

Newsletter of THE GEORGIA SOCIETY
Sons of the American Revolution



The

Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch



Robert A. Sapp

As the summer draws to a close and school sessions start though out the state, plans should be made by each chapter to participate in presenting programs to those schools that invite outside sources. The American Revolution is first taught in the fourth grade in Georgia. What an opportunity to make these students aware of the heroes, personal cost and struggles to gain freedom as defined in being an American. Put together a program that you can comfortably present or use the "Traveling Trunk" as a program prop.

The efforts of the Altamaha Chapter and their members that live in the Vidalia area have built up a membership sufficient to start a new chapter. The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter received their charter on September 22nd at their charter banquet. That grows the Georgia Society to 31 chapters and a membership in excess of 1490. We are seeking to establish chapters in Sandersville and Thomaston. Pilot organizational meetings have been held in these communities.

Accolades go to the Washington-Wilkes Chapter for their efforts to establish Kettle Creek Battle Ground as a more prominent state memorial area. Plans are in progress to create the Kettle Creek Battle Ground Association as a non-profit organization and solicit state funds to acquire additional land around War Hill and to institute an interpretive park area that tells the Kettle Creek story.

Several major events are scheduled from now to the end of the year. Plan to attend one or more. Constitution Week provides the opportunity for public awareness of the constitution and its controlling principles on our government. Celebrating Commemorative Sites and Battles is a way to remember the struggles of our patriot ancestors and to met and share experiences with other SAR chapter members. Several Grave Marking programs are scheduled this fall that requires your support and attendance.

With new National Leadership, new areas of focus will emerge at the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville. Each chapter should develop membership retention plans. Each year many new members are recruited; however, at the end of the year at renewal time, a large number do not renew. Economics is one of the factors for dropping membership; however, each chapter should explore why a members does not renew. NSSAR Staff is examining ways to review applications and grant membership approval in shorter time. A portion of the application processing interval may reside in the quality of applications prepared by the chapter registrars.

The Georgia Society Color Guard will provided two compatriots, Walker Chewning and Bruce Maney, as guardsman at Mount Vernon during a 12 hour vigil on

July—September, 2011

September 17. Each guardsman stood a half hour vigil. Representatives of the Georgia Color Guard will also attend Constitution Week Ceremonies in Augusta with wreath presentation at the gravesite of William Few and two NSDAR Constitution Week Luncheons. Our National Color Guard Commander, Mike Tomme, will attend the Sycamore Shoals celebration on September 17th. This is the start of the Over the Mountain trek to Kings Mountain on October 7th. Georgia Color Guard representation will also be at the Yorktown Day celebration on October 19th

There are many compatriots with their special skills and talents perform in a silent manner in making the programs and events of the Georgia Society meaningful. To these quiet patriots and unsung heroes, I pass along the thanks and appreciation of the Society.

The next few months, September, October and November, offers several Historic Sites and Commemorative events along with National events such as Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor. Participate in these events and let the community know about the goals and objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution. I anticipate in meeting you and sharing your experiences and I remain your most humble and obedient servant.

Robert A. "Bob" Sapp



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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Message from the Georgia Society Secretary
Jul - Sep 2011

Current Membership

As of September 6, 2011, the total membership for the Georgia Society is as follows:

REGULAR:	1,436
JUNIOR:	4
EMERITUS:	3
LIFE:	32
DUAL (Between States):	14
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TOTAL:	1,489

These numbers include 105 reinstatements during the past 8 months. Now, it is time to look forward to our 2012 membership campaign.

2012 Membership Dues

I have endeavored to simplify the process for chapter treasurers to report membership dues. In years past, each chapter treasurer was responsible for his own devices for reporting membership and submitting chapter checks. Many treasurers would wait to the last minute to get that one last compatriot's check on December 31st at the risk of all the other chapter members of being dropped for late submission of dues in January. This year, because both the Annual Meeting and the State Secretary's Membership Reconciliation to the National Society are at the end of January, **all dues must be in the State Secretary's hands for processing on JANUARY 10, 2012.**

That short grace period does not leave a lot of time for treasurers to wait to the last minute to submit dues. The good news is that the treasurers are not required to prepare a list or maintain a spreadsheet for submission of dues. These lists and spreadsheets are only for the treasurer's personal records. The chapter treasurers will receive a Dues Report listing current registered members by email that may be marked with an "X". From this report, it is just a matter of sending a check for the total amount based on the number of compatriots marked with an "X". When the State Secretary receives a dues report from a chapter treasurer, he will email a NEW Dues report confirming the forwarded paid dues. This procedure allows time between the chapter treasurer and state secretary in the current year to "correct" any discrepancies.

