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Hornet's Nest

The President's Dispatch Charlie A. Newcomer



The past twelve months have shown that our august body of men—the Georgia Society—is strong and active, working together to meet the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The state events have been the best ever and especially considering the case of new celebrations illustrate that perhaps indeed "the best is yet to come!" Patriots Day at St. Simons, the multiple Savannah Commemorations in October, Sunbury/ Fort Morris on the Coast near Thanksgiving, the inspiring new day at Van (n)'s Creek/Cherokee Ford, and the just completed Revolutionary Days events complete with Georgia's highlight event at Kettle Creek all have shown our dedication to honoring our patriot ancestors and preserving our nation's past for all Americans. Sojourns outside our State show that we do not confine our message to our own backyard.

Local events have tolled the SAR message in communities statewide. Thirteen GASSAR chapters sponsored **grave markings**; others **parade**d and **assembled** under the United States and SAR flags to honor veterans,, patriots, our youth, our **flag**, and **our nation**.

The **Americanism** report, partially due to many chapter presidents' willingness to adopt a new technical reporting system, will show the greatest member participation in SAR programs in our eighty-seven year history.

The State Officers, Color Guard, and the Chapter presidents and their staffs have demonstrated their ability and willingness to take initiative, to explore, and to execute. The Committee Chairmen for our vital programs have prodded, encouraged, and followed up so that no facet of our total mission would be neglected. Our Chaplaincy Corps has kept us inspired, comforted, and encouraged.

And the **foot soldiers** of our ranks have given muscle to our body— by their attendance at meetings, their willingness to help out when needed, and their dedication to our Society and to our nation and its rich heritage.

I pray that the Georgia Society, this body of men, working together, will continue to increase in number, in strength, and in dedication to the principles and traditions we honor.

A BODY OF MEN-WORKING TOGETHER

Van(n)'s Creek, Kettle Creek Events Set New Benchmarks

Highly successful commemorative events at Van(n)'s Creek/Cherokee Ford in December and at Kettle Creek in February have earned accolades for the Georgia Society among citizens throughout the state and earned area—wide media coverage. This year was the eleventh anniversary of the Kettle Creek Ceremony which now is encompassed into the three-day Revolutionary Day event in the Washington/Wilkes County areas.

At the Cherokee Ford event Georgia SAR and the State of Georgia dedicated a new historical marker at the sight of heretofore unrecognized Revolutionary Battle Site in

January—March 2008

Plans Are Set for April Annual Meeting; Deadline Approaches

The Georgia Society's Combined BOM and Annual meeting will be held in Athens at the Georgia Conference Center on April 4—5.

Highlights of the annual two-day event include a formal banquet on Friday evening at which President General Bruce Wilcox will be the honored guest and the Georgia Society Awards Luncheon at noon on Saturday. Other activities include a Friday evening pre-dinner reception at which entries into the Poster Contest will be judged, a tour of the Hargrett Rare Books and Documents Library for wives and guests, the quarterly BOM meeting and the election and installation of 2008 - 2009 officers. State Chaplain Dan Gates will lead the Saturday morning Memorial Service.

The South Atlantic District Annual Meeting is scheduled as a prelude to the Georgia Society's event., opening on April 3, and Georgia Society compatriots are invited to participate.

Registration forms for the meetings and for the hotel are included in this issue of the *Hornet's Nest*. The **deadline** for registration is **March 19**.

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what promises to be the model for a note worthy Georgia Society Commemorative Event for future years and generations.

Look for detailed coverage and photos of the two significant celebrations on following pages of this issue of the *Hornet's Nest*.

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

Kline O. Pugh

National Life Membership: The NSSAR Life Membership Plan provides members an opportunity to pay a one-time membership fee that would assure lifetime membership in the National Society. Any future increase in national membership dues would not affect a plan member. Members must continue to pay Chapter and State dues annually. Membership of National Life members will be suspended if State dues are not paid. Application form and fees that are based on age are in Section 10.09F in our Source Book. The Georgia Society has 28 National Life members.

A Memorial Membership is available for a deceased close relative (within two generations) of an active member. The regular membership application form is used and lineage must be based primarily as that of an SAR active member. Documentation must include a death certificate. There is a one-time National fee of \$310.00, plus State fee of \$10.00. There are no annual dues.

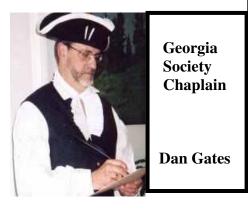
Youth Registration: A Youth Application Form (915Y) for those under age 18 is the same as the regular application, but requires only one sponsor. Complete documentation to the Patriot Ancestor must accompany application. The National fee is \$30.00 if the youth is a son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grandnephew of a member of the SAR, DAR, or SR, if the relative is a member in good standing. Lineage must be same as relative. Otherwise, the fee is \$60.00. The State fee of \$10.00 applies to each. If the lineage is approved, the youth will receive a youth registration number, a youth registrant certificate, and pin. The application will be held in escrow, separate from the SAR membership database. When he becomes 18 years of age and applies to join through a state society he will be granted membership based on the escrowed application with its approved lineage without further review of documentation. He will have to pay Chapter, State, and National dues

only when he converts from registrant to member at age 18. The Georgia Society has 94 Youth Registrants.

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.gassar.org. Some sections may be restricted to members only, requiring an I.D. and password. You may contact the undersigned for access.

