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2010 Debutantes Presented at the Georgia Colonial Ball

December 28, 2010

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

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The President's Dispatch



J. Michael Tomme

In October, we had a great turn out at Kings Mountain. As I think back about the battle, our ancestors took on the Loyalists and British and sent a message to them, that our freedom from the Mother Country will happen and we will be free from you. Afterwards, our group traveled to Savannah to take part in the Storm of Savannah that took place on October 9, 1779. The fog had rolled in that morning. As the first cannons were fired, I tried to imagine what our ancestors were feeling at that time. Then to hear the bagpipes. What is next? Were our ancestors scared? I believe they were scared and brave all at the same time. The thoughts of not seeing loved ones anymore may have crossed their minds. But it was important to them to fight the battle no matter the odds. They were fighting for their freedom and the "Freedoms We Enjoy Today". As I placed a wreath I felt pride and honor to be there. As the First Lady laid a rose on the marker of Samuel Elbert's grave, you could see the pride come over those who were there. Afterwards our group went to the monument of Casimir Pulaski and presented our wreaths and honored him for his service and commitment. We as members of the NSSAR and the GASSAR must continue to remind everyone of the sacrifice that our ancestors put forth everyday during the revolution.

This year was a great time for our family, as the First Lady and I traveled to Melbourne, Florida to stand up and witness my mother becoming a member of the DAR. I was their in the capacity of the Georgia State Society President. We must continue to seek help from the DAR to find and secure new members for our State Society. On the way home we stopped by the Valdosta Chapter, where the First Lady presented a program on 18th Century American Colonial Clothing. During that same evening I had the pleasure of swearing in two new SAR members.

We marked another grave in Louisville, GA and this was for Patriot Seth Pierce. We also marked the grave of Patriot James Little, hosted by the Samuel Elbert Chapter. We marked the grave of Patriot James Alexander hosted by the Joel Early Chapter. We must keep searching for these graves and mark them before they are gone and can no longer be located.

We continued to celebrate and honor those who fought at Vann's Creek, Fort Morris, Kettle Creek, Storm of Savannah, Patriot's Day and others. We continue to draw SAR members from other state societies and I think it would be great that we return the favor by attending some of their events. Try to visit one event that you have never attended before and then invite them to attend one of our events.

Our educational teams continue to fill requests from the different schools and groups who want programs on the colonial and revolutionary war period. We need to continue to honor these requests whether from a private or public school, civic groups or other local requests. Try creating a program for one of the schools in your area. Find a subject you are comfortable with, research it and put together a program that you are interested in presenting. I think your will find that visiting the schools and making a presentation can be very rewarding.

On another note, we have lost several fine compatriots this year. I have attended three of those services this year

and paid the respects from the Georgia Society. We have also lost some voices of our DAR supporters as well and they will be missed also. Our recent lost of former State Chaplain, Rev. Dan Gates, will leave a hole in all of our hearts for many years to come. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to go out to those families who have experienced a loss this year.

I have also traveled to and attended several organizational meetings. I have been accompanied by Senior Vice President Bob Sapp, State Genealogist Larry Guzy, West Regional Vice President Dr. Hugh Rodgers and Past State President Hal Dayhuff. Some of these groups are closer to being chartered than others, but our goal is to make sure that this happens. The hope is to start at least 3 to 5 chapters in the near future. I would love to see our State Society grow to over 40 chapters in the next 5 to 10 years. With your help this could become reality. If one member could sponsor one new member in our chapters we could be largest state society around. As Senior Vice President Sapp puts it, "I challenge you to strive for sponsoring one, then two until you get to ten new members".

Cilla and I want to say **Thank You** to all of those Chapters that we have had the opportunity to visit during this year. We have had a wonderful time meeting old friends and many new members this year. I have also had the opportunity to swear in a number of new chapter officers as well as many new members. We have experienced your great hospitality and truly have enjoyed this year. It has been a great time to travel around the state and represent our Society.

