



The

October—December 2018

# Hornet's Nest

## The President's Dispatch



Scott Collins

As this year begins it is an honor to serve as the President of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolutions. This society does not revolve around the leadership of one person but from the leadership of all of its officers, committee chairs, and chapter officers. The strength of this organization comes from the dedication of its many members following the leadership of the state society and its chapters.

My membership in the Georgia Society was approved on September 9, 2009 and I was inducted as a new member into the Athens Chapter at the chapter's Georgia Washington Birthday Banquet in February 2010. In the early years my activity, like many new SAR members my involvement was very limited. My chapter did try to get me involved into the Education Committee and although I tried to get the poster program going I did not reach the success I had hoped for and it became a struggle instead of a method to build my enthusiasm and passion for the organization.

It was not until I started participating with the state color guard did my interest level and passion for the SAR increase. The decision to join the color guard was a definite fluke. A chapter member had died and when his widow was cleaning out his closet she came across a uniform that he had had in his early years. The widow and my wife were in DAR together and I strongly believe they conspired together to get me into the color guard so I could help them in their local DAR events. As many of you will remember this uniform was a bright red and buff uniform of an artillery officer and I always had to explain to someone at every event why the uniform was red and that I was not a Tory.

Shortly after participating in color guard events and BOM meetings then president Tom Owens appointed me as the state Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chair.

I served in that role for three years until I moved into the role of Senior Vice President and then President of the Georgia Society SAR.

We must remember both at the chapter level and the state society level to make sure that our members are given jobs and assignments that both help our society and furthers the members desires and passions related to the SAR.

At the recent annual meeting I set forth a number of agenda items for the year and a few of them were left out since I got off of my written materials. I will highlight a few of them and will talk more about them at upcoming BOM meetings and in articles in the Hornet's Nest. These are both mid-term and long-term goals:

Retention and involvement of current members along with adding active new members.

Undertaking a database project to account for every membership number has ever been issued to a member of the Georgia SAR and to have this database crossed reference to their patriot, original chapter, and for deceased members to their date of death and place of burial. My hope is to have this project finished by the Georgia SAR 100th Anniversary.

Continued development and hopeful roll out of a cloud base database to replace the one currently in use by the state Secretary to track the current members of the Society. This project was started by President Allen Greenly.

Getting Georgia to the front of the pack of states in entering records into the National SAR Patriot Research System.

Continued development of each of the Historic Sites & Celebration events in the state.

Continued emphasis of patriot and compatriot grave markings.

Developing a Council of Regional VP's that will help strengthen chapters all over the state.

Working to make sure that none of our youth programs and youth outreach programs are forgotten.

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

Attempting to make sure that everyone understands the need for a trained second person at every level of the Society and that at times we need to put this assistants or co-chairs into the forefront to allow them to gain experience while the more experienced member can help them in the background.

Attempting to make sure all chapters turn in their reports even though the chapter may not win anything it helps the state in its reporting to national.

Moving forward with plans for the 2022 National Congress in Savannah and with Georgia's Centennial Celebration.

Putting the Endowment Trust Fund to use or repositioning its investments so that it can be put to use in future years.

An overall review of the Society Bylaws plus putting out a request to all chapters to locate their chapter bylaws and make sure that your chapter is complying with their local bylaws.

Unfortunately the more I type the more projects come to mind – flag certificates, essay contests, SAR/DAR liaison, etc. As you can see there are many ways a member can become involved into the Society at the state or chapter level.

We will get done what we can and hopefully something on this list will be the trigger for a getting a member more involved.

We realize that what works in one chapter will not necessarily work in another but I challenge everyone to visit or talk to other chapters to see what they do and what might work at your chapter. Do not be afraid of trying something different. It might not work but then again it might.

May God bless each of you and may God bless the United States of America.

K. Scott Collins

## President's Farewell



It's been a great year for Nancy and me traveling to chapters to bring "greetings", install officers and present programs as we represented the GA Society as President and Nancy as President of the Ladies Auxiliary. We thank you all for giving us this opportunity. My thanks to the Executive Committee, other Officers and all Committee Chairman who helped so much to make 2018 another great year. My thanks also to those who have helped me personally.

Chapters did another good job in increasing membership this past year. We began the year with 1,754 members; gained 252 new members for a total of 2006. Unfortunately, we lost 37 (25 deceased) members. Our January 1st report to National showed 1,969 members. A majority of our chapters did a good job retaining members with many reporting 90% or more retained! Retention has to

be a year-long constant effort for all! In 2022 we host the National Congress in Savannah. Let's work beginning now to have a membership much above 2000. Allen Greenly and Mike Tomme are Co-chairmen of the GA Society Planning Committee for this National Congress. Still needed are Committee Chairmen and volunteers to work with these committees; also, day captains and day volunteers. Please contact Allen Greenly, Tel: 404-788-8824; Email: wagreenly@gmail.com if you can help. We need you.