Delinquent Dues: Members of the Georgia Society whose 2008 dues were not paid on schedule may be reinstated by sending National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer; \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter dues. No form is necessary. If a member's recent membership was in another state, Form 0918 is required along with a check for \$10.00 made to NSSAR.

KLINE O. PUGH, Secretary



Proud Of The Chaplains

I have never been more proud of our Chaplains ..!! The Compatriot Chaplains of the Georgia Chaplaincy Corps truly served the Georgia Society with hard work and distinction in 2007. And I can't wait to see what they'll accomplish in 2008.

Now I know a statement like that above can be construed as a bit "subjective." But, trust me, we have statistics to prove how involved our men are in their local Chapters. Each month, our Chaplains report on their individual involvement with the members of the local chapter. Points are given each Chaplain for activities such as phone calls to members, visits to Compatriots in Nursing Homes, hospital

Report From The



Georgia Society Color Guard

Paul Prescott Commander

The Georgia Society Color Guard had another excellent year in 2007. According to a survey, there are 16 chapters that have at least one color guardsman. This will change in 2008 since the John Milledge Chapter now has a guardsman in a militia uniform. The survey showed that there were 72 SAR members with either a Continental, Militia, or Kilt uniform. Last year the 16 chapters had at least one Color Guardsman at 373 state and national events and 462 guardsmen at local events. The total of 835 chapter/ event participation will be a record for all state SAR Color Guards. In fact, several individual chapters will surpass many state totals.

The Georgia Society Color Guard needs to grow. The Color Guard needs more chapters involved. Besides, the Color Guard is a great group of people. We have fun being together at the various events and meeting color guardsmen from other states. Why not join us and participate in the good times?

visits and birthday greetings. During the year 2007, our Chaplains in the Georgia Society accumulated 2,421 points..!!! That's up more than 500 points from the previous year.!!

But points are not the prime objective. The prime objective is serving our members and their wives.! Each one of those accumulated points represents some sort of outreach by the local Chaplain to a member of the chapter. A visit to a sick member is a point; so is a telephone call to say the SAR is thinking about you or a birthday card to let the Compatriot member know someone in his SAR chapter cared enough to send a greeting. The "points" translate into threads of caring that woven together across the entire Society makes the fabric of brotherhood strong.

Insofar as we know, there is no other State Society with as defined and dedicated a Chaplaincy Program as the Georgia Society ..! I'm exceedingly proud of the Chaplains ..! And I want you to be proud of them, too. At your next meeting, note the red Lapel Pin worn by your Chaplain. Its not just a decoration. Its a symbol of commitment to his position and to his chapter.

Revolutionary Days—Kettle Creek Celebration Highlights SAR Winter Season

"A wonderful weekend!" said Secretary - General David Appleby who traveled to the Revolutionary Days/Kettle Creek events from his home in Missouri. Pam Sutton of Johns Creek, Georgia, wrote: We have been to tons of historical sites, lots of events and reenactments. This was without a doubt the most family/child friendly, educational, and well organized event we have ever attended!" Scores of other visitors have expressed similar sentiments, naming the event "the best ever," and eagerly anticipating next year's event. (editor)

In the kick-off activity on Friday afternoon, Revolutionary War author Chris Swager told how extensively the Wilkes County Militia and other Georgians fought in the Carolinas. Posters prepared by Washington-Wilkes Middle School students for the Kettle Creek Poster Contest were exhibited in the Library. The staff of Mary Willis Library was well prepared for the large number of visitors on Friday and Saturday, and those in colonial attire matched the festive occasion. On Friday evening a hundred SAR & DAR visitors and local Washingtonians gathered for a hospitality hour at Wisteria Hall which was followed by dinner at the Pope Center in Washington. Dan Elliott, President of the Lamar Institute, described the scope and results to date of the Kettle Creek Battleground Archaeological Study.

On Saturday the Washington Town Square was overflowing with over 250 children and adults who watched the Parade and enjoyed the Living History. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, Col. Elijah Clarke Militia and CAR, DAR & SAR from several states in colonial attire led the Parade and were followed by several local Wilkes County youth groups. Special attention was generated by large contingent of Boy Scouts from Troop 175 Peachtree City, GA.

"Imagine Living in Wilkes County during the Revolutionary War was the theme of ten Living History activities held in the historic Washington Town Square. This included performances by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Nancy Hart, along with Colonial games and musket drills. Exhibits were also presented inside two locations on the Square, featuring Colonial ladies' and children's clothing and Colonial spinning techniques. A BBQ lunch was offered at the Court Street Livery. And at the

Battleground Army Historians conducted walking tours, tracing the steps of the Loyalists and the Patriots as they fought for three hours on February 14, 1779.

Saturday's highlight was the pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battleground for the 229th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony. About 500 people gathered at the Monument on War Hill Saturday afternoon for the Ceremony which featured the presentation of 80 wreaths from members of the CAR, DAR & SAR and Battle of Kettle Creek descendants from at least nine different states. SAR Secretary General David Appleby was the speaker, Continental Regiment Fife & Drum provided musical selections, and the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia performed a Musket Salute. Outstanding logistical support was provided by Wilkes County and City of Washington and shuttle busses were provided by the W-W School Board and Boy Scout Troop 175.

The Sunday Colonial Church Service and Ceremony at Elijah Clarke's Grave were especially meaningful. Under the leadership of Chaplain Dan Gates and sponsorship of Pastor Fran Connell a Colonial Church Service was conducted at the Bethel United Methodist Church. Chaplain Gates' description of the service of Revolutionary War chaplains was a special feature of the service.

