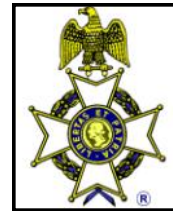


**Newsletter of THE GEORGIA SOCIETY**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



The

April—June, 2013

# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch



President James E. Stallings, Sr.

My Compatriots,

I hope you have had a good year so far, and I am aware that some have experienced sadness thus far in this year and it is my prayer that those who have experienced these sad times will have found solace and comfort to help them in the coming months and years.

As I near the half way point of my presidency I look back on a very busy time including my just completed trip to the 123rd NSSAR National Congress where I, along with ten other Georgia Compatriots had the privilege of representing the membership of our Society.

Beside myself those Compatriots in attendance were Gen. Donald Burdick, President Athens Chapter, Capt. Roger Coursey, GASSAR Sr. Vice President, Edward Telfair Chapter, Jackson (Jay) Guest, Athens Chapter, Hon. Larry Guzy, GASSAR Past President, John Collins Chapter, Thomas Owen, Washington-Wilkes Chapter, Hon. Dr. Edward Rigel, GASSAR Past President, Lyman Hall Chapter, Hon. Col. George Thurmond, GASSAR Past President, Piedmont Chapter, Hon. Michael Tomme, NSSAR Registrar General and GASSAR Past President, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter,

Hon. Col. Robert Towns, NSSAR Historian General and GASSAR Past President, Athens Chapter, and LCDR David Jessel, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.

It was my honor and pleasure to accept a number of achievement awards presented to the Georgia Society as well as Compatriots and Chapters during the Congress. It will be my pleasure to present these awards to the different recipients during the Board of Managers meeting on 27 July 2013.

GASSAR did well in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. The GASSAR representative Jefferson DeMott, sponsored by Ocmulgee Chapter, won 3rd place against some very stiff competition. Our JROTC Enhanced Cadet Peter Loiacono, also sponsored by Ocmulgee Chapter, placed 4th in the National Competition.

My thanks to all the individual Compatriots, Chapters, and Committees who garnered these awards and again contributed to reinforcing that the Georgia Society is indeed an Award Winning Society.

Since my last Dispatch, I have traveled, by invitation, to meet with the Cherokee Chapter and present a program entitled "A Christmas Surprise: The Battle of Trenton". Also in April I participated in the "Frederica Days" event celebrating Patriots Day sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter in St. Simons Island, GA.

May was a busy month for me as I visited the Four Rivers Patriots Chapter in Vidalia, GA where I presented a program entitled "The War of 1812 in Georgia". I next visited Piedmont Chapter in Roswell, GA where I presented a program entitled "Uniforms of the American Revolution". I attended and participated in a Memorial Day Service at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus, GA sponsored by Coweta Falls Chapter. During the service I was honored to proclaim the names of eight of our heroes who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At the end of May I attended the funeral service for Dr. Fred Womack, President of Wiregrass Chapter.

In June I visited the Washington - Wilkes Chapter in Washington, GA and presented a program entitled "Banestre Tarleton's Worst Hour: The Battle of Cowpens".

Also in June, I participated in the ceremony commemorating the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincolnton, NC., as well as, attending a Grave Marking Ceremony for Four Revolutionary War Patriots at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Conover NC.

On Independence Day, 4 July 2013 in a sprinkling rain, a contingent of the Georgia Society Award Winning Color Guard was privileged to represent the society in presenting the Colors prior to the Atlanta Braves game. The Color Guard consisting of Compatriots Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Bill Kabel, Walt Reed and James Stallings received a standing ovation from the crowd. This was a great exposure opportunity for GASSAR.

At the first of the year I had sent emails to all the chapters in the society expressing my desire to visit their chapter sometime during the year, but, have not had a response from some.

I am taking the liberty of listing my schedule, so far, for the remainder of the year:

17 July 2013 Executive Committee Meeting in Macon, GA  
25 July 2013 KCBA Reception for Lily Garnett past president of GSCAR in Washington, GA  
27 July 2013 Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, GA  
1 August 2013 Rome  
8 August 2013 Wiregrass  
20 August 2013 John Collins  
24 August 2013 Joel Early  
17 September 2013 Blue Ridge

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

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George H. Wheelless

## Message from the Georgia Society Secretary

### Current Membership

As of July 17, 2013, the total membership for the Georgia Society is as follows:

REGULAR:	1,531
JUNIOR:	30
JUNIOR LIFE	3
EMERITUS:	5
LIFE:	37
DUAL (Between States):	19
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TOTAL:	1,625

### 2014 Membership Dues

The deadline for 2014 dues, though it seems a ways off, is rapidly gaining on us. Now is the time to make preparations and begin contacting your members. Chapters MUST receive 2014 dues before 31 Dec 2013. I recommend that chapter deadlines to receive dues from their members be 15 Dec 2013. **ALL DUES FROM CHAPTERS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT JAN. 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not begun to organize your efforts now is the time. The following information will help in that process.

### Chapter Directories and Dues Report

After 01 Aug 2013 all chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurers with an e-mail address will receive an *updated Chapter Directory* from me. Each **Chapter Directory** has a list of current year paid members with National and State Numbers, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses as of **01 Aug 2013**. (I have between 200-300 information changes to make. I am working my way through them and hope to have them completed by 01 Aug). Dual members that do not pay their Georgia Society dues through your chapter WILL NOT be on that Directory. They WILL be on the Directory of their primary chapter. Any dropped members that have requested reinstatement and have yet to be approved and registered by the National Society WILL NOT be on the Directory. You are to treat these dual members and pending reinstatements as current members for your purpose of collecting their 2014 dues.

Each Directory will be accompanied by a **Dues Report** to be used by the Chapter Treasurer when submitting chapter dues and a **Dues Report Cover Letter (new this year)**. Anytime 2014 dues are submitted, the chapter treasurer can "check off" each member as paid and then use the form in the **Dues Report Cover Letter** to calculate dues owed by category. The Dues Report for all currently REGISTERED members will show the exact amount owed. A Dual Member will show \$13 dues owed. A Life Member will also show \$13 owed.

Once I receive a check and a Dues Report from a treasurer, I will e-mail a new **Dues Report** to all chapter officers to confirm that 2014 membership dues were paid. This allows time to correct any potential errors before the end of year deadline.

**Do not include dues for unregistered reinstatements or unregistered applicants with this report.** Any applicants for membership or requests for reinstatement will show up on future Dues Reports once registered by the National Society. Any applicant or reinstatement registered *after November 1<sup>st</sup>* will have their dues automatically credited and indicated on any Dues Report sent to the chapter following their registration. Any applicants or reinstatements that are registered *before November 1<sup>st</sup>*, their 2014 dues requirements will appear on any Dues Reports sent to the chapter officers.

If you have questions or any problems as we move through this process, please call or send an e-mail. I am here to assist.



# NEWS

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Roger Lamb

### Message From the Georgia Society Chaplain

#### THE BELL

I read a short article a man wrote about two horses, so this is not my story. I did witness a similar scene, but without the bell. When we moved to Atlanta – really Marietta – Powers Ferry Road and Windy Hill Road were each 2-lane, country roads. Windy Will dead-ended into Powers Ferry. At the intersection there were three pastures. In the one on the near right every morning there were two horses standing by the fence watching the morning traffic. Many times I thought about that scene when I read this story.