I am writing this article during the Christmas season. As we celebrate this year, let us remember those who are less fortunate and extend a helping hand if possible to those individuals. Let us remember our forefathers who paved the way with their lives and fortunes so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

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Message From the



Georgia Society Secretary

Billy J. Templeton

has many tools to help Chapter Registrars and Chapter Treasurers expedite applications and pay dues. **Section 12 Membership Applications** covers everything you need to know from assembling applications to calculating the correct dues and fees.

Membership Trophy: The compatriot sponsoring the most New Members registered during 2010 will be presented the *President General Robert B. Vance, Sr. Membership Trophy* at the Annual Meeting. The race is tight and the rules for choosing the winner are outlined in **Section 17.1 of the Sourcebook**.

- In the event of a tie, the one who signed the most applications as a Co-Sponsor shall be declared the recipient. If a tie continues, and one of the candidates received the trophy the preceding year, that candidate must concede to the opposite candidate.
 - If a tie continues, the candidate who possesses the largest number of approved supplementals shall be declared the winner.
- In the event of the death of the winning member, the trophy will be awarded to the member's family for the year.

New Chapter Officers: Many chapters will install new officers for 2011. Please email this information to GA_Secretary@bellsouth.net. Your chapter secretaries can also directly notify the national society of the change in your chapter officers at <http://www.sar.org/NSSAR-Forms/Officer-Change>.

Membership Dues: Active Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on the calendar year. All compatriots who became a registered member before November 1st, 2010, should pay their dues to their chapter Treasurers and/or Secretaries before December 31st. New members registered on or after November 1st are automatically credited with 2011 dues. Chapter Treasurers should report their paid active members to the State Secretary as soon as possible after December 31st. **Unreported members will be dropped from the roles on the National Reconciliation Report on January 15th. Dropped Members may miss the February issue of the SAR Magazine.**

Applications: The application process has been improved over the past several months. Since April 3rd, I have submitted 128 of your applications to the National Society with several more to be submitted before the end of the year. Of these 128 applications, 17 have been approved, three have been pended, and the remaining applications are under national review. To insure that applications are expeditiously processed by the State Registrar, State Secretary, and State Treasurer, Chapter Registrars should insure that applications conform to the National Society's rules outlined in **Form 0912**. The **Sourcebook** that is available on the Georgia Society website (www.georgiasocietysar.org)

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION	DUES per Member FORWARDED
REGULAR Members:	\$43.00
LIFE Members:	\$13.00
Out-of-State DUAL Members: (With Primary GA Membership in Your Chapter)	\$13.00
In-State DUAL Members: (With Primary GA Membership in another GA Chapter)	\$ 0.00
JUNIOR Members:	\$10.00
EMERITUS Members: (Having paid National Dues for 50+ Years)	\$ 0.00
YOUTH Members	\$ 0.00
MEMORIAL Membership	\$ 0.00

Vance Membership Trophy Guidelines

- Qualifying candidate must be a first-line sponsor. Qualifying candidate must have sponsored at least five new members to the Georgia Society during the previous calendar year.
- A member may qualify to win this award multiple times. At the end of 20 years the trophy will reside with the member who was the recipient for the greatest number of years.

Franklin's Wish: My wish to each and every one of you this holiday season was best expressed by Benjamin Franklin in a 1755 edition of Poor Richards Almanac.

“Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbors and let every New-Year find you a better Man.”



Report From George**Report From Bob****NEWS***of the**State Society***Center for Advancing America's Heritage****George Thurmond**

The Georgia Society remains in a leadership role within the National Society in a number of categories, not the least of which is in giving. While we have yet to meet the goals of 20% of our members giving an average of \$250 per member, we have indeed made a significant contribution to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH). Shown earlier, is a photograph of the completion of Phase I of the national program to complete the center in Louisville.

The latest results have the Georgia Society at an average of \$115 per member with 12% of the state membership making these contributions. In total, the state is at \$166,253, 8th in total giving in the National Society. Only Pennsylvania and Texas have more member contributions than the Georgia Society.