Later on Sunday representatives of the CAR, DAR & SAR gathered with local Lincoln County citizens at the gravesite of Elijah Clarke for a ceremony to recognize his part in the successful Battle of Kettle Creek. Wreath presentations and Musket Salutes honored the memory of Elijah Clarke and the Elijah Clarke State Park Ranger provided a biography of Clark's life and experiences.

The weather could not have been better and we acknowledge all of those who took credit for it. Those who attended the successful Revolutionary Days Celebration stated they have a better understanding of the Battle of Kettle Creek and the role played by the citizens of Washington and Wilkes County during the American Revolution. Thanks to each of the Georgia Society SAR participants and spouses for your outstanding support. Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah!

Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee



Descendants of Elijah Clarke and Park officials joined SAR, DAR, and guests at the Georgia Patriot's gravesite at Elijah Clarke State Park.for Revolutionary Days' concluding event.



Ben Franklin (Billy Templeton) describes the Declaration of Independence

Colorguardsman Ted Smith in militia dress presents wreath at Kettle Creek Battleground.

New Cherokee Ford Marker Is Dedicated in Impressive Ceremony

On December 8, 2007, a newly accredited historical site where an American Revolutionary War Battle took place just days before the Kettle Creek engagement was dedicated by the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the State of Georgia, designated as the Battle of Cherokee Ford at Van(n)'s Creek. The event was hosted by

the GASSAR and the Samuel Elbert SAR Chapter. In an impressive ceremony at Richard Russell State Park in Elbert County. At the event Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the State of Georgia dedicated the large granite marker now permanently mounted near the shore of Russell Lake.

The people of the State of Georgia, NSSAR, AND GASSAR are deeply indebted to the perseverance of Stuart Lyle of the Samuel Elbert Chapter for his dedication and persistence in getting the site recognized in spite of an earlier South Carolina claim as to its location.

Samuel Elbert Chapter member and Regional Vice President Larry Wilson saw the project to its completion and orchestrated the day's celebration.

The Battle Site dedication attracted large number а Elbertonians as well as state and local dignitaries and DAR and SAR representatives from around the state. Twenty-one wreaths were presented at the new granite monument, the final wreath carried by boat to the actual site of the battle, now covered by the waters of Russell Lake. Several descendants of the American Whigs who fought in the Cherokee Ford Battle in 1779 were present for the dedication. They included Samuel Elbert Chapter Compatriot Gene Anderson and Samuel Butts Chapter Compatriot Paul East.

Guest Speaker for the event was Command Historian Steve Rauch of Fort Gordon, Georgia.

The National Anthem was sung by Scott Wilson with musical accompaniment by the Yargo Community Concert Band. Bagpipe music was provided by Compatriot John Mortison of Piedmont Chapter and Taps, after a Musket Salute, was rendered by Mark Wade.

Lee Aston



Steve Rauch, Command Historian, Ft. Gordon, Georgia spoke on Forgotten Fight No Longer: The Battle at Vann's Creek, Georgia, February 11, 1779.

President Charlie Newcomer (seated in background) was Master of Ceremonies for the event.



Compatriot Stuart Lyle is recognized by Elbert County Commission Chairman Tonmy Lyon at Dedication



Compatriot Larry Wilson pays tribute Revolutionary Patriots at new monument.



The surprising victory of the Frederica Naval Action at St Simons Island on April 19, 1778 – three years after the famous "shot heard 'round the world" at Lexington, Massachusetts, was largely unknown until the Georgia Society SAR erected a Historical Marker in 2005. This was an incredible victory by the Georgia Navy under the command of Continental Army Colonel Samuel Elbert – capturing three British Ships without loss of life for the Patriots!

The fourth annual observance of the Frederica Naval Action is scheduled for the weekend of April 18-19, 2008. The Georgia Patriots Day Celebration is sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR with the support of the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter and five other Glynn County organizations.

Activities begin on Friday afternoon, April 18 with the offering of two tours, a trolley tour of Colonial & Revolutionary era Sites on St. Simons and a water tour following the route the Georgia Navy Galleys sailed on the Frederica River on April 18-19, 1778. Later Friday afternoon, visiting DAR & SAR Celebration participants will be met by members of the local DAR & SAR host Chapters for hospitality followed by dinner at the Best Western Conference Center. Accommodations can be reserved at the Best Western Island Inn (\$90.00; 1-800-673-6323) and the adjoining Holiday Inn Express (\$93.00; 1-800-787-4666)

Saturday's highlight will be the pageantry at the 9:00AM Memorial Ceremony, including musical and musket salutes as well as presentations of wreaths. DAR & SAR members from Georgia and Florida, descendants of Frederica Naval Action participants, and the public will gather at the St. Simons Casino Atrium to remember the naval victory and honor the services of all Revolutionary War Patriots. The honored guest and speaker will be National SAR Society President General Bruce Wilcox, a US Naval Academy classmate of Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter President Brent Taylor.

A full day of Saturday activities following the Memorial Ceremony will include a parade, living history activities and a catered picnic lunch. The nearby Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Lighthouse & Maritime Museum and the Coastal Heritage Center will offer special rates for Georgia Patriots Day Celebration participants for individually planned tours throughout the weekend. Dedication of the Pike's Bluff Historical Marker on Lawrence Road is currently being planned for Saturday afternoon.

Since the Georgia Navy captured the three British ships on April 19 three years after the beginning of the Revolutionary War, we have a special reason to observe Patriots Day on St. Simons Island. Please make plans to join your Georgia Society SAR Compatriots and others for this memorable and fun-filled Georgia Patriots Day Celebration. We promise good weather and good local seafood on one of Georgia's Golden Isles.

