

Newsletter of THE GEORGIA SOCIETY
Sons of the American Revolution



The Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch

January—March, 2012

It was a great honor to have been elected to serve as President of the Award Winning Georgia Society SAR for this next year at the Society's Annual Conference at the end of January. I again thank those who mentored me on

husband Mike present for my installation). I noted that growth in membership was a challenge during Kit's term as it is now. The Membership Committee has a goal of 2,500 members in the GA Society. That might not be possible during my term, but we can reach that goal faster if we improve our retention rate. I encourage Chapters to get new members involved as a means of retaining their interest in the Society. Meanwhile, the Membership Committee continues to work on bringing new Chapters into the Society. At least one new Chapter is a good possibility this coming year.

year, the country will be celebrating the 225th anniversary of the signing of our Constitution. I encourage all Chapters to do something to recognize this significant anniversary. It may be a Chapter meeting with the Signing as the program topic, receipt of a proclamation from a local government, presentation of a framed copy of the Constitution to a school, as examples. The internet can provide sources for inexpensive replicas of the Constitution and Sample Proclamations have been added to the Source Book in Folder 29 Sample Proclamations.



Ed Rigel, Sr.

the path to the Presidency and thank in advance those who will continue to provide counsel during my term.

During my inauguration address, I noted that I was the second member of Lyman Hall Chapter to serve as State President, our beloved Kit Braselton being the first, serving the 1998-99 term. (And what a treat to have my friends Kit and Peggy and their daughter Becky with

National surveys indicate that historical illiteracy grips our nation. As a part of the SAR's educational outreach, several programs are conducted nationally – Elementary School Poster, Rumbaugh Oration, Knight Essay contests, etc. that target our children and future leaders. The GA Society Education Committee also does a great job in recognizing the outstanding adults who are assisting those youth. I encourage our chapters to improve participation in these contests by taking the steps necessary to add one more contest to their chapter list. The various committee chairs are willing to assist.

As for my final challenge, the Society has a unique opportunity this year. This

Please let me know if there is anything I can do as President to help you individually or your Chapter.

Your most humble and obedient servant,

Ed Rigel, Sr.



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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Message from the Georgia Society Secretary

January—March 2012

Current Membership

As of March 15, 2012, the total membership for the Georgia Society is as follows:

REGULAR:	1,369
JUNIOR:	7
EMERITUS:	6
LIFE:	38
DUAL (Between States):	14
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TOTAL:	1,434

IRS Forms 990 and 990-N

Tax season is here and that requires IRS filings by the Georgia Society and its chapters. One of these forms must be filed every year by the fifth month after a chapter's fiscal year ends. This is May 15th for most chapters. For details, contact the Georgia Society Treasurer Terry Manning.

Death Notices

Aside from keeping our membership informed about the passing of one our compatriots, it is vital to our record keeping that the proper officers be notified when this occurs. Form 10.04F must be completed by a chapter representative and copies sent to the Society's Secretary and Chaplain. If you can attach an obituary, that would be appreciated. When I receive notification of a compatriot death, I enter that in the state database and report it to National. Compatriot Terry Manning spent many hours compiling an historical database of deceased compatriots. It is a valuable asset. We need to ensure its accuracy and long-term usefulness by timely reporting.

Application Transmittals

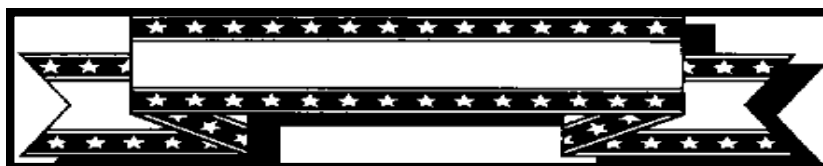
There are several outdated *12.6 SAR APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND RECORD (TRANSMITTAL FORM)*s being used. The current form is found in the Source Book and is the one that should be used. The outdated forms do not have the current sequencing of data input required and make it necessary to write in information when only dates are needed. If you have saved this form, check the date against the one in the Source Book. If it is earlier than the one there, please delete the older version.

Communication and Forms

At the October 2011 BOM meeting former secretary Billy Templeton distributed a CD entitled "Communications and Forms to the State Secretary". Since taking office I have received several requests for a copy. I am currently burning copies of that CD for those who have asked. Before you make the request, check with your chapter officer or representative who was at the BOM or received it by mail to see if they have a copy. If you cannot find or do not have a copy, let me know. To save money on postage I will deliver the CDs at the April BOM meeting. For those not attending, I will send you a copy. Billy has produced an excellent resource that all chapter officers can use in providing information to the Society. Plus, it makes your job a lot easier.

Delegates to National Congress

At this time, I have yet to receive instructions on the certification of delegates to the 122nd National Congress to be held July 6-11, 2011, in Phoenix, AZ. E-mail me by May 15th if you plan on attending the National Congress this year. I will keep your name on file. Depending on how many potential delegates we are authorized by the National Society, I will provide a list of delegates based on established protocol of the Georgia Society BOM.



NEWS

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Roger Lamb

Message From the Georgia Society Chaplain

Lent came early this year, commencing on February 22nd with Ash Wednesday, preceded by Fat Tuesday, when we stuff ourselves with pancakes. You may even go to church and have ashes put on your foreheads. For the next forty days, excluding Sundays, the faithful are called to prepare for Easter by making penance for our sins while becoming closer to God. We do that traditionally by giving up something, like chocolate, or exercise, or beer – well, maybe not beer. The point is, we become closer to God by putting away those things that distract us from God.

Lent is a time to take stock of yourself. Who am I? Where is my life going? What is going on around me that I might influence or change? We'll spend part of our Lent thinking about war and peace, famine and feast, disaster and recovery, dark and light.

There is so much war, famine, disaster, and dark in the world this Lenten season that we'll likely not run out of thoughts.

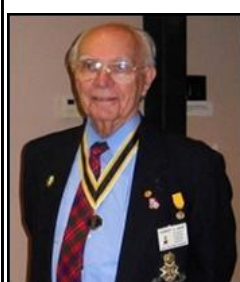
Consider that we might give instead of give up. Remember it is more blessed to give than to receive. Maybe we should present a gift to God and mankind. And who will see you do this - no one (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21). Then the challenge is deciding what it is that you have that you can give. How about yourself? But, you say, I am only one small person in the whole world. Just remember that to someone, you are the world. The rewards are endless.

So much of the modern thought these days is about how man can get his own spiritual gratification. I recall a definition I once heard that spirituality is your personal

relationship with God, and religion is your personal relationship with the faithful community of God's people. Sorry I got so preachy, but I'm working on my spirituality.

Make this a holy Lent. For one day we will come face to face with God. As the ashes remind us, dust we are and to dust we shall return. And on that day when we do come before God it would be nice to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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.