The state is led in contributions by the Piedmont Chapter (\$2,365), Captain John Collins (\$1,000) and Samuel Elbert (\$500). Contributions are tax deductible. You may make your tax deductible donation by visiting the state web site (www.georgiasocietysar.org) and clicking on **Donate to the SAR**.

For more information visit the SAR Genealogical Library at library.sar.org. or contact George Thurmond (scotlad@bellsouth.net; 770-475-1463). With your commitment, we can increase these results significantly.

Value of Membership**Bob Sapp**

As a member of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, your membership was gained through the efforts and sacrifice of a patriot ancestor who cherished his personal freedom. The journey in tracing this heritage through ancestral connection in many cases was an arduous trip and for a few traveled by a predecessor. Along with the membership there is a heritage to be honored, relating to the cost, struggle and sacrifices made to establish self-government by the patriot ancestors. These stories can be told to our families, friends and especially our children and grand children.

There are several opportunities to remember and celebrate our Revolutionary heritage outside of the local chapter activities. As a member of the Georgia Society there are six annual events where compatriots gather to remember and retell the story of our ancestors. At these events new friends are made and fellowship developed. In some cases the events are significant that compatriots from other state societies participate. What is more memorable than, after an evening of fellowship with compatriots and their wives, to march up Louisville Road in Savannah towards a Revolutionary War redout early on a foggy morning listening to a narration of the Battle of Savannah while far up the hill a bagpipe shrieks and a cannon booms a charge that reverberates throughout the fog. A contemporary living history experience that retells the events of the time.

The Georgia Society commemorative events are Vann's Creek, Kettle Creek, Brier's Creek, Battle of Savannah, Fort Morris, and Frederica Naval Battle. To limit one's participation to only these events is to limit one's appreciation of our Revolutionary heritage and to limit one's friendship and fellowship with SAR members throughout the nation. As the circle enlarges, the nearby events are Cowpens, Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, Ramsaur's Mill, Sycamore Shoals, Point Pleasant and culminating with Yorktown.

As a member of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, expand your heritage experience by attending a new event this year. Most of all enjoy the many pre-event fellowship socials and meet new friends and fellow travelers.

Visit the Georgia Society web site for dates and locations of the Georgia events and other ceremonies or contact Compatriot George Thurmond for time and location.

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We must never forget this. We must continue to pray and support our troops who are in harms way fighting for these very freedoms and to make sure that this country is safe at all times.

Also, remember that the Debutante Ball is scheduled for December 28, 2010. Our second Color Guard Luncheon is set for January 8, 2011 and our Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 4-5, 2011. If you plan on attending these 2011 events and not registered as of this time, please submit your registration immediately.

Yours in Patriotism,

J. Michael "Mike" Tomme, Sr.

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GASSAR, State President

Editor's Note: Thanks to President Tomme for relinquishing Page 1 to honor the 2010 GASSAR Debutantes.

**Member Awards
Banquet
Friday 7:00 p.m.
Black Tie, Dark Suit, or
Uniform**

**BOM
MEETING
SATURDAY
February 5, 2011
9:15 am**

**Chapter Awards
Luncheon
11:45 a.m.**

**Marriott Atlanta
Gwinnett Place
Duluth, GA**

Message From the



**Georgia
SAR
Ladies'
Auxiliary**

**Cilla Tomme
President**



The Ladies' Auxiliary President and Treasurer were pleased to present a check for \$1,000.00 to the Center For Advancing America's Heritage at the NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY in September. This brings the total contributed by the Georgia Ladies' Auxiliary to \$1,500.00 to date.

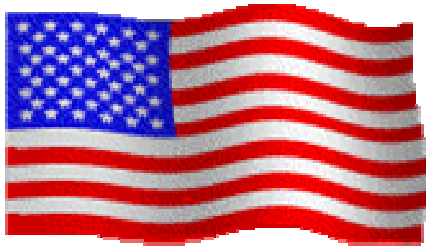
The GASSAR will hold its Annual Meeting February 4th and 5th at the Marriott Atlanta Gwinnett Place hotel. There will be a hospitality room hosted by the Ladies' Auxiliary on Friday from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. The hospitality room will again be open on Saturday morning from 7:00 to 8:30.