There are definite advantages for the chapter treasurer to use the Dues Report submitted by the State Secretary. This dues report for all currently registered members will show the exact amount of dues owed. If a member has become a **Life Member**, his required dues will show \$13.00. If a member is a **Dual Member**, his required dues will show \$13.00. If a member is a **Junior Member** today but will be 18 years of age on December 31st, his dues will show \$43.00 as for all Regular members.

Do not include dues for unregistered reinstatements or unregistered applicants with this report. These prior applicants for membership or reinstatement will show up on future Dues Reports from the state secretary after they are registered. If these applicants or reinstatements are registered **after November 1st**, their 2012 dues will automatically be credited and indicated on any Dues Report forwarded to the chapter after their registration. Likewise, if the applicants or reinstatements are registered **before November 1st**, their requirements for 2012 dues will appear on any Dues Report forwarded to chapters after their registration date.

If you have **NEW REINSTATEMENTS**, submit them **separately** as for all reinstatements for members inactive for 6 months or longer with the appropriate **Form 0918** and check included. If you have **NEW TRANSFERS** of active members, submit them separately as for all transfers for active members with the appropriate **Form 0919** and check included.

Billy J. Templeton
Secretary, Georgia Society

The Status of every member is shown

Correct Dues are shown

Chapter Officer checks-off each member credited with dues & submits check. No computer is needed by the person reporting dues, just a good calculator.

Totals DO NOT INCLUDE Applicants or Reinstatements pending national approval.
Totals DO INCLUDE Life, Dual, and Exempt Members.

After the State Secretary credits each member from the Dues Report, he will email to the Chapter Officers a new Dues Form showing a check mark in the 2012 column like the ones shown in the 2011 column.

NEWS

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State Society



Message From the Georgia Society Membership Committee

*J. Michael Tomme
Chairman*

On September 22, 2011, members of the GASSAR traveled to Vidalia, Georgia to the Hawk's Nest at the Hawk's Point Golf Club. We attended the Chartering of our newest chapter, the Four Rivers Patriots Chapter. Attending were President Bob Sapp, Senior Vice President Ed Rigel, Sr., Vice President General South Atlantic District Charlie Newcomer, National Trustee and Immediate Past President J. Michael Tomme, Sr., State Genealogist Larry Guzy, State Chaplain Terry Manning, Regional Vice President Jimmy Boatright, former Vice President General George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Fred Womack, President, Wiregrass Chapter, Jason Deal, President, Altamaha Chapter, David Duke, Past President, Altamaha Chapter and Jim Lynch, President, Button Gwinnett Chapter.

Also attending were: Joyce Sapp, Cilla Leed-Tomme, Claire Newcomer, Marty Thurmond, Nancy Prescott and Judy Womack.

The GASSAR State Color Guard brought in the colors and posted them to start the official meeting. Vice President General Charlie Newcomer brought greetings from President General

As President Womack of the Wiregrass Chapter stated, "This is a great time to be in the SAR." President Womack's chapter was chartered early this year.

That evening a head count was taken and we had 85 total attendees consisting of the new chartered members, DAR members and guests.

GASSAR State President Bob Sapp swore in the new chapter officers. Ned Shuman was sworn in as the new Chartering President, Reid Threlkeld, Vice President, Dr. Rick Mitchell, Chaplain, Pete Johnson, Secretary, Steve DeWeil, Treasurer, Matt Oxley, Registrar, John Connor, Historian and William Phillips, Sergeant-at-Arms.

President Sapp then presented to President Shuman the symbols of his office, including the neck ribbon and insignia. Senior Vice President Rigel presented the gavel. GASSAR State Chaplain, Terry Manning presented the SAR Prayer book and Chaplain's pin to Chaplain Rick Mitchell. President Shuman thanked everyone who made this new chapter possible.

National Trustee, J. Michael Tomme,

Magerkurth. What a great setting, seeing the banquet hall full and the enthusiasm of the people there. The members of the chapter were ready to hit the ground running to work hard to make our newest chapter one of the best in the state.

Charter members include A. Harris Adams, Zachary H. Adams, Alva W. Anthony, J. Ace Brown, Moses M. Coleman, Jr., John W. Conner, James C. Cox, H. Steven DeWeil, Alexander P. Johnson, W. Peter Johnson, Carl M. Lowe, Donald A. McArthur, J. William McArthur, T. Reid McArthur, Richard T. Mitchell, Jr., C. Mattox Mobley, Harold C. Mobley, J. Justin Mobley, R. Hiram Mobley, III, Robert H. Mobley, Jr., E. Arren Moses, Lloyd E. Moses, Ray D. Moses, W. Preston Moses, William H. Moses, Jr., William M. Moses, II, Jule A. Mosley, Mark W. Oxley, William C. Phillips, W. Gordon Phillips, Matthew B. Purvis, Ned L. Shuman, Sr., Alexander A. Threlkeld, Reid A. Threlkeld, and L. Glen Williamson.