Dates to Remember

March 8

Last Naval Battle

Cape Canaveral, FL

March 15

Guilford Courthouse

Greensboro, NC

March 28-29

GA DAR Conference

Athens, GA

April 3-4

South Atlantic District

Athens,GA

April 4-

GASSAR Annual Meeting

Athens,GA

April 18-19

Patriots Day

St. Simons,GA



President General Bruce Wilcox (I), a Naval Academy classmate of Marshes of Glynn Chapter President Brent Taylor (r), will be the honored guest and speaker at the Patriots Days Celebration. It will mark the President General's second visit to Georgia this April, the first being his visit to the Annual Meeting in Athens.



Speaker's Bureau: You can help by providing the Chairman of the Speakers Bureau with a contact with any interested organization. This is our opportunity to make an impact on the knowledge of the SAR in our local community. Rotary Clubs are always looking for speakers. Contact your local Rotary Club (s) and carry our message to this very active and patriotic group.

George Thurmond

Georgia Society Continues, Expands Role in "13th Colony Trail"

Picture driving along GA HWY 17 and US 17 from North Georgia to South Georgia along the Savannah River Corridor down to the Coastal waterways to Florida and have a map you obtained from the Tourism Visitor's Center that shows locations of historic signs, directional signs, monuments, parks, colonial churches, campsites, homes, heritage cemeteries, and other historic sites. Your trip is laid out with mileage distances, markers, hotels, motels, restaurants and a guide to study the American Revolution in Georgia, or the Colonial Period of Georgia or the War of 1812 in Georgia.

Is this a dream? Maybe not. The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution "13th Colony Trail" committee attended two organizational meetings in Washington, Ga. and in Sylvania, GA. led by Bruce Green, Product Manager, Tourism Division, Georgia Department of Economic Development. It was attended by city and county government officials from the GA 17 and US 17 corridor. In Sylvania, after being welcomed by Mayor Margaret Evans, Bruce Green led the sessions in 1) Development Opportunities for Tourism Trails, 2) Potential Resources for Trail Inventory, and allowed 3) Input from attendees.

The session was treated for lunch by the Mayor Evans, and afterwards 4) the group divided into 5 categories for evaluation and analysis: a) Organizational Possibilities, b) Inventory, c) Funding, d) Signage, e) and Marketing, f) Partnerships, Projects, and Product.

A House of Representative Resolution was discussed to be submitted for the 2009 Session. The National Parks Service will be consulted to obtain their endorsement. The National Society Sons of the American Revolution will be asked to endorse the "13th Colony Project". A list of Stakeholders will be identified. (Historians, consultants, corporations, State Organizations, Colleges and Universities, authors, publishers, artists, photographers, and other allied associates). A Chronology of events/heritage will be catalogued. A list of resources will be identified - camps, trails, homes, cemeteries, churches, historic markers, historic places, water ways, canons, battlegrounds, museums, etc. Signage will be identified and installed.

Picture tours and field trips for our schools being set up by guides to educate our students about the role of Georgia in the American Revolution. The fact that over 33 counties were named for Revolutionary War Patriots should tell us how important the Colonial period through the War of 1812 including the Revolutionary War era is for



Georgia Society Committee members met in Sylvania with state, city, and county officials to continue plans for the "13th Colony Trial" in Georgia. Pictured are Charlie Newcomer, Bill Ramsaur, City Councilman Ben Mercer, , George Thurmond, Sylvania Mayor Margaret Evans, Larry Wilson, Walker Chewning, and Screven County Commission Chairman Stan Shepard.. Compatriot Bob Galer attended but is not pictured..

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our Georgia History students and for that matter for our citizens of Georgia. Indeed our heritage is rich with events and sacrifices of our Patriot forefathers.

The Tourism Division is assisting with the organization but more than likely a private group will end up "steering" the direction of this project. But, most importantly to each county involved, the "13th Colony Trail" will involve tourists, jobs, motels, and restaurants - economic development.

Larry Wilson, Chairman 13th Colony Trail Committee

Did you wonder what happened after Kettle Creek? Yes, it was Brier Creek March 3rd, 1779 just after Kettle Creek. From Vann's Creek to Kettle Creek to the abandonment of Fort Cornwallis (Augusta) to Brier Creek where Col. Samuel Elbert was captured during this battle and he was saved from bayonet by giving the Masonic Sign to the soldier about to bayonet him. The Brier Creek Battle Site is about 20 miles from downtown Sylvania. There is no development of the battle site other than the presence of three historic markers.



In anticipation of the 2009
National SAR Conference being held in
Atlanta the Georgia Society held a contest
for the members of the Children of the
American Revolution to design a lapel pin
for the Conference. In February at the Sixty

Ninth Annual State C.A.R. Conference
Awards Banquet the First Place prize of
\$200.00 along with one of the first lapel pins
was presented to the contest winner Kindl
Lynne Chewning, a member of the Allen
Howard Society Georgia Society by Hal
Dayhuff of the GASSAR.

Kindl Chewning designed the pin at the age of 12 and was very proud to have her design selected as the winner. The pins will be available for SAR members at the 119th National SAR Conference which will be held in Atlanta, GA in July 2009.