At the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Society, the Ladies' Auxiliary will be treated to a wonderful program on Saturday morning. The guest speaker is Susan Sloan. She will present a program about James Monroe entitled "More than a President". All guests are invited to attend. The program will start promptly at 9:15 a.m.

Following the program, the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold our Annual Meeting from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. We will offer a 50/50 split the pot and there will be chances to win a Byer's Choice Colonial Drummer Boy.

Also at this meeting, a new Georgia Ladies' Auxiliary pin will be introduced. It is certain that every lady will want to purchase one of these lovely pins!

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Report From The



**Georgia
Society
Color
Guard**

**Paul Prescott
Commander**



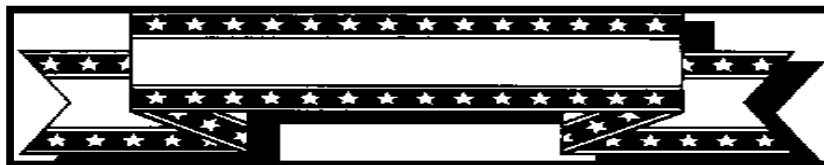
Color Guard

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The award-winning Georgia Society Color Guard and Col. Elijah Clarke Militia participated in 58 state and national events during 2010. While we had an active year, it was much slower than last year. The first annual Color Guard Awards Luncheon was held in January and was a great success. The luncheon had the highest number of Color Guard participants of any event during the year.

The active membership for 2010 stood at 72 members, a loss of four over last year. However, the Color Guard had three new members that participated for the first time. Of the 72 current members, 58 participated in at least one event during 2010. A number of SAR members have uniforms and only participate in local chapter events.

Next year is looking good for an active year. The year will start off with the second annual Color Guard Awards Luncheon. There are already a number of patriot grave markings scheduled and there are the numerous battle sites that the Color Guard attends annually. There will also be a Color Guard change-of-command next year. I am retiring after six years to pursue other SAR activities. The new commander, Edward Rigel, Sr. will appreciate help from all SAR members to make 2011 a successful year.



New Members

Georgia Society New Members Since Wednesday, September 01, 2010

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Athens				
	08 Nov 2010	Donald BURDICK	Jonathan Burdick	Robert Forrest TOWNS
	03 Dec 2010	Michael James BONNER	Richard Bonner	Robert Forrest TOWNS
	03 Dec 2010	Michael Harvey BONNER	Richard Bonner	Robert Forrest TOWNS
Button Gwinnett				
	08 Nov 2010	John Dwight Deforest COLEGROVE	Henry Pool	Newton Walker CHEWNING
	08 Nov 2010	Steven George HANNA	John Hazeltine	Newton Walker CHEWNING
	08 Nov 2010	Leonard James HANNA	John Hazeltine	Newton Walker CHEWNING
Ed. Telfair				
	08 Nov 2010	Jackie Oswald RAY, Sr.	Jesse Ray	Roger Warren COURSEY
John Milledge				
	08 Nov 2010	Victor Hugo HOBBS	Samuel Wilson	William Glenn NEELY, III
	23 Nov 2010	Herman Mark ARCHER	Peter Fair	William Glenn NEELY, III
Jos. Habersham				
	30 Sep 2010	David Lee CARSWELL	Martin Maney	Milus Bruce MANEY
LaGrange				
	10 Dec 2010	Steven Earl EDWARDS	David Staples	Forrest Clark JOHNSON, III
Lyman Hall				
	15 Sep 2010	Derek Jonah SENTINELLA	William Dunlap	Hall Alexander MARTIN
	22 Sep 2010	Ronnie Daniel HUFF, Jr.	James Barr	Ronnie Daniel HUFF
	08 Nov 2010	Marvin Harry LOCEY	John Hathaway	Roscoe Drake MCMILLAN, III
Marquis de Lafayette				
	10 Dec 2010	Richard Allen STENDER	William Stone	David George JESSEL
Ocmulgee				
	22 Sep 2010	Jack Lawshe ZUKER	Joseph Howell	Russell Ray CRUMBLEY, Jr.
Valdosta				
	10 Dec 2010	Gary Edward COOPER	Buckner Lanier	Michael Maxwell BLACK
Wash-Wilkes				
	22 Sep 2010	Thaddeus Truitt BROOME	Purnall Truitt	Thomas Milne OWEN