Sr., presented the charter to President Shuman to officially charter the Four Rivers Patriot Chapter. This is the 31st Chapter now in the Georgia Society.

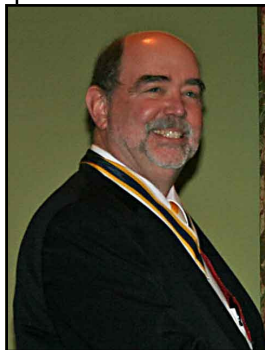
Also attending were those whose applications have been submitted for approval and they are Robert H. DeJarnette, III, Robert H. DeJarnette, Jr., Charles A. Faulk, Charles R. Faulk, Timothy W. Hendrix, Philip McRae, Steve Mercer, Brian D. Mills, David M. Mills, E. Dean Mills, Jr., E. Dean Mills, Sr., Charles D. Moses, Matthew W. Oxley, III, M. Walker Oxley, IV, Hugh Peterson, III, Hugh Peterson, Jr., William F. Peterson, Harlon P. Spivey, and Tommie Williams.

It was a pleasure to work with President Shuman and others to help get this chapter off the ground. Please join me in welcoming our newest chapter.





Report From The



**Georgia
Society
Color
Guard**

**Ed Rigel, Sr.
Commander**



Color Guard Schedule

- 15 Oct – Patriots Governor (Capt') Stephen Heard, Cap't John Darden, Mamie Kate and Daddy Jack Graves Marking sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter Marking, Elbert County, GA, 1030 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr. Larry Wilson, Jack Ferguson, Terry Manning, Bruce Maney
- 15 Oct – Patriots Capt' Dionysus Oliver and Peter Oliver Graves Marking sponsored by the Samuel Elbert Chapter, Bowman, GA, 1400 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr. Larry Wilson, Jack Ferguson, Terry Manning, Bruce Maney, Jim Lynch
- 19 Oct – Yorktown, Yorktown, VA: George Thurmond, Mike Tomme
- 22 Oct – BOM, Barnesville, GA, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp, Ed Rigel, Sr., George Thurmond, Bruce Maney, Larry Wilson, Terry Manning, Jack Ferguson, Bill Ramsaur, Jim Lynch
- 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
- 5 Nov – Patriot Jesse Holbrook Grave Marking, sponsored by Joseph Habersham Chapter, Stephens County, 1100 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., George Thurmond, Bruce Maney, Jack Ferguson, Jim Lynch, Terry Manning
- 12 Nov – Patriots Zachariah and Patrick Butler, sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter, Butler Cemetery, Elberton, GA, 1100 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Jack Ferguson, Jim Lynch
- 19 Nov – Fort Morris, "Come and Take It!", 1100 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., George Thurmond, Bruce Maney, Bill Ramsour, Jack Ferguson
- 3 Dec – Vann's Creek, Elberton, GA, 1100 hrs: Ed Rigel, Sr., Larry Wilson, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Bruce Maney, Ed Rigel, Jr.
- 10 Dec – Patriot Edward Ware Grave Marking, sponsored by the Athens Chapter, Madison County: Ed Rigel, Sr., George Thurmond, Bruce Maney, Jack Ferguson

Report From The

**Georgia
Society
SAR
Education
Committee**

Terry Manning

Pages from GASSAR History: 1921-1939

While my wife and I were researching old records of the Georgia Society in Louisville in September, the following items caught our eye that may be of interest to several of our chapters:

Formation - The report of the Registrar General in April 1921 noted that, "Through the efforts of President General Preston, a new Society, with 16 members, was organized in [Atlanta] Georgia and a charter to that effect delivered."

First Chapter Charter - In Volume 19 (1924-1925), issue 1, "The Minute Man" (official bulletin of NSSAR) reported under Georgia Society news that, "The new local S.A.R. Chapter, in process of organization at Dalton, will be able to announce a perfected organization and personnel of officers in the next issue of THE MINUTE MAN, it is hoped." This initial effort apparently proved futile, as in Volume 22 (1927-1928), issue 2, the Georgia Society reported that, "The first local chapter to which the Georgia Society has given a charter has been formed at Milledgeville. The little group of thirteen compatriots located here have applied for and received a charter and are holding this number, symbolical of the Thirteen Original Colonies, as their "lucky" number."

More New Chapters – In Volume 31, issue 3, of January 1937, the by now "SAR Magazine" mentioned that, "The renewal of activities in the Georgia Society continues to progress with most encouraging results. More than half a hundred new applications since the Portland Congress give evidence of the energetic work of Colonel James D. Watson, President, and his associates. Colonel Watson is planning the formation of chapters wherever the membership quota permits, and the latest to be formally launched is at Athens, which has formally organized under auspicious circumstances. Others are planned for Dalton, Stevens, Valdosta and Bainbridge, and Charter members for these are now being enrolled." It further noted, "**WINDER CHAPTER** – This newly organized Chapter of the Georgia Society participated in the Armistice Day exercises at Winder by turning out with the Georgia State Flag and American Flag for the civic parade on November 11th."