A man drove by a pasture at the corner of an intersection on his commute. After many weeks and months of passing this intersection, he began to notice something peculiar about these two horses in the pasture, many times at the corner of the fence watching the cars go by. One morning one of the horses was nearing the corner of the fence, and the smaller horse was somewhat behind. Then the man heard the bell. He realized that the horse coming to the corner of the fence had a bell attached to her halter, and that the horse coming behind was blind. That way the blind horse always knew where his friend was, and that he could follow her, trusting that she would not lead him into danger.

Two things came to mind. One, the owner of the horses thought enough of the blind horse to not put him down. Second, the owner was creative enough to develop a trust between the two horses that would satisfy a need in both; the blind horse would be guided, the horse with the bell was needed, and both would have a companion. Horses are herd animals and don't like to be alone.

O.K. Here comes the in-our-life part. First, God does not put us down because we are defective. We are free to find our place in the world, and to be loved. Second, I believe God does bring others into our lives to be the bell, to be our guide, if He feels we need one. And I believe that sometimes He brings us into somebody's life when He needs for us to be the bell. Maybe because we need each other. Are you the blind, or are you the bell? How do you know? Do you listen for the bell?

*A prayer attributed to St. Francis:*

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*



Bill Kabel

### Message From the Georgia Society VA Voluntary Services Committee

#### **NEW Members...and OLD Members, too (Not to be taken literally)**

Are you a veteran who served in World War II? Are you a veteran who served in the Korean War, or the defense of Korea? If you are, have you received your SAR *Certificate of Patriotism* for your service to your country? It is the goal of GASSAR President James Stallings that all eligible members be identified and so honored.

#### **World War II Veterans**

At the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress held in Cleveland, OH in June 2010 incoming President General David Sympson declared that during his tenure as PG he would lead SAR in a tribute to our nation's veterans, especially World War II veterans who are members of the SAR.

It is not too late to join the 733 of your

fellow Compatriots (77 from Georgia) who have already been recognized. *Certificates of Patriotism* are being issued every month. A Survey form is available on the SAR web page that can be submitted directly by you to the World War II Corps Adjutant. If you need assistance completing the survey, please contact Bill Kabel (information follows).

#### **Korean Service Veterans**

At the 2012 Fall Leadership Conference President General Leishman announced the creation of the Veterans Recognition Committee for the purpose of establishing a means to recognize SAR Korean War veterans. Thus, was the creation of the Korean Service Veterans Corps. To qualify for a Korean Service Veterans Corps *Certificate of Patriotism* one needs to have been awarded one of the five Korean service medals shown on the Survey form, which is available on the SAR web page. Since November, 2012, GASSAR has had 13 of its members recognized for their service, of the 53 so honored nationally.

Since a few of the Korean service qualifying medals were authorized by DOD after many left active duty your DD 214 form may not indicate if you are eligible. If you feel you are qualified for the World War II Corps, or the Korean Service Veterans Corps and need assistance with the Survey form, or if you have a question about qualifying, please contact the GASSAR Korean Service Corps Adjutant, Bill Kabel at [www.flytier44@comcast.net](mailto:www.flytier44@comcast.net) or call him at 770-565-1902. A brief email or phone discussion can resolve most questions.



### Georgia Society SAR Education Committee

Terry Manning

The Georgia Fellows have again come to the assistance of education outreach with approval to budget for a second Traveling Tent. This will allow the GASSAR Education Committee to move around the state two different tent set-ups which would be helpful on busy patriotic holiday and fall and spring festival weekends. At historic sites and other venues we might also set up a two-tent encampment! (Continued on Page 6)

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TT #2 will shortly be headed for a coastal and southern chapter tour. To schedule use of either tent, please contact Bruce Maney of the GASSAR Education Committee, and he can tell you when and where they are presently located and where they might be on a given date.

David Noble of the Atlanta Chapter put his woodworking skills to work and created a camp desk and folding camp chair similar to the ones in TT #1 for use in TT #2 at a great savings to us. If you have any tent furnishings suited to TT #2 that you can donate, please contact Bruce, Terry Manning, or Education Committee Chairman Ted Smith with your suggestions.

Tent displays are great publicity and attract potential members, persons looking for lecturers, and credit toward the Education Outreach Flag Streamer each year. A few members have even used the occasion to cook up some old fashioned vitals!



**Message  
From the  
Georgia  
Society  
Rumbaugh  
Orations  
Committee**

George H. Wheelless

Jefferson DeMott, the winner of the Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Contest in April represented us at the National Congress in Kansas City, MO. Out of 16 contestants, Jefferson finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. He was presented a check for \$1,000.

Since the Georgia Society resumed its participation in the Rumbaugh Orations Contest in 2009, our state winners have represented us well. Jefferson becomes our second 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finisher. All the others, but one, were Finalists.

The Rumbaugh Orations Committee encourages each chapter to participate in this fine program.



**Scout Day  
Marietta National Cemetery**



On May 25th, the Georgia Society Color Guard participated in Scout Day at the Marietta National Cemetery. There were over 500 scouts participating in this event. They placed a flag on 18,000 graves in approximately two hours!



**Martha Washington Medal**



Compatriot Terry Manning presenting the Martha Washington Medal to Phyllis Fox Lawson

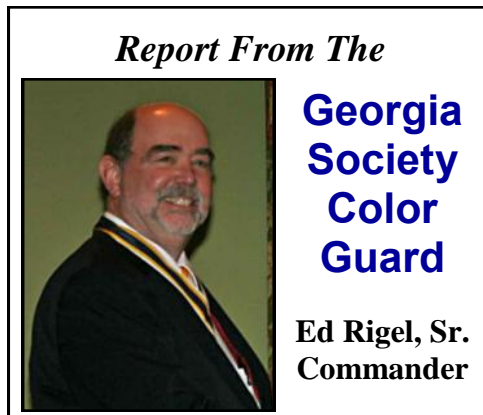
On June 13, Phyllis Fox Lawson, Coordinator of Districts for the Georgia Society NSDAR and member of the Augustan Clayton Chapter NSDAR, received the Martha Washington Medal from the Georgia Society SAR in recognition of her liaison with SAR in coordinating SAR displays at state and district DAR events in support of education outreach fundraising for SAR.

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- 26-28 September 2013 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting Louisville, KY
- 3 October 2013 Dalton
- 5 October 2013 Robert Forsyth
- 7 October 2013 Battle of Kings Mountain Commemoration
- 9 October 2013 Battle of Savannah Commemoration
- 10 October 2013 Marshes of Glynn
- 12 October 2013 Patriot John Milledge Grave Marking in Augusta, GA
- 17 October 2013 Four Rivers Patriots (Installation)
- 24 October 2013 Edward Telfair
- 26 October 2013 BOM
- 2 November 2013 Patriot Joseph Carnes Grave Marking in Villa Rica, GA
- 12 November 2013 Marquis de Lafayette
- 23 November 2013 Fort Morris Ceremony at Sunbury, GA
- 7 December 2013 Battle at Vann's Creek Commemoration
- 10 December 2013 Joseph Habersham (Candlelight Service)

The Society and Chapters still have a lot to do as we enter the 2nd half of 2013. I would like to challenge the chapters to begin to think about dues collections starting now rather than wait until towards the end of the year. We all have those individuals  
Again, it is my honor to serve you all.

James E. Stallings, Sr.




