



The

# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch



Robert A. Sapp

Oct—Dec, 2011

president's goal of 40 chapters.

The Society added two digital presentations programs to enable application preparation and to present a genealogy workshop containing overview tools to garner interest in SAR membership. The Chapter Registrar presentation was made as a training aid for chapter registrars at the 2011 annual conference. The genealogy workshop was presented at Sandersville to facilitate a new chapter formation. The workshop is scheduled to be presented in March at Roswell and arrangements are being made to present it in Cumming.

through a cost matching subsidy plan. In similar manner a cost subsidy program was instituted in order that chapters may obtain a portable PA system to use in outdoor programs and events. And as the society cherishes the longevity of their members, their earthly departure is honorably recognized by presenting to the family a "Compatriot Memorial Medallion" to be affixed to the compatriot's final resting place. Each of the 31 chapters was provided with a "Compatriot Memorial Medallion" to be used at memorial services. These noted programs were funded by the Georgia Fellows Fund that provide means to enhance the Society's presence in the community.

As the year draws to a close, we tend to look back and determine what has been accomplished during the year. This is the last "Hornet's Nest" article that I, as Georgia Society President, write and I make a quick review of the Georgia Society's accomplishments for the year 2011.

There were two challenges made at the annual Society conference in February. The first was for each chapter to make at least one Flag Certificate presentation. As of this writing, the challenge was not met. The second was for every member to bring into the Society a new member, thereby increasing the Society's membership to 2500. Although this was a large challenge, the reinstatement of members and addition of new members grew the Society's membership to over 1500 and added two new chapters toward the past

The year began with a large backlog of pended applications. To focus on clearing the backlog, two assistant Registrars were appointed to provide primary effort to reduce the number of pended applications. This effort provided a direct connection with the applicant to determine the documentation required to complete the approval. In some cases due to the complexity of the lineage and supporting documentation the application had to be withdrawn. The Society's pended applications have been significantly reduced.

The Society instituted several novel programs to enhance chapter outreach programs. The "Traveling Trunk" instituted by Terry Manning, Education Committee chair, contained a visual display of Colonial artifacts as teaching media. The concept was expanded by offering a trunk with basic content to each chapter at a reduced cost

The Georgia Society Color Guard has two areas of activities. The Society activity embraces grave markings and state commemorative events where various guardsmen from each chapter gather to celebrate. The local chapter guardsmen activities cover class room presentations, speakers bureau talks, proclamations and civic evens. The measure of the total participation by Society guardsmen is difficult to compile and comprehend. The sixty-one state color guardsmen participated in 80 state and national events with 756 participants. That is 2 plus guardsmen participating each day of the year. Without a total participation

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

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count of the 31 chapter guardsmen it is difficult to estimate the impact the color guardsmen of the Society has on the community. The Society's National Commander, Mike Tomme was present as National Commander for first time at two events, Sycamore Shoals and Great Bridge. Guardsmen, Walker Chewning and Bruce Maney participated in the vigil watch guard activity at Commander-in-Chief George Washington's tomb in Mt. Vernon.

The Society has been honored with two Vice-Presidents General, Charlie A. Newcomer, III and Robert F. Towns. Additionally, Charlie A. Newcomer, III was recognized as a "Minuteman". Several of the Georgia Society members are chairs and members of various committees at the National Society level where they provide guidance and inspiration for programs and objectives to enhance the Society's contribution to the community and to perpetuate the remembrance of the contribution made by our patriot ancestors.

In this snapshot, I have not been able to touch on all of the various programs and activities that the Society is involved and promote. The broad spectrum of activities is one of the reasons that the Georgia Society is known as the "Award Winning Georgia Society" because each Society member is actively contributing to the goals and objectives of the Society.

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Georgia Society and I remain your most humble and obedient servant and offer my service for the ensuing year as needed.

Your humble servant,  
Robert "Bob" Sapp

**Message From the**

**Georgia  
Society  
Secretary**

**Billy  
Templeton**

**Membership**

As of 15 Dec 2011, the Georgia Society membership is **1,534**. **All compatriots should pay their 2012 dues to their chapter treasurers before 31 Dec 2011.** All compatriots not reported as paid for the 2012 year by your chapter treasurer to the State Secretary by 10 Jan 2011 are officially dropped from membership by the national society as of 31 Dec 2011. Any 2012 dues received by the State Secretary after 10 Jan 2011 will be processed as reinstatements beginning 01 Mar 2012 after all 50 states have had their opportunity to have their official 2012 membership reconciled with the national society.