Athens Charter – The SAR Magazine gave this report of the Athens Chapter in Volume 31, issue 4, of April 1937, "Following the meeting at Atlanta, President General Kendall accompanied Col. Watson, State President...to Athens, where the Charter of this Chapter, and a number of Membership Certificates were presented to the Chapter President, Robert R. Gunn, at a most enthusiastic meeting."

State Flag - In July 1937, the magazine gave this interesting news, "The Georgia Society also paid its compliments to the National Society at the recent annual Congress held at Buffalo, New York, by presenting through Colonel Watson, the Georgia State flag, and this with the Virginia flag which was also presented, completes the collection of flags of the original thirteen states, now owned with other state flags, by the National Society."

1938 – The October 1938 issue of the magazine reported that the Atlanta Chapter had doubled its membership during the past year, that the society had presented 37 R.O.T.C. medals in May, and it was endeavoring to establish the last resting place of William Few, Georgia Signer of the Constitution, believed to be in an unmarked vault in Beacon, New York.

LaGrange Organized – In January 1939, we read that the first formal meeting for purposes of organizing a chapter in LaGrange was held on October 11. The chapter was to be known as "La Grange Chapter No. 5."



New Members

Georgia Society New Members Since Friday, April 1, 2011

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altamaha	01 Jul 2011	Warren Preston MOSES	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Lamar Allen BROWN	John Peterson	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
Athens	14 Jul 2011	William Dewitt PAUL, Jr.	Benjamin Chew	Robert Forrest TOWNS
Atlanta	01 Jul 2011	John Paul CATCHINGS	Benjamin Catchings	Thomas Fisher CRAFT
	04 Aug 2011	Jerry Anderson CHURCH	John Church	Thomas Fisher CRAFT
	25 Aug 2011	Charles William ELWELL, III	Clement Minor	Thomas Fisher CRAFT
Button Gwinnett	01 Jul 2011	William Roland POWERS	Peter Forney	Milus Bruce MANEY
	04 Aug 2011	Walter John WHARTON	Zachariah Wharton	Newton Walker CHEWNING
Coweta Falls	01 Jul 2011	Joseph Daniel McMICHAEL	William Brand	John Edwin MCCUTCHEON
	01 Jul 2011	Willis Laverne POWELL	Ambrose Powell	John Edwin MCCUTCHEON
	04 Aug 2011	Dale Keith SMITH	Philip Smith John	Edwin MCCUTCHEON
	04 Aug 2011	Stanley Robert HILL	Michael Beem	John Edwin MCCUTCHEON
Four Rivers	01 Jul 2011	Donald Alexander MCARTHUR	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	William Martin MOSES, II	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Lloyd Edward MOSES	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Robert Hiram MOBLEY, Jr.	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Robert Hiram MOBLEY, III	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	John Justin MOBLEY	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Harold Charles MOBLEY	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Charles Mattox MOBLEY	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Alexander Andrew THRELKELD	John Threlkeld	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	William Henry MOSES, Jr.	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Alexander Peter JOHNSON	Thomas Conner	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Reid Alexander THRELKELD	John Threlkeld	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Edward Arren MOSES	William Ryals	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	James Ace BROWN	John Peterson	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Mark William OXLEY	John Peterson	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Ray Daniel MOSES	James McNatt	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.

