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Sons of the American Revolution



The

Hornet's Nest

October–December 2008



2008 Debutantes Presented at the Georgia Colonial Ball
December 27, 2008

Seated (LtoR) Rachael Lawrence, Sarah Mead, Anna Henson,
Chelsea Edwards, Toni Guest, Kylie Clark, Katy Leverett;
Standing (LtoR) Grace Diffly, Isabelle Diffly, Christy Haynes,
Sydney McRee, Sara Kirkland, Kati Hunnewell

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

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The President's Dispatch



COL Robert F. Towns

As you can see, the President has relinquished the front page of *the Hornet's Nest* in favor of the elegance of the young ladies presented as Debutantes recently at the Georgia Colonial Ball in Milledgeville. Surely, there are no objections!

The Ball and the Debutante Presentation was a huge success thanks in large to the hard work of the Ladies Auxiliary President, Robin Towns. She put in hundreds of hours organizing the entire event. As someone said after the ball, "It looked effortless which means it wasn't!" There is no way this could have been accomplished without her.

Appreciation goes to Karin Guzy, Mike and Cilla Tomme for their hard work. Jay Guest was always ready and available when props had to be built, and then hauled to Milledgeville.

Kline Pugh served as the Herald for the Presentation. His golden tones added to the pageantry. Terry Manning ably served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Scottish Highland Color Guard featured Jay Guest, Kirby Towns, and Dr. Allen Henson attired in White tie Tartan. Walker Chewning and Terry Manning were in Continental Uniform with muskets.

Mike Tomme and Larry Guzy were dressed in their distinctive Colonial attire, adding even more elegance to the festivities.

Hal Dayhuff gave a very moving invocation.

And of course, great appreciation goes out to the parents, grandparents, and families of the Debutantes who were very important to the success of the event. Thank you!

Thank you to the Nancy Hart DAR ladies, Anne Chamlee, Mary Lucik, and Ann Ragan, who helped direct the presentation. Thank you to the leaders of other hereditary societies and Compatriots and their ladies in attendance. Not to be forgotten are the donations from those who were unable to attend. Thank you for your support.

A video will be posted to the web site soon so that all Compatriots will be able to enjoy this wonderful evening, a highlight of the holiday season.

Make plans now to attend the next biennial Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation in 2010, especially those of you who have a daughter or granddaughter who you would like to present.

Now, for the rest of the quarter and the activities of the President.

October was busy with the BOM in Forsyth kicking things off. This was followed by the South Atlantic District Meeting held in Gaffney, SC. District VPG Lindsey Brock led the meeting with the State Presidents from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida in attendance.

This was followed by the Battle of Kings Mountain ceremony during which a wreath for the State was presented by the President and a wreath honoring the Georgia 30 was



Mike Tomme escorts President Towns at Kings Mountain Ceremony

presented by Jay Guest. A large number of members of the Award Winning Georgia Color Guard participated in the ceremony.

Next came a hurried trip home then on to Savannah to participate in the ceremony commemorating the Battle of Savannah. Some of our Color Guard member went directly to Savannah from Gaffney. Wreaths were presented at the Spring Hill Redoubt and at the monument honoring General Casimir Pulaski.

From Savannah, the President went to Valdosta to speak at their Chapter. A wonderful crowd was there to enjoy the great food. Special thanks to Ed Willis, Archie Griffin, and Michael Black for their hospitality.

Presenting the colors at The Georgia Council for the Social Studies Conference in Athens finished out October.

In November, the President was speaker and emcee at the Ft. Morris celebration. In view of the possibility of the State wanting to close Ft. Morris and in keeping with the famous words uttered when the British demanded surrender, the President closed his remarks with the same words directed to the State of Georgia, "If you want it, come and get it!"

December was a little busier starting with the Vann's Creek celebration in Elbert County. The President participated with the Color Guard and presented the State wreath.

This was followed by speaking engagements at the William Few Chapter, Coweta Falls Chapter and the Athens Chapter Christmas party held at the historic T.R.R. Cobb house. This house was moved back to Athens a few years ago and a restoration project ensued, funded entirely by the Watson-Brown Foundation.

Then, of course, was the culmination of months of hard work. The first biennial Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation took place on December 27th in Milledgeville.

Larry Guzy and his committee have been extremely busy planning for the 119th Annual Congress to be held in Atlanta July 4-8. Of course, the Georgia Society is the host. The registration form can be found on the National web site. Volunteers are needed. Contact Larry Guzy.

Planning is underway for the Georgia Society Annual Conference to be held in Athens April 3 & 4.

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Report From The

**Georgia
Society
SAR
Education
Committee**
**Terry
Manning**

Poster Contest – We encourage every chapter to sponsor a poster contest in at least one fourth grade classroom. It only takes one young artistic genius to win at the state level! The theme this year is “Paul Revere’s Ride.” Unlike previous years, chapters will submit their winning poster prior to March 1, 2009, for state judging by a panel of judges from the art community. This will allow the winning student to attend our annual conference and for us to better promote the winning poster. Please ensure that your teachers know the judging criteria (no 3-dimensional artwork, no student names on the front of the poster, evidence of research by the student, etc.). Posters can be turned in at various SAR events now through March 1 or by contacting the Education Committee Chairman at TEManning@aol.com.

History Teacher Recognition – A new initiative is to recognize middle and high school history teachers and elementary teachers that cover the American Revolution if they use outstanding courses of instruction. We hope that every chapter will recognize at least one teacher each year with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The State Society will recognize one of the chapter winners at our annual conference.

Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award – Hopefully, middle or high school teachers recognized locally will also be interested in competing for this national contest. Application for the award includes writing a 500-word essay as outlined on the National website. With minimal participation nationally for this new award, local teachers should be encouraged to compete. The winner gets a paid trip to the Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at

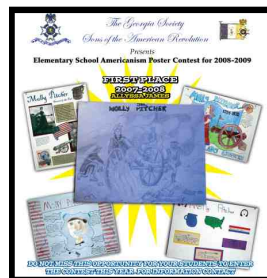
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Valley Forge – an impressive addition to their resume.

American History Scholarship Award – You should also consider recognizing outstanding students of American History in your community with a certificate or medal. They may have done an outstanding research paper or created a library display or history fair exhibit. We ultimately plan to start awarding an annual scholarship to a deserving student or students at the State level when the interest from our Georgia Society JRW American History Fund is sufficient. We hope that the fund will build from chapter donations and memorial donations in remembrance of members and family members of the Georgia Society.

**Poster Contest
Oct 2008 to Feb 2009**
Subject: “Paul Revere’s Ride”
**Contact Terry Manning for
details.**
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*Report From The*

**Georgia
Society
SAR
Graves
Committee**
**George
Thurmond**

During 2008, 15 Patriot graves and 6 Compatriots graves were marked or reported involving 14 Georgia Society chapters and Compatriots in the North Carolina Society. Active during the year were Altamaha, Athens, Atlanta, Button Gwinnett, Cherokee, John Milledge, Joseph Habersham, Marquis de Lafayette, Ocmulgee, Piedmont, Samuel Butts, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta and William Few.

130 Patriot graves are now recorded on our *award winning web site* along with 23 Compatriot graves registered. Graves have been marked earlier but not yet reported by Altamaha, Casimir Pulaski, John Milledge, Rome and Valdosta.

2008 was a great year for marking Patriot graves that included almost one-half of our chapters. Congratulations all that participated or attended these functions.



*John Ammons Grave Marking,
Brantley County*



Attend the
**Winter
Leadership
Meeting**

Holiday Inn Forsyth
Saturday
January 24, 2009

Message From the**Georgia Society Secretary****Kline O. Pugh****Report From The****Northeast Region Vice President****Larry Wilson**

Revised Forms Pertaining to Applications. National has revised the following forms: 0910 Membership Requirements; 0912 Preparation of Applications; and SAR form to Obtain Record Copies. Credit cards may now be used for Record Copies. All forms may be downloaded from the National web site, Membership, Forms: www.sar.org

IRS Forms 990 and 990-N: One of these forms must be filed every year by the 15th day of the fifth month after the chapter's fiscal year ends. For most chapters this is May 15. For further details contact the Georgia Society Treasurer.

Congress Registration Forms: National is no longer mailing registration forms for Congress or Leadership meetings. Forms will be available on the National web site for you to access, print, and mail with registration fee. Chapter Presidents should pass this information to those members who do not use computers.

Communications: From time to time communications are sent by the State Secretary to Chapter Presidents. In order to achieve maximum distribution he should forward the communications to his chapter members.

Dues Payable by December 31: Dues are the same as for 2008: \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, PLUS Chapter dues. All dues are to be sent to the chapters, who must forward National and State dues to the State Secretary to be received by January 15. Chapters who renew 100% of their members from previous year will be recognized at our Annual Meeting and receive a certificate.

DAR/SAR Sponsorship Award: Every year at the National Congress our National Society awards the DAR/SAR award to the state society for whom the DAR has recruited the most members for SAR. This is a \$500 award that the SAR state society then presents to the DAR state society. The Georgia Society solicits the assistance of DAR in obtaining new members. When a DAR member has referred, recruited, or assisted significantly in obtaining lineage documentation, or in the preparation of an application, the sponsor of the applicant is urged to complete the form in Section 18.08.IF of our online Source Book and submit it with the application. This is a great opportunity for the Georgia Society to obtain recognition and to enhance our recruiting program. The Georgia Society has won this award in nine of the past ten years.

The Georgia Society Source Book is now on-line, and CDs will no longer be produced. The Source Book is a guideline of operating procedures of our State Society and Chapters. Chapter Presidents and State Committee Chairmen should review sections pertaining to their activities, and suggestions for upgrading are to be sent to the undersigned who is the Committee Chairman/Editor. The on-line Source Book may be accessed at <http://sourcebook.gassar.org> or from our web page: www.georgiasocietysar.org. Some sections may be restricted to members only, requiring an I.D. and password. You may contact the undersigned for access.

KLINE O. PUGH, Secretary



Vann's Creek and Georgia's American Revolution War Battle Site Commemorated at Russell State Park Dec. 8, 2007

The Georgia Society, and the Samuel Elbert Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, honored the brave men who fought in Elbert County February 11, 1779, (then Wilkes County) with a commemoration ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at 11:00 AM. The location was the Richard Russell State Park (beach area) on the Ruckersville Road, Elbert County, Ga. The actual skirmish/battle took place at the mouth of Vann's Creek and the mighty Savannah River, but that site is now underwater covered by the Richard B. Russell Lake.

On Feb. 11, 1779, Tory Col. Boyd in command of some 600-900 Loyalist militia crossed the Savannah River into Wilkes County, Georgia at the mouth of Vann's Creek. (This is present-day Elbert County.) He was met there by less than a hundred Whig militia led by Captain Robert Anderson. A brief but fierce battle ensued. Some Tories who were first to come ashore were able to flank Anderson's men and the Whigs began to take fire from the front and the rear.