Total: 18

Athens

On December 9, 2010, the Athens Chapter held its Annual Formal Christmas Party at the T.R.R Cobb House in Athens, Georgia. In attendants this year was 18 members and their guest. In addition to the fellowship of the evening, the Athens Chapter took the opportunity to install two new members into SAR. The



(L to R) Bonner, Towns, Burdick

induction ceremony was conducted by COL Robert Towns, Chapter Registrar. The new members are Michael Bonner and MAJ GEN Don Burdick. With the addition of the two new members the Athens Chapter now has 63 members.

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February 5, 2011
9:15 am
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Gwinnett Place
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NEWS
of the
**Georgia Society
Chapters**

Marshes of Glynn

Most of the requests for the Marshes of Glynn Chapter Revolutionary Era Patriots come from local elementary and middle schools but occasionally we get a request from a church after school program where the children are educated and given a snack. Such a request came from The Holy Band Church, Brunswick on December 3rd and we responded with our "Georgia Patriots" program. The program was much appreciated as one could see the children come alive with the telling of each historical tale. We were even invited back..

In attendance (L to R) are Steve



Ford as Stephen Heard, Jimmy Boatright as Lyman Hall, Brent Taylor as Royal Governor Wright, and Steve Ryner as George Walton. This was the last visit of a very

successful year which saw us at 20 schools in 3 counties in front of 1667 students.

Joel Early

Since the start of "The Traveling Trunk", the Joel Early Chapter has had a lot of request for bringing it to different organizations and groups. To keep from having to transfer one from place to place, we purchased one for our chapter along with items to display.



We have shown the trunk to campers at Lake Seminole, the Lions Club in Donalsonville, the Dunaway Chapter SAR in Marianna, Fla., the Blue Springs Chapter CAR in Marianna, Fla. and the Pensacola Chapter SAR in Pensacola, Fla.

In the picture shown are the members of the Blue Springs CAR, Neal Spooner, President of the Joel Early Chapter, his wife Brenda, Kenneth Spooner, Secretary/Treasurer of the chapter, and Larry Grant, Vice President of the Chapter.

Future presentations booked will be presenting to the Emassee-Robert Grierson DAR in Dothan, Ala. and the Chipola Chapter DAR in Marianna, Florida. "The Traveling Trunk" has been a great success.

William Few

The chapter held its fall meeting on September 20 with more than a dozen members, prospective members and guests present. Compatriot William H. Colbert was welcomed as a new member and Compatriot Kirby Towns was welcomed as a transfer member. Compatriot David Titus received a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued service to GASSAR and Compatriot Russell K. Brown received an Outstanding Citizenship Award in recognition of his work on the Georgia Revolutionary Trails brochures. The guest speaker was Laurie Ott, coordinator of Augusta's Wounded Warrior project, who gave an update on her program.

Chapter President Robert R. Turbyfill presented the chapter wreath at the Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Veterans of All Wars monument in Augusta on November 11th.

Compatriot Russell K. Brown and other members of the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society were present at the dedication of a plaque in their honor in recognition of their work in supporting the Heroes Overlook monument on Augusta's River Walk. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the annual Veterans Day service at the Overlook on November 11. The plaque was mounted in 2009 but was not dedicated until this year.

Chapter President Turbyfill presented a wreath for the chapter at the Battle of Vann's Creek commemoration at the Richard B. Russell State Park on December 4th.

The chapter's annual Christmas banquet took place on December 7. More than twenty members,

prospective members and guests participated, including GASSAR President Mike Tomme and his wife Cilla, and GASSAR Past President Robert F. Towns, who now holds membership in the William Few Chapter, and his wife Robin. President Tomme gave an informative talk on education in colonial times. The evening ended with singing of Christmas carols by the attendees.