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	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Four Rivers	01 Jul 2011	John Wilson CONNER	Thomas Conner	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
(Continued)	01 Jul 2011	William Peter JOHNSON	Thomas Conner	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
	01 Jul 2011	Matthew Barton PURVIS	Mark Phillips	Ned Leland SHUMAN, Sr.
John Collins	25 Aug 2011	Laurence William LINES	James Davis	James Allen HENSON, Jr.
Jos. Habersham	25 Aug 2011	Don Hilliard Ferguson	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
	25 Aug 2011	Bobby Hilliard FERGUSON	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
	25 Aug 2011	Bobby Gregory FERGUSON	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
	25 Aug 2011	Joshua Hilliard FERGUSON	William Ferguson	William Hughes RAPER
Lyman Hall	14 Jul 2011	Lyle Edward LETTEER, Jr.	William Haley	Hall Alexander MARTIN
	11 Aug 2011	Montana Jason THRASHER	Benjamin Darst	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
M. de Lafayette	06 Jul 2011	Christopher Cole BROWN	Garrett McCallister	Robert Martin WYLIE
	04 Aug 2011	James Edward BROWN	Garrett McCallister	Robert Martin WYLIE
	04 Aug 2011	Gary Allen RIDLING	Edward Pharr	John Michael TOMME, Sr.
Ocmulgee	18 Aug 2011	Jett Van Warren SMITH	Samuel Williams	Russell Ray CRUMBLEY, Jr.
	25 Aug 2011	Jack Lane CALDWELL	William Caldwell	Milton Irvin JOHNSON, Jr.
Patrick Carr Rngs	01 Jul 2011	Robert Liam EDENFIELD	Lucas Zeigler	Robert Bradham EDENFIELD
	11 Aug 2011	John Palmer BARTLETT	George Palmer	Frank Edward LACKMAN, Jr.
Piedmont	11 Aug 2011	Wesley Orlando WILLS, Jr.	Leonard Wills	
Rome	25 Aug 2011	Jeffrey Thurman GLASS	Zachariah Glass	James Earl CLARK
Samuel Elbert	14 Jul 2011	Robin Mitchell STARRETT	Thomas Hilley	James Larry WILSON
	14 Jul 2011	Michael Thomas STARRETT	Thomas Hilley	James Larry WILSON
	14 Jul 2011	Charles Dwight TABOR, Jr.	James Little	James Larry WILSON
	14 Jul 2011	Thomas Adron STARRETT	Thomas Hilley	James Larry WILSON
	14 Jul 2011	David Hughes TABOR	James Little	James Larry WILSON
	04 Aug 2011	John Michael HARDIN	Thomas Harding	James Larry WILSON
	04 Aug 2011	Charles Milton BRATTON	Nevile Holcombe	James Larry WILSON
	04 Aug 2011	Lou G HARDIN, Jr.	Thomas Harding	James Larry WILSON
	04 Aug 2011	Douglas HARDIN	Thomas Harding	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Jeremy Ryan BRIGHT	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Justin Thomas BRIGHT	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Emory Joe ANDERSON	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Jacob Alexander COOK	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON

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	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Samuel Elbert	04 Aug 2011	Lou G HARDIN, Jr.	Thomas Harding	James Larry WILSON
(continued)	04 Aug 2011	Douglas HARDIN	Thomas Harding	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Jeremy Ryan BRIGHT	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Justin Thomas BRIGHT	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Emory Joe ANDERSON	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON
	25 Aug 2011	Jacob Alexander COOK	Nathan Bond	James Larry WILSON
Sons of Liberty	11 Aug 2011	Forrest Parkhurst YOUNG, Jr.	Jacob Persinger	Kendall Edward ABBOTT
	23 Aug 2011	Dominic James LOOS	John Benedict	Kendall Edward ABBOTT
	23 Aug 2011	Forrest Parkhurst YOUNG, III	Jacob Persinger	Kendall Edward ABBOTT
Wash-Wilkes		Walter Louis HARRIS	John Blassingame	Thomas Milne OWEN
	14 Jul 2011	Walter Louis HARRIS	John McMullan	Thomas Milne OWEN
	14 Jul 2011	Robert Lindsey STROTHER	John Lindsey	David Franklin MCCLEAREN
William Few	14 Jul 2011	Charles Dewey STONE	John Stone	Richard Alan NOEGEL
	14 Jul 2011	Alton Oneal MCCLLOUD	Jesse Dodd	Richard Alan NOEGEL

Total: 68

Way to Go Chapters!



IT LOOKS LIKE MANY MORE TO COME!

The photo above shows envelopes full of applications recently sent to Secretary Templeton by Society Registrar Allen Henson. It will be a big workload for Billy Templeton—but NO DOUBT, Billy is up to the challenge. Registrar Henson is to be commended for processing all of these applications in the wake of personal and professional hardships. Allen’s father, James Allen Henson, Sr., John Collins Chapter, passed away recently after an extended illness which required Dr. Henson’s almost full time presence in Jacksonville. In addition to keeping his dental practice operational, Dr. Henson was deployed for two tours in his capacity as Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. His services as a dentist were required in the screening of hundreds of men and women of our armed forces being deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Thank you for your hard work and thank you for your service Dr. Allen Henson.



In Memory of

Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons

Our Compatriots

2011



Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Friday, April 1, 2011

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Walter William TURRENTINE, Jr.	75949	Atlanta	03 Jul 2011
William Valentine PRUITT, Jr.	178972	Coweta Falls	14 Jul 2011
James Almon WEATHERFORD	157493	Coweta Falls	16 Jul 2011
Hugh Charter POPE	118017	Button Gwinnett	17 Jul 2011
Robert Ellis LANDRAM	133361	Atlanta	20 Jul 2011
James Allen HENSON, Sr.	157071	John Collins	18 Aug 2011
Paul Stephen GRIMES, Sr.	166115	M. de Lafayette	18 Aug 2011
Harry Brooks STRICKLAND	159445	Blue Ridge Mtns	23 Aug 2011

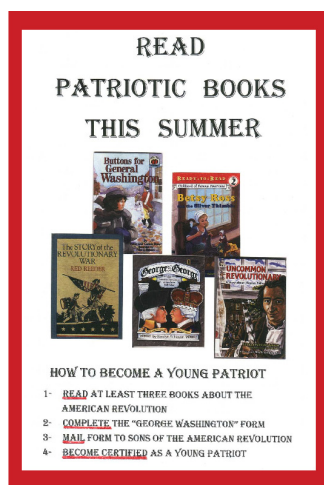
Gone but not forgotten.