**Final Words**

This is my seventh and final article as state secretary. The year 2009 in learning this job and preparing the Georgia Society database and the term as secretary for 2010 and 2011 have been very challenging. The greatest and most meaningful reward for me is my contribution to the Georgia Society. I hope the database will serve you well. If it is maintained in a professional manner, it will provide a great historical resource in years to come encompassing:

- Permanent records of all members and applicants including living, transferred, dropped and deceased

- Permanent records of all applications, patriots, spouse, child of patriot, and new applicant sponsors.
- Permanent records of all office positions held by Georgia Society members.
- Permanent records of all awards received by members at state and national level.

Someday this database may be integrated into the Georgia Society website with online updates by state officers and immediate reports to chapter officers and members with the above list of topics.

I wish you continued success in every endeavor. May God bless you and guide you in maintaining the tenets and supporting the worthy activities of the SAR.

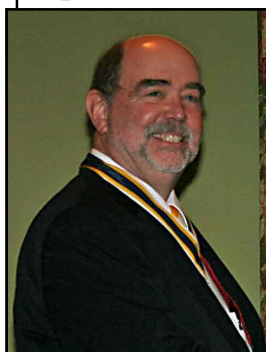
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*Report From The*



**Georgia  
Society  
Color  
Guard**

**Ed Rigel, Sr.  
Commander**



**Color Guard Schedule**

**2012 (1st Quarter)**

- 14 Jan – Daniel Morgan Statue, Spartanburg, SC, 1000 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, Larry Whitfield, Allen Greenly, Bruce Maney, George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Jr., Larry Guzy, James Stallings
- 14 Jan – Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1400 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, Larry Whitfield, Allen Greenly, Bruce Maney, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Ed Rigel, Jr., Larry Guzy, James Stallings
- 27-28 Jan – GASSAR Annual Conference, Marriott Atlanta Gwinnett Place: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Terry Manning, Ed Rigel, Jr., Larry Guzy, James Stallings
- 11 Feb – Kettle Creek Events, Washington, GA: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Jr., Paul Prescott, Larry Whitfield, Allen Greenly, Terry Manning, Bruce Maney, Larry Guzy, Bill Hay, James Stallings
- 12 Feb – Colonial Worship, Washington, GA, 0900 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Jr., Paul Prescott, Larry Whitfield, Allen Greenly, Terry Manning, Bruce Maney, Bill Hay, James Stallings
- 12 Feb – Heroes of the Hornet's Nest, Elijah Clark State Park, 1100 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Jr., Paul Prescott, Larry Whitfield, Allen Greenly, Terry Manning, Bruce Maney, James Stallings
- 18 Feb – Moore's Creek Bridge, Wilmington, NC:
- 22 Feb – Commemoration of George Washington's Birthday, Gainesville, GA, 1700 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Larry Whitfield, Allen Greenly
- 3 Mar -- Battle of Brier Creek, Sylvania, GA, 1100 hrs: Larry Wilson, Bill Ramsaur
- 2-3 March -- Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY: Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly, George Thurmond, James Stallings
- 3 March – Last Naval Battle Celebration, Merritt Island, FL:
- 10 Mar – Patriot Peoples Grave Marking sponsored by Piedmont Chapter: George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly, James Stallings
- 17 Mar – Guilford Courthouse: George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Sr., Bruce Maney, Allen Greenly, James Stallings
- 24 Mar – Col. Wm. Bratton Grave Marking sponsored by the Col. Wm. Bratton Chapter, SCSSAR, McConnellsville, SC:
- 31 Mar – Patriot Colby Smith Grave Marking, sponsored by Marshes of Glynn and Wiregrass Chapters, Washington County, GA, 1500 hrs: George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly, James Stallings



*Report From The*

**Georgia  
Society  
SAR  
Nominating  
Committee**

**J. Michael Tomme**

The following is the slate of officers as presented to the EXCOM and Board of Managers in accordance with the By-laws of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. This slate will be voted upon by the members present at the Annual Conference to be held at the Marriott Hotel, Duluth, GA on Saturday, January 28, 2012. All members present will be eligible to vote.