Samuel Elbert

Vann's Creek Ceremony

Robert Scott Davis, director of the Genealogy Program of Wallace State College from Alabama was the principal speaker for the Battle of Vann's Creek Ceremony Dec 4, 2010, 11:00 am at the Richard B.

Band from Winder, Georgia played patriotic selections and one of the main highlights of the program was the Last Wreath Ceremony where a "last Wreath" was presented by SAR member Ross Banks to compatriot Larry Richardson who took the wreath by boat to the battleground now under water. Ross was accompanied by the Elbert County bagpiper John Mortison who played "Amazing Grace", the Elbert County High School ROTC unit, the award winning Georgia Color Guard and the Elijah Clarke Militia who fired 3 rounds before retiring when Taps was offered by Mark Wade, and Mourn Muskets was performed by the Elijah Clarke Militia represented by Commander Jay Guest, Texas Militia member James E. Mitchell, Walker Chewning, Col. Robert F. Towns, and NE GA Reg. VP Ed Rigel, Sr. There were 117 present at



Russell State Park Pavilion in Elbert County sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Samuel Elbert Chapter. Professor Davis talked on the American Revolution specifically, *"1780 and the backcountry, how the war really turned around there and the seeds were planted for the British defeat, at the hands of the southern militia"*.

The Yargo Community Concert

the ceremony.

Reverend Jack R. Bozeman again was the Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Joseph Harris recognized the special guest and Stuart Lyle recognized descendants of the militia who actually participated in the battle February 11, 1779 at Cherokee Ford and Vann's Creek. Samuel Elbert Chapter President Jim Lloyd invited everyone to lunch afterwards at the Arrowhead Pointe Caf .

Sons of Liberty

The Sons of Liberty Chapter in the Georgia Society for the second time in one year entered into a parade and both times won awards. In July, the City of Marietta has a 4th of July Parade with over 150 entrants. Compatriots of the Sons of Liberty Chapter combined with members of the John Collins Chapter got together and put together a float representing the Sons of the American Revolution with Uncle Sam (Terry Manning) walking beside the float and Benjamin Franklin (Tony Toth) along for the ride. With ten members between the two chapters, we proudly represented the SAR with over 10,000 folks alongside the road to cheer us on. This was the first time either chapter had entered a parade and was doubly astonished when the judges came around and informed us that we had received the Parade "THEME" award – the float best representing the theme of the Parade and July 4th. Later that day, members from both chapters went to downtown Marietta square and graciously received the award. A proud moment for both chapters.

Then during the August meeting of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, we discussed the possibility of entering the Dallas, GA Christmas Parade. Since our energy was high at that point, we decided to pursue the effort. Now this is where the story becomes interesting.

Anne Martin, DAR member and spouse of Compatriot David Martin, recommended that we build a float depicting George Washington crossing the Delaware since it was Christmas, 1776 when this even occurred. We took a vote and decided this was our goal. Compatriot Chris Boyce, an engineer

at Martin Marietta (Lockheed), became our official float designer.

As the design was taking place for the December 4th parade, a tragedy hit our chapter. Anne Martin, who had presented the float theme, unfortunately passed away in early October. Even through our loss, we continued with the float to honor Anne since she had been a vibrant part of our meetings. She frequently called us "her boys".

Then another hurdle came for us to face. In early November the theme of the parade was sent to all participants. *"Bringing Joy to Children at Christmas"*. And they added *"It is imperative that each entry conform to the spirit of the event and should promote the Holiness of Christ's birth."*

At our November meeting we had to discuss this because how in the world can we associate our float to the theme of the parade. Through much discussion we decided to proceed because this was Anne's plan. Then at our first "building of the boat on the float" session, it all started to come together. We came up with a theme for the float and placed an order for a banner that stated *"Freedom of Religion, brought to you by the Forefathers of our Great Nation"*. What better way to tie the theme of the float to the theme of the parade. Also, what better a theme in today's environment and the need for religious expression during the Christmas season! In addition, to honor Anne, we placed letters on the back of the boat and dubbed the boat "Anne". To also meet the theme, we modified the historic truths a bit with having three members of our sponsored CAR Society dress in continental attire and pose as George Washington's drummer boys and flag bearer. Then to top off the spirit of

1776, Terry Manning dressed as a 1700's St. Nicholas offering candy canes to all the children along the parade route. In summary, we felt we had met all the criteria established by the parade committee, along with Anne's dream.