Marshes of Glynn

Summer Reading Program

This past summer the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter implemented the GA Society Sons of the American Revolution Summer Reading Program called “Reading is Patriotic”. The chapter placed posters describing the program in eight public libraries in the Glynn county area.



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In photo (L-R): Randy Hendricks, the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities; Rhett Williamson, SAR member, dressed in Colonial era color guard uniform; and George Wheelless, president of the Casimir Pulaski chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

“This will help students for generations to come. We are very grateful to the chapter for facilitating this gift and, obviously, to the anonymous donors,” said Randy Hendricks, the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

“But I think it’s also a sign of the good work that our history department has done for decades,” Hendricks said.

Pulaski was a Polish count fighting Russian and Prussian influence in Poland. He fled to Paris where he met Benjamin Franklin and volunteered to fight in the American Revolution. He is considered the “Father of the American Cavalry.” Pulaski was mortally wounded in the Battle of Savannah in October 1779.

Marquis de Lafayette

Marquise de LaFayette Chapter member Paul Grimes, passed away this August 2011. He was our Sergeant at Arms, Parade Chairman, Graves Chairman, a member of the Color Guard, and other things to all of us as well as a good friend. Here, he is presenting a flag certificate to the American Legion Post 105 in Fayetteville, GA last fall.

To participate in the program, children read at least three books about people, places, or events of the American Revolution. They then recorded the book titles and authors’ names on the “George Washington Form”, and mailed it to our chapter. We prepared a “Young Patriot Certificate” for each child as an award for participating in the reading program.

The chapter plans to offer the program to additional libraries next summer.

Casimir Pulaski

The local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has given the University of West Georgia a \$27,000 gift to establish an annual scholarship for history students.

In March, the Casimir Pulaski chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution started a scholarship fund. Shortly afterward, the chapter received anonymous donations for the fund, including one for \$5,000 and another for \$20,000, said George Wheelless, the chapter president.

“We wanted to support the university,” said Wheelless, who earned his master of education and specialist in education degrees at UWG.

“The university has been a great source for speakers,” Wheelless said. “If they have anything to do with American history, they’ve come and spoken to us at least once, if not more.”

The first \$1,200 scholarship will be awarded in 2012-13 academic year to an undergraduate or graduate student in history. The student should have a 3.5 GPA. Preference will be given to students whose research focus is American history and who have a demonstrated financial need.



**Color Guard Honors Paul Grimes
18 August 2011**



Samuel Elbert

The Samuel Elbert Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its quarterly meeting at the Elbert County Civic Center on 1 September. This meeting included an original and fascinating talk on The Battle of Cowpens which turned the tide in favor of the Patriots in the American Revolution.

The battle took place on 17 January 1781 and was explained by author James Stallings. Elbert County's own Capt. John Cunningham was one of the standouts of the battle. Mr. Stallings explained the strategy of the victorious



**Author
James Stallings**

General Morgan who led the Patriots to victory against the dreaded British's Tarleton who had demonstrated in past victories he would not spare anything (no quarter) to win. Instead, Tarleton was outsmarted in the strategy of the battle and severely defeated. President of the Chapter, Larry Wilson, pointed out that Lt. Col. John Cunningham is buried in the Rock Branch area of Elbert County.

In other events of the program, Registrar Larry Richardson led a host of new members to the podium in the Civic Center where they were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution – Samuel Elbert Chapter. Included in the induction were Tommy Starrett and sons Rob and Michael, Gerald Hardin and sons John and Doug, Charlie Bratton, Dwight Tabor and son Col. David Tabor,

Ryan Turner, and Emory Joe Anderson and grandsons Jeremy, Justin, and Jacob. Col. David Tabor's mother stood in for him since Col. Tabor is on active duty and unable to attend. Two additional members will be inducted at the December 1st meeting.



L-R: Wynn Tabor for son Col. David Tabor (on active duty), Dwight Tabor, Jeremy Bright, Justin Bright, Emory Joe Anderson, Doug Hardin, John Hardin, Gerald Hardin, Charlie Bratton, Tommy Starrett, Rob Starrett, Not attending were: Col. David Tabor, Ryan Turner, Michael Starrett, Jacob Bright (all to be inducted at the Dec 1 meeting.)