Robert A. Sapp

Message From the Georgia Society Registrar

The members of the Georgia Society honored me at the 2012 Society Annual Conference by electing me to Georgia Society Registrar. This carries a broad responsibility to the membership and potential member applicants of ensuring that the applications for membership are complete and prepared for review and approval by NSSAR Genealogical staff. As the mediator between the local chapter registrars and NSSAR genealogical staff the task of Society Registrar is to understand and to transmit communications between the two parties to effect approval of applications.

In this manner, I suggest that all chapter Registrars download a copy of NSSAR "Registrar's Manual" and become familiar with its content. The manual is available from NSSAR Web site, www.sar.org. From the "Home Page" select Genealogy and at the bottom of the page click on "Genealogy Policies and Registrar's Manual" to locate the

"Registrar's Manual" for downloading. The manual provides good and inadequate application samples and materials. On page 11 of the manual there is a check list to ensure that the application being submitted is ready for review and approval. Let this check list be your guide prior to sending the application.

From time to time, I will call the chapter Registrar to make a comment upon the application package transmitted. In most cases it will be for a missing check or wrong check value or a missing document. In some cases in evaluating the application for approval, I may note that there may be potential problem with approval. I will recommend a proposed action to alleviate the obstacle. My



Terry Manning

Message From the Georgia Society Education Committee

objective is to obtain application approval.

Chapters are reminded that the Americanism Poster Contest will be judged at the April 28 GASSAR Board of Managers meeting. Chapter entries may be submitted at that time to Education Committee Chairman Terry Manning. Each poster entry will be returned to the chapter at the end of the meeting with cash awards (\$25 for fifth place up to \$100 for first place) and ribbons to the top five entries. Certificates will be mailed to the chapters.

April 15 is the deadline for the two other remaining education outreach contests for the school year ending this Spring. Make nominations by mail or email for the outstanding History Club Award (1st place - \$150 & 2nd place \$75) and Social Studies Student Award (\$150 1st place & 2nd place \$75) to Terry Manning (temanning@aol.com - 1201 Timber Glen Ct SW, Lilburn, GA 30047). There is no specific format to make a nomination. Simply provide a narrative outlining why the nominee deserves to win and include any attachments that might contribute to the presentation. Winners will be announced at the Spring BOM meeting.

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"The Georgia Society's new Traveling Tent Program provides for the loan to a chapter of a colonial era tent and associated officer's furnishings and iron cookware for outdoor fairs, festivals, and other living history events as a project of its Education Committee."



to share the activities and events of every chapter. We are extremely proud of these activities and they need to be recorded. It also provides the opportunity for a chapter to boast about its activities.

I know at times it can be time-consuming and cumbersome to do paperwork, but your efforts need to be shared and collectively we can show others that we are making every effort to fulfill our obligations to our forefathers and this country.

Every chapter will soon be receiving the 2012 Americanism spreadsheet to help record these activities and efforts. Please find someone in your chapter to take the time and periodically fill in some of the blanks. Believe me, it is much easier if this is updated on a monthly basis rather than trying to cram it all in toward the end of the year. One good way is to ask members at each monthly meeting and pass around a sheet for everyone that has been involved with any and all activities to log it and you will have the information to help fill in some data on the spreadsheet.



Kendall Abbott

Message From the Georgia Society Americanism Committee

Americanism is Alive and Well, but It Needs a Boost in Georgia

Americanism - definition - attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the United States.

SAR Recessional: Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of Free Men.

Above is the definition of Americanism along with the SAR Recessional. When combined, it is asking us to show our respect and show this respect via activities and educational opportunities.

During 2011, it was surprising that the Georgia Society only had eight chapters out of 32 completed an Americanism Spreadsheet. We all know that more than eight chapters had Americanism / Patriotic activities and all chapters need to get credit for these activities.

Nearly every chapter has presented a JROTC medal, a flag certificate or presented medals / certificates to members and speakers at your meetings. Each of these regular activities that you do can be recorded and turned into the state and national for Americanism points. This is an opportunity

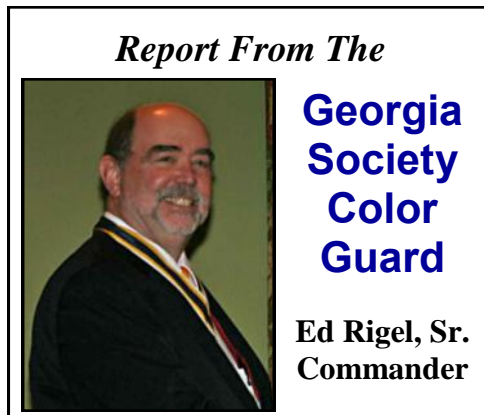
Let us remember that we are part of an international society, not a local social club, we have come together out of a common history to be sure that our common history is not forgotten for future generations. The only way we can accomplish this is to be out among those we want to educate, and one way we let the rest of the society know is to share how much we have done through accounting for our Americanism efforts.

If you have any questions relating to this, please contact me and I will help where I can. Hopefully 2012 will be our year when nearly every chapter will submit their chapter's record of Americanism activities.

Message From the Georgia Society Historian

Where is your Chapter Charter kept? If your Chapter Charter is lost, damaged or destroyed how would you replace it?

Your Chapter Charter is one of a kind document, most important document in your chapter and it irreplaceable since no other copy exists at either State or National Society. I would suggest you take steps to protect it by making a high quality copy of your Chapter Charter and forward it to the State Historian for safe keeping.



Color Guard Schedule

- 4 May – 4 May – GSSDAR Annual Conference, Augusta, 2000 hrs: Ed Rigel, Terry Manning, Bob Sapp, James Stallings, Walker Chewning, Larry Wilson
- 6 May – Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR Grave Marking, Colquitt-Stevens Cemetery, Oglethorpe County N 33.93501 W 83.08908: Ed Rigel, Sr., James Stallings, Allen Greenly, Terry Manning, Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, John Mortison, Larry Wilson
- 19 May – City of Auburn, GA, Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration, Auburn, GA, 1000 – 1600
- 19 May – Mountain Laurel Festival Parade, Clarkesville, GA, 1000 hrs
- 29 Oct – Patriot Joseph Pinson Grave Marking sponsored by Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter Grave, Dillard, GA: Ed Rigel, Sr., George Thurmond, Mike Tomme, Bruce Maney, Jack Ferguson, Terry Manning
- 26 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Military Cemetery: George Thurmond, Bob Faith, Jim Lynch, Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Bo Hill
- 28 May – Memorial Day Parade, Rome, GA
- 23 Jun 2012 – Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC, 1000 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly, George Thurmond, James Stallings, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, Charlie Newcomer, Hall Martin, David Martin, Larry Wilson, Jack Ferguson, Ed Rigel, Jr.
- 4 July – Wreath Laying at Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA
- 7-11 Jul -- NSSAR Annual Congress, Phoenix, AZ: George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly, Bob Sapp, Jim Lynch
- 28 July – GASSAR BOM: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Terry Manning, Jim Lynch, Larry Wilson, Jack Ferguson, Bruce Maney
- 4 Aug – Old Soldier's Day Parade, Alpharetta, GA: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, Allen Greenly, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, Jim Lynch, Larry Wilson, Bruce Maney
- 8 Sep – Patriot Wm. Suttles Grave Marking sponsored by the Atlanta and Piedmont Chapters, Utoy Cemetery, 1100 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., George Thurmond, James Stallings, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, Terry Manning, Jim Lynch, Jack Ferguson
- 8 Sep – Vigil at Washington's Tomb, Mt. Vernon, VA 0900 - 2100 hrs
- 8 Sep – George Washington Chapter SAR Wreath Presentation at Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington National Cemetery, 1615 hrs
- 14 Sep – Last Battle of the Revolution, Chattanooga, TN, 1000 hrs: George Thurmond
- 14-15 Sep -- 225th Anniversary of the Constitution, Philadelphia, PA: Mike Tomme, Bruce Maney, Walt Reed, Jim Lynch
- 16 Sep – Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR, Constitution Day Commemoration, Athens, 1530 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Larry Wilson