At that point Anderson ordered his men to withdraw. The accounts of the casualties vary. One historian states that the Whigs lost sixteen men killed, wounded or taken prisoner. The Tories loss, however, was some one hundred men, mainly due to desertion. These same forces would fight again three days later when the Whigs would be reinforced with troops of Cols. Pickens, Dooley, and Clark, and defeat Col. Boyd at Kettle Creek. Those men known to have fought at Vann's Creek under Anderson were: Captains James H. Little, Joseph Pickens, William Baskin, Jr., John Miller and Lt. Thomas Shanklin.

Message From the

**Georgia
Society
Genealogist**

Bob Sapp

The life blood of the Sons of the American Revolution is new members. The future leaders of the organization have yet to join. However, membership in SAR is becoming a more tedious task. Each added generation separates the candidate further from the patriot ancestor. Therefore we need to develop a strategy for making SAR membership more accessible.

Although the hobby of genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies with the advent of the internet data sources, the techniques and discipline of preparing family histories and accurate genealogical data is many times lacking. Therefore, as an organization, we should facilitate research techniques by sponsoring genealogy workshops. As current state genealogist and membership chairman, I am proposing for Georgia society membership the following actions:

1) A core group of members form Genealogy Workshop presenters that could cover the regions of the state. This group would consist of chapter registrar/genealogist or other interested members that are willing to put on workshops at request or through Senior Centers.

2) A workshop presentation in PowerPoint or overhead presentation form available to the presenters. The workshop presentation would be formulated by data and format contributions from chapter registrar/genealogist.

3) A peer group that would be available to chapter registrars for comments and suggestions in tearing down brick walls.

I welcome your thoughts and suggestions on this concept of facilitating membership growth. The long range objective would be to have Genealogy Workshops conducted in all of the Regional Vice-President's area at least once a year.

The following thoughts on genealogical data for membership applications are going to cause consternation with some chapter registrars. The beginning of SAR was to preserve the heritage of our Revolutionary War ancestors. The SAR was instrumental in getting the National Archives started. When we speak of preservation one thinks of a collection of historical records and artifacts that delineate significant events. In preparing membership applications, the lineage is supported by documents that show child/parental connection and lastly documents that support the ancestor's participation in the Revolution. In this process, the SAR builds a collection of historical information that becomes resources for future researchers. This collection can become a research drawing card for SAR's Center for Advancing American Heritage (CAAH). However, if the application is supported by an application from another lineage organization and little original data, then the research value at the SAR repository becomes limited. It may be necessary to use another lineage organization's information to find the original documentation. The SAR objective should be to submit membership applications that stand on the original documentation submitted.

As an SAR member who is interested in establishing the SAR as a repository of preserving our Revolutionary War heritage with documents worthy of future research, I suggest that membership applications be supported by original/secondary documents for lineage and service without reliance upon other lineage organization material.

Attend the

**Spring
BOM/Annual
Meeting**

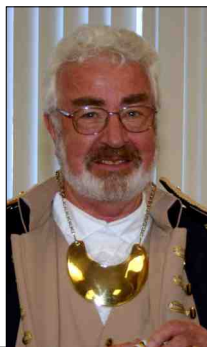
Holiday Inn Athens
Friday -Saturday
April 3—4, 2009

**Georgia Patriots Day
Celebration
10:00am, April 19, 2009
St. Simons Island**

Georgia Patriots Day, a program initiated in 2005 by the Georgia Society and Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will be celebrated on Sunday, April 19, 2009. *"Patriots Day commemorates the Battles at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. Since the Georgia Navy captured three British ships on the Frederica River three years later on April 19, 1778, we feel that Georgia has a special reason to observe Patriots Day on St. Simons Island,"* stated Bill Ramsaur, of the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter. The Memorial Ceremony will be conducted at 10:00am in the Casino Atrium at Neptune Park near the Pier on St. Simons Island. Requests to present wreaths and description of additional activities will be announced later.



**Hornet's Nest Deadline
March 15, 2009**

Report From The

Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott
Commander**

The Georgia Society Color Guard had a busy 2008. Guardsmen attended 76 national and state events starting on 15 January with a Kettle Creek publicity event in Washington, GA, and ending with a debutante ball in Milledgeville, GA. However, the Color Guard did not set a record for events. In 2006, the Color Guard participated in 77 events. There are currently 80 guardsmen on the roster.

The Color Guard has been presented with a spontoon, which the Color Guard Commander carries. Paul Prescott presented the spontoon to the Color Guard. In addition, Robert Sapp had a banner made for the spontoon. The banner will be presented to the Color Guard at the next Board of Managers meeting. We look forward to going to the events in neighboring states and proudly displaying the spontoon and banner.

The 2009 Color Guard schedule has been sent to the guardsmen of record. Below are the currently scheduled events for January through March:

- 17 Jan – Daniel Morgan Statue Wreath Presentation, Spartanburg, SC, 1030 hrs:
- 17 Jan – Battle at the Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1400 hrs:
- 17 Jan – Piedmont Chapter Meeting
- 23 Jan – Anniversary of the Founding of Washington, GA, 1780, Washington, GA, 1300 hrs
- 24 Jan – GASSAR BOM, Forsyth, GA, 1000 hrs:
- 24 Jan – GASSAR Leadership Training, Forsyth, GA, 1300 hrs:
- 14 Feb – Parade, Washington, GA, 1000 hrs:
- 14 Feb – Kettle Creek Wreath Presentation, Washington, GA, 1400 hrs:

Attend the

Spring BOM/Annual Meeting

Holiday Inn Athens
Friday -Saturday
April 3 -4, 2009

- 15 Feb – Colonial Church Service, Washington, GA, 0900 hrs:
- 15 Feb – Wreath Presentation, Elijah Clarke State Park, Lincolnton, GA, 1100 hrs:
- 21 Feb – Grave Marking, Joseph Habersham Chapter
- 21 Feb – Piedmont Chapter Meeting
- 28 Feb – Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War, Cape Canaveral, FL, 1000 hrs:
- 6-8 Mar – NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY:
- 13 Mar – Infantry Monument Dedication, Ft. Benning, GA, 1300 hrs:
- 14 Mar – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 1100 hrs:
- 21 Mar – Piedmont Chapter Meeting



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**BOM MEETINGS:
JANUARY 24, 2009 ***

*** NOTE: THIS MEETING
INCLUDES LEADERSHIP
TRAINING WORKSHOP
CONCLUDES AT 3:30 PM**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HOLIDAY INN ATHENS
APRIL 3-4, 2009**

OBSERVANCES:

**BATTLE OF COWPENS
COWPENS, SC
JANUARY 17, 2009**

**BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK
AND REVOLUTIONARY
DAYS CELEBRATION,
FEBRUARY 13-14-15, 2009**

**ELIJAH CLARKE STATE
PARK COMMEMORATION
FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

**LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
CAPE CANAVERAL, FL
FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

**NSSAR LEADERSHIP
MEETING, LOUISVILLE, KY
MARCH 6-8, 2009**

**INFANTRY MUSEUM
DEDICATION, FT. BENNING
MARCH 13, 2009**

Report From The**Georgia
Society
Registrar****Mike Tomme**

This information below is to keep you updated on what is going at NSSAR. The information below is from the Genealogy Committee and Genealogist General. I think this is good information for future applications and use.

The Genealogy Committee met during the Fall Leadership Conference, and several items were approved that I'd like to bring to your attention.

Spanish Patriots:

Previously, SAR policy has been to recognize the contributions of the Spanish government to the American Revolutionary cause, as of July 8, 1779, the date on which Spain openly declared war on Great Britain. The DAR's policy has been to recognize the service of Spanish patriots as December 24, 1776, when King Carlos III issued his Secret Royal Decree, directing his troops to covertly aid the colonists via Havana. The Genealogy Committee has modified the SAR's policy to be the same as the DAR's. The SAR will now accept the service of Spanish Patriots as of December 24, 1776.

Pended Applications:

The Genealogy Committee also adopted a policy that, effective January 1, 2009, pended applications will remain on file for five (5) years, after which the Genealogy Committee will contact the state society and determine whether an extension is warranted, or if the pended application should be withdrawn.

Form 0910:

The Genealogy Committee voted to accept the current version of Form 0910 as posted to the NSSAR Website under the "Forms" section.

Approved DAR Applications:

The Genealogy Department and the Genealogy Committee also want to make compatriots aware of recent procedural changes in the DAR's use of verification marks. Whenever the DAR is reviewing a new application which refers to one of their previously approved applications, the DAR staff genealogist now places a single large check mark down the middle of the page or on the margin, rather than marking each genealogical fact as verified.

The SAR needs to verify specific facts, and the current DAR practice does not convey which facts are verifiable. If you cite an approved DAR application on a new or supplemental SAR application, be sure that the facts you need to prove on your application are verified on the DAR application, as evidenced by a discreet check mark after each genealogical fact. If the needed facts are not individually check-marked, please find another approved DAR application, or try to find the documents the DAR relied on to verify the genealogical facts in question.

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Many compatriots who have posted comments on this matter have asserted that the SAR accepts, or should accept, approved DAR applications as proof of service and lineage. For at least 24 years, and probably longer, it has been SAR policy to accept approved DAR applications only insofar as specific items on the approved DAR application have been verified by the DAR.

The DAR practice of using a single large check mark down the middle of the page or on the margin, rather than marking each genealogical fact, does not convey to the SAR Genealogy Department Staff what genealogical facts have been verified. DAR record copies that have small check marks after each individual genealogical fact are likely to be accepted as proof, which has been the SAR policy since 1984 or earlier.

In fact, the SAR Genealogy Department Staff

has tried to obtain authoritative information from the DAR on what the single large check mark means, and the Staff has received conflicting information. The Genealogist General sent an e-mail dated October 1, I reported that I had invited Larry Miller (a member of the SAR and an employee of the DAR) to address the Genealogy Committee at its next meeting. I look forward to Larry discussing with the Genealogy Committee what this single check mark means.

The NSSAR Genealogy Committee is charged with devising SAR genealogy policy, not the Genealogy Department Staff, and not the Genealogist General. However, no matter what SAR policy has been, it can be modified. SAR genealogy policy cannot be modified by Genealogist General. The policy can only be modified by the Genealogy Committee at the Committee's meetings.

The Genealogist General has invited anyone who would like to attend the next Genealogy Committee at the Spring Leadership Meeting please do so. If you have any feelings about this then attend. The committee can review, discuss, and possibly revise the current policy at that time.

Also, from the Staff Genealogists office. They are announcing that both the "blue and green brochures," SAR Forms 0910 & 0912, have been redesigned and updated. Please discard or recycle any of the older versions of these forms. The latest versions can be found on the SAR website at www.sar.org/forms/index.html under the heading "General Information and Application Requirements" for brochure 0910 and Requirements for Preparation of Applications" for brochure 0912. They can be downloaded directly from www.sar.org/forms/form0910.pdf or www.sar.org/forms/form0912.pdf, or may be purchased from the Merchandise Department. Lastly, we would like to give a big pat on the back to all the State Societies that are critiquing the applications more carefully before forwarding them to National. This really helps to trim the turnaround time between review and approval.