Now for the parade. It was a brisk 35 degrees, perfect for the Christmas spirit as we set forth on our journey. There were over 80 entries in the parade with only ten categories of awards being presented and we made sure we were ready for the judges. With one of the judges being a history teacher, there were a lot of questions and discussions. Just before the parade began, the judges went around to present the awards. Not only did we again win the "THEME" award for the parade, we also won the "MAYOR OF DALLAS" award.

The feelings of elation along with the unbelievable cheering for our float along the parade route were astounding. The theme struck the hearts and souls of many citizens observing the parade with many accolades, kudos, and salutes presented to our float and participants.

A special thanks goes to the warmth and foresight of Anne Martin and all the Compatriots who helped to make this a very successful endeavor for our chapter and the SAR.

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March 15, 2011
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Atlanta

We were honored at our October meeting to hear from two teachers from the Atlanta Public Schools, Cleopatra Warren, from Frederick Douglass High School, and Augustus Wood from Benjamin E. Mays High School. They outlined many of the innovative techniques used to teach the history of the



Craft, Wood,
Warren

Revolutionary War period to a largely minority student body. Rap sessions are an important of their program, immediately attracting the attention of otherwise disinterested students. At this meeting a Citation was read, referencing a Flag Certificate to be presented to Malcolm Cunningham Ford. The Certificate and Citation



McCall, Cunningham

were delivered to Mr. Cunningham after the meeting.

Wood Hughes, 1st Vice President, was our speaker at the November meeting, discussing the distinguished Franklin Buchanan, under the title "Franklin Buchanan and the Growth of the American Navy". Buchanan helped establish the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and was its first president. Resigning in 1861, he joined the Confederate States Navy, eventually

rising to the rank of Admiral. The CSS *Virginia* was under his Command.

Our December meeting featured a presentation by Former President Bill Hays on the life of William Few, outstanding Georgia citizen and a signer of the U. S. Constitution. Few served the Colony of Georgia in many areas and he continued his service to the State of Georgia. Bill Hays, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Officers nominated to serve in 2011. The slate was unanimously elected. New Officers will be installed at the February meeting.

Officers for 2011 are:

President	Wood Hughes
1 st V. President	Joe Meyer
2 nd V. President	Guyton McCall
Secretary	Carlisle Young
Treasurer	Ed Conley
Registrar	Fisher Craft
Chancellor	Ed Floyd
Sergeant-at-Arms	Doug Stephens
Chaplain	Terry Manning
Historian	Revis Butler

It had been announced earlier that long-time Secretary, Fisher Craft, would not stand for re-election. His last report as Secretary was in his best tradition, and included his inimitable Christmas trivia. The Chapter welcomed Paul Sauter, a transfer from the Raleigh, N. C., Chapter.

John Bell and Guyton McCall represented the Atlanta Chapter at the Constitution Day luncheon hosted by the Georgia Society, DAR. President Carlisle Young, Secretary Fisher Craft and Former President Bill Hays attended the Georgia Society BOM meeting in October in Forsyth. Our Chaplain and Former State Society President, Terry Manning, maintained a busy schedule on behalf of the SAR, including the presentation of colors at a meeting of the Snellville Historical Society, and participating in the Color Guard at Veteran's Muster in Newnan. He displayed the "Traveling Trunk" in the city square in Newnan, and presented the "Traveling Trunk" in Duluth for seniors and DAR members. He gave a program on "Captured by Indians" for the DAR in Watkinville,

and a Flag History program at a seniors meeting in Lawrenceville. He also presented a wreath at a grave dedication in Blakely.