Georgia Society Meeting Dates



President
Ed Rigel, Sr.



GA Society Executive Committee

10:00 AM

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

April 11th

July 18th

October 17th

January 16th

GA Society Board of Managers

10:00AM

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

April 28th

July 28th

October 27th

January 26th, 2013

GA Society Annual Conference

January 25-26, 2013

Report From The

**Georgia
Society
C.A.R.
Liaison**

Terry Manning

Children of the American Revolution Meet at Callaway Gardens

The annual state conference of the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution (the official abbreviation for the organization is "C.A.R." using the periods after each letter) met at Callaway Gardens February 17-18, 2012. The highlight of activity was the election of new officers and the presentation of annual awards. Congratulations to Lily Garnett of Liberty Tree Society (local groups are called societies rather than chapters) of Culloden elected as State President to begin office in April 2012.

Georgia's Most Outstanding Society for 2011 was the Allen Howard Society out of Lawrenceville in Gwinnett County led by Society President "Z" Staehling and Senior Society President Walker Chewning of the SAR. The Button Gwinnett Chapter has been a sponsor of the AHS for several years and at least six other SAR members now serve as seniors to the local society. The Atlanta Chapter SAR has also recently become a sponsor. For each office and chair position held by a child in the C.A.R. there is a corresponding adult position, thus offering many opportunities for SAR member involvement at their local or state level.

Among the approximately 50 awards won by the Allen Howard Society were those for best newsletter, best yearbook, most funds donated to state programs and the National Project, most submissions to the C.A.R. Magazine, greatest membership gain, National Merit Award, State Standard of Excellence tri-color award, best patriotic education, best color guard activity, largest delegation to the state conference, and best C.A.R./DAR/SAR/SR relations. The paperwork involved in just submitting nominations for this number of awards kept Senior Secretary Jo An Chewning busy for weeks!

Bonaventure Society (Statesboro) had the best society scrapbook page and captured the award for best insignia program.

From Culloden, Liberty Tree Society's first place awards included those for best program on the faith of the founding fathers, greatest percentage net gain of members (25 or less members), best American history program, best program on the 100th anniversary of the C.A.R. Magazine, and best program on the National Endowment Fund

The Lucy Spell Raiford Society (Columbus) sponsored by the SAR's Coweta Falls Chapter received the first place award for largest number of new Life Members, most creative way to honor life members, most SAR dual memberships, and most admissions to DAR, SAR, and SR.

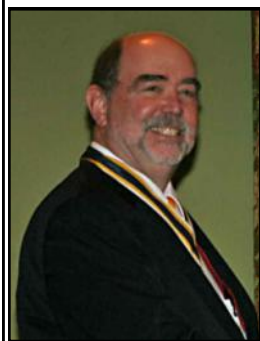
The Martha Steward Bulloch Society (Alpharetta) was recognized for best meeting minutes, best corresponding secretary program, and most creative government studies program.

Sukey Hart Society (Milledgeville) had best society scrapbook, best program on conservation, best recycling program, most material aid to the mountain schools, and best overall publicity program.

The quarterly C.A.R. Liaison report to the Board of Managers will contain a near complete listing for all society awards at the annual conference. **A revised format for the Georgia Society SAR's C.A.R. Activity Contest will also be reported in the quarterly report.** In the new format, every chapter meeting certain point levels will be recognized with either a red or blue streamer and an overall "C.A.R. Distinguished Liaison Award" will be presented to the SAR chapter with the highest point total.



Report From The



**Georgia
Society
President**

Ed Rigel, Sr.

Committee Activity at NSSAR Leadership/Trustee Meeting March 2-3, 2012

Fourteen members of the GASSAR attended the Spring NSSAR Trustee/Leadership meeting in Louisville March 2-3. Bob Wylie, President of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter attended for the first time. Bob requested to be added to the CAAH Capital Campaign Committee and the Americanism Committee. All those who attended were asked to submit to me a synopsis of the committee meetings they attended. Below is a summary of the responses. Thanks to those who did respond.

Americanism – At least 75 Chapters have submitted entries to the Americanism/PG Contest by the time one the meeting. The new Americanism score sheet will soon be out.

CAAH Capital Campaign – A high level approach is being made by Chair Sam Powell, NCSSAR.

Color Guard – Von Steuben Medal approved by Medals and Awards Committee. This medal may be earned by Color Guardsmen who have earned the Silver Color Guard Medal and who have extensive tenure and service beyond those requirements. Tom Green, TXSSAR, selected as Color Guardsman of the Year, Gold Color Guard Medal to be awarded at Annual Congress. Committee approved the qualifications for the National Molly Pitcher Medal for Camp Followers. To be submitted to the Medals and Awards Committee for approval, Color Guardsman, the National Color Guard newsletter, is available at the NSSAR website. Submission of articles is encouraged.

Council of State Presidents – Discussed need to properly train Chapter officers. Reasons the GASSAR does not participate in a State Lifetime Membership program were reinforced.

Eagle Scout – Judged the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. Winners, 1st – 3rd Place: UT, VA, TN. The Georgia entrant scored respectably. Eleven Compatriots were selected to receive the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award including Compatriot Redden P. Hart of the Valdosta Chapter. Arrangements will be made to present the Award to Compatriot Hart at the earliest.

Genealogy – Proper “Review Ready” applications are being processed in about four weeks once they arrive at National.

German Society – Elected new officers. Blazer patch approved by Medals and Awards Committee.

Historic Sites, Celebrations, and Reenactment -- Battle of Fort San Carlos (St Louis, Missouri) added to the annual celebrations of Historic Sites. Date May 26, 2012

Membership – Discussed that new member application turnover time at National has been significantly reduced of the past year.