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<b>Michael Black</b>	

## New Members

### Georgia Society New Members Since Friday, April 1, 2011

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Altamaha</b>				
	28 Sep 2011	Alva Winfred ANTHONY	Abraham Kuykendall	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	03 Nov 2011	William Fincher PETERSON	John Peterson	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	03 Nov 2011	Hugh PETERSON, III	John Peterson	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	03 Nov 2011	Hugh PETERSON, Jr.	John Peterson	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	02 Dec 2011	Matthew Walker OXLEY, IV	Robert Smith	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	02 Dec 2011	Matthew Walker OXLEY, III	Robert Smith	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
<b>Atlanta</b>				
	02 Dec 2011	Arthur Cullen HAMMOND	Francis Nash	Thomas Fisher CRAFT
<b>Casimir Pulaski</b>				
	08 Sep 2011	Frederick Lynton KITCHENS	David Elder	Jimmy Glynn SWINSON
<b>Coweta Falls</b>				
	14 Sep 2011	Ernest Franklin KOONE, III	John Leavitt	John Edwin MCCUTCHEON
	01 Nov 2011	Charles Key KOONE	Peter Strozier	John Edwin MCCUTCHEON
	07 Nov 2011	Michael Bryan WELLS	William Babb	Jay Pernel WELLS
<b>Dalton</b>				
	07 Nov 2011	Carl Lester GENTRY, Jr.	Adam Bedenbaugh	George Dewey WRIGHT, Jr.
<b>Edward Telfair</b>				
	14 Sep 2011	Christopher John OLDFIELD	Simon Smith	Roger Warren COURSEY
	01 Nov 2011	Roger David COURSEY	James Wilson	Roger Warren COURSEY
	01 Nov 2011	Gatlyn Reed ARNSDORFF	James Wilson	Roger Warren COURSEY
	01 Nov 2011	Kayne Radley ARNSDORFF	James Wilson	Roger Warren COURSEY
	01 Nov 2011	Bryar Graham COURSEY	James Wilson	Roger Warren COURSEY
<b>Joel Early</b>				
	07 Nov 2011	William Roger LANE	Drury Roberts	David Neal SPOONER
<b>Jos. Habersham</b>				
	28 Sep 2011	Kenneth Ray DUCKETT	Georgia Rucker	William Hughes RAPER
	28 Sep 2011	David Benjamin GRIST	John Dillard	William Hughes RAPER
	04 Oct 2011	William Jordan Champion FERGUSON	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
	04 Oct 2011	Robert Andrew FERGUSON	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
	04 Oct 2011	Spencer Gregory FERGUSON	William FERGUSON	William Hughes RAPER

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Jos. Habersham continued</b>	03 Nov 2011	John Hilliard WILBANKS	Howard Cash	William Hughes RAPER
<b>Lyman Hall</b>	01 Nov 2011	Thomas Herbert HYDE	George Klock	Roscoe Drake MCMILLAN, III
	17 Nov 2011	Carter J. WOOD	Caleb Bates	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
	02 Dec 2011	Joshua Thomas Tetzloff ROBERTS	Asa Cobb	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
	02 Dec 2011	Thomas Lee ROBERTS	Asa Cobb	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>	01 Nov 2011	Caleb Charles CROSS	Frederick Hambright	David George JESSEL
	01 Nov 2011	Jeffrey David BAKER	Frederick Hambright	David George JESSEL
	01 Nov 2011	Charles Elmer BAKER, Jr.	Frederick Hambright	David George JESSEL
	17 Nov 2011	Joseph Anderson WYANT, Jr.	Joseph Kimbrough	David George JESSEL
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>	02 Nov 2011	Einar Benjamin HOFF, Jr.	Thomas Wood	Carey Leer BROCK
	04 Nov 2011	Christopher Ralph PINGEL	Joseph Hagan	Robert Hudson LEAR
	04 Nov 2011	Ralph Charles PINGEL	Joseph Hagan	Robert Hudson LEAR
<b>Mill Creek</b>	08 Sep 2011	Emory Davis FENNELL	Shadrach Standley	Fred Darwin WOMACK
<b>Ocmulgee</b>	08 Dec 2011	Robert Hugh DILLASHAW	Matthew Thompson	Malcolm Gilchrist MCPHAUL
<b>Patrick Carr Rangers</b>	28 Sep 2011	Ted CROWDER	James Morgan	Robert Bradham EDENFIELD
	02 Nov 2011	Rowland Neal DICKEY	Patrick Dickey	Frank Edward LACKMAN, Jr.
<b>Piedmont</b>	17 Nov 2011	Jared Wallace OGDEN	Daniel Ogden	Robert Alwyn SAPP
	17 Nov 2011	John-Christopher Knutson OGDEN	Daniel Ogden	Robert Alwyn SAPP
	17 Nov 2011	Jared Wallace OGDEN, II	Daniel Ogden	Robert Alwyn SAPP
	23 Nov 2011	Martin William KABEL	Matthew Brown	Robert Alwyn SAPP
	23 Nov 2011	Robert William KABEL	Matthew Brown	Robert Alwyn SAPP
<b>Sons of Liberty</b>	28 Sep 2011	Johnny Roy WEBSTER	Jacob Stever	Kendall Edward ABBOTT
	01 Nov 2011	David Arthur AUSTIN	John Austin	Kendall Edward ABBOTT
<b>Valdosta</b>	22 Nov 2011	Hunter McKee COLSON	Nathan Sweat	Michael Maxwell BLACK