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March 15, 2009
Make sure your Chapter news
gets published!

The President's Dispatch

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The Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution will hold the Spring Board of Managers and Annual Meeting on April 3 through April 4 in Athens.

The events this year will be at the Holiday Inn, 197 E. Broad Street, Athens. The parking is very adequate and is free to attendees. Reservations for the hotel can be made by calling the hotel direct and mention the Sons of the American Revolution for the special rate for rooms. The rooms are \$80 plus tax.

The Annual Meeting reservation request is on page 17 of *the Hornet's Nest*. You may print this form, complete it and mail it NOT LATER THAN March 16th. It is important that this be done as soon as possible in order to coordinate numbers with the Conference planning committee. Thank you for your attention to this request.

One of the most important activities of this meeting is to elect your new officers for 2009. The slate of officers will be presented by the nominating committee at the January BOM and will be voted upon at the Spring BOM on Saturday morning, April 4th.

The new officers will be installed at the Saturday luncheon.

The guest speaker at the Annual Meeting is J. David Sympon, Registrar General. His topic is the "Patriotic Legacy of the Sons of the American Revolution". David resides in Lexington, KY. He will also perform the installation of the new officers.

An exciting meeting is planned for all ladies attending the conference. This meeting is a morning coffee planned by the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary and includes a tour of the historic General T.R.R. Cobb house in Athens.

This magnificent house was moved back to Athens several years ago. It had been moved from Athens to Stone Mountain Park where the State of Georgia had agreed to bring it to museum quality. For 25 years they did nothing toward this goal.

The Watson Brown Foundation agreed to pay for moving the ruins back to Athens and to commit funds of approximately \$3 million to move and restore it. Current estimates are that about \$6 million has been spent. It is a showplace which will only get

better! ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

The celebration of Revolutionary Days at Washington, GA, Kettle Creek, and Elijah Clarke State Park is scheduled for February 13-15. The information is shown on Page 16 of *the Hornet's Nest*.

If you have never been to Kettle Creek, you should make your plans to do so. Bring your children and bring your friends. The town square activities are a fun time for all and the ceremony at War Hill is a very moving experience.

A lot of planning goes into making this a fun and memorable time and gratitude goes to Walker Chewning, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebration Committee, and to various sub-chairmen who plan different aspects of the weekend. These include the members of the Athens Chapter, the Samuel Elbert Chapter, and Bill Ramsaur. There are many players who work behind the scenes to help make Kettle Creek one of the best events on the SAR calendar! Thanks to you all. It would not happen without each of you!

Robert F. Towns, President
NOTICE



The cookbook, "From Patriotic Kitchens" is available from the National Ladies Auxiliary, NLASAR. This is the second printing and may be ordered from :
Chairman Maggie Evans
120 Sun High Court
Cleveland, TN 37323-7723
The cost of the cookbook is \$17.00 and includes shipping. All proceeds from the sale of these books go to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Order yours today!

Message From the



Georgia SAR Ladies' Auxiliary

Robin Towns President

Georgia SAR Ladies' Auxiliary



ATTENTION: ALL LADIES

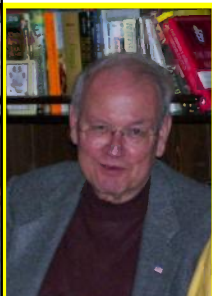
You are cordially invited to Morning Coffee on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 10:00 am at the General T. R. R. Cobb House 175 Hill Street, Athens

Upon arrival, ladies will enjoy social time with coffee, tea, and treats. Sam Thomas, Curator, will offer an overview of the important history of the T.R.R. Cobb House and lead a tour of the fabulously restored home. The Georgia SAR Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its Annual Meeting and Memorial Service, and new Officers will be elected.

The T.R.R. Cobb House is handicap accessible and has an elevator. Transportation will be provided from the Holiday Inn to and from the T.R.R. Cobb House beginning at 9:30 am at the hotel lobby downstairs. ALL Ladies are welcome to attend. (You do not have to be an auxiliary member to attend.)

**Robin Towns, President
Georgia SAR Ladies' Auxiliary**

Report From The



Georgia Society N.S.C.A.R.

Hal Dayhuff

There have been a lot of happenings in the CAR these last few months. Many of the Ga. C.A.R attended the South East Regional meeting in St Augustine, Fla. Great time was had by all and Erin Moore was named SER Most Enthusiastic. The state C.A.R held their own Government work shop with many present in October.

The Allen Howard Society is very proud of its new homemade puppet show with all hand made puppets. They would like to come to your chapter meeting for a great show.

A new chapter was organized in Savannah, The General James Oglethorpe Society, on the 4th of July. Now we have a C.A.R society in all regions of the state. Take a few minutes and call any one of them to come and present a skit at your chapter meeting. The Marquis de Lafayette had a first. National, State and Local Presidents was their November program. If you have not



great time for all. The C.A.R is the oldest youth organization in the country. Are you a part of them. Both the State and National C.A.R Presidents have spoken at the SAR Board of Managers meeting. We are very proud of all they have done at National, State and local level. With this type of patriotic youth and the many SAR, DAR who support them, we are OK in the future. Thank you.

National President Kevin Baker and Georgia President Carter Moore want to thank all of you who have purchased the pins and other items for their National Projects. It is not too late to still make a donation. Gas prices are down so there is an extra 10 spot to donate to the C.A.R. Email me and I will send one to you. vmi33859@earthlink.net

Thank you all for showing the CAR that the SAR is always there when needed. In the Spirit of our Forefathers who gave us our Freedom.