### Color Guard Schedule

#### 2013

- 27 Jul - GASSAR BOM meeting, Barnesville, GA 1000 hrs.
- 03 Aug - Old Soldiers Day Parade, Alpharetta, GA 0730 hrs.
- 07 Sep - Compatriot Harry Strickland Grave Marking, Hiawassee, GA 1300 hrs
- 14 Sep - Compatriot Joe Moore Grave Marking, Bowden, GA
- 14 Sep - Vigil at the Tomb of George Washington, Mt. Vernon, VA 0900-2100 hrs
- 17 Sep - William Few Ceremony, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Augusta, GA 1030 hrs
- 21 Sep - GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon, location TBD,
- 27-28 Sep - NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
- 05 Oct - Compatriot Murray McAfee Grave Marking, La Fayette, GA 1100 hrs.
- 05 Oct - Robert Forsyth Chapter Charter Banquet, Cumming, GA
- 07 Oct - Kings Mountain
- 09 Oct - Battle of Savannah
- 12 Oct - John Milledge Grave Marking, Summerville Cemetery, Augusta, GA 1300 hrs
- 19 Oct - Victory at Yorktown Celebration, 1000 hrs
- 19 Oct - Yorktown Day, Yorktown, VA
- 19 Oct - Patriots Job Bowers, David Carter, and Angus McCurry Grave Markings, Hart County, 1000 hrs
- 26 Oct - GASSAR BOM meeting, Barnesville, GA 1000 hrs
- 02 Nov - Patriot Joseph Carnes Grave Marking, New Hope Cemetery, Villa Rica, 1100 hrs.
- 23 Nov - Fort Morris-Sunbury Memorial Cemetery, Midway, GA 1000 hrs
- 07 Dec - Vann's Creek Commemoration, Elbert County, GA
- 04 Jan - GASSAR Annual Color Guard luncheon, Holiday Inn Roswell, 1130 hrs.
- 24 Jan - GASSAR Annual Conference, Duluth, GA



	<p><i>Georgia Society Meeting Dates</i></p>
	<p><b>President James E. Stallings, Sr.</b></p>



**GA Society Executive Committee Meetings - 2013**

**10:00 AM**

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**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**GA Society Board of Managers Meetings - 2013**

**10:00AM**

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

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**GA Society Annual Conference - 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**January 24-25, 2014  
Marriott Hotel  
1775 Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Duluth, GA 30096**



## 2013 New Members

## Georgia Society New Members From April 4, 2013 to July 17, 2013

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Atlanta</b>	02 May 2013	Daniel Pierce Miles, Sr.	John Shank	David Andrews Noble
	02 May 2013	Daniel Pierce Miles, Jr.	John Shank	David Andrews Noble
	13 Jun 2013	Mark Anthony Mitchell	Jacob Crites	David Andrews Noble
	13 Jun 2013	James Callahan Mitchell	Jacob Crites	David Andrews Noble
	13 Jun 2013	Logan John Mitchell	Jacob Crites	David Andrews Noble
	13 Jun 2013	Vincent Joseph Mitchell	Jacob Crites	David Andrews Noble
	13 Jun 2013	Jay Douglas Mitchell	Jacob Crites	David Andrews Noble
	13 Jun 2013	Timothy Dooley Mitchell	Jacob Crites	David Andrews Noble
	25 Jun 2013	Ryder Michael King	Stephen King	David Andrews Noble
	25 Jun 2013	Timothy Ernest King	Stephen King	David Andrews Noble
	25 Jun 2013	Seth Michael King	Stephen King	David Andrews Noble
	25 Jun 2013	James McCallum Noble	Peter Noble	David Andrews Noble
	03 Jul 2013	Anthony Forrest Lett	James Templeman	David Andrews Noble
	11 Jul 2013	William Austin Mayfield	Alex. McClanahan	David Andrews Noble
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>	02 May 2013	Charles Anton Gustafson	William Gunnell	Harold Douglas Ford
	03 Jul 2013	John David Bittner	William Knick	Milus Bruce Maney
	03 Jul 2013	Alexander Thomas Bolsen	Samuel Craig	Robert Thomas Leathers
	03 Jul 2013	William Harrison Palmer	Peter Montfort	Harold Douglas Ford
<b>Cherokee</b>				
	25 Jun 2013	William Eugene Thompson	John Compton	James Charles Lance
<b>Joe Early</b>				
	13 Jun 2013	Harold Richard Williams	Zoath Spooner	David Neal Spooner
<b>John Collins</b>				
	11 Apr 2013	Jerry Carl Slate	Nathaniel Austin	Larry Thomas Guzy
	03 Jul 2013	Donald Carl Webb, Jr.	Benjamin Webb	Larry Thomas Guzy
	03 Jul 2013	Ryan Andon Webb	Benjamin Webb	Larry Thomas Guzy
	03 Jul 2013	Connor Thomas Webb	Benjamin Webb	Larry Thomas Guzy
<b>Lyman Hall</b>				
	25 Jun 2013	Hall Alexander Martin, Jr.	Stephen Alexander	Hall Alexander Martin
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>				
	02 May 2013	James Covall Moore, III	William Cochran	John Michael Tomme, Sr.
	02 May 2013	Jacob Alexander Moore	William Cochran	John Michael Tomme, Sr.
	02 May 2013	William Brian Moore	William Cochran	John Michael Tomme, Sr.
	02 May 2013	James Coval Moore II	William Cochran	John Michael Tomme, Sr.
	02 May 2013	James Covil Moore	William Cochran	John Michael Tomme, Sr.
	02 May 2013	Barry Nelson Sharp	William Denniston	David George Jessel
	25 Jun 2013	Ralph Stanley Moore, Jr.	Philip Miller	John Michael Tomme, Sr.
	03 Jul 2013	Robert Donald Bulloch	Henry Parkman	David George Jessel
	11 Jul 2013	John Edward Swab	Johannes Schwab	David George Jessel
	11 Jul 2013	Karl Andrew Swab	Johannes Schwab	David George Jessel
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>				
	11 Jul 2013	Philip Ansel Callicutt	John Williams	Robert Hudson Lear

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<b>Piedmont</b>	11 Apr 2013	John Stephen Heard	Stephen Heard	Eugenius Sheppard Hammack
	23 Apr 2013	Kyle Lee Breed, Sr.	Joseph Breed	Gerald Brantley Breed
	23 Apr 2013	Kermit Lewis Breed	Joseph Breed	Gerald Brantley Breed
	23 Apr 2013	Kyle Lee Breed, Jr	Joseph Breed	Gerald Brantley Breed
	04 Jun 2013	Charles Findlay Cox	Isaac Holland	Robert Alvyn Sapp
	04 Jun 2013	Charles William Woods	Lewis Green	Robert Alvyn Sapp
	13 Jun 2013	Samuel Larrick Yoho	William Sanford	Robert Alvyn Sapp
	25 Jun 2013	Christopher Morgan Payne, Jr.	William Duggan	Eugenius Sheppard Hammack
	25 Jun 2013	Walker Sheppard Robitscher	William Duggan	Eugenius Sheppard Hammack
	03 Jul 2013	Larry Lee Knight	Seth Manis	Timothy Frank Bassett
<b>Valdosta</b>	25 Jun 2013	Daniel Bennett Jones	Edward Wade	Michael Maxwell Black
	25 Jun 2013	Augustus Bennett Jones, IV	Edward Wade	Michael Maxwell Black
	25 Jun 2013	James Chandler Jones	Edward Wade	Michael Maxwell Black
	25 Jun 2013	Augustus Bennett Jones, III	Edward Wade	Michael Maxwell Black
	11 Jul 2013	George Michael Sirmans	William Folsom	Michael Maxwell Black
<b>Washington-Wilkes</b>	02 May 2013	Bernard Zackery Henderson III	Job Callaway	Thomas Milan Owen