Button Gwinnett Chapter

The Button Gwinnett chapter remains active in the community providing lectures, visiting schools, and doing joint projects with the local DAR chapters and C.A.R. society. Our incoming President is Jerry Winsness and outgoing President Walker Chewning is assuming the office of Senior President of the Allen Howard Society C.A.R in March

Vice President Manning spoke to the Colonial Dames on *The Study of Surname Origins* on October 25 and to the Lyman Hall Chapter SAR the same date on *Uniforms and Weapons of the Revolutionary War*." We joined with Regent Jo An Chewning of the William Day Chapter NSDAR on October 30 to give a lecture on *Symbols of Patriotism* to Centerville Elementary School first graders. We gave the lecture on uniforms at the January 3 meeting of the South Gwinnett Rotary and obtained prospective member queries for both SAR and DAR. On January 23 we spoke to the Dames of the Court of Order on a genealogy topic.

Our Chapter Color Guard participated in three state Color Guard events in November and December and provided tours of the Gwinnett County Veterans Memorial Museum during special holiday touring hours. Dennis Wolfe became our third chapter member of the Color Guard, and Jim Lynch will soon become number four.

Our members attended a William Day Chapter luncheon in honor of Veterans Day and the Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR Christmas luncheon. The William Day Chapter also now joins us in our poster contest presentations. Participation reached its highest number ever this year, making the choice of the best entry quite a challenge.

Compatriot Charles Hyder was presented the War Service Medal during this quarter. Regent Gwen Brogdom was awarded the SAR Medal of Appreciation and Regent Jo An Chewning received the Martha Washington Medal.

A new aspect of community involvement is becoming a member of the Gwinnett Council for Seniors, thus providing us venues for recruitment booths and lecturing to seniors organizations within the county.



Button Gwinnett Past President Walker Chewning shows fourth graders at Brookwood Elementary School the positions in firing a Revolutionary War cannon as part of the chapter's Molly Pitcher poster contest presentation.]

Marshes of Glynn Chapter

The **Marshes of Glynn Chapter** recently paid tribute to local businessman and leader **Billy Gibson**

Although not a member of the SAR, Billy Gibson has provided substantial financial and patriotic support for our Patriots Day Celebrations on St Simons Island during 2005, 2006 & 2007. This year, he supported the funding of the printing of 10,000 revised Frederica Naval Action brochures, and previously 30,000 brochures on various patriotic topics used by the Georgia Society.

As CEO of the Sea Island Credit Union, Billy is a recognized leader in the Golden Isles in business, church, governmental and community service. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Baptist Village and

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Marshes of Glynn President Brent Taylor presents Silver Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal to St. Simons Island businessman Billy Gibson.

Brewton Parker College. His patriotic spirit inspires others to support the programs and efforts in many organizations. Recently, at his own expense, he provided grave stones for unmarked Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Alabama. We are pleased to provide special recognition for his support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Students in the fourth-grade classes at Oglethorpe Point Elementary School, Frederica, Saint Simons Island, participated in the poster contest sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. The national theme of the contest this year is the woman who became known as "Molly Pitcher" for her compassionate and extraordinary service to the Revolutionary cause. Inspired and assisted by the Art Teacher, Mrs. Janet Shearouse, about 100 students created posters on the theme.

The school winner, **Sam Driggers**, created a bold and colorful poster depicting Molly Pitcher with the American flag with a field of thirteen stars as the background. His poster will advance to the Georgia state competition to be held at the Georgia Society's annual meeting in April.





ATLANTA CHAPTER

The December meeting of the Atlanta Chapter was held at the Landmark Diner in Buckhead, with a large group of members and guests in attendance. Our speaker was Chaplain Terry Manning, who is also a valued member of the Color Guard. His subject was Uniforms and Weapons of the Revolutionary War. The interesting and educational presentation was enhanced by the display of period uniforms and firearms. A Flag Certificate was presented to the Landmark Diner for its long time display of the United States Flag, alongside the busy thoroughfare, Roswell Road.

In January, we called on an outstanding Compatriot, Larry Guzy, of the John Collins Chapter, for our program, as we returned to the Petite Auberge Restaurant for the next several months. He spoke to us on the subject of Spies of the American Revolution. He cited several intriguing stories of activities by spies (for both sides), including several women and girls. . A Flag Certificate was presented to Dr. Freda Hamilton, Assistant Principal, Sarah Rawson Smith Elementary School, in Atlanta, for the proper display of the Flag at the school. The school is a School of Excellence and participates in the International Baccalaureate program. Dr. Hamilton gave a brief overview of the program.

The birthday of George Washington was commemorated on February 16 with an outstanding luncheon meeting at Anthony's Restaurant n Atlanta. Following the Last Roll Call, remembering those Compatriots who had died during the year, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Officers who had served so faithfully. An excellent lunch was served. 1st Vice President Ed Floyd introduced the speaker, Dr. John Ferling, Retired Professor at West Georgia College and State University whose area of special interest is in the period of the American Revolution and Colonial times. In his interesting address, Myths of the Revolutionary War, he used several "myths" to illustrate how

how myths often are taken as truth.

Sgt.-at-arms – Lewis B. Davis

Officers for the new year were installed by Georgia Society President Charlie Newcomer,. New officer are President – Edward T. Floyd

1st V. Pres. – William G. Hayes

2nd V. Pres. – Guyton B. McCall Secretary – Dr. T. Fisher Craft;
Treasurer – Phillip W. Potts;
Registrar – Joseph R. Warnick;
Chancellor – L. Jack Swertfeger
Chaplain – Terry E. P. Manning

President **Ed Floyd** presented a Past President's Certificate of Appreciation and a Past President's pin to retiring President **A. Henley Sturgess, Jr.** Thanks on behalf of the entire Chapter were expressed to **Al** for his great leadership during the past year.