Merchandise -- Merchandise showed a profit last year. Prices have been raised on some items. Inventory not moving will be reduced in price. Working on a compatibility issue between military and SAR miniature ribbon bars. Color merchandise flyer is included in each new member certificate. Top revenue sales: Rosette, Bronze ROTC, Combination Set, member Badge and Member’s logo gift pack.

Minuteman – Neither of the two GASSAR applicants were chosen for the honor. GASSAR is encouraged to sponsor those members again next year.

Newsletters/Publications – Member attending was inspired to revive his Chapter newsletter.

Patriot/Revolutionary War Graves – The website is being updated and a new CD will soon be available to the public. Checkout <http://patriot.sar.org>

Retention/Reinstatement – Retention can be improved by creating an environment of desire on the part of the members to belong.



New Members

Georgia Society New Members Since Sunday, January 01, 2012

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altamaha	02 Feb 2012	Timothy Wayne HENDRIX	David Edenfield	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
Atlanta	17 Jan 2012	William Robert CAMPBELL	George Ruff	Thomas Fisher CRAFT
	02 Feb 2012	Franklin Edward SMITH	William Hay	Thomas Fisher CRAFT
	10 Feb 2012	Donald Allan KENAGY	James Bean	Thomas Fisher CRAFT
Blue Ridge Mtns	02 Feb 2012	Murray Stanton KING	Francis Sturgill	Henry Johnson PRESTON, Jr.
	22 Feb 2012	James David IVY	Thomas Stevens	William Oscar BRAZIL
Button Gwinnett	11 Jan 2012	Robert Walker CHEWNING, Jr.	Samuel Chewning	Newton Walker CHEWNING
	22 Feb 2012	Andrew Kirk JONES	Samuel Dean	Harold Douglas FORD
	22 Feb 2012	Thomas Arthur JONES, Jr.	Samuel Dean	Harold Douglas FORD
	22 Feb 2012	Thomas Arthur JONES, Sr.	Samuel Dean	Harold Douglas FORD
Cherokee	02 Feb 2012	Thomas Robert McEVOY	Nehemiah Bosworth	James Charles LANCE
Coweta Falls	11 Jan 2012	Phil Henry HERRINGTON	Elisha Talley	John Edwin MCCUTCHEON
	02 Feb 2012	Lewis Swanton THOMASON, Jr.	William Thomason	Richard Russell SIMPSON, Sr.
	02 Feb 2012	Alvin Richard EUBANKS, Jr.	Thomas Owen	John Edwin MCCUTCHEON
Dalton	02 Feb 2012	Ronnie Leon O'KELLEY	Thomas O'Kelley	George Dewey WRIGHT, Jr.
	02 Feb 2012	Robert Eldon WOODARD	Thomas Maxwell	George Dewey WRIGHT, Jr.
Edward Telfair	11 Jan 2012	Anthony John JUSTI, Jr.	John Abrams	Roger Warren COURSEY
	11 Jan 2012	James Francis STAY	John Abrams	Roger Warren COURSEY
	11 Jan 2012	Sean Freeman JUSTI	John Abrams	Roger Warren COURSEY
Four Rivers Patriots	22 Feb 2012	Edward Dean MILLS, Sr.	Colsby Smith	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	22 Feb 2012	Brian David MILLS	Colsby Smith	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.

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	22 Feb 2012	Edward Dean MILLS, Jr.	Colsby Smith	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	22 Feb 2012	David Marcus MILLS	Colsby Smith	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
John Collins				
	17 Jan 2012	Richard Gardner CANFIELD, Jr.	Peter Barnes	Larry Thomas GUZY
	02 Feb 2012	John Maurice MATTINGLY	Bennet Dailey	James Allen HENSON, Jr.
John Milledge				
	02 Feb 2012	Thomas Carl DAVIS	Robert Wynne	William Glenn NEELY, III
Jos. Habersham				
	02 Feb 2012	Joseph Michael TRENBEATH	Joel Phillips	William Hughes RAPER
	02 Feb 2012	Edwin Patton DAVIS, III	Joel Phillips	William Hughes RAPER
	02 Feb 2012	Charles Richard SIMMEMON	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
	02 Feb 2012	Charles Richard SIMMEMON, Jr.	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
Lyman Hall				
	02 Feb 2012	Richard Clinton DANIEL	James Daniel	Roscoe Drake MCMILLAN, III
	10 Feb 2012	David Comer LONG	Nicholas Long	John Hampden BEALE
	05 Mar 2012	James Walker LASTER, Jr.	Benjamin Buchanan	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
Marquis de Lafayette				
	02 Feb 2012	Matthew Russell WAGNER	Benjamin Reed	David George JESSEL
Valdosta				
	05 Jan 2012	Benjamin Neely YOUNG	Robert Young	James Edward WILLIS
	20 Jan 2012	Richard Allen GEIGER	Richard Ratcliffe	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	02 Feb 2012	Michael Gary HERRIN	Isham Peacock	GlenWillis HERRIN
Washington—Wilkes				
	05 Jan 2012	Thomas Leroy REYNOLDS	Benjamin Hart	Thomas Milne OWEN
William Few				
	05 Jan 2012	Lon Duncan HODGE	Levi Hodge	Richard Alan NOEGEL

Total: 40

Way to Go Chapters!

The following medals and awards were presented at the Georgia Society's Awards Banquet and Awards Luncheon on January 27-28, 2012.

INDIVIDUAL MEDALS AND AWARDS

Patriot Medal

Newton Walker Chewning
Milus Bruce Maney
Billy Jack Templeton

Meritorious Service Medal

Neal Spooner—Joel Early Chapter
Jim Clark—Rome Chapter
Jay Guest—Athens Chapter
Bill Hay—Coweta Falls Chapter
Bruce Maney—Button Gwinnett Chapter
Terry Manning—Button Gwinnett Chapter
Ed Rigel, Sr.—Lyman Hall Chapter
Roscoe McMillan—Lyman Hall Chapter

Distinguished Service Medal

J. Michael Tomme, Sr.

PG Vance Membership Trophy

Ned Shuman

Martha Washington Medal

Darla Wilson
Ginny Manning
Sally Baldwin GSDAR Regent

SAR Medal of Appreciation

Mary Grace Whittle

Bronze CAR/SAR Medal of Appreciation

Erin Moore

Certificate of Distinguished Service

Robert F. Towns

YOUTH PROGRAM AWARDS

Eagle Scout Scholarship Award

Nathan Wheeler

JROTC Outstanding Cadet Award

Cadet Lt. Amy Rodriguez

Knight Essay Contest Award

Victoria Cochran

CHAPTER PARTICIPATION AWARDS BY COMMITTEE

Americanism Committee Awards

Billy Thompson American Award

Membership Group I (1-24 members)