**Total: 52**

**Way to Go Chapters!**





# In Memory of

## Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

## Our Compatriots

# 2013



### Georgia Society Deceased Members January 1, 2013 to April 5, 2013

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Charles Milton Bratton	180286	Samuel Elbert	05 Jan 2013
William Webb Harrington, Sr.	161746	Coweta Falls	08 Jan 2013
John Winthrop Crim	136761	Coweta Falls	26 Jan 2013
Richard Gladstone Neal, Jr.	137334	Athens	01 Feb 2013
John Robert Jones	156173	Capt. John Collins	02 Feb 2013
Jack Ray Bozeman	130027	Samuel Elbert	09 Feb 2013
Herbert Brown Braselton, Sr.	140796	Lyman Hall	15 Feb 2013
Marcus Odian Denard	177336	Washington—Wilkes	26 Feb 2013
Charles Franklin Hyder	163481	Button Gwinnett	02 Mar 2013
Richard Russell Simpson, Sr.	140031	Coweta Falls	08 Mar 2013
Thomas Porter McIntosh, Sr.	152246	Button Gwinnett	21 Mar 2013
Jack Monroe Averett, Sr.	163166	Coweta Falls	05 Apr 2013
Leon Jack Swertfeger, Jr.	158295	Atlanta	05 Apr 2013
Francis Walbridge Bonner	73754	Coweta Falls	05 May 2013
Fred Darwin Womack	170412	Wiregrass	25 May 2013
George Deane Allen	174165	LaGrange	26 May 2013



**Gone but not  
forgotten**



# NEWS

of the

## Georgia Society Chapters

### Altamaha

Colt Brockington, Robert Eric (RED) Denty III, Mallary McGahee, Paige Mobley and Glenn Welch have been selected as this year's recipients of the Dr. Alexander Jackson Gordon Memorial Scholarship given by the Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



L to R - Front Row : Paige Mobley, Mallary McGahee, Colt Brockington, Red Denty and Glenn Welch. Back Row: Jason Deal and B. H. Claxton

The five recipients and their parents were honored with an awards banquet Saturday, June 22 at Western Sizzlin in Jesup. Jason Deal, chairman of the scholarship committee and interim president of the Altamaha Chapter, made the presentation on behalf of committee members Buddy Bennett, and B. H. Claxton and the membership of the SAR. Special guests at the banquet included Melody Davis Westberry, an inaugural recipient of the scholarship, and Parker Welch, a 2010 recipient.

Mr. Brockington plans to attend Coastal Community college in Brunswick this fall. He will be a pre-pharmacy major.

Mr. Denty plans to attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. He plans to major in journalism.

Miss McGahee is planning to attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. She will major in music education.

Miss Mobley is currently attending Wesleyan College in Macon. She is majoring in biology.

Mr. Welch is currently attending the University of Georgia in Athens. He plans to major in business.

All five recipients are 2013 graduates of Wayne County High School. The Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution administers the scholarship. Five scholarships of \$3,000 each were awarded this year. The scholarships are presented annually. The Gordon Memorial Scholarship was created from a gift bequeathed by Dr. Gordon's daughter, Marjorie Gordon Hamrick. Dr. Gordon was a prominent Wayne County physician. Mrs. Hamrick was a well-known local educator.

### Atlanta

The chapter celebrated with an American Independence Banquet on Tuesday evening July 9 at Colonnade Restaurant in Atlanta with 48 persons attending. The patriotic displays, a program on myths of the Revolution, and each attendee paying tribute to a past veteran ancestor in a candlelight tribute were highlights of the evening.



Bruce Maney, Revis Butler and Terry Manning compare banners with the Fort Peachtree Chapter NSDAR

The banquet was a great follow up to our chapter jointly hosting a float in the Dunwoody July 4<sup>th</sup> parade with the Fort Peachtree Chapter NSDAR for which we were awarded first place in the Best Characters category for the parade with SAR in Continental uniform and DAR in striking colonial dress.

Another recent event this quarter with the Fort Peachtree Chapter was a visit to the William Few grave in Augusta to commemorate his participation in creating the U.S. Constitution as one of its signers.

Membership continues to rise with about 164 to soon be on the rolls and a target of 200

for the end of the year.

The chapter has been active this quarter with numerous JROTC medal presentations and lectures being given in the community.

On June 13, the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution recognized Cathy Hyer of the Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR with its Medal of Appreciation. Cathy serves as the state DAR Museum Chairman. The Atlanta Chapter SAR recognized Cathy's outstanding services rendered to the chapter as a coordinator and instructor at a joint Genealogy Workshop held in May and for a video presentation created by her and her husband that outlines the history of the Georgia Room at the DAR headquarters in Washington, DC, which is being shown at DAR and SAR chapters throughout the state.



President Terry Manning presenting Cathy Hyer the Medal of Appreciation

The Atlanta Chapter recognized its newest Color Guard member, Jim Hankins, with a Color Guard pin at its June 13th meeting. Jim is now outfitted in both the Washington Guard uniform and militia attire. Jim is a descendant of Patriot Richard Hankins of Virginia.



Milus Bruce Maney presenting Color Guard pin to Jim Hankins



**Blue Ridge Mountains**

**Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter  
Double Headers**

The BRM Chapter has been playing "double headers". The chapter's Patriots Day celebration was held on April 19 and the Robert Wolfersteig grave marking on April 20, which was a joint ceremony with the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the DAR. The BRM Chapter Color Guard posted the colors, placed a wreath and uncovered the SAR grave marker previously placed on the stone. Approximately 50 SAR & DAR members attended.

The Patriots Day outside exhibit had to be discontinued due to heavy rain, but the traveling trunk and other items were displayed in the Union County Historical Society Center. State Senator Steve Gooch and Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris visited the display which showed the proclamation signed by Mr. Paris.



L to R - Georgia State Senator Steve Gooch, John Preston and David Cook

A second double header occurred on Memorial Day, May 23. The Memorial Day parade included the BRM chapter's float (awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> Place) in Blairsville and the Chapter had a display of the traveling trunk at the Blairsville Art Festival at the same time as the parade. Approximately 45 people visited the display including two young boy scouts.

A very busy schedule for the chapter included several single events that received many published articles in the local news papers. The month of May included awarding prize money to the chapter poster contest entries and the posting of flags at Patriots graves for Memorial Day.

The May chapter meeting included awarding a Blue Star Banner, The History Teacher of the Year award, a meritorious service award to a BOM member, and Service awards to four chapter members for ten years of membership. The chapter took a special time, in the May meeting, to honor and recognize deceased Patriots and Compatriots.



L to R - Art Learned, Leslie Salas poster contest winner, Gail Helton Social Studies teacher and David Cook

The month of June included a Flag Day display at the Union County Courthouse using the traveling trunk. Betsy Ross and the SAR flag were posted by the display case. The SAR flag brochures were placed, for free, to the public. A flag display was also placed in the Blairsville Public Library.

On June 14 the BRM Chapter conducted a flag Retirement Ceremony with Boy Scout Troop 101. It was attended by members of American Legion Post 121 and the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the DAR. The BRM Chapter Color Guard was led by the NE Region VP, Don Thomas who posted the Colors and performed the musket salute.

Also during the first part of June, Flag Certificates were presented to the Union General Hospital and the Union County Government.



L to R - John Preston, Tom Jones, Mr. Gowdry CEO of Union County Hospital and David Cook



**Button Gwinnett**

During the American Revolution the Continental Navy was under the command of John Paul Jones. Patriot Jonathan Maltbie after the American Revolution was commissioned as a Captain and appointed "Master of a Cutter (Naval Ship) in the service of the United States on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1791, signed George Washington."