NSSAR's South Atlantic District VP Charlie Newcomer reported the Elijah Clarke State Park new monuments are designed and the plans submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for approval. Upon approval the three monuments will be manufactured and installed on 15 February 2012. Dr. Joseph Harris reported the plans for the new Kettle Creek Battle Ground Park, Wilkes County, is well under way and the funding for this is in the planning stages. Mrs. Jackie Bozeman, Stephen Heard Chapter DAR, reported on the plans for the Heardmont Gravesite Ceremony was "well on the way" and there had been a donation to the SAR for the blue grass band to play at lunch time at the Heard Home for the Stephen Heard, John Darden, Mammy Kate, and Daddy Jack Celebration on 15 October.

The public is invited to the Stephen Heard Gravesite Ceremony in Heardmont on 15 October 2011 at 10:30 am and the Dionysus Oliver Ceremony on the same date at 2:00 pm at the Stinchcomb Methodist Church Cemetery

conducted by the DAR, SAR and family members.

Piedmont

The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard, as part of the National Color Guard, attended all four Color Guard functions at the 121st Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution which was held in Winston-Salem, NC, on 8 – 13 July. The Piedmont Chapter members were Paul Prescott, Robert Sapp and George Thurmond.

On Monday evening, Paul Prescott received the 2011 Color Guardsman of the Year award from President General J. David Sympson. The award is a gold medal, of which only one is presented each year. At the opening session, Georgia Society SAR President, Bob Sapp presented a \$250 check to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in honor of Compatriot Prescott being Color Guardsman of the Year. The check was matched by an anonymous donor resulting in the Piedmont Chapter being credited with a \$500 gift to the CAAH.



**Paul Prescott
Color Guardsman
of the Year**

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

Samuel Elbert, Washington-Wilkes and Button Gwinnett

The Chapters of Samuel Elbert, Button Gwinnett, and Washington-Wilkes GASSAR, the George Washington Chapter Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution are combining with the Stephen Heard Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and the Kettle Creek Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution to honor six patriots who had a direct impact on the formation of Elbert County and Wilkes County – Governor (also Captain) Stephen Heard, Captain John Darden, Mammy Kate, Daddy Jack, and Capt. Dionysius Oliver and son Capt. Peter Oliver.

Place this date on your calendar-October 15th, 2011, 10:30 am and 2:00 pm, Lunch 12:00 noon to 1:30 am at 357 Heard Street, Elberton, GA.

The Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the families of the descendants of Stephen Heard, John Darden, Mammy Kate, Daddy Jack and also Dionysus Oliver and Peter Oliver invite you to 2 ceremonies on Oct. 15th, 2011, 10:30 am, and 2:00 pm. At 10:30 am, the ceremony will be held at the Heardmont Cemetery in Elbert County and will honor Revolutionary War Patriots Gov. Stephen Heard, Capt. John Darden, Mammy Kate, and Daddy Jack; and at 2:00 pm at the Stinchcomb Methodist Church, Capt. Dionysus Oliver and Peter Oliver will be honored.

Lunch will be at 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm- cost \$15.00 at 357 Heard Street in Elberton. For lunch reservations (RSVP) send email directly to Larry Wilson at dlwilson@elberton.net or call 706-283-1627. Simultaneously, if you will lay a wreath to honor these patriots include Honor to: 1) Patriot Name, 2) your full Name, 3) address. On that email please note your reservations for lunch. Note: There will be a blue grass band playing during lunch. Also, please register your wreath by email to dlwilson@elberton.net. (see below for more details). (Pay for lunch at 357 Heard Street)

Directions to each event:

3090 Heardmont Rd.; Elbert County, GA. 10:30 am–Heard, Darden, Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack. GPS: **Heardmont --- N34 deg 06. 815'. W82 deg 41. 683'**. From downtown Elberton, go south on GA Hwy 17/72 about 1.7 miles until GA Hwy 72 turns East. Turn left on GA 72, travel about 6.7 miles to a "Quick Store" on the right. Immediately to your left is Pearl Mill Road. You will see two historic markers – Stephen Heard and Daniel Tucker. Turn left onto Pearl Mill Road. Travel 2.8 miles on Pearl Mill Road until the road splits...stay on the right – Heardmont Road. Travel less than a mile to the cemetery.

12:00 to 1:30 pm. Directions to Lunch: GPS: N34 deg 6.408 min W82 deg 51.552 ; Address: 357 Heard Street. **Easiest Way:** From Heardmont Ceremony, travel back to downtown Elberton. You will pass one stop light and continue to the 2nd stop light. Turn left onto Heard Street. Go to the 357 Heard Street Address.