Winner—Sons of Liberty Chapter—Kendall Abbott, President
2nd Place—Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter—Terry Legg, President

Membership Group II (25-49 members)

Winner—Button Gwinnett Chapter—James Lynch, President
2nd Place—Lyman Hall Chapter—Ed Rigel, Sr., President

Membership Group III (50-99 members)

Winner—Piedmont Chapter—Allen Greenly, President

2nd—Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Geoffrey Oosterhoudt, President

Membership Group IV (100+ members)

Winner—Coweta Falls Chapter—Bill Hay, President

President General's Award

Membership Group I (1-24 members)

Winner—Sons of Liberty Chapter
Kendall Abbott, President
2nd Place—Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter—Terry Legg, President

Membership Group II (25-49 members)

Winner—Button Gwinnett Chapter
James Lynch, President
2nd Place—Lyman Hall Chapter—Ed Rigel, Sr., President

Membership Group III (50-99 members)

Winner—Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Geoffrey Oosterhoudt, President
2nd Place—Piedmont Chapter—Allen Greenly, President

Membership Group IV (100+ members)

Winner—Coweta Falls Chapter—Bill Hay, President

Flag Certificate Award

Button Gwinnett Chapter—29 certificates

Distinguished Chapter Award

Atlanta Chapter
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
Button Gwinnett Chapter
Captain John Collins Chapter
Coweta Falls Chapter
Lyman Hall Chapter
Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Piedmont Chapter

Education Committee Awards

Outstanding Elementary Social Studies

Teacher

Liz Greene

Outstanding Social Studies Teacher

John B. Smith

Tom and Betty Lawrence American History

Teacher Award

Susan Adams

Education Outreach Streamers

Button Gwinnett Chapter
Casimir Pulaski Chapter
Joseph Habersham Chapter
Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Piedmont Chapter
Sons of Liberty Chapter

Dr. Lyman Hall Education Outreach Award

Joseph Habersham Chapter

Best Chapter Education Outreach Program Award

Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award

Leslie Strickland Watkins

John Dooly Education Outreach Award

Bruce Maney

Georgia Society SAR/CAR Awards

1st Runner-up—Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Winner—Button Gwinnett Chapter

Information Technology Committee Awards

PG Westlake Communication Award for Best Chapter Website

Sons of Liberty Chapter Walter Fortner, webmaster.

Membership Committee Awards

Casimir Pulaski Chapter
Joseph Habersham Chapter
LaGrange Chapter
Sons of Liberty Chapter

Revolutionary War Graves Committee

Patriot Graves Marked

Athens Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter certificate, 1 white star
Button Gwinnett Chapter—certificate, 1 gold star, 1 white star
Casimir Pulaski Chapter—certificate
Cherokee Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
John Milledge Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
Joseph Habersham Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
Lyman Hall Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
Marquis de Lafayette Chapter certificate, 2 white stars
Piedmont Chapter—certificate, 2 white stars
Rome Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
Samuel Elbert Chapter—certificate, 1 gold star, 3 white stars
William Few Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
Washington-Wilkes Chapter certificate, blue Revolutionary War Patriot Graves Streamer, 1 gold star, 1 white Star

Compatriot Graves Marked

Athens Chapter—certificate
Marquis de Lafayette Chapter—certificate, 1 white star
Piedmont Chapter—certificate, 4 white stars

Veterans Committee Awards

BG Robert L. Scott, Jr. Veterans Awards

Group I (1-24 members)

NO WINNER

Group II (25-49 members)

Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Group III (50-99 members)

Marquis de Lafayette Chapter

Group IV (100+ members)

Coweta Falls Chapter



In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2012



Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Sunday, January 1, 2012

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Dr. Charles D. Hudson	86463	LaGrange	20 Jan 2012
William HP Shiver	172239	Marches of Glenn	21 Feb 2012
Guyton B. McCall, LTC	134211	Atlanta	22 Feb 2012
Holton S. King	148926	Joseph Habersham	25 Feb 2012
Davis R. Watson, Jr.	147870	Coweta Falls	16 Mar 2012
John D. McLeod III	182947	Wiregrass	16 Mar 2012

Gone but not forgotten



NEWS

of the
*Georgia Society
Chapters*

Atlanta

The chapter held its annual banquet and celebration of Washington's birthday on February 25 at the Capital City Club in Brookhaven. John Mortison's bagpipe music heralded the presentation of colors and was followed by patriotic music on the piano by Richard Smith. Laurel Craft was presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal preceding the induction of new members Bob Campbell and Don Kenagy by State President Ed Rigel.

Chapter President Wood Hughes accepted the Distinguished Chapter Streamer from President Rigel and spoke to the contributions of his staff and the chapter members in accomplishing this goal.

Consul General Lutz Hermann Gorgens, Ph.D. of the Federal Republic of Germany spoke on the subject of Baron DeKalb. Other distinguished guests included Charlie Newcomer, Vice President General South Atlantic District SAR; Walker Chewning, Metro Regional Vice President GASSAR; Virginia Grace Lingelbach, First Vice Regent Georgia Society NSDAR; and Joyce Ball Patton, Regent Atlanta Chapter NSDAR.

President Rigel installed the new chapter officers after which incoming President Terry Manning spoke to the chapter goals for 2012. Compatriot Carlisle Young's planning skills ensured that the 60 guests had an enjoyable afternoon topped by an exquisite meal.

Second Vice President Fisher Craft received a check at the conclusion of the meeting in the amount of \$374 donated by 13 members during the usual collection of dues this winter for presentation to the George Washington Endowment Fund at the upcoming Leadership Conference in Louisville.



President Terry Manning presenting Laurel Craft the Daughters of Liberty Medal with a kiss as T. Fischer Craft suspiciously eyes the presentation in the background.



Dr. T. Fischer Craft performed with the SARPRESMES at the formal Saturday night banquet of the Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting. Who says SAR meeting aren't fun?

Athens

On February 22nd, the Athens Chapter celebrated George Washington's Birthday with a seated dinner at the beautiful Thompson House and Gardens event center in Bogart, GA. There were 84 attendees including 44 Chapter members and their guests, and 30 honored guests.

The colors were presented by the Color Guard cadets of the Army JROTC from Athens' Clarke Central High School.



The program for the evening included the installation of new chapter officers. The oath of office was given by Compatriot Charlie Newcomer, Vice President General South Atlantic District. Sworn in were: President Joe Neighbors, Vice President Donald Burdick, Secretary Justin Reese III, Treasurer Virgil Palmer, Chaplain Lowry Harper, Registrar Robert Towns, and Sergeant at Arms Jay Guest.