**Total: 47**





# In Memory of

## Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

## Our Compatriots

# 2011



### *Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Thursday, September 1, 2011*

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Wilkerson Ward BROACH, Jr.	152831	Coweta Falls	29 Sep 2011
Milon Stone CHRISTMAN, Jr.	147417	Lyman Hall	31 Oct 2011
Ronald Everett Tripp MCCROSKY	156172	Wiregrass	10 Dec 2011
Richard Madison RAMSAUR	155918	Jos. Habersham	13 Nov 2011
Ray Shearer REGISTER	172704	Valdosta	13 Nov 2011
Edward Carl STONER	158613	Marquis de Lafayette	15 Nov 2011
Calvin Jackson WINGATE	158899	Joel Early	08 Dec 2011

**Gone but not forgotten.**



# TAKE NOTICE!

This is to Proclaim to the Citizens of Georgia  
and to Other Colonies....



## Revolutionary Days

February 10, 11 and 12, 2012

Washington,  
Georgia

and the

Kettle Creek  
Battleground

- **9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Saturday Morning, Feb. 11**  
Thirty Historical performances in Town Square, Mary Willis Library, Robert Toombs House & Washington Historical Museum. Parade will start at 11:00am at Mary Willis Library and end at Fort Washington Park. A dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek will be presented in Fort Washington Park at 11:30am.
- **3:00 p.m. Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 11**  
Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battleground includes Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Fife and Drum Music, Musket Volley and Wreath Presentations.



Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution

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## “Revolutionary Days”

Celebrating 233<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek  
Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

Friday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

- [Dr. Christine Swager, Speaker](#)

3:00PM - “Elijah Clarke’s and the Hero’s of Kettle Creek” Presentation by author, Dr. Christine Swager, Mary Willis Library, 204 E. Liberty Street, Washington

Reception For DAR & SAR

- [George Thurmond, Coordinator](#)

5:00PM– 6:30PM – Reception Wisteria Hall, 225 E. Robert Toombs Avenue, Washington.

Saturday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

[Battle of Kettle Creek Discussion To be Announced](#)

○ 8:30AM – Battle of Kettle Creek Video & Discussion by -----at Mary Willis Library, Washington

○ [Colonial Living History, Washington Wilkes SAR & Kettle Creek DAR Chapters Coordinating](#)

○ 9:00AM – 2:00PM – “Celebration of History”

✦ 9:00am – 2:00PM - Historical performances in Town Square, Mary Willis Library, Robert Toombs House & Washington Historical Museum

✦ [Parade, GASSAR Color Guard Ed Rigel, Coordinator](#)

○ 11:00AM – Parade - Assemble at Mary Willis Library, march to Town Square, end at Fort Washington Park

○ [Battlefield Skirmish, Jay Guest, Coordinator](#)

○ 11:30AM - Dramatic Portrayal of Battle of Kettle Creek in Fort Washington Park

○ [Battleground Walking Tour, Walt Andre, Presenter](#)

○ 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Battleground Walking Tours - Led by Army historians at Kettle Creek Battleground

○ [Lunch W-WHS Key Club, Lillian Crowe, Coordinator](#)

○ 11:30AM - 1:30PM – BBQ Lunch Sponsored by W-WHS Key Club, BBQ plate at Mary Willis Library, Washington

○ [Kettle Creek Memorial Ceremony, GASSAR, Bob Sapp & Ed Rigel, Coordinator](#)

○ 3:00PM- Battleground Memorial Ceremony - Pageantry at Kettle Creek Monument on War Hill, including presentation of wreaths and musket salutes

○ [Other Historical Sites](#)

10:00AM – 5:00PM Open House and Exhibits at Washington Museums--  
Washington Historical Museum, 308 E Robert Toombs Ave.  
Robert Toombs House Historic Site, 216 E Robert Toombs Ave.