William Maltbie, born 1783 in Fairfield, Connecticut was the son of Rev. War 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jonathan and Elizabeth (Allen) Maltbie. When Georgia established the county of Gwinnett from ceded Indian lands William Maltbie moved here around 1817. William Maltbie married Philadelphia Winn, daughter of Elisha and Judith (Cochran) Winn. William and Philadelphia (Winn) Maltbie were the founders of what we know today as Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Congratulations to Billy Maltbie Jr. on his recent promotion in the United States Army from Major to Lieutenant Colonel.



L to R - Walker Chewning, Milus Bruce Maney, Lt. Col. Billy Maltbie, Kimberly Maples Maltbie, Charlie Newcomer, Elaine Roberts, Ashton Samuel Maltbie, William Chase Maltbie, and Spencer Levi Maltbie

**Coweta Falls**

Coweta Falls Chapter, SAR, Columbus, GA, was instrumental in promoting two major events in the past three months.

On Saturday, May 18, a grave marking for The Rev. Cotton Smith was held at the Whitesville United Methodist Church in Harris County. Due to heavy rain, the service was held inside. Six chapter members in uniform joined with Georgia Society Color Guard & members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hamilton Legion to present an impressive ceremony for those in attendance. A bronze marker commemorating Cotton's American Revolution Military service was placed at his gravesite.

The Search for Cotton's grave began when Carl Jackson, a descendant of Cotton, contacted the Coweta Falls Chapter seeking information about finding his ancestors burial place.

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Research by Compatriot Bob Galer, Dan McMichael & others led to the finding of the plot in Rehoboth Methodist Church Cemetery (now located on private land). Smith Cotton was born in Virginia in 1767 & moved to Harris County, GA after his service in the American Revolution. He became a Methodist minister there in Harris County at Rehoboth Methodist Church where he preached until his death in 1855. He is buried in the church's cemetery.



Coweta Falls Color Guard and Georgia Society Color Guard joined with the 1st Hamilton Legion at the grave marking ceremony for the Rev. Cotton Smith

In recognition of his service & at the request of Coweta Falls Chapter, the Harris County Commission proclaimed May 4, 2013, as "Rev. Smith Cotton Day" in Harris County.



Taylor Hay, C.A.R. member and a descendant of Cotton Smith unveiling the marker

The event was well attended by his ancestors as well as State & local SAR, DAR & C.A.R. members.



Cotton Smith grave site with SAR bronze marker

On May 27, the chapter co-sponsored with Parkhill Cemetery its 8th annual Memorial Day Commemoration Service at Parkhill's

Mausoleum Building. The program was dedicated especially to the Memory of our Local Fallen during the Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan.



Front row: C. A.R. members Lawson Ragan, Taylor Ragan & Tyler Hay. Background: Hugh Rodgers, Pres. of Coweta Falls Chapter; members of the chapter Color Guard, Dan McMichael, Roy Collier, John McCutcheon & Chuck Hall; James Stallings, GASSAR President; LTC Sam Nelson, Council Chairman of Chattahoochee Valley Veterans Council & Neil Wallace, American Legion Post # 189.

During the ceremony, SAR Compatriots solemnly read names of ALL heroes from the region who have lost their lives in these past 2 wars. A prayer for the fallen was offered by Rev. Dr. Greg Wilde followed by a moving rendition of "God Bless America" & the laying of the Wreaths by State & local SAR, DAR & C.A.R. chapters as well as the U.S. Daughters of 1812 & the American Legion, Post 189.

Taps, retiring of the Colors & a benediction concluded the program.

### Marshes of Glynn

The Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter co-sponsored the Ninth Annual Frederica Patriots Day Celebration with the GA Society SAR and two local DAR Chapters.

In spite of a cold rainy Saturday morning, we had our largest **Parade of Patriots** - 90 participants in total- including GA & FL Societies SAR Color Guard; Marshes of Glynn SAR and local DAR in Colonial attire; Fife & Drum Corps; Honor Guards from Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base and Brunswick High School Naval JROTC; as well as thirty-two 4/5th grade students from five St. Simons schools who carried Revolutionary War flags and Dummy (wooden) muskets. The procession was lead by the St. Simons Volunteer Antique Fire Truck with Charlie Newcomer on board

Highlights of the **Patriotic Memorial Service** included recital of the poem, "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" and an inspiring Patriotic Medley presented by two local school groups, and the program "Four Events that Shaped Revolutionary Georgia" presented by our SAR Chapter. Forty people representing DAR & SAR chapters presented

wreaths.



Parade of Patriots - Fire truck with Charlie Newcomer



St. Simons Christian students reciting the poem "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere"



Musket Salute

The **Colonial Festival** exhibits were fun and informative, especially the Wiregrass SAR Chapter's Early American Survival display; Jack Ferguson's impressive American Flag display; Alex Morgan's patriotic face painting, Brunswick Station Coast Guard Small Boat and displays of men's, women's and children clothing, household utensils, historical artifacts and brochures, and especially children's toys and games.

On Friday, a local author's presentation entitled, "**Sea Power in the American Revolution**" generated a good attendance, and the Sunday **Colonial Worship Service** was conducted again in the historic St. Ignatius Chapel of Christ Church, Frederica. (Continued on next page)

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Patriots Day publicity was very good with multiple articles in the Brunswick News, The Islander and Coastal Illustrated and many announcements and photos on our new Frederica Patriots Day Facebook account.



L to R - Ruskin Powell, Fred Womack and Steve Burk



Perimeter Christian School Colonial Days

May was a very busy month for the chapter. The chapter presented JROTC medals and certificates to Cadet Nick McCants at North Springs High School and to Cadet Miles Hudson at Roswell High School.



L to R - Council members Matt Kuntz, Karen Thompson, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Bill Kabel, Council member Lance Large, Mayor Joe Lockwood and Council member Bill Lusk.

On May 21st, the Piedmont Color Guard participated in Rotary Club of Stone Mountain Salute to Veterans at the Park Springs Retirement Community.



Front Row: June Brown, Gloria Ramsaur, Clare Newcomer. Second Row: Don Ray Thomas, Bruce Maney, Jimmy Boatright, Charlie Newcomer and Walker Chewing. Third Row: Whit Chapman, James Stallings and Bill Ramsaur



Piedmont ROTC Chairman Barry Herrin presenting JROTC medal to Nick McCants at North Springs High School



L to R - Piedmont President Walt Woliver, Paul Prescott, Rotary President Al Lipphardt, Brigadier General Joseph S. Stringham, George Thurmond and Bill Kabel

On May 25th, the chapter participated in Scout Day at the Marietta National Cemetery. Then on May 27th, the chapter participated in both the Marietta National Cemetery celebration and Roswell Remembers celebration.

Please place the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Frederica Patriots Day Celebration - April 19, 2014, on your personal calendar and the calendar of your SAR Chapter. Do you have Facebook? If so- You can "Like the Frederica Patriots Day Celebration" on Facebook/ fredericapatriotsday and see additional photos.

**Piedmont**

The Piedmont Chapter has been very busy during the last three months. In April, past president Paul Prescott and past president George Thurmond gave presentations to fourth grade students at the Perimeter Christian School during Colonial Days. They also presented the Traveling Trunk to 8th grade students at North Forsyth Middle School



Past President George Thurmond presenting the JROTC medal to Cadet Miles Hudson at Roswell High School

On May 20th, the Milton City Council presented a proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day

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



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

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Presenting the Colors at Roswell Remembers

The Roswell Remembers day draws between 6,000 and 8,000 people each year. The Piedmont Chapter shares a tent with the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR chapter and presents the Traveling Trunk.