2:00 pm. Oliver Gravesite at Stinchcomb Methodist Ch, 2069 Stinchcomb Road: GPS: N34 deg 08. 312' W82 deg 56. 622' Travel from Downtown Elberton northwest on GA HWY 17 about 5.1 miles to Deep Creek Road-careful- Hwy 17 splits from GA 72! (stay on Hwy 17). Turn left onto Deep Creek Road and travel about 1.8 miles to Stinchcomb Road. Turn Left onto 2069 Stinchcomb Road, travel .9 miles to church on your right.



Stephen Heard, a planter, patriot, soldier, and Georgia governor (President of the Executive Council-1780, 81). Heard County, created in west central Georgia in 1830, was named in his honor.

Valdosta

The Valdosta Chapter SAR hosted its summer meeting on July 9th at the Glen Arven Country Club in Thomasville. According to society records, this was the first SAR meeting held in Thomasville since 1963. William R. Raiford spoke about the Society of the Cincinnati, the country's oldest patriotic organization. Raiford served as the Society's President General from 1998 to 2001. New SAR member, Glen W. Herrin, was presented the Military Service Medal. Special guests included SW Regional VP Clayton Penhalegon, Thomasville residents, DAR members, and members of the Joel Early Chapter SAR.

Athens

The Athens Chapter is pleased to announce that member Charlie Newcomer was installed as South Atlantic District Vice President General at the Annual Congress in Winston-Salem. Member Robert Towns was also installed as Vice President General International District and member of the NSSAR Executive Committee.

Compatriot Newcomer was honored to receive the Minute Man award, the highest award bestowed upon a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

On December 10th, the Athens Chapter will sponsor the marking of the grave of Patriot Edward Ware.

The grave site is located in Danielsville, GA. The Georgia Society Color Guard will be in attendance.

The following is the information on Patriot Ware:

On page 52 of the book, "*Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers, Volume 2*", for Madison County, **Patriot Edward Ware is listed as born 9/18/1760, died 11/21/1838.** He enlisted in 1776 in the Virginia Troops under Captain James

Higgenbotham. In 1778, he served under Captain Rucker and Colonel Fontaine. He was a Sergeant in the Virginia Militia under Captain Samuel Higgenbotham, Captain Dillard, and Colonel Lynch in 1780. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Buried: Old Ware Family Graveyard, two miles north of Danielsville on country road.

Directions to the grave marking:

As you go out of Danielsville on US 29 about a mile or two, turn right at the Chevron Station onto Fowler-Freeman Road. Go down the road about 800 yards to Watson Road; turn left on Watson Road, go 200 feet to the gate on the right. The Ware Family Cemetery is out in the hay field in a group of trees. The hay field in the winter will provide plenty of easy access parking. The old Ware Family Cemetery is located near the intersection of Watson Road and Fowler-Freeman Road (GPS N34 18' 48.15 and W83 12' 01.46).

Everyone is invited to attend. Colonial attire welcomed.

Contact Virgil Palmer at: VirgilPalmer@athensclarkecounty.com for more information or to register a wreath presentation.

Hornet's Nest Deadline
December 15, 2011
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gets published!



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SATURDAY

October 22, 2011

10:00 am

Garden Patch

100 Southland Drive

BARNESVILLE, GA

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference Registration Form – January 27-28, 2012

Marriott Atlanta Gwinnett Place
 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, Georgia 30096
 Reservation Phone (770) 923-1775 or 1-800-228-9290
 Rooms: \$79 plus taxes (Rate guaranteed through January 4, 2012)
 (At Exit 104 on Interstate 85 in Gwinnett County)

Please return the following information by **January 4** with check payable to “Georgia Society SAR” send to Robert Sapp, 2649 Club Valley Drive, Marietta, GA 30068

Registration Fee (SAR Members Only): (Prior to Jan. 4, 2012) \$ 25.00
 (Late fee after Jan. 4: +\$10) \$ _____

Schedule of Events - Friday, Jan 27:

2:00-5:30 pm Registration & Hospitality Suite
 6:30 pm Reception (Cash Bar)
 7:00 pm Member Awards Banquet (Members, wives, guests) _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
 (Black Tie, Business Suit, Uniform)

Schedule of Events – Saturday, Jan. 28:

8:00 – 8:30 am Late Registration
 8:30 am Memorial Service (Members, wives, guests)
 9:15 am Spring Board of Managers Meeting (Members)
 9:15-10:00 am Ladies' Program
 10:15-11:00 am Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting
 10:45 am Annual Meeting: Election of Officers (Members – Everyone votes!)
 11:45 am Chapter and Program Awards Luncheon _____ x \$30 = \$ _____
 & Installation of Officers (Members, wives, guests)

Total Remitted (Registration, Friday Banquet, Saturday Banquet) = \$ _____

Registration Information

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Member): _____

Name of Chapter: _____ E-mail: _____

State Title(s): _____

Chapter Title(s): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Wife): _____

Name To Appear on Name Tag (Guest): _____

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