New rosters, prepared by **Phil Potts**, were presented to the members.

Guyton B. McCall



Atlanta Chapter President Hank Sturgess thanks speaker 'Terry Manning at December meetingl



Newly installed Atlanta Chapter President Ed Floyd (r) receives gavel from outgoing President Sturgess at February luncheon.



Historian and author Dr. John Ferling was featured speaker at Atlanta Chapter's annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon

Joseph Habersham Chapter Honors JROTC Students, Medal of Honor Winner's Heroism

A crowd of more than 300 people attended a service on February 23 honoring the memory of local hero and Medal of Honor recipient Captain Hilliard Almond Wilbanks, U. S. Air Force. Held at the Captain Hilliard Almond Wilbanks Memorial outside the Cornelia Community House, the event was sponsored by Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Ted Smith, president of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, welcomed the crowd. "I am so proud of our chapter for helping to make this day happen," Smith said. "Captain Wilbanks was a true hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country and fellow man. He is a shining example to these young cadets present today of what a real hero is."

Smith was referring to members of Habersham Central, Banks and White County high schools who received Junior ROTC Cadet Awards and who served among the color guards for the day..

Presentation of Colors was by the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, Joseph Habersham Chapter Color Guard and the HCHS AFJROTC Color Guard.

David Burton, sergeant at arms for the Joseph Habersham Chapter, led the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the Habersham Central High School Band of Blue performed the National Anthem and John Foster was the keynote speaker, extolling Wilbanks as "a great American and a great hero... who believed in freedom. Freedom has been purchased for us by the sacrifices of American Veterans and great men like Hilliard Wilbanks.

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Habersham Central Commander/Instructor Col. Wayne Recknor prepares to present Cadet Sr. Airman Tony J. Wilson with the Runner-up Outstanding Cadet Medal/Certificate. In the background is Retired Col. Norman Mueller, Company Commander of Captain Wilbanks and the person who recommended Wilbanks for the Medal of Honor.

Habersham Medal Ceremony (continued from preceding page)

Wilbanks' widow, Rosemary Arnold Wilbanks, also spoke. "I remember the first time and place that I saw Hilliard," she said. "In his face I saw kindness, strength and emotional rest and I knew I had to have him."

Other members of Wilbanks' family in attendance included his sons and daughters, a sister, nephews, aunts, and cousins, several of whom spoke to the gathering about their hero and their appreciation for the homage shown him.

Cornelia Mayor Margaret Ballard read a proclamation declaring Saturday as Captain Hilliard Almond Wilbanks Day and other proclamations were presented from the United States of America, State of Georgia, and Habersham County.

A flag that had flown over the U. S.Capitol on Captain Wilbanks' birthdate, July 26, were presented by Jack Ferguson, of the Georgia Society Color Guard to Rosemary Wilbanks. This flag replaced the existing flag at the monument and was raised and then lowered to half staff in honor of Wilbanks. Ferguson also presented a flag and certificate to Larry Whitfield Color Guard Commander of the Joseph Habersham Chapter. Commander Whitfield in turn presented a flag and certificate to Cadet Senior Airman Caleb Schildbach for the Habersham Central Color Guard

Jim Patton Second VP and Medal and Awards Chairman of Joseph Habersham presented the Chapter's JROTC Bronze Medal and Certificates to Cadet Major Brittney Redden, Banks County High School.; Cadet Senior Airman Caleb Schildbach, Habersham Central H. S.; Cadet 1st Sgt. Mitchell Gibbs, White County High School.

Retired Col. Norman Mueller, Wilbanks' Company Commander in Vietnam, presented the "Outstanding" Cadet (Enhanced) Medal and Certificate, in honor and memory of Captain Hilliard Almond Wilbanks, to Cadet Master Sgt. Tiffany Hulsey, White County High School; and the Runner Up Medal and Certificate to Cadet Senior Airman Tony J. Wilson, Habersham Central High School.

Wreaths were presented by Rosemary Wilbanks, Pat Wilbanks DeWitt, Bo Hill, of Marques de Lafayette Chapter, on behalf of the Georgia Society, and other chapters from the state along with three chapters of the DAR and the JROTC units.

A musket salute and mourn muskets ceremony was held by the Col. Elijah C. Clarke Militia Color Guard. Taps was sounded by the HCHS Band of Blue, the retirement of colors by the combined color guards and the benediction by Larry Whitfield of Joseph Habersham.

The Band of Blue ended the ceremony with "The Air Force Song."



Retired Col. Mueller reads the Outstanding Certificate as Ted Smith prepares the medal for handing to LTC. Dolph for presentation to Cadet Master Sgt. Tiffany Hulsey of White County High School



Central High School Commander/Instructor Col. Wayne Recknor presents the Joseph Habersham Chapter's JROTC Bronze Medal/Certificate to Cadet Senior Airman Caleb Schildbach .



Proud Commander LTC. Dolph, is all smiles and Cadet Hulsey reads her certificate.

William Few Chapter

The William Few Chapter held its annual Christmas banquet at the Pinnacle Club in Augusta with some 16 members and guests in attendance. Guests of honor were GASSAR President Charlie Newcomer and his wife, Clare.