The chapter meeting in June has been turned into a picnic social event. The chapter invites the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR to join in our picnic. This year over 50 people attended the picnic.



On June 15th, the chapter sponsored a Flag Retirement Ceremony which was held at the Northside Chapel in Crabapple. Over 50 flags were brought for retirement.



L to R - Shep Hammach, Tom Davis, Jared Ogden, past president Bob Shaw

On June 14th, the Piedmont Color Guard participated with the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR in a Flag Day Ceremony at Bulloch Hall in Roswell. The chapter displayed the Traveling Trunk to visitors.



Past president Allen Greenly and Jared Ogden present Traveling Trunk items



L to R - Bill Kabel, George Thurmond, Jared Ogden, Shep Hammach and Allen Greenly

The chapter has one Junior Member and three junior applicants that are attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree in West Virginia this year.



L to R - Junior Member Eric Danielsson, junior member applicants Travis Eastin, Chris Johnson and Milo Hampson.

**Samuel Elbert**

**Past-President GASSAR Jack Bozeman**

The Founder of the Samuel Elbert Chapter, Rev. Jack Ray Bozeman, went to the Lord February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and at 1:00 pm on

Sunday his funeral was a testimony to his life. Many stories came out about Jack especially about his driving at an early age testified by Lewis Shurbutt, a very good friend who went to the same high school in Atlanta and both went to Emory University. Jack was a golfer, a high school football quarterback, a tennis player, a table tennis player, but more importantly, he pastored about 8-10 churches in his life span mostly in the Atlanta area and the First United Methodist Church here in Elberton. Jack was wealthy in so many ways. Jack had three boys Kirk, Eric, and Grant and his wife Jacqueline (Jackie) King Bozeman who supported him all his life. His son Kirk, who is the pastor of the Northbrook United Methodist Church in Roswell (where Billy Templeton and Barbara, a cousin attend), delivered the message in behalf of his father. He and his father had already planned the ceremony in past months before Jack's passing.



First and foremost, Jack was known as "God's Servant". He was a retired United Methodist Minister of the North Georgia Conference and his final appointment was as Senior Pastor of Lawrenceville First United Methodist Church. After graduation from Emory University and the Candler School of Theology, clergy appointments were Asbury, Decatur; Dunwoody; Trinity-On-The-Hill, Augusta; Elberton First; District Superintendent of the Dalton District; Newnan First; first Executive Director of the Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center; and Mount Zion, Marietta.

Jack Bozeman was president of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution in 1995-96; however, he had been active in GASSAR at least as early as 1991,

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when he advised Hal Dayhuff what to say during his campaign speech campaigning for president of GASSAR. Hal became president! But that is not the whole story with Hal and Barbara. Hal and Jack were like brothers being members of the same church where Jack was the minister. Jack baptized Hal and Barbara's three daughters and since then they have been "close" and stayed in contact with each other all these years. It goes without saying, but Hal was very saddened when Jack left us to go to the Lord.

It was during Jack's presidency of GASSAR in 1995-96, he met a gentleman by the name of Kline Pugh and appointed him to one of the State Committees. Of course, you know the rest of the story about Kline. Kline became one of the most valuable members of GASSAR! A gentleman by the name of Fisher Craft followed Jack as President of GASSAR in 96-97.

It was Jack Bozeman, as president of the GASSAR in 95-96, who visited all the chapters in Georgia and while he was visiting Macon at the Ocmulgee Chapter he met a SAR member Ed Fluker. Ed showed Jack a newspaper clipping of him as a young boy and his aunt at the 1930 dedication of the Federal Obelisk Marker on War Hill at Kettle Creek near Washington, Georgia, and asked Jack to do something about the battle site. So, Ed planted the seed Jack took back to the Board of Managers to recommend the ceremony for the first celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek. Jack went to work back in Atlanta and simultaneously Bob Galer, chairman of the sites and celebrations committee for GASSAR began working on Kettle Creek also with the GASSAR BOM and NSSAR, and out came the recommendation to do the first ceremony at "War Hill" to the GASSAR BOM. Bob Galer was the chairman of the Sites and Celebrations Committee of GASSAR, and had agreed with Jack and promoted this with the State GASSAR BOM, NSSAR Sites and Celebrations Committee, and visited several National Parks ceremonies (Cowpens, Kings Mountain, etc.), and recommended the first Kettle Creek Battle Site Ceremony. Bob worked with the newly formed Samuel Elbert Chapter under the leadership of President Jack Bozeman, obtained the services of the Fort Gordon Military Band, invited the NSSAR dignitaries, and supported the Samuel Elbert Chapter's lead. Jack and Bob also coordinated the State and National services on the program and the Samuel Elbert Chapter's ceremony committee. So, Jack with the sponsorship of the Samuel Elbert Chapter and GASSAR under the leadership of Bob Galer, 1998 planned the

celebration of the first ceremony. Jack was the Master of Ceremonies representing both GASSAR and the local sponsor – the Samuel Elbert Chapter. He acquired his church bus to carry the visitors back and forth to War Hill to the parking lot, and he and Jackie made sandwiches and furnished drinks to the Fort Gordon band which played during the ceremony. It was estimated 250-450 attended the ceremony that day (closer to 450).

During his GASSAR reign, Jack chartered the Samuel Elbert Chapter on December 1, 1995, with 13 charter members - later 17. It was a festive Christmas spirit that permeated the entire fifty-four persons who were present at the Elberton Country Club, including Former President General James Westlake, feature speaker of the evening; Hal Dayhuff, Former GASSAR President; Fisher Craft, GASSAR Secretary; Robert Landram, GASSAR Treasurer; David Hoss, NE GA. Regional Vice-President; James Clark NW Regional Vice-President; Jack R. Bozeman, and current GASSAR President. Among the invited guests were members of the Stephen Heard Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and their Regent, Mrs. Grady Leon Stratton. (Today, the Samuel Elbert chapter has 73 members plus 5 dual members.) Jack was the first president in 1995-96 and the 1996-97 years.

In the Samuel Elbert Chapter, it was Jack who introduced the Samuel Elbert Chapter to the first gravesite ceremonies – RS Francis Gaines, and RS Brown Dye and led us into the Knight Essay contests, the poster contests, and the ROTC contests. It was Jack who pushed us into doing a better job than what we thought we were capable of. Jack Bozeman was the Chaplain of Samuel Elbert Chapter and had been for many years.

In 1998-99, at Kline Pugh's request, Jack "asked" me to consider the State Registrar's job, and Kline kindly nominated me to that position – a position Kline held the past two years. I was accepted and held the position for 6 years while Kline moved to the State Secretary's job. Kline was a knowledgeable person and "drafted" me into that position I survived for 6 years as the State Registrar seeing the membership rise from 996 to 1400!

Jack touched a lot of lives. His family is proud of him and of course, we are also. We were fortunate to have such a great patriot in our chapter. Jack will be sorely missed by us all, but he is in good hands!

### [William Few](#)

The William Few Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), met Monday evening June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Garlic Clove Restaurant for our 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting.

With 25 members and guests in attendance, we welcomed Ms. Patsy Ray, member of the Augusta Chapter, DAR, and Docent Chair of Meadow Garden as our featured speaker. Ms. Ray presented a program on Meadow Garden that explored its origins and historic relationship to Augusta as the home of George Walton. Walton was a patriot and signer of the Declaration of Independence, as well as a statesman and former governor of Georgia. Meadow Garden is an Augusta treasure and well worth a visit for those seeking to learn a bit more about Augusta's history and role in the founding of our country.



