ancestors, particularly those who served in colonial Louisiana," he added.

The records of the French Superior Council (1714-1769) and Spanish Judiciary (1769-1803) comprise the bulk of the Louisiana State Museum's colonial documents collection and are the oldest non-sacramental records in the entire Mississippi Valley. The 70,000 court cases and notarial agreements (about 220,000 pages) tell thousands of individual stories, which, taken together, document the daily life of Louisiana's first permanent European and African inhabitants, as well as aspects of their relations with allied and enemy Native tribes. The archive is a national treasure that contains an abundance of information for

historians and researchers studying the Atlantic World and Louisiana's colonial period.



Claud Brunet, counsel General of France and Michael Henderson, President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

Among the approximately 125 guests in attendance at the event was the Consul General of France in New Orleans, Jean-Claude Brunet. The event was supported by the Louisiana Historical Society, the Louisiana Museum Foundation, Friends of the Cabildo, and the Louisiana Travel and Tourism Department. To assist with contributions for this preservation project, contact The Louisiana Museum Foundation at [504.558.0493](tel:504.558.0493) or www.thelmf.org.

See local WWL-TV News about Project Centuries-old colonial documents go digital here:
<http://tinyurl.com/a58mnxp>

See here link to PBS segment: the Galvez Papers. <http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/investigation/galvez-papers/>

Captain John Collins

On a beautiful afternoon in late fall, members of the Georgia Society's Captain John Collins Chapter gathered on the football field at Shiloh Hills Christian School not to cheer on the team but to recognize a hero.

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The compatriots were there to honor Adam Smothers, a member of the football team, and to present him with the SAR Medal for Heroism.



L to R Wayne Brown, Adam Smothers and Larry Guzy

A few months earlier, Adam, just seventeen at the time, stepped forward while vacationing in Panama City Beach, Florida, and rescued two men caught in a rip tide and in desperate need of help. Hearing a voice off shore screaming for help and without any thought for his own safety, Adam swam out to help the man. While helping the victim to shore, he heard a second voice calling for help. With the first man safely out of the water, Adam went out to rescue the second man, who now was passing in and out of consciousness. The current shifted and Adam was able to lead him too safely to shore. Through this act of bravery and courage, Adam Smothers exhibited the very characteristics of those patriots who established the United States of America.

Coweta Falls

The final quarter of the calendar found the Coweta Falls Chapter fully engaged in several community patriotic events and educational outreach. The local SAR was really on parade in November.

Chapter members, including Bill Hay, Dan McMichael, John McCutcheon, Chuck Hall, Jr., Eric Hall, and member-in-waiting, Roy Collier along with C.A.R. member Taylor Hay, all in uniform, as well as chapter members Neil Gillis and Alvin Eubanks, participated in Veterans Day parades in Manchester, GA on November 3 and in Columbus, GA on November 10. They were widely noticed and commented on by the public. John, Dan, and Roy walked part of the parade route in Columbus so they could



greet the on-lookers with a hand shake.

The Chapter educational outreach group with Traveling Trunk went to five elementary schools and brought the Revolutionary War era alive for 509 students. Participants included Bill Hay, David Fox, John McCutcheon and Neil Gillis. President Hugh Rodgers represented the Coweta Falls Chapter with a wreath presentation at the Fort Morris commemoration on November 17th.



Registrar General Michael Tomme presents Dr. Francis Bonner with a 50-year Membership Certificate, Pin and Emeritus Member Certificate.

The chapter concluded the year's activities with a well-attended Christmas Banquet on December 10. Guests included GASSAR Senior Vice President James Stallings and NSSAR Registrar-General Michael Tomme. Chapter charter member Dr. Francis Bonner received his 50-Year Membership Certificate and Pin and Registrar-General Tomme presented Dr. Bonner with his Emeritus Member Certificate. Members and guests enjoyed an excellent program of Colonial and Early American Music presented by Thornton Jordan, Linda Franklin, and Jeanette Jasper performing on hammered dulcimer, guitar, and mandolin.