Chapter members have participated in SAR events throughout the region in recent months. In December, **Compatriot Russell Brown** presented the chapter wreath at the dedication of the new SAR-sponsored CherokeeFord-Vann's Creek historical marker in Richard B Russell State Park near E; berton,



Banks County High School Instructor 1st Sgt. John Wilson presenting the Joseph Habersham Chapter's JROTC Bronze Medal/Certificate to Cadet Major Brittney Redden



White County Commander/Instructor LTC. David Dolph presents the Joseph Habersham Chapter's JROTC Bronze Medal/Certificate to Cadet 1st Sgt. Mitchell Gibbs.

Georgia Society Annual Meeting/ BOM Meeting in Athens April 4 –5.

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Compatriot Bob Turbyfill rendered honors for the chapter at Cowpens, SC, in January, and in February it was the turn of Compatriot Albert Beveridge to represent the chapter at Kettle Creek.

An Eagle Scout Medal, Certificate of Appreciation and Scholarship Patch were<rp>resented to Eagle Scout Andrew J. Campbell in January. Andrew represented thechapter in the annual competition. Also, a flag certificate was presented to the National Science Center at Fort Discovery, Augusta, by chapter president Dr. Richard "Chip" Schuster on December 5, 2007.

The chapter has welcomed two new members since the last report. They are Richard Alan Noegel and James David Hardaway.

On a sad note, chapter charter member Robert S. Zeigler of Wrens, Georgia, passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Russell K. Brown



Marquis de Lafayette

The Marquis de Lafayette held its Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at Southern Oaks in Fayetteville on January 8.. The guest speaker was Ken Steele, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville. Other guests included GASSAR President Charlie Newcomer and his wife Clare and a number of DAR and SAR members from the area. Kevin Baker, National NSCAR 1st Vice President and Sarah Dorney, GSCAR State President, and Jarred Cline of the Button Gwinnett CAR Society were in attendance.

Outgoing President, J. Michael
Tomme, Sir gave his State of Chapter
summary.. New officers were sworn in by
GASSAR President Charlie Newcomer. The
new officers are Bo Hill, President; David
Jessel, Vice President; Greg Dorfmeier,
Secretary; Ted Hackney, Treasurer; Walt
Reed, Chaplain; Geoffrey Oosterhoudt,
Registrar; Lewie Dunn, Genealogist; John
Mrosek, Chancellor; Paul Grimes, Sgt.-atArms; Mike Tomme, Editor and Knox
Herndon, Historian.

Awards given and recipients were Certificate of Appreciation, Cilla Tomme; Martha Washington Medal, Liz Grimes; Service to Veterans Awards-1st Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Mike Tomme; 3rd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Lewie Dunn; 3rd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Ted Hackney; 21st Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Doug Stansberry. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Scott Gilbert. Meritorious Service Medal, Ted Hackney and Ed Stoner. The President's Distinguished Service Award-Keith Larson. Mike Tomme received his Past President's pin from newly elected President Bo Hill. Bo gave his remarks of forthcoming year stressing his desire for member of the Chapter to become more active in local SAR activities.

In January and February Bo Hill, Mike Tomme, Lewie Dunn, and Cilla Tomme presented our school program to a number of local groups, including Cleveland, Unity Grove, Burch, and Peachtree City Elementary Schools and Boy Scout Troop 175 in Peachtree City. The group also attended the ceremonies at the Daniel Morgan Statue and at Cowpens. Four of our members attended

the Winter Meeting of the State Board of Managers

Bo Hill, Mike Tomme, Lewie Dunn, Geoffrey Oosterhoudt, Keith Larson and Cilla Tomme took part in the Kettle Creek parade. Keith Larson's Boy Scout Troop 175 from Peachtree City took part in their first parade with the SAR. They also took part at the battle ground ceremony and took a walking trip around the battlefield with Dr. Andre. Our members participated in the living history that morning. Bo Hill, Mike Tomme, Lewie Dunn and Geoffrey Oosterhoudt served in the Elijah Clark Militia, firing 3 volleys with other members of the State Color Guard in the afternoon after the wreath ceremony at War Hill.

New member Clarence Jackson was sworn in at our February Chapter meeting. Also that evening we awarded the Eagle Scout Scholarship awards to our Chapter winner John Curtis and runner up Jacob Shealy. The winner received a \$100 savings bond and our runner-up received a \$50 bond.

Mike Tomme, editor



New Member Clarence Jackson with VP David Jessel and Past President Mike Tomme

Samuel Elbert Chapter



Compatriots Lee Aston and Larry Wilson at Ft. Morris Commemoration

While sponsoring the Van(n)'s Creek/ Cherokee Ford Dedication has taken much of their time this fall and winter, the **Samuel Elbert Chapter** has still found time for a number of significant events.

In November members Lee Aston and Larry Wilson participated in the Ft. Morris Ceremony with Aston laying a wreath at the monument there and Wilson serving the Color Guard. In December the chapter sponsored two grave markings at Van's Creek Church in Elbert County, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Descendents of Revolutionary Patriots Dozier Thornton and Michael Garr came from as far away as Louisiana and Texas for the tributes



Marquis de Lafayette Eagle Scout Committee members flank the Chapter's winner in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Shown: Al Dayhuff, Eagle Scout John Curtis, President Bo Hill, Paul Grimes, Keith Larson, Lewie Dunn, and Mike Tomme