- [Dinner, Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Washington Wilkes Chapter SAR, Tom Owen Coordinator](#)

6:00PM Woman's Club, 108 N. Alexander Ave, Washington, GA

Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

- [Colonial Worship Service, Roger Lamb, Coordinator](#)

9:00am - Colonial Worship Service - Sponsored by GA Society SAR Chaplaincy Corps – Phillips Mill Church, 5527 Greensboro Road, Washington, GA 30673 ( Tel: 706-678-7825)

- [Elijah Clark Memorial Service, Charlie Newcomer, Coordinator](#)

11:00am – Heroes of the Hornet’s Nest Ceremony, Elijah Clark State Park,  
2959 McCormick Highway, Lincolnton; 7 miles northeast of Lincolnton on  
U.S. Hwy. 378. (tel#706-359-3458)



“Revolutionary Days”  
 Celebrating the 233<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the  
**Battle of Kettle Creek**

**Kettle Creek Battleground Memorial Ceremony**  
**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 3:00pm**  
**Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia**

*All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, other hereditary Societies and patriotic or historical organizations are invited to attend.  
 Descendants and the public are especially welcome.*

**Submit request to participate in the Wreath Presentation no later than  
 January 21, 2012, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Office or Title of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Participate in the Color Guard: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Ed Rigel, Sr., 1504 Berkeley Court, Gainesville, GA 30501-1260; or**

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**Saturday Activities: (Details to be announced)**

- Parade and Living History Exhibits on Washington Town Square
- Black Powder Skirmish
- Walking Tours of Kettle Creek Battlefield

**Sunday Activities: (Details to be announced)**

- Colonial Worship Service Phillips Mill Baptist Church
- Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Ceremony Elijah Clarke State Park

**Georgia Society SAR, Washington-Wilkes Chapter SAR, Kettle Creek Chapter NSDAR**



## **Revolutionary Days Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Memorial Ceremony**

Elijah Clark State Park  
Lincolnton, GA  
Sunday, February 12, 2012  
11:00 am

### **Wreath Registration**

Name of Wreath Presenter \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter's e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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Send registration form by **February 6, 2012**, to

**Charlie Newcomer**—email: [canewcomer@att.net](mailto:canewcomer@att.net) or by  
regular  
mail to 1601 Spartan Lane, Athens, GA. 30606-5327.  
Telephone: 706-543-3977

**Capt. John Collins**

The Captain John Collins Chapter of the Georgia Society arranged for Patriots' Day Proclamations to be issued by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, City Council and Mayor of Kennesaw and the City Council and Mayor of Acworth.

On April 12, 2011 the Proclamation sponsored by Commissioner Helen Goreham was presented to members of the Piedmont Chapter and Captain John Collins Chapter.



(L-R) George Thurmond, Piedmont Chapter; Wayne Brown, Capt. John Collins Chapter, Cobb County Commissioner Helen Goreham, (background) Cobb County Commission Chair Tim Lee, GASSAR President Bob Sapp; Jack Ferguson, Piedmont Chapter, Larry Guzy, Capt. John Collins Chapter

A Patriots' Day Proclamation was presented on April 18, 2011 by the City Council and Mayor of Kennesaw, Georgia to members of the Captain John Collins Chapter.



(L-R) Past President Bill Coffeen, VP Wayne Brown, Rich Morrison, Editor of *Collins Dispatch* Larry Guzy, Kennesaw Mayor Mark Mathews

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of the  
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*Chapters*

A Patriots' Day Proclamation was presented on April 21, 2011 by the City Council and Mayor of Acworth, Georgia to members of the Captain John Collins Chapter.



(L-R) Acworth Mayor Tommy Allegood, Wayne Brown, President Allen Henson, Larry Lines

On June 2, 2011 the Captain John Collins Chapter of the Georgia Society presented a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence to the Mayor and City Council of Acworth, Georgia.