Message From the



Georgia Society SAR Chaplain

Pastor Dan Gates



Veteran's Day 2008

Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia

(L-R) Brandon, Olivia, Anna Catherine and Breanna Gates placing flags on the graves of veterans in honor of American Soldiers

Compatriots,

On Veteran's Day 2008, I took my four grandchildren to Parkhill Cemetery to place flags on the graves of 21 servicemen and women. I talked with them about America's freedom being defended by these men and women; about the different wars America has fought. We visited the grave of a soldier killed in Iraq and ended our day by visiting the grave of Private Philemon Hodges, a Revolutionary War Veteran buried at Shiloh Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia. It was a highly rewarding day and a "life lesson" for a new generation. I highly recommend it to everyone in the SAR.

Blessings and God's best to you,

Chaplain Dan Gates
Georgia Society State Chaplain
Sons Of The American Revolution



L-R Pres Bo Hill, Pres Carter Moore GA C.A.R, National C.A.R. President Kevin Baker, Past GSSAR Pres. Hal Dayhuff, Pres. Button Gwinette Society Jordan Napier.



National Pin



State Pin

had a C.A.R Society come to your meeting you have missed a lot. The C.A.R. marched with the DAR, SAR in the 4th of July and the Veteran Day parades in many cities of the state. This is always a



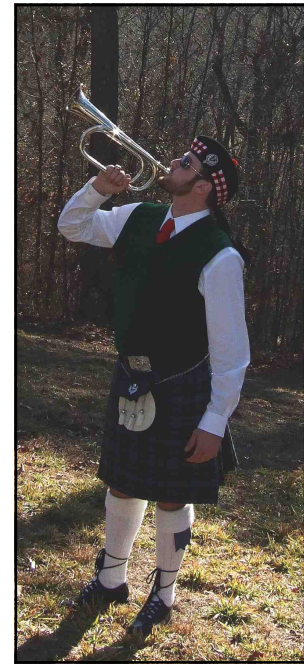
In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2008



Kenneth William Davis
Mill Creek Chapter
August 26, 2008

George Franklin Romine
Casimir Pulaski Chapter
November 17, 2008

James Wilkinson Moore
John Milledge Chapter
October 15, 2008



**Gone but not
forgotten.**

Joseph Habersham

In November The Joseph Habersham Chapter kicked off its sixth year of presentations in our six county membership area schools.

The past five years the members have presented approximately 250 'Living History' programs to over 30,000 students. Over 100,000 students and 20,000 relatives and friends have been made aware of the SAR through our other programs.

This school year, 2008-2009, the response has been outstanding and we anticipate having over 2,500 fourth grade students enter the Americanism Poster Contest which will top the 2,200 entered last year.



Color Guard Members Perry Hendrix and Larry Whitfield, with Tomochichi Chapter Member Evie Whitfield making the Joseph Habersham Chapter's first school presentation for 2008-2009.

The chapter held its annual Candle Lighting Ceremony on the 9th of December. Members of the Tomochichi Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were invited guests and members of both groups lit candles in honor and memory of their Patriot ancestors. All gave a brief biography about their ancestor and it was most informative and interesting.

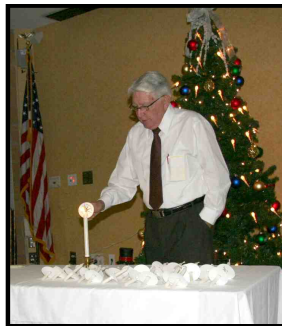
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NEWS

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Tomochichi Chapter Regent Lela Wade lighting a candle in honor and memory of her Patriot ancestor at the Joseph Habersham Chapter's annual Candle Lighting Ceremony



First President of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, Perry Hendrix is lighting candle in honor and memory of his Patriot ancestor at the Chapter's annual Candle Lighting Ceremony.

Valdosta

Revolutionary War Patriot Isham McDonald was honored Saturday, November 1 with a grave marker dedication by the Valdosta Chapter. The dedication service was conducted at the Cat Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Valdosta. In addition to the 133 visitors, representatives from numerous patriotic organizations also participated in the service. The dignity of

the occasion was highlighted by the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, Boy Scout Troop #403, and the Valdosta Fire Department Pipes and Drum Corps. Archie L. Griffin, President of the Valdosta Chapter SAR, served as Master of Ceremonies.



Members of the Award Winning Color Guard participating in the marking of the grave of Patriot Isham McDonald in Valdosta

Marshes of Glynn

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter of the Georgia SAR portrayed five Revolutionary War personalities in period dress for the fifth grade at Frederica Academy on St. Simons Island on December 8th, 2008. Pictured with the class, from left, are John Adams (Jonathan Tennant), Benedict Arnold (Stephen Rynar), King George III (Forester Scarboro), George Washington (Bill Ramsaur), and Patrick Henry (Jimmy Boatright). Each individual gave a brief biography and answered questions about their character. The group is giving a total of six presentations to public and private schools in Glynn County, concluding in March of 2009.



Atlanta

First Vice President Bill Hayes continues to provide programs of interest to members. Meetings during this quarter have covered several subjects, as described below. Our thanks to Bill for a job well done.

Dick Kennedy, President of The Gun Room, Inc., presented an informative program on "Weapons of the Revolution" at our October Meeting. From his outstanding firearm collection, he demonstrated several types of firearms typical of the Revolutionary War era. His remarks included brief histories of the various types of firearms and their use in the changing methods of battles. Dick has published several articles, including "Rifle Making in Antebellum Georgia".