Welcome

New Members Since the Last Issue of The Hornet's Nest



<u>Chapter</u>	New Member	Patriot Ancestor	First Line Sponsor
Athens	Brian Patrick Ellis	Thomas Hiscock	Robert F. Towns
	George Albert Ellis	Thomas Hiscock	Robert F. Towns
Coweta Falls	David Rogers Halk	Phillip O'Bryan	Roger Leon O'Bryan
	David Earl Miller	James Shillingford	Richard R. Simpson, Sr.
	Phillip Raymond Rogers	Phillip O'Bryan	Roger Leon O'Bryan
	Frederick Martin Rupel	Bartholomew Smith	Wayne C. Cartledge
George Walton	Scott Owen Fraser	Nicholas Firestone, II	(Transfer)
John Milledge	Charles Albert Lewis, Jr.	Ebenezer James	(Transfer)
Marquis de Lafayette	Clarence Wells Jackson, Jr.	Irby Hudson	David G. Jessel
	Michael Chescheir Wheatly	Thomas Marshall	David G. Jessel
Marshes of Glynn	Amos Gray Fields	John Fee	William F. Ramsaur
·	Benjamin Edward Fields	John Fee	William F. Ramsaur
	Stephen King Hart	Abraham Barnett	William F. Ramsaur
Mill Creek	Thomas Lane Armstrong	William Armstrong	Frank C. Parker, III
Piedmont	Michael James Burnham	Ebenezer Rowley	Robert A. Sapp
	William Rickey Burnham	Ebenezer Rowley	Robert A. Sapp
	David Lee Jones	James Jones	(Transfer)
	James Malcolm W. Jones	James McIntire	James M. McIntire
	Newell Malcolm Jones	James McIntire	James M. McIntire
	Philip Andrew Jones	James McIntire	James M. McIntire
	Robert Standish C. Price	Thomas Edmunds	George E. Thurmond
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William Few	James David Hardaway	William Paschall	Albert H. Beveridge, II

In Memory of Our Fathers, Our Brothers, Our Sons



Randall M. Anderson, Sr. **Rome Chapter** December 4, 2007 rank Parker Hudson Atlanta Chapter, January 8, 2008 John Robert Lindsey Mill Creek Chapter January 11, 2008 Robert S. Zeigler, William Few Chapter January 24, 2008 Jose Carlos Serrato, Jr. Coweta Falls Chapter, January 25, 2008 **James Cecil Bryant** Atlanta Chapter February 11, 2008



Chaplain Dan Gates waits at the door of Bethel Church near Kettle Creek for the Color Guard and Guests to enter for the Sunday Colonial Worship Service.



Ocmulgee Chapter marks Washington's Birthday with Annual Dinner and 3 Silver Good Citizenship Awards (see page 13)

Report From The



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

Mike Tomme

Kevin Baker, NSCAR 1st Vice President, Sarah Dorney, GSCAR State President and Jerred Cline, State Chairman of the Endowment Fund and members of the Button Gwinnett CAR Society attended the Marquis de Lafayette Annual Awards Banquet. Kevin and Sarah brought greetings from the National and State Societies. Also attending were members from the Augustin Clayton, James Waldrop, General Daniel Newnan and Starr's Mill DAR Chapters.

South Carolina CAR President Sagen Blackwell and Will Smith, also of the SC Society, joined members from SAR and DAR at the Daniel Morgan Statue wreath laying ceremony and Cowpens ceremony in January.

Members of the GSCAR and SCCAR Societies took part in the parade at Washington, GA honoring the 229th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. Sarah Dorney, State President of the GSCAR and Sagen Blackwell, State President of the SCCAR were part of the dignitaries in the The CAR Color Guard was led by Commander Daniel Dorney, carrying the American Flag, Art Hall, Past President of GSCAR with the Georgia Flag and Eric Hall who carried the CAR State Flag. Behind them were members from Button Gwinnett, Sukey Hart, Martha Stewart, Lucy Spell Raiford and Allen Howard CAR Societies. Senior Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme walked with the Color Guard members. Also, Senior Leaders Lynn Dorney, JoAn Chewning, Cilla Tomme and Susan Fitzgerald walked with the Junior Color Guard Members.

Georgia and South Carolina members also took part in the wreath ceremony at Kettle Creek ceremony at War Hill, placing thirteen flags for the original thirteen Colonies. Participating in the flag ceremony were Kevin Baker; Sydney McRee, Erin Moore; Daniel Dorneyt; Walker Chewning, Jr., Clint Moore; April Connolly; Rachel Fitzgerald, Eric Danielsson, Mary Claire Wallace, John Fitzgerald, Meghan Chamlee Emily Danielsson.



DAR member Lynn Dorney and CAR officers Sarah Dorney, Jarred Cline and Kevin Baker join Cilla and Mike Tomme at Marquis de Lafayettee Banquet



CAR is ready for Revolutionary Day Parade in Washington, Georgia.

News from the Graves Committee

A total of 27 graves were marked during the year – equaling the number for 2006. Connecticut was added to the states of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, Maine, South Carolina, New Hampshire and Vermont where Georgia Society members have conducted grave markings – a remarkable result. 13 chapters conducted grave marking during the year. Was your chapter one of the 13? George Thurmond

At their annual Washington Dinner on February 23 at Healy Point Golf Club, the Ocmulgee Chapter awarded three Silver Good Citizenship Awards, the highest community service award presented by the Georgia Society. Awards went to Major General Richard N. Goddard, USAF (Ret.), past commander of Robins Air Force Base, who currently serves as Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at Mercer University; Major General Thomas Owen, Commander of Robins Air Force Base; and Dr. Robert J. Wilson, III, Professor of History at Georgia College & State University



Georgia CAR members gather following ceremony on Kettle Creek's War Hill



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