Dan McMichael and Roy Collier participated in The Vigil at Mt. Vernon on Sept. 8th. The photo shows them being "relieved of duty" at the tomb of Gen. George and Martha Washington.

Joel Early

The Joel Early Chapter elected officers for the 2013 year at our meeting on January 19th. The newly elected officers are as follows:

Benton W. (Buddy) Roberts, Jr. - President
 Kenneth N. Spooner - Vice President
 David N. Spooner - Secretary/Treasurer
 Thomas E. Peters - Registrar
 Lee C. Penhallegon - Chaplain

Joseph Habersham



Patriots win again, and again and again, that is. The 8th grade girls basketball team of the Captain Hillard A. Wilbanks Middle School finished with a perfect 13-0 season and the area championship. The school is named in honor of Captain Hillard A. Wilbanks, a Medal of Honor recipient and a memorial member of the Joseph Habersham Chapter.

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Ocmulgee

On 17 November a grave Marking Ceremony honoring Patriot Amos Latham was held at Bosque Bella Cemetery in Fernandina Beach, FL. The event was sponsored by the Amelia Island Chapter FLSDAR. Ocmulgee Chapter President and GASSAR Sr. Vice President James Stallings, Sr. represented both, with a wreath presentation, as he brought greetings from GASSAR President Ed Rigel and the members of the Society.



L to R James E. Stallings, Sr., Marion Francis "Hank" Clark, and James Stallings, Jr.

Compatriot Marion Francis "Hank" Clark, center, is a descendant of Patriot Amos Latham. Compatriot Jim Stallings, Jr., right, is the son of President Stallings and Son-in-law of "Hank" Clark.



On 15 December 2012 Ocmulgee Chapter President James E. Stallings, Sr. reads a Proclamation from NSSAR President Stephen Lieshman in support of Wreaths Across America during a ceremony held at the Andersonville, GA National Cemetery.

Ocmulgee Chapter Past President and GASSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Robert Cruthirds (on left) and Ocmulgee Chapter President James E. Stallings, Sr. took



the opportunity for a photo at the memorial grave marker, in the Andersonville, GA National Cemetery, for Jeremiah Henry Dupree, VA Militia, a Revolutionary War Patriot whose remains lie in an unmarked grave in Pulaski Co., GA.

Piedmont

On December 20, 2012, members of the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented a special Christmas program to the patients of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Community Living Center. Patients at the VA facility are veterans who for many different reasons are housed and cared for in a nursing home environment. There were approximately 23 patients who attended the presentation.



L to R Bill Kabel, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond and Jared Ogden

Four members of the Chapter's Color Guard, dressed in their Revolutionary War officer uniforms, each presented a portion of, "A Revolutionary Christmas," a 25 minute power point presentation, with narrative, that tells what Christmas was like in the Colonial period. Among its topics are: the history of Christmas; the "Twelve Days of Christmas;" and the development of Christmas traditions, to include the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, mistletoe, decorating, gift giving, and Christmas day activities. The presentation ended with a discussion of the Christmas of 1776 when Gen. Washington and his army crossed the Delaware to rout German

mercenaries at Trenton, New Jersey. The presentation was capped off with the entire group joining together to sing two Christmas carols of the Colonial era.

Bill Kabel, a member of the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard who represents the SAR on the VA Voluntary Services Council, researched and wrote the presentation, and coordinated with the VA for its presentation. L to R Jared Ogden, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott



and Bill Kabel

While the group visited the VA facilities they observed the permanent display of World War I family military memorabilia that was recently donated to the VA by Compatriot George Thurmond. The display which is located at the main Hospital entrance, across from the Information Desk, includes a uniform jacket, Induction Notice, medals, letter home, and a unit picture.

Samuel Elbert

On December 6th, 2012, the new officers of the Samuel Elbert Chapter were installed by Sr. Vice President James Stallings, Sr.

The program was presented by Milus Bruce Maney, the Northeast Regional Vice President concerning one of the 30 forts of Wilkes County - Fort McClusky.