The Atlanta Chapter meets at 12:00 Noon on the second Thursday at Petite Auberge French Restaurant in Toco Hills Shopping Center on North Druid Hills Road. No meetings in July or August. Visitors are welcome. No reservation required.

Coweta Falls

The Coweta Falls chapter of the Georgia Society SAR presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Ron Murray, the Columbus, Georgia architect who designed the benches that were added this year to the Revolutionary War Infantryman monument site at the National Infantry Museum. The recipient is an architect with the Columbus firm of Neal, Kendust & Murray, P.C., Architects. The design was accepted by Maj Gen White, President of the National Infantry Museum Foundation. Eagle Granite Company of Elberton Georgia built the two corner benches, and the Kurt Kellum Company of Elberton installed them.

Mr. Murray was cited for "exceptional service to the SAR in designing benches and landscaping to be added to the Revolutionary War Infantryman monument that was presented last year by the Coweta Falls Chapter, Georgia Society SAR, to the National Infantry Museum". It was presented Nov. 14, in his office in Columbus, GA by Bill Hay, President and Bob Galer, Committee Chairman. Mr. Murray, backed by his senior partner, Compatriot Ed Neal, member of Coweta Falls chapter, donated the design plan for the benches. The special monument fund of the Coweta Falls SAR chapter paid for the construction and installation costs as an additional Museum donation.



In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons Our Compatriots 2010



Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Wednesday, September 01, 2010

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Danny Vernon GATES	159322	Coweta Falls	02 Nov 2010
Franklin McMillan RENFROW	174924	Lyman Hall	13 Dec 2010

Gone but not forgotten.



Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation

The Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation, held at the Milledgeville Country Club in Milledgeville, Georgia on December 28, 2010, was sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary. Eighteen very lovely Debutantes were presented to a capacity audience. Colonel Robert Towns served as the Master of Ceremonies. President Mike Tomme greeted the guests and introduced Mr. Kline Pugh, who ably served as the Debutante Herald.

The Georgia Society was honored by the attendance of President General J. David Sympson, who brought greetings from the National Society. Also attending were Dr. Redding I. Corbett, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, Evelyn Sympson, President, SAR National Ladies Auxiliary, and Clint Moore, Georgia C.A.R. State President.

The Colors were presented by the SAR Scottish Highland Color Guard which included Jackson Wesley Guest, Dr. James Allen Henson, Jr., Virgil Wirick Palmer, Robert Alvyn Sapp, and Kirby Matthew Towns, all attired in Tartan dress. Fourteen Georgia Chapters were represented at the Colonial Ball. SAR members attended from three other states including Kentucky, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Ladies Auxiliary members worked very hard planning, organizing, directing, and decorating, making the Debutante Ball a huge success! Participating were Cilla Tomme, President, Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary, Robin Towns, Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation Chairman, Camille Baxter, Sara Guest, Karin Guzy, and Katy Towns. Ladies of Nancy Hart Chapter NSDAR assisted with hostess duties, including Regent Grace Nett, Mary Lucik, Linda McKnight, and Amelia Pelton. Also assisting were SARs Jackson Guest, Larry Guzy, Mike Tomme, Kirby Towns, and Robert Towns. Bill and Kay Neely graciously served as the Milledgeville Country Club sponsors for the event.

Following the Debutante Presentation, a lovely buffet supper was served. The Debutantes and guests enjoyed dancing to the sounds of the RX Band. Members of SAR and DAR are invited to recommend young ladies, who are between the ages of 18 and 25, to be presented as Debutantes at the 2012 Colonial Ball.

Georgia C.A.R. members who were presented were Rebecca Brazil and Christina Perez of Lucy Spell Raiford Society, Autumn Woodard of William Pillow Society, and Mary Beth Dooley of Count D'Estaing Society. Clint Moore, Georgia C.A.R. State President, and Hampton Pelton of Sukey Hart Society, served as escorts. Sydney McRee, Honorary State President, was introduced as a Post Debutante, having been presented at the 2008 Colonial Ball.

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Revolutionary Days

February 11, 12 and 13, 2011

Washington,
Georgia
and the
Kettle Creek
Battleground

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



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