In November, we were treated to a review of little known facts about George Washington by Camelia Sims, author of *George Washington: A Timeless Hero*. She compared his situation with ours today. Interesting facts about Washington's military and political careers were explained.



CameliaSims

The December meeting featured a power point presentation by Dr. William Drummond, a leading historian of Civil War battlefields and an Associate Professor of City Planning and Director of Geographic Systems at Georgia Tech. Using computer generated models of terrain, troop locations and battle lines, Dr. Drummond discussed and demonstrated [the Battle of] "Kennesaw Mountain, the Soldiers' Battle", with special attention to reports from enlisted participants as opposed to the more frequently referenced reports by officers. He included analogies of Civil War battles and those of the Revolution.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Revis Butler, presented the slate of officers for the coming year, to be considered at the January meeting.

Compatriot Fisher Craft, Secretary, is always glad to offer "words of wisdom" at each meeting. He also continues to promote participation in activities at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

The Atlanta Chapter meets at the Petite Auberge Restaurant at 12:00 Noon on the second Thursday of each month, except for July and August. Visitors are welcome. No reservations required.

Piedmont

This is the last newsletter article to be drafted by the current administration of the Piedmont Chapter, GASSAR, therefore it seems appropriate to review the activities and accomplishments of our Chapter this year. At the beginning of the year we initiated electronic distribution of our newsletter to reduce cost and increase efficiency and engaged the services of a professional webmaster to maintain our web site which can be found at (<http://www.piedmontsar.com/>). Recognizing the need to more comfortably address the financial requirements of our operations in the future we adopted a line item invoice and raised our Chapter dues by \$10 to become effective next year. During the year we have issued 16 new member certificates, 4 youth certificates, 1 memorial certificate and reinstated 2 members. As the year draws to a close we are pleased to have our membership exceed 100. We recognize that we will now face stiffer competition as a result of this growth.

Our community outreach this year was strongly supported by our Color Guard which participated in over 167 events. During the course of the year we conducted our second annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day at the Northside Funeral Chapel in Roswell to which members of the American Legion, the VFW and the DAR were invited. We presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to 4 youngsters in Milton (Alex Barkley; Paul Prescott's Grandson, Matt Ballard; Walker Holman and Chloe Myles) for their courage in single handedly extinguishing a house fire before it got out of hand and to the 2 founders of the Support Our Troops program (Mary and Ed Ettl) established to help insure that service members in Iraq and Afghanistan, identified through

"Anysoldier.com", receive care packages of personal items. We also presented Good Citizenship Certificates and Pins to two Girl Scouts (Annika Garber and Grayson McMichaels) who assisted the Friends of Roswell Library in a book drive and participated in the Nicodemus Wilderness Project. The chapter Speakers Bureau made historical and informative presentations to 41 adult meetings and historical presentations to 33 schools. In addition the chapter Color Guard presented colors at three INS ceremonies at the Richard Russell Federal Court and the chapter participated in welcoming new citizens in eight INS ceremonies. During a recent meeting the Chestatee Chapter, NSDAR recognized 18 of our members (James Armfield Acree; Lytton Glynn Acree III; Harry D. Allen; Robert Allgood; Sion Bass; Wallace Boyce, Jr.; Robert J. Buck; LTC Farish Carter Chandler, Jr.; Leon Dunham; Garnett L. Ferguson, Jr.; James M. Fletcher; William Gordon; Ed Hereford; David Manker; Harold McPheeters; Aubrey Morris; Paul Moss, Jr. and Robert A. Sapp) with Certificates of Appreciation for their service during WWII. Looking to the future, our Registrar, Bob Sapp, has been requested to once again conduct a Genealogy Workshop at the next Roswell Magnolia Storytelling Festival.

We have been assisted in our philanthropical efforts by donations of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart to assist our Veterans' Program and by donations from Wal-Mart, Imery's and the Roswell East Rotary Club for our Youth Programs. In exchange we made a contribution of \$1,000 to the Support our Troops program, and of \$15,095 to the Center for the Advancement of American Heritage that includes \$1,500 coming from the Chapter Treasury.

The New Year is upon us and our new Officers stand ready to move to their posts. We look forward to 2009 and its challenges and opportunities. We particularly look forward with enthusiasm to having the GASSAR host the 119th Annual Congress here in Atlanta in July. From all of us in the Piedmont Chapter to all of the other members of the GASSAR we wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Lyman Hall

Roscoe McMillan has a new Continental uniform and to initiate it in the Chapter's new traditions, he chose to wear it at the local Commemoration of the Veterans' service on Armistice Day, November 11. The American Legion in Gainesville hosts a large ceremony and the Lyman Hall Chapter, along with the VFW and the Vietnam War Veterans, participates. A lot of local dignitaries get to speak and a wonderful high school band is on hand along with many primary and middle school students, for the ceremony.

This year's celebration was held at 11 A.M. at the Georgia Mountain Center and was extremely well attended. Roscoe in his uniform and his friend, Gordon Sawyer, a member of the Legion, were pictured together on the front page of *The Gainesville Times*, saluting the colors.

Compatriot McMillan presented a wreath on behalf of the Chapter and the GA SSAR. Here are his remarks...

"Over 200 years ago our forefathers brought forth a country whose government is unique in history. The dream of that government lives on today and its hope will never die, because the sons of this country and some of its daughters step forward when it needs them.