Ms. Patsy Ray

Chapter business was conducted, with special emphasis on new member recognition as we welcomed five recent new members by presenting Rosettes emblematic of their membership in the SAR, and recognized William (Bill) Tankersley with the presentation of his SAR certificate in recognition of his patriot, John Tankersley. Of special note to the chapter and our community, it was also announced that our chapter, with the supporting cooperation of the College Hill, Augusta, and Nancy Hart (Milledgeville) chapters of the DAR, are planning a grave marking ceremony for Revolutionary War patriot and former Georgia statesman and governor, John Milledge at his gravesite in Augusta's Summerville Cemetery on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. This event is expected to have statewide implications and will be attended by many SAR/DAR chapter organizations and members, as well as community leaders and organizations from throughout the state.

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The ceremony will take place graveside on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, with a reception to follow at Meadow Garden. All are welcome to attend.



L to R - Bill Tankersley and William Colbert

"At the invitation of Marsha DeHaven, a member of the Augusta Chapter, DAR, Bill Colbert, President of the William Few Chapter, SAR, joined Marsha and her daughter Christy Ball, in a presentation of the life and history of Richard Wells. Richard, patriot of Christy through her father Bill DeHaven, was born February 11, 1760 at Philadelphia, Pa., later moving to live with an uncle, "Dr. Wells", in Augusta, Ga. This uncle was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War, and he was killed after the War in a duel with General James Jackson. Richard Wells lived in Augusta, GA when he enlisted, and, finishing his enlistment in 1780, he moved to Washington County, VA and reenlisted. Finishing his 2nd enlistment, he later moved to Kentucky, reenlisted again, and there he passed away in March of 1838.



L to R - Christy Ball, Marsha DeHaven and Bill Colbert

Christi played the role of Richard's wife, while Marsha played the role of a school teacher presenting her Augusta 5th grade class a Revolutionary War history lesson using the life of Richard Wells. Wells, who served in three enlistments as an Indian scout and ranger, was portrayed as an example of a soldier who lived in Augusta during the war. Richard appears in the reenactment as though stepping out of history, and the story takes on

a more visual representation as through the eyes of this startled war veteran.

With approximately 50 Augusta Chapter DAR members in attendance, the skit was well received as both entertaining and historically relevant."



The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. Recipients must already have been awarded the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals. To earn the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, a Color Guardsman must serve at least five years after he has received the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal, and he must accrue at least five hundred (500) points by participating in uniform at qualifying National or District Color Guard events. Color Guardsmen may take longer than five years to accrue at least five hundred points, but may not be awarded the National Von Steuben Medal earlier than five years after he has received the Silver Color Guard Medal. A

Color Guardsman shall earn twenty (20) points for his participation in uniform in each District or National event. (*Mileage may also count, as currently set forth in the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook.*)

Guardsmen,

Above are the requirements set forth for the awarding of the National Von Steuben Medal. As there had been some confusion regards "Retroactive Effectiveness", the Color Guard Committee made clarifications at the recent 123<sup>rd</sup> Congress. To simplify the necessary qualifications:

1. You must have earned your Silver Color Guard Medal at least five years ago.
2. You must accumulate at least an additional 500 points by participating in District or National events, mileage included, since earning your Silver Color Guard Medal.
3. You may begin your accounting of points by going back to July of 2009.

George Thurmond was presented Georgia Society's first Von Steuben at the recent Congress. I believe that there are other members in our Guard eligible for the medal.

Attached is the form to be submitted to me

for approval and forwarding to the National Color Guard Commander.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN NOT RECORD ENOUGH EVENTS ON ONE PAGE TO TALLY 500 POINTS. You will need to submit to me several sheets. I suggest you save each with your name and a different numeral before forwarding; e.g. Rigel Von Steuben1.pdf, etc.

My hope is that we might have additional recipients recognized at the NSSAR Leadership meeting in September and/or at the October BOM.



Maeve and I just returned from a wonderful journey to England and Scotland. We knew few of our fellow travelers, who are members of the Georgia Society, and had the pleasure of meeting many new Compatriots from all over the country. Our guide, Tom Quinn, and the group in general really knew their English and Scottish history and stories. It was intriguing and educational at the same time to listen to fellow SAR and DAR members correcting the tour guides. It surely caught them off guard and they acknowledged that we were the most knowledgeable group that they have ever toured. I found the group most knowledgeable of their genealogy. Here we were travelling through the areas where our ancestors had lived and from where they had immigrated to the colonies in America. They are the ones who helped found the greatest country that has ever existed in history. It became the most powerful in the world and the most beneficent nation in the history of humankind. There is one thing we all have in common, we are proud of our ancestors who made the sacrifices for us being here.





## *2013 Awards from the National Congress*

1. C.A.R. Activity Streamer - GASSAR
2. Arthur J. Trimble – 1776 Trophy – GASSAR
3. Liberty Medals - James E. Clark, David A. Noble, Thomas Owen, Robert H. Lear  
Oak-Leaf Cluster - Roger W. Corsey, Larry T. Guzy, Milus B. Maney, William H. Raper, Robert A. Sapp, Richard R. Simpson, J. Michael Tomme, Sr., Robert F. Towns, Fred D. Womack
4. The USS Stark Memorial Award; State with >1000 members – GASSAR
5. The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award – GASSAR
6. Officer's Streamers Award – GASSAR
7. Liberty Bell Americanism Award Chapters 50-99 – Piedmont Chapter
8. President Generals Chapter Activities Competition 50-99 – Atlanta Chapter
9. President General's Cup – Chapter 81+ -- Honorable Mention Piedmont
10. Mike Tomme and Bobby Towns were each presented the Minuteman Award
11. Bobby Towns was presented a Gold Roger Sherman Medal by PG Leishman for service to the National Society
12. At the SAD breakfast Mike Tomme and I were presented Silver Roger Sherman Medals for Service to the District
13. George Thurmond received on behalf of Marty the first Molly Pitcher Medal. Cilla Tomme also received one.
14. George Thurmond received the first Von Steuben Medal.
15. Jefferson Demott, representing the Ocmulgee Chapter, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Rumbaugh Ortion Contest.
16. Athens Chapter and Capt. John Collins Chapters were recognized in a pamphlet for presenting each of the four Public Service and Heroism Medals. Marquis de Lafayette, Piedmont, Coweta Falls, Lyman Hall, Ocmulgee, Washington Wilkes, Samuel Elbert Chapters were recognized for their presentations.
17. GA Society received recognition for contribution to the Knight Essay Scholarship Fund – a certificate.
18. Thomas Jefferson Medal for contribution to the Knight Essay Scholarship Fund Ed Rigel, Sr.

### Contributors to the CAAH

GASSAR – Streamer

Atlanta Chapter – Streamer

Bronze Level (\$10000-24999)

George Thurmond

Mike Tomme

Antique Copper with Sapphire (\$1000-4999)

Roger Coursey

Jerry Maddox

Ed Rigel, Jr.

Roger Wayne Roberts

Antique Copper (\$500-999)

Eschol Sampson Darden, Jr.

Dan Rearden

Jimmy Lloyd

Bruce Maney

Tom Owen

### The First Von Steuben Medal Award Winners



L to R - National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme (GA), Andy Johnson (VA), Mark Anthony (GA/SC), George Thurmond (GA), President General Steve Leishman (DE), Bob Glover (MO), behind in civilian clothes: David Hoover (MD), Russ DeVenney (MO), behind in civilian clothes: Lindsey Brock (FL), Dick Bishop (NC), President General Elect Joe Dooley

The following medals and awards were presented at the Georgia Society's Awards Banquet and Awards Luncheon on January 25-26, 2013.