Athens Chapter Officers receive Oath of Office from Charlie Newcomer L to R: Neighbors, Burdick, Reese, Palmer, Towns, and Guest

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Community Medals and Awards program. Awards Chairman Robert Towns, Vice President General International District made the presentations. Receiving the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal were Oconee County Sheriff Scott Berry and Lt. David Kilpatrick. The Emergency Medical Service Medal was presented to National EMS Tracy LaFlam. The Fire Safety Commendation Medal went to Nelson Foell an Oconee County Fireman.

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Melvin Davis, Chairman, Oconee County Board of Commissioners for his many years of service to the County and, in particular, for his support of the SAR.

The SAR to DAR Medal of Appreciation was given to Regent Dory Brown of the Reverend John Andrew Chapter NSDAR.

The Medal for Heroism was presented to Norb Krzak for his extraordinary action taken recently in Madison County where he bravely put his own life at risk by pulling an injured man from the railroad track in the face of an on-coming freight train. The injured man had been thrown from his vehicle when it left the highway in adverse weather conditions and ended up on the tracks. Mr. Krzak was featured on a recent episode of *America's Most Wanted* for his bravery. He received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Button Gwinnett



L-to- R) Dr. Dion Jones -Principal Robert Elementary School, Gwinnett County Leslie Strickland Watkins, Vice Regent of the William Day Compatriot Michael N. Henderson, President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Compatriot Bruce Maney North East Region Vice President GASSAR

Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, President Michael N. Henderson presents Dr. Dion Jones, Principal of the Robert Elementary School with a Flag Certificate. One of Gwinnett Country newest schools which opened in August 2010 in the city of Suwanee, Robert Elementary joined the North Gwinnett cluster and continues to demonstrate a high level of patriotism by properly displaying and encouraging it's student body to respect for our nation's symbol- the American Flag.

Earlier this day Compatriot Bruce Maney, a member of the Button Gwinnett SAR and Mrs. Leslie Strickland Watkins, Vice Regent, William Day Chapter DAR dressed in Colonial period clothing and gave several Revolutionary War living history presentations to two groups of four graders at Robert Elementary. Already this year, this team has lectured and preformed reenactments on Revolutionary War heroine Nancy Hart and other Georgia frontier militiamen to over 15 elementary schools in Gwinnett county totally approximately 1500 fourth grade students.

Their efforts were recently noted and recognized this past January during Georgia Society Annual 2012 Conference. Compatriot Maney was recipient for 2011 of the Georgia State Society Education Committee, John Dooley Award which is given annually to a GASSAR member who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach programs during the colander. Mrs. Leslie Watkins was

recipient for 2011 of the Georgia State Society Education Committee - Nancy Hart award which goes to a female who has also significantly contributed their time and effort in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach program during the calendar year. Georgia Society SAR is proud of the fine job both are during in support of our education goals in our local school.

Captain John Collins

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNIZED FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Henry Tucker's Eagle Scout project was to build a 'field of dreams', but not the Kevin Kostner kind. He envisioned thirteen raised vegetable gardens to be located at the B. J. Crafton Women's Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the transition of chemically dependent women to become sober, accountable members of society.

Henry is a student at Pope High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 75 of the Transfiguration Catholic Church in Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia.

According to Henry's calculations the project would take 100 volunteers, 1000 man-hours and over \$9000 to accomplish, making it one of the most challenging and costly Eagle projects in Georgia.

With the support of landscaper Will Goodman, residential contractor Tomas Alosio and numerous others, including family, friends, fellow scouts, students and unbelievable donations the project was undertaken.

His efforts included sending out nearly 200 video packages describing the project as well as donation brochures. In addition, he made personal presentations to civic organizations. In six months the estimated original costs were realized and ground breaking took place April 29, 2011. In all \$16,800 was raised in what has been touted as one of the largest Eagle Scout service projects in the nation.

Henry said, he "chose to build the raised gardens so the women who live at the center can plant a seed, nurture it, and ultimately enjoy the fruits of their labor."

At the February 21, 2012 monthly meeting of the Captain John Collins Chapter Of GSSAR, Eagle Scout Henry Tucker was

recognized and awarded the Bronze Medal



and Certificate of Good Citizenship.

Photo caption: (1 – r.) Compatriot William R. Coffeen, GSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman who also participated in Henry's Court of Honor, Henry Tucker and Compatriot Earl L. Cagle, Sr., Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman.

Coweta Falls

National Trustee J. Michael Tomme installed Coweta Fall Chapter officers for 2012-2013 at the chapter's annual meeting on February 9: Hugh Rodgers, President; Robert Fleck, Jr., 1st Vice President; William Hay, 2nd Vice President; Rusty Callaway, Secretary; Wayne Cartledge, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary; John McCutcheon, Registrar, Lennis (Joe) Tarpley, Chaplain; Richard Simpson, Genealogist; George Dismukes, Jr., Assistant Genealogist; Cecil Curtis, Chancellor; Billy H. Thompson, Historian; William Whatley, Sergeant at Arms. Several members received medals and certificates and the chapter welcomed new member Charles Key Koone.

Over the weekend of Feb. 10-12, eight chapter members attended the Kettle Creek and Elijah Clarke ceremonies; seven members were in uniform (eight counting young Taylor Hay).

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**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
October 22, 2011
10:00 am
Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
BARNESVILLE, GA**

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President Rodgers presented the chapter wreath at the War Hill monument and Charles Hall did the honors at Elijah Clarke State Park. On Feb. 20th, Presidents Day, Dan McMichael, John McCutcheon, Bill and Taylor Hay, and Hugh Rodgers, attended a memorial paver dedication on the Walk of Honor at the National Infantry Museum.

Education outreach continues to be a major chapter activity. Accompanying photos shows compatriot John McCutcheon and students at Wynnton Fine Arts Academy after a presentation.



[George Walton](#)

On Saturday morning, February, 25, the George Walton Chapter held a business meeting to celebrate President Washington's birthday. The meeting was held at Square Perks Cafe on the square of Historic Covington.

The meeting was attended by Regional Vice President Walker Chewning. Vice President Chewning presented an SAR membership certificate to Mr. Arvin F. Spell III. Compatriot Spell, raised in Hazelhurst, Georgia, resides in downtown Covington and is the George Walton Chapter's newest member. Mr. Spell, whose Mother was a member of the DAR, brings a wealth of historical knowledge to the Chapter.

VP Chewning also made a presentation to the Chapter on the efforts of the Coastal Heritage Society in Savannah (and their Society of 1779) to raise funds for the care and preservation of Battlefield Park and the Spring Hill Redoubt. This is being done by the purchase of 2 foot by 2 foot Georgia blue granite stones placed upon the Savannah Battlefield to honor a Revolutionary War personage.

The George Walton Chapter members

present voted unanimously to follow the Lyman Hall and Button Gwinnett Chapter's in funding the purchase of a \$1779.00 marker to honor George Walton, Georgia's third and final signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Chapter members feel that this is only proper and fitting considering that Walton was also a resident of Savannah, was a Colonel in Georgia's first militia, and was present at the surrender of Savannah to the British arms. George Walton was wounded in the defense of Savannah and was made prisoner by the British. In September of 1779, Walton was exchanged for a British officer and in October of 1779, Colonel Walton was appointed governor of Georgia. A position which he was elected to again in 1789.