Compatriot Maney, while studying his family genealogy, had found a document in the Georgia Archives from the Revolutionary War written by General Elijah Clarke. General Clarke wrote of an Indian attack, during which horses were stolen from Fort McCluskey on the Broad River. Compatriot Maney said the river stretches 70 miles, so the location of the fort based on that description is vague. But he was better able to narrow the location with another document he found in the Georgia Archives. Part of Madison County was originally part of Wilkes County formed from the Ceded Lands in 1774 by the Cherokee and Creek Indians, and one report shows over 30 forts (most of these are not located now-lost).

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A present study by archeologist Dan Elliott on the location of Carr's Fort, about 2-5 miles from Kettle Creek, is attempting to locate Carr's Fort and hopefully will begin locating the other lost forts of original Wilkes County, which would include Elbert County, Lincoln County, Oglethorpe County, and parts of Warren County, Taliferro County, Oglethorpe County, Hart County, Green and McDuffie Counties.

Forts were built to protect the settlers from hostile attacks from Indians and Tories who supported the British. (Washington, Georgia was originally Heard's Fort-named after John Heard and sons Stephen and Barnard.)

Please meet the new officers of the Samuel Elbert Chapter.



Left to Right
 Starke Jaudon - Sargent at Arms
 Tommy Starrett - Treasurer
 Tom Cade Smith - Historian
 Gene Burton - Secretary
 Joel Seymour- Vice President
 Dr. Jack Bozeman - Chaplain
 Jim Loyd - President
 Larry Richardson - Registrar (missing from photo)

Sons of Liberty

The Sergeant-at-Arms, Chris Boyce, from the Sons of Liberty Chapter took a Saturday off to offer his expertise and taught several folks a little bit about gun safety. Most of the folks had never fired a gun before. With the increased interest in home defense and purchase of weapons for the home, This is a great service that was provided. Chris also gave each participant some documentation on Gun Safety.



In the first picture above, Raleigh Abbott has enlisted in the Army and getting some exposure and education of firing different weapons and proper Gun Safety will be an asset to him as he enters basic training after the first of the year. Sometime in 2013, we will be having a chapter outing at a local firing range and teach members how to load and shoot a flintlock weapon. This should be fun and educational. Thank you Chris Boyce.



During this time we had ample time to fire the 1750 replica of a blunderbuss flint-lock pistol and our chapter's Charleville musket. We're hoping to purchase a second one early in 2013 so it will complete the equipment needed for a fully equipped color guard for the chapter.

William Few

The William Few chapter held its annual Christmas banquet and meeting in Augusta on Dec. 4 with twenty members and guests present. GASSAR President Ed Rigel and Mrs. Rigel were guests of honor. Chapter officers for the coming year were elected. They are William Colbert, president; Richard Noegel, vice president; Albert Beveridge, secretary-treasurer; David Titus, chaplain; and Alton McCloud, registrar.

The chapter board of managers met on January 15. A tentative schedule of events

and activities for 2013 was approved. The next quarterly meeting will be on March 25. Compatriot Noegel will be the featured speaker with a presentation on the "Hermione Replica." Hermione was the frigate on which Gen. LaFayette returned to America in 1780.

Report From The

George Washington Fellows



George Thurmond

I have indicated to President Rigel, my desire to resign from the board effective January 26, 2013 to make room for someone else to serve on the Board. During the past four years we have been able to grow the Georgia Fellows by 40 new members and \$10,000. Of this, \$7,100 has been spent on a number of new initiatives benefiting all chapters in the society. This is a great credit to all 72 members who have contributed \$250 to the Fund.

Georgia Fellow activity included providing copies of our graves publication and SAR member medallions to each chapter along with Revolutionary Flag bookmarks. Some chapters participated in stipends made available for the purchase of PA systems and Traveling Trunks. Wounded Warrior coins, a set up package for a tent and a power point projector added to the activity. Stipends for Color Guard uniforms added 10 new members to the award winning Georgia Society Color Guard.