#### INDIVIDUAL MEDALS AND AWARDS

*Daughters of Liberty Medal*  
*Oak Leaf Cluster*  
Clare Newcomer

*Meritorious Service Medal*  
John Mortison  
William Dobbs  
Michael Black  
J. Michael Tomme, Sr.

*Silver Good Citizenship Medal*  
Bobby D. Shaw  
James E. Stallings, Sr.  
W. Charles Hampton  
Richard L. Richter  
Edward P. Rigel, Sr.  
George H. Wheelless  
Sara L. "Marty" Thurmond

Education Committee Awards  
*Outstanding Elementary Social Studies*

*Teacher*  
Patti Moss - McGarity Elementary School,  
Hiram, Sons of Liberty Chapter

*Outstanding Social Studies Teacher*  
James Raason - Duluth High School, Atlanta  
Chapter

*Education Outreach Streamers*  
Atlanta

Blue Ridge Mountains  
Button Gwinnett  
Casimir Pulaski  
Coweta Falls  
Joseph Habersham  
Lyman Hall  
Marshes of Glynn  
Piedmont  
Sons of Liberty

*Dr. Lyman Hall Education Outreach Award*  
Atlanta

Coweta Falls  
Lyman Hall  
Marshes of Glynn  
Sons of Liberty

*Best Chapter Education Outreach Award*  
Atlanta Chapter

*Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award*  
Linda Zahm - Marshes of Glynn

*John Dooley Education Outreach Award*  
Bruce Maney

#### Individual Medals and Awards

*Eagle Scout Award*  
Kyle Mercer

#### **JROTC Award**

Peter C. Loiacono AFROTC - Warner  
Robbins High School

#### **Knight Essay Contest**

Miss Mariafernanda Alcalde - Elbert County  
Comprehensive High School

#### Chapter Participation Awards

##### **Billy Thompson Americanism Awards**

##### **Membership Group I (1-24 Members)**

Winner - Blue Ridge Mountains - Terry  
Legg, President  
Honorable Mention - Sons of Liberty -  
Kendall Abbott, President

##### **Membership Group II (25 - 74 Members)**

Joseph Habersham Chapter - Bill Raper,  
President  
2nd Place - Button Gwinnett - Michael  
Henderson, President

##### **Membership Group III (75 or more)**

Atlanta Chapter - Terry Manning,  
President  
2nd Place - Marquis de Lafayette - Bob  
Wylie, President

#### *President General's Award*

##### **Membership Group I (1 - 24 Members)**

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter - Terry  
Legg, President  
2nd Place - Sons of Liberty - Kendal  
Abbott, President

##### **Membership Group II (25 - 74 Members)**

Button Gwinnett Chapter - Michael  
Henderson, President  
2nd Place - Lyman Hall - Ed Rigel, Sr.,  
President

##### **Membership Group III (74 or more)**

Atlanta Chapter - Terry Manning,  
President  
2nd Place - Marquis de Lafayette - Bob  
Wylie, President

#### *Flag Certificate Award*

Captain John Collins - 34 Certificates

#### *Distinguished Chapter Awards*

Athens  
Atlanta  
Blue Ridge Mountains  
Captain John Collins  
Casmir Pulaski  
Coweta Falls  
Joseph Habersham  
Lyman Hall  
Marquis de Lafayette  
Marshes of Glynn  
Ocmulgee  
Piedmont  
Sons of Liberty  
Washington - Wilkes

#### **Georgia Society S.A.R./C.A.R. Awards** **Outstanding Support to C.A.R.**

Button Gwinnett - 1,035 points  
Coweta Falls - 747.5 points  
Atlanta - 604 points

#### **C.A.R. Distinguished Liaison Award**

Button Gwinnett Chapter

#### **Silver CAR/SAR Medal of Appreciation**

Lily Elizabeth Garnett

#### Information Technology Committee Awards

*PG Westlake Communications Award for*  
*Best Chapter Website*  
NO ENTRIES

*PG Westlake Communications Award for*  
*Best Chapter Newsletter*  
Sons of Liberty - Kendall Abbott, Editor

#### Membership Committee Awards

Athens  
LaGrange  
Mill Creek  
Samuel Elbert  
Sons of Liberty

#### Revolutionary War Graves Committee Awards

*Revolutionary War Graves*  
Athens Chapter - Certificate and 1 White Star  
Atlanta Chapter - Certificate and 1 White Star  
Blue Ridge Mountains - Certificate and 1  
White Star

Piedmont Chapter - Certificate and 2 White  
Stars

Rome Chapter - Certificate and 1 White Star  
Samuel Elbert Chapter - Certificate and 1  
Gold Star

Wiregrass Chapter - Certificate

#### *Compatriot Graves*

NO ENTRIES

#### Veterans Committee Awards

*B.G. Robert L. Scott, Jr. Veterans Awards*  
**Group I (1-24 Members)**  
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, David  
Cook

**Group II (25 - 49 Members)**  
Washington-Wilkes - Don Thomas, Sr.

**Group III (50 - 99 Members)**  
Piedmont Chapter - Bill Kabel  
Marquis de Lafayette - Edward Hackney

**Group IV (100+ Members)**  
Coweta Falls - Bob Galer

## THE MOLLY PITCHER MEDAL

Many women who are the wives, daughters, sisters, girlfriends, and other female relatives and companions of SAR Color Guardsmen routinely and with great dedication support their SAR Color Guardsman and the SAR Color Guard. The Molly Pitcher Medal may be awarded to women who have supported the SAR Color Guard at the State, District and National Levels. The Medal is silver in color, and depicts a likeness of Molly Pitcher. It is available only in miniature.

Its precedence is higher than NSSAR Specialty Medals, but lower than the Charter Centennial Medal. The Molly Pitcher Medal may be awarded only once; oak leaf clusters are not permitted.

### Earning the Molly Pitcher Medal

To earn the Molly Pitcher Medal, a woman must be present at, and support, the SAR Color Guard at qualifying SAR Color Guard events. The same events that count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal for SAR Color Guardsmen shall also count toward earning the Molly Pitcher Medal. In addition, participation in, and support of, State events, such as a State Society Annual Meeting or a State Society Board of Managers/Governors Meeting, shall also count toward earning the Molly Pitcher Medal.

A woman may be said to "support" the SAR Color Guard by participating in SAR Color Guard events wearing Revolutionary-era attire, or by bringing refreshments for participating SAR Color Guardsman.

However, merely attending an SAR Color Guard event shall not be deemed as "support" for the purposes of earning the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Before a woman may be awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal, her husband or other male companion must have been awarded the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal. The Molly Pitcher Medal should be presented, as appropriate, by the District Vice President General, by the State President, or by the District or State Color Guard Commander. Under special circumstances, the President General or the National Color Guard Commander may also present the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Women who believe they qualify for the Molly Pitcher Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website, and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and then to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the Molly Pitcher Medal.

#### A. Point System

To earn the Molly Pitcher Medal, a woman must accrue at least three hundred (300) points by participating in qualifying State, District and National Color Guard events for at least three years. She may take longer to accrue the requisite 300 points, but even if she accrues 300 points or more within three years, she may not be awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal for less than three years of service. The requisite three years do not need to be continuous; a year shall be any period of twelve consecutive months. A woman supporting an SAR Color Guardsman shall earn ten (10) points for her presence and support at each qualifying State Color Guard event, twenty (20) points for her presence and support at each qualifying District and National Color Guard event. (Mileage may also count, as currently set forth in the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook.)