(L-R) Wayne Brown in uniform, Bill Coffeen, Earl Cagle, (back) Curtis McWaters. Mayor Tommy Allegood is second from left and the others are City Councilmen.

On June 20, 2011 the Captain John Collins Chapter of the Georgia Society presented a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence to the City Council and Mayor of Kennesaw, Georgia.



(L-R) Earl Cagle, Bill Coffeen, Kennesaw Mayor Mark Mathews, Rich Morrison, Wayne Brown

The Captain John Collins Chapter of the Georgia Society presented the commissioners of Cobb County, Georgia with a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence on June 28, 2011.



(L-R) Curtis McWaters, Larry Lines, John , Jack Ferguson (Piedmont Chapter), Wayne Brown, Commissioner Helen Goreham, Commission Chair Tim Lee, Commissioner Jo Ann Birrell, Commissioner Woody Thompson





## Piedmont

Mayor Joe Lockwood was presented with a Silver Good Citizenship Medal at a recent meeting of the Milton City Council by the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Piedmont President Allen Greenly made the presentation.

Joe Lockwood was recognized for his significant contributions to the community while serving as Mayor of the City of Milton since 2006. Displaying strong management skills, Mayor Lockwood has inspired others to be more responsible citizens, enabling him to work effectively together with city employees and the city council for the good of the community.



Mayor Lockwood shown accepting the Silver Good Citizenship Medal with members of the Milton City Council present SAR Piedmont Chapter members shown are L to R Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly, George Thurmond, and Paul Prescott

## Atlanta

### Atlanta Chapter Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Atlanta Chapter was founded March 21, 1921, when the Georgia Society was formed with 16 charter members. One of them, Compatriot William L. Doughtry, witnessed the brotherhood of SAR members from the New England area while serving with them overseas during World War I and sought to found the organization in Georgia upon his return from war. He would be proud to see the results of his dream grown to 1,500 members in the Georgia Society in 2011. The Atlanta Chapter celebrated the anniversary of their founding with a wine and cheese reception in October co-hosted by the Atlanta Chapter NSDAR at which both organizations also celebrated the anniversary of the defeat of the British at Yorktown.

Regent Joyce Patton and President Wood Hughes heralded the event as a renewed liaison between the two local chapters that sets the stage for several new joint ventures in 2012. Not least of the potential benefits of this energized liaison was the identification of 20 potential new SAR members at the celebration. Incoming officers of these partners in patriotism also discussed the potential for joint lineage workshops, fund raising, and veteran recognition.

**Regent Joyce Patton of the Atlanta Chapter NSDAR received the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from secretary Carlisle Young of the Atlanta Chapter SAR on December 8 for her community service and liaison activity with the SAR.**



## Athens

The Athens Chapter, GASSAR, conducted a Patriot Grave Marking for Edward Ware, on December 10, 2011, at the Ware Family Cemetery in Danielsville, Ga. In attendance for the Grave Marking were over 70 people, many direct Decedents of Patriot Edward Ware. The ceremony was conducted by Col. Robert F. Towns, a member of the Athens Chapter. The Elijah Clarke Militia, commanded by Jackson W. Guest conducted a musket salute for Patriot Ware. A brief history of Patriot Wares revolutionary war activities:

- In August 1776, Patriot Ware enlisted as a Private in Captain Higginbotham's Company in Amherst County. He later served three months in an expedition against Governor Dunmore.
- He was assigned for three months in Charlotte, Virginia as an Orderly/ Sergeant guarding prisoners captured from Burgoyne's Army in New York. He was dispatched as a Sergeant in a successful recovery of escaped prisoners.
- He was later attached to and served with Legion of Virginia wherever called for in the Carolina Campaign against Cornwallis. He served under General Greene in the Battle King's Mountain, the Battle of Guilford Court House, and the Battle of Cowpens. Greene's forces continued to harass Cornwallis as he withdrew his army to Yorktown. Patriot Edward was appointed as a Brevet Lieutenant during the march north. He served four months with General Lafayette at the Yorktown Siege. He completed his service at

*Williamsburg with General Washington.*

*He continued his service in the Militia in Georgia after the American Revolution, finally retiring as a Colonel.*



Color Guard at Marking of Grave of Revolutionary Patriot Edward Ware  
December 10, 2011  
Ware Family Cemetery  
Danielsville, GA



Descendents of RS Edward Ware  
Pose with Color Guard  
Marking of Grave December 10, 2011



## Coweta Falls

### Revolutionary War Continental Uniform Presented to the Washington-Wilkes Historical Museum

Compatriot Herman R. Tovey, Jr. would be proud of the future location of his Continental uniform. The widow of the Coweta Falls Chapter Compatriot gave the uniform to the Chapter after his death in 2003. Members, chiefly Neal Gillis, have worn it to many events. But recently, the Chapter decided to donate the uniform to the Washington-Wilkes Historical Museum in Washington, GA for its Revolutionary Days display.