Those veterans of this country's causes have served nobly on every continent and in every ocean on the planet. Many of them have paid the ultimate price. Today, we are here to salute that service.

I bring you greetings from the Lyman Hall Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. We are about keeping alive the traditions and preserving the memory of our forefathers' cause and sacrifice. If you have any inkling that one of your forefathers served in the Revolutionary Cause, you may want to join us.

May God bless our veterans and may God bless America."

McMillan and Sawyer salute on Veterans Day at Georgia Mountain Center



Samuel Elbert

Master of Ceremonies Jack Bozeman of the Samuel Elbert Chapter SAR, Elberton, GA, and speaker Charles Baxley, attorney from Lugoff, South Carolina spoke on the importance of the Vann's Creek Battle/Skirmish. Among his many talents and hobbies, he is the editor and publisher of the on-line magazine, ***Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution***, and gives battlefield tours and military staff rides. He has organized: academic conferences on Revolutionary War topics, an archaeological exploration of the Hobkirk Hill battle field, a field trip group known as the "Corps of Discovery" to take people to little known Revolutionary War sites in the South, and a Revolutionary War Roundtable for amateurs and professionals to discuss the War in the South. He is the Chairman of the Battle of Camden Preservation

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Members of Elijah Clarke Militia
Fire Musket Salute at
Vann's Creek Celebration

(L to R)
Speaker
Baxley
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Creek
December
2008



New Members Since Last Issue

	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Patriot ancestor</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Atlanta	Justin Craig Honaman	Leonard Garman	(Transfer)
Casimir Pulaski	Charles Edward Green Charles William Lassetter, Jr.	James Duke Tobias Lassetter	Jimmy Glynn Swinson Jimmy Glynn Swinson
Cherokee	Christian Stow Noble	Luther Dudley	Billy J. Templeton
Edward Telfair	Harry Wilklow, III	Jacob Wilklow	Julian D. Kelly, Jr.
Coweta Falls	Joe Delbert Gilbert William Maurice Slayton David Scott Stieghan	Mary Babb George Slayton Ezekiel Alexander	William M. Hay Richard R. Simpson Billy H. Thompson
Marquis de Lafayette	Robert Wayne Rouse	John Gibbs	(Dual)
Marshes of Glynn	Rodney Earl Bennett Edward Remer Cone	Richard Bennett William Cone	Lewis Marion Davis William F. Ramsaur
Piedmont	William Allen Greenly Robert Dobson Harris Barry Lane Sidwell Gregory Lee Sidwell Michael Winter Sidwell	John McCabe John Dobson Dempsey Wood Dempsey Wood Dempsey Wood	Robert A. Sapp Robert A. Sapp Robert A. Sapp Robert A. Sapp Robert A. Sapp
Rome	Harry Mills Treadaway, Sr.	Beal Baker	Ralph Treadaway
Valdosta	Ray Shearer Register	Benjamin Register	Michael M. Black

TAKE NOTICE!

This is to Proclaim to the Citizens of Georgia
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Revolutionary Days

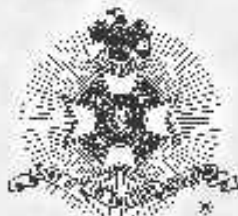
February 13, 14 and 15, 2009

Washington,
Georgia
and the

Kettle Creek
Battleground



- **Ten O'Clock Saturday Morning** —
Parade commencing from Mary Willis Library thence to Washington Town Square. History will come alive with participants in Colonial attire and patriotic colors. Music and good company to celebrate the Anniversary of the Founding of Washington on January 23, 1780.
- **Two O'Clock Saturday Afternoon** —
Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battleground includes Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Fife and Drum Music, Musket Volley and Wreath Presentations. A dramatic portrayal of the victorious action which occurred on February 14, 1779 will follow.



Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution

**All Activities Are
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For further info, call the
Washington-Wilkes
Chamber of Commerce
at (706) 678-2013.



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**Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Spring Board of Managers and Annual Meeting**

Registration and Reservation for Events

April 3-4, 2009

Holiday Inn Athens, 197 E. Broad Street, Athens, Georgia 30603

Rooms are Standard Two Double Beds - \$80.00 plus tax

Contact Hotel directly at 706-549-4433 or 706-354-6438

Please enclose registration form and fees for the following events:

Friday, April 3:

3:00 – 6:00 pm Registration: \$25 (paid by SAR members only) **\$25.00**

6:00 pm Reception (Cash Bar)

7:00 pm Banquet (Black Tie Preferred) \$32.00 x ____ \$ _____

(Members, wives, guests)

Guests of Honor: Registrar General and Mrs. J. David Sympson

Saturday, April 4

Breakfast on your own

8:00 – 8:45 am Late Registration (SAR Members Only)

8:30 – 9:00 am Memorial Service (Members, wives, guests attend)

10:00 – 11:00 am Ladies Auxiliary Coffee & Tour (All Ladies welcome)

TRR Cobb House, 175 Hill St., Athens 30601

Transportation provided 9:15 – 9:45 am (and return)

Please indicate lady's intention to attend by checking: Yes ____ No ____

9:15 – 11:00 am Spring Board of Managers Meeting

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Annual Meeting: Business and Election of Officers
(all Members attend)

12:00 pm Awards Luncheon (Members, wives, guests attend) \$22.00 x ____ \$ _____

Awards, Installation of 2009 Officers,

New President's Remarks

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

Name to appear on my Name tag: _____

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Chapter: _____ Title: _____

Guest's Name (s) for Name tag: _____

Please make check payable to: Georgia Society SAR and mail with this form by March 16, 2009 to:

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