The Chapter's understanding is that the three markers will placed in the same location in Battlefield Park. Dedication will be October 9, 2012.



Regional Vice President Walker Chewning presenting Compatriot Arvin F. Spell, III his SAR Membership Certificate.

[Joseph Habersham](#)

The Joseph Habersham Chapter is again leading the way in SAR's Patriotic Poster Contest with over 1,600 fourth graders from nineteen elementary schools participating. Each of the school winners will receive a certificate and the book *Making of America*.

After a couple of years of inactivity because of health problems to participating members the chapter's Education Outreach program is back in full force due to the efforts of Lyn Cash, Bruce Maney, David Grist and David Burton.

[Lyman Hall](#)

Over 70 members and guests turned out for the January Lyman Hall Chapter meeting. The East Hall High School JROTC Color Guard accepted the Chapter's invitation to present and retire the Colors and did a fine job. The first order of business after supper was the induction of New Members. Tom Roberts and Rob Jones were duly inducted and welcomed into the Society.



East Hall High School JROTC

Gainesville Deputy Fire Chief Jerome Yarborough assisted in the next presentation, the awarding of a SAR Heroism Medal. Early in the morning of November 21, 2011, Mr. Tray Ross and a co-worker noticed smoke coming from a home across from where they worked. While others called 911, Mr. Ross rushed to the house and shouted to determine if anyone was inside. A man responded and said he needed help. The room was filled with smoke, but having had some training as a volunteer firefighter, Mr. Ross told the victim to get low and began crawling towards him using the man's voice to direct himself. Upon reaching the man he lifted him and carried him out of the house just as the EMT's arrived to assist. When firefighters arrived a few moments later, they found the house 60% engulfed in flames. The house ended up being totally destroyed. Mr. Ross asked the man why he did not try to escape the fire and the man told him it was because his was blind. Both were treated for smoke inhalation but the victim required prolonged hospitalization and rehabilitation. It was acknowledged that without Mr. Ross' heroic actions the victim would have perished. In the word's of the victim's daughter, "There is a God and Mr. Ross is an Angel." The Lyman Hall Chapter was proud to award the SAR Medal for Heroism to Tray Ross for putting his life at risk to save another.

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Heroism Medal Recipient Ross

Also recognized that evening were three Chapter Youth Contest winners. Eagle Scout Mitchell McIntire, for the second year in a row was awarded the Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship Medal. Mitchell's essay was on how underappreciated were the sacrifices of General Johann DeKalb.



Cadet Lt. Amy Rodriguez, East Hall High School JROTC, was awarded the Chapter Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal and scholarship. In attendance with her for the presentation, in addition to her parents and fellow members of the Color Guard, were Senior Instructor, Major Brad McCanna and Chief Les Thornton. As happenstance would have it, also in attendance to assist with the presentation was NSSAR ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Liaison Committee Chair, COL. Robert F. Towns, past President of the Georgia Society. It was also acknowledged that Cadet Lt. Rodriguez was the winner of the GASSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet contest and would be recognized at the upcoming Annual Conference.



The third youth recognized was Chapter Knight Essay contest winner Kristina Dzimianski. This was the third year in a row that Kristina won the Chapter competition.



The program that night was presented by COL. Towns and entitled "Our Great American Heritage". The Chapter was surprised to learn at the end of the program, that the speech was that delivered by Valedictorian Towns when he graduated high school! It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Early in February, members of the Chapter attended the Col. William Candler Chapter NSDAR Georgia Day program. President Rigel presented the program entitled, "Georgia's Reluctant Rebels". A few weeks later the two Chapters sponsored a commemoration of the birthday of President George Washington. DAR, SAR, C.A.R. members were joined by many public officials for the event. Eighteen members of the GASSAR Color Guard turned out to support the event. President Rigel gave a brief presentation on Washington's resolution of the Whiskey Rebellion, the first time under the new Constitution that the federal government used strong military force to exert authority over the states and citizens. Twenty seven of those in attendance retired to a local tavern for beverage, sustenance, and fellowship afterwards. Two weeks later the Chapter Color Guard served to present and retire the Colors at the Col. William



Candler Chapter's Awards Tea, with Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal in attendance.

Hornet's Nest Deadline
July 15, 2012
 Make sure your Chapter news gets published!

Ocmulgee

On 18 February 2012 forty-six Ocmulgee Members and Guests celebrated the birthday of General George Washington at Healy Point Golf and Country Club. The highlight of the evening was a most interesting presentation by Dr. Clay Ouzts, Professor of History at Gainesville State College. His presentation entitled A Real Civil War: Tories and the Revolution in North East Georgia certainly gave his audience an insight into another part of the American Revolution that is often not considered. In appreciation of his dedication to educating his students and many others in the histories of our country, Dr. Ouzts was awarded and presented the SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal and Certificate.



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During the Awards Ceremony, Ocmulgee Compatriot Richard Lenhart was awarded and presented the Military Service Medal and Certificate in appreciation of his service to our country in the Republic of Vietnam.



Installation of Ocmulgee Chapter Officers
20 December 2011.



Front left, Past President William Gifford, front center, President James Stallings, 2nd row, from the left are Chaplain Charles Daniel, Secretary Stan Adams, Vice President Douglas Harden, Treasurer Bill Daniels and Registrar Ray Crumbley.

Rome

The Georgia State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded Jim E. Clark with the distinguished MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL. The medal was presented at the February meeting of the Rome Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Presenting the medal for the Georgia State Society was Curtis McWaters, VP of the NW Division SAR.

Jim Clark is a veteran of WW2, serving in the Navy on aircraft carrier U.S.S. Princeton. Jim was a High School Band Director in Louisiana for 21 years and a College Band

Director for 17 years at Berry College in Rome. Jim retired from Berry College in 1987. He is a member of the United Methodist Church and has served as Georgia State President and Rome Chapter President of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Thirty Chapter members and guests were in attendance at the Rome Chapter meeting to applaud Jim upon his outstanding service and dedication to the Sons of the American Revolution.

The attending members enjoyed a program entitled "Don't Ever Say That The South Never Won a War – The Southern Campaign of the American Revolution" presented by Rome Chapter member Bob Evans.

Piedmont

HERO IN GEORGIA GETS SAR HEROISM MEDAL IN CALIFORNIA

A young man, Taylor Parrish, from Milton, Georgia, was swimming with his friend in the pool at the Manor Country Club where he lived. His friend went down the slide and apparently hit his head on the slide, knocking him unconscious. Taylor saw his friend on the bottom of the pool, pulled him out, called 911, and started CPR. The Emergency Medical Service arrived and took over: Taylor's friend is alive today, thanks to Taylor's quick thinking and prompt actions. Taylor reported that he had no formal training in CPR: he learned it by watching CPR performed on a television show.