Still, we finished the year with a balance of \$6442 and stand ready to fund unfunded or underfunded activity of the Georgia Society. Visit Source Book 23.5.1 to further understand this program and, if you are not one of the 72 Fellows, please consider becoming one. As you can see, this money has been put to good use that will serve us well in the future.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the board for the past four years and I appreciate all the support provided to this important program.

Geo.



*A Special Article of Interest
Access to Cemetery Sites on
Private Land.*

2013-2014 Regular Session - HB 133

**Property easements; rights of way across private land for the purpose of
access to cemetery sites**

First Reader Summary

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property
12 easements, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

13 "ARTICLE 2A

14 44-9-30.

15 As used in this article, the term:

16 (1) 'Cemetery' means a place dedicated to and used for permanent interment or
17 inurnment of human remains and may consist of a burial park for earth interments, a
18 mausoleum for vault or crypt interments, a columbarium for inurnments, or other similar
19 structures.

20 (2) 'Descendant' means a person or group of persons related to a human by blood or
21 adoption in accordance with Title 19.

22 (3) 'Family member' means a spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, or grandchild.
23 44-9-31.

24 (a) Owners of private property on which a cemetery is located shall grant access to such
25 cemetery to:

26 (1) Any family member or descendant of any deceased person whose remains lie within
27 the cemetery;

28 (2) Any owner of the cemetery; or

29 (3) Any person responsible for maintenance of the cemetery.

30 (b) Access to such cemetery shall include ingress, egress, and regress, but only for the
31 limited purposes of maintaining the cemetery for its intended use, honoring persons buried
32 at the cemetery site, or conducting genealogical research.

33 (c) A landowner granting access pursuant to this article may supervise ingress and egress
34 across the property.

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35 44-9-32.

36 (a) Any person seeking access across private land pursuant to Code Section 44-9-31 shall
37 provide to the landowner prior notice of intent to enter the land.

38 (b) Prior notice of intent to enter must be received by the landowner at least 14 days prior
39 to the proposed date of entry; provided, however, that if the landowner is a utility provider,
40 notice must be received at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of entry. Upon receiving
41 proper notice, the landowner shall allow access on the proposed date or on any other date
42 agreeable to both parties.

43 (c) No landowner shall be required to grant access under Code Section 44-9-31 if:

44 (1) Prior notice under this Code section is not given;

45 (2) Public access to the cemetery site is otherwise available;

46 (3) The person seeking access is able to reach the cemetery site by way of his or her own
47 land; or

48 (4) The requested access is unreasonable with regard to hour, duration, or manner of
49 travel across the land.

50 44-9-33.

51 A landowner who grants access pursuant to this article shall be immune from civil liability
52 for damage and injuries which may arise from such access, provided that the conduct of the
53 landowner does not constitute gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

54 44-9-34.

55 (a) If a private landowner denies access to a cemetery in violation of this article, such
56 violation shall constitute a private nuisance; and any person injured thereby is authorized
57 to seek, in the superior court with proper jurisdiction, an injunction enjoining such
58 landowner's further violation of this article.

59 (b) An action for injunction brought pursuant to this Code section may be maintained
60 notwithstanding the existence of other legal remedies.

61 (c) A landowner who continues to deny access after a court has given notice to abate
62 pursuant to this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

63 **SECTION 2.**

64 Code Section 36-72-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permits required
65 for developing land on which a cemetery is located, is amended as follows:

66 "36-72-4.

67 No owner or occupier of land shall knowingly disturb any known cemetery, burial ground,
68 human remains, or burial object shall be knowingly disturbed by the owner or occupier of
69 the land on which the cemetery or burial ground is located for the purposes of developing
70 or changing the use of any part of such land by developing, allowing livestock to graze
71 upon, or similarly interfering with such cemetery, burial ground, human remains, or burial
72 object unless a permit is first obtained from the governing authority of the municipal
73 corporation or county wherein the cemetery or burial ground is located, which shall have
74 authority to permit such activity except as provided in Code Section 36-72-14."

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