“We are grateful to the SAR Chapter for this donation of a Revolutionary War Continental uniform”, said Stephanie Macchia, Museum Director. “This will complement the militia uniform previously donated to us by the SAR.

Herman Tovey was an early member of the pioneer Georgia Society Color Guard, where he wore his distinctively designed wool Continental uniform at many events from quarterly State BOM meetings to historical celebrations, including the first SAR ceremony at the Kettle Creek battleground in 1998. He joined Robert Galer as co-author of the first SAR brochure on the Battle of Kettle Creek.

Initially a member of the Texas Society, and President of the Mesquite Chapter, he transferred to the new Piedmont Chapter upon moving to Georgia. He then joined the Coweta Falls Chapter when he joined Total Systems (TSYS) in Columbus as a Senior Auditor.

In 1994, the Georgia Society started its State newsletter, *The Hornet's Nest*, with Herman Tovey as the first Editor. At a subsequent SAR National Congress Awards Night, Georgia won the national society's Runner-up Award for the best State Society publication of its size.

Herman revamped and published the Source Book, the ground-breaking Georgia Society reference work for its officers and members. Encouraged by founder and PG James Westlake and Georgia Society President Robert Galer, the Georgia Society Color Guard was organized in 1993, and Herman Tovey was soon a member, proudly wearing his uniform to State functions and to the new National SAR ceremonies at Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and Kettle Creek.

In 1998, Herman R. Tovey, Jr. was awarded the Patriot Medal, the highest award offered its members by the Georgia Society.

He was born January 1, 1944, in Charleston, SC and died September 28, 2003, at the age of 59. He is buried in South Carolina.



1996 Photograph

LtoR: Ben Miller, Color Guard Cdr; Robert Galer, VPG; James Bush, Trustee and Color Guard; William Gist, PG; David Hoss, Reg. VP; Herman R. Tovey, *Hornet's Nest* Editor and Color Guard





**Robert F. Towns**  
**Editor**  
*Hornet's Nest*  
 April 2008—December 2011

This is the 15th and last edition of the *Hornet's Nest* that I have produced as Editor. I am very appreciative of the many positive comments you have sent to me over the years.

Those of you who have produced a newsletter on a regular basis know that this is truly a labor of love especially for those of us who are not journalists by trade. You also know when it is time for you to step aside and let others take over the pen.

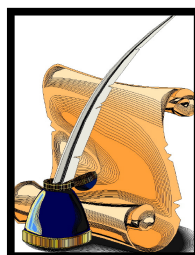
That time has come for me. I have enjoyed, for the most part, the production of, what I hope, has been an informative and entertaining publication. I am appreciative of the many articles and photographs you have submitted through the years. I have tried to get all of them published at one time or another. If I missed anyone, it was not intentional.

I am sure you will continue to send your news to your new Editor, Compatriot Allen Greenly ([wagreenly@gmail.com](mailto:wagreenly@gmail.com)). He is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to publish his first edition!

Looking back over the issues I have had the privilege of putting together, I find that nearly all of the Chapters have submitted articles and photographs at one time or another. I am thankful that you did not all send them at one time or we may have had a 40 page issue!

I also appreciate your willingness to receive your newsletter electronically. This has resulted in a significant savings to the Georgia Society in postage, print and ink costs that are associated with mailing paper copies. For those who were not able to download the *Hornet's Nest*, I know you join me in thanking your Chapter representative who may have printed a copy for you.

I am providing a flash drive to the Georgia Society Historian which contains all 15 issues published during my tenure as Editor. In years to come, perhaps this will provide those who follow us a glimpse into this brief slice of history of the best Society in the Sons of the American Revolution—GEORGIA!



*Bobby Towns*

The ink well is dry!