The Piedmont Chapter attempted to present the heroism medal and certificate to Taylor at a Milton City Council meeting. However, we found out that the Parrish family had moved to San Clemente, CA, shortly after Taylor saved his friend's life.

Paul Prescott contacted Ernie Bray in the California SAR Society and sent him the certificate and medal. In December, at the regular meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter, SAR, in San Diego, CA, Ted Rudisill, 1st Vice President, presented the certificate and medal to Taylor.

Taylor Parrish, his father Ray, his mother, and cousins for a total of eight attended the chapter meeting. Ted Rudisill reported that Taylor gave a good talk about the heroic rescue.



On February 18, 2012, the 2012 officers were sworn in by State Past President Robert A. Sapp.

Hornet's Nest Deadline
July 15, 2012
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Ken Howell, Charter member of the Piedmont Chapter received his eagles as Commandant of the Old Guard at a recent meeting of the change of command. The Old Guard of the Gate City Guard goes back to 1854 when a group of patriotic citizens of Atlanta met and decided that they would organize a military company to help the police force gain control of the disorderly individuals who were rampant on Decatur Street. Ken received his wings from his wife Shirley and Granddaughter Sara Howell.



Sons of Liberty

The chapter had a busy end to 2011 and a great start in 2012. In December we again entered the Dallas Christmas Parade with the float which was a boat, similar to the actual dimensions of that used by General Washington when he crossed the Delaware. Since it was Christmas night that this crossing was made, what could have been more appropriate than to replicate this famous event at a Christmas parade.

Then we ended the year with visits to a



few nursing homes where the traveling trunk was well accepted and initiated much discussion.

January started out with a bang at our chapter's annual banquet. We had the honor of having Major General William T. Nesbitt (and his lovely wife) as our guest speaker. What could have been better to rally the troops into action.



In addition to General Nesbitt's Patriotic guidance, we welcomed three new members to the chapter, an unbelievable induction ceremony led by the State Chaplain Terry Manning and a well received Acceptance Speech by the Chapter's President. What a super way to start the New Year.

Kettle Creek Battlefield Association

With its Articles of Incorporation in November and IRS recognition in early December, the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association came into legal status in Washington, Georgia. A board of directors, all members of the Washington-Wilkes Chapter except for Kettle Creek DAR member Betty Slaton, has been elected and has set about formulating plans and building the membership base. Joseph Harris, PhD, the force behind the founding of KCBA, is chairman of the board. Officers and committee chairmen for the association come from throughout the Georgia Society.



The KCBA has as its purpose "to preserve, as a living past, the historical and cultural foundation of the community and nation utilizing the Kettle Creek Battlefield and its history." The association seeks to acquire more than 100 acres of land for the development of a memorial park at the site Battle of Kettle Creek on February 14, 1779. The present site where the annual SAR Historic Event is held each year encompasses fourteen acres owned by Wilkes County on a hilltop adjacent to Kettle Creek.

All compatriots and patriotic citizens are invited to become members of Kettle Creek

Battlefield Association. Membership will help reach and teach America's future generations and help maintain the legacy of the Kettle Creek site.



Please complete the Application for Membership and mail with your check payable to the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc. to KCBA, PO Box 729, Washington, GA 30673. The charter membership fee is \$50. Lifetime memberships are available at levels from \$500 to \$25,000.

For the membership application and complete information visit the KCBA's website <http://www.kettlecreekbattlefield.org/>.

**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
October 22, 2011
10:00 am
Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
BARNESVILLE, GA**

2012 Battle of Kettle Creek Celebration

On February 10, 11 & 12, 2012, the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted another successful celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek and its significance in the creation of our Republic. The celebration began Friday afternoon with a presentation by historian, Dr. Christine Swager, on "Elijah Clarke's Militia at Kettle Creek" at the Mary Willis Library in Washington, GA. This was followed by a reception at Wisteria Hall where compatriots and their ladies celebrated with hors-d'oeuvres and colonial hospitality. After a good night's sleep, the Saturday battle observance began with a parade of patriots, both young and old, dressed in colonial attire. The parade was led by NSSAR Secretary General Stephen A. Leishman, followed by the GASSAR award-winning Color Guard and over 100 other participants. As the parade marched around the square, the sounds of colonial music and loud huzzah's could be heard.

The parade continued to Washington Park behind the court house where the Elijah Clarke militia, commanded by Jay Guest, conducted a battlefield skirmish for the assembled crowd. With the expected result, the death of Col. Boyd, a resounding victory cry was heard from the patriot forces.

After the engagement, the participants and the visitors returned to downtown Washington where they were able to enjoy more than 50 colonial living history performers demonstrating various activities. Some of the performers were a weaver, tin-smith, furrier, book seller, and a traveling tradesman. Also present were Gen. George Washington, Col. Elijah Clarke, Col. John Dooly, Gen. Pickens, Nancy Hart, a country gentleman, and many others. The children were treated with the opportunity to participate in a mock cannon firing demonstrated by the Allen Howard Society C.A.R. and to learn about colonial life.



At 3:00 PM, the Kettle Creek Battlefield Wreath Laying Ceremony was conducted on War Hill. More than 60 wreaths were presented and the crowd of more than 200 honored the sacrifices of the Kettle Creek patriots with a solemn ceremony. GASSAR State President Ed Rigel was Master of Ceremonies. NSSAR Secretary General Stephen Leishman spoke on the efforts of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution to teach the youth of America the events of the American Revolution through the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. He stressed the importance of events like the celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek in attaining the goals of the National Society.

In the evening, the compatriots enjoyed a dinner at the Washington-Wilkes Women's Club sponsored by the Kettle Creek DAR, Washington-Wilkes SAR, and the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association. After a delicious meal and a presentation on the effort to expand and preserve the Kettle Creek Battlefield, everyone retired for a well-deserved rest before continuing with Sunday's events.

On Sunday, everyone awoke early in order to attend church services at Phillips Mill Baptist Church. The colonial-style service included a lovely violin solo by Darla Wilson. And a sermon delivered by GASSAR Chaplain Roger Lamb.

After the service, everyone drove to the Elijah Clarke State Park in Lincolnton, GA for a wreath laying ceremony in commemoration of Col. Elijah Clarke, commander of the Wilkes County militia. Historian Dr. Christine Swager spoke on the Wilkes County Militia's contribution to the success of the American Revolution and after the ceremony the participants toured the colonial style cabins and enjoyed the warm fire at the hearths, hot chocolate, and gingerbread.

This year's celebration was indeed a success, and it helped us recall the hardships and sacrifices of the patriots of Wilkes County during the American Revolution.