This past November we chartered a new Chapter, the Fall Line Chapter in Sandersville, GA. President Wilder Smith and Registrar Dess Smith both of the Wiregrass Chapter; and Registrar Bill Tankersley and Regional V.P. Sonny Pittman both of the Col. William Few Chapter worked hard to make this happen.

Compatriots Bob Sapp and Carter Wood currently are working to form another Chapter in Winder, GA. The Sunbury DAR is involved in this effort. Another effort is underway to form a Chapter in Thomson, GA. Three DAR Chapters are assisting in this effort

This past year, we initiated a Partnership Program whereby a Chapter needing assistance in programming events, conducting meetings, registrations, etc. is partnered with a nearby chapter to help. The objective is to mentor and assist not take over.

I know we'll have another good year in 2019. Continue to educate youth and adults making them aware of the freedoms and democratic principles our forefathers fought and died for to give us the free country we have today. Let's continue to emphasize our Outreach Educational Programs in our homes, schools and communities. Best wishes and many thanks,

Don & Nancy Burdick

## Secretary's Report Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Fall 2018

<b>Active Membership as of</b>	
<b>01 Jan 2018:</b>	<b>1,754</b>
<b>Plus:</b>	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Memorial Member</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Reinstatements</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Reinstatement-Transfers</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Memorial Member</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resignations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Transfers Out</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Active Membership as of</b>	
<b>30 Jun 2018:</b>	<b>1,969</b>
<b>Reported to National</b>	
<b>Plus: Dual Members</b>	
<b>(Out of State) ...25</b>	
<b>Active Membership as of</b>	
<b>30 Jun 2018:</b>	<b>1,994</b>
<b>Reported to BOM</b>	

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## 2019 GASSAR Committee Chairmen

The listing of committee chairmen for 2019 have not been finalized as of this issue's release. Please look to our next issue to find the names for new and returning chairmen of the various GASSAR Committees.



## 129th Annual SAR Congress

COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA  
JULY 5TH - JULY 10TH 2019

### Board Of Managers Meetings

Saturday, Jan 26, 2019  
at Annual Conference

Saturday, April 27, 2019  
Saturday July 27, 2019  
Saturday October 26, 2019

**BOM location:**

**Garden Patch Restaurant  
100 Southland Drive  
(old highway 41)  
Barnesville, GA. 30204**

### Executive Committee meetings

Planning Session	<u>Tuesday</u>	February 19, 2019	1:00 PM	Athens, GA
Spring	Wednesday	April 17, 2019	11:30 AM	Athens, GA
Summer	Wednesday	July 17, 2019	11:30 AM	Athens, GA
Fall	Wednesday	October 16, 2019	11:30 AM	Athens, GA
Winter	Wednesday	January 8, 2020	11:30 AM	Athens, GA

All Executive Committee meetings will have a Zoom Option – If you have a webcam on you computer, laptop, iPad, etc. then you can join the meeting and see video of all of the other participants and any handout material. If you do not have a webcam then you can still participate with audio only but you will still be able to see any handouts on your computer screen but just will not be able to see the other participants.

In person is still an option. All members that attend in person will have a lunch provided to them.

All of the Executive Committee meetings will be held at the offices of Collins/Moody & Company, PC located at 455 Newton Bridge Road in Athens, GA 30607

For materials that need to be shown during the meeting for anyone participating on Zoom then these materials must be sent to me at [scottcollins1775@gmail.com](mailto:scottcollins1775@gmail.com) by the afternoon before the Executive Committee meeting.

I have had excellent success with these type of meeting in other groups and hope that this will allow more individuals to participate without having to spend extra time driving.

K. Scott Collins

**Georgia Society New Members Since Monday, January 1, 2018**

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Athens</b>				
12 Jan 2018	Charles William FOLEY	John Collier	Charlie Alfred NEWCOMER, III	
12 Jan 2018	Charles William FOLEY, III	John Collier	Charlie Alfred NEWCOMER, III	
12 Jan 2018	Charles William FOLEY, III	John Collier	Charlie Alfred NEWCOMER, III	
12 Jan 2018	Caden Yale FOLEY	John Collier	Charlie Alfred NEWCOMER, III	
09 Feb 2018	Clifford Carmichael LOWERY	John Griffith	Kirby Matthew TOWNS	
16 Feb 2018	Henry Wilder BAILEY, Jr.	William West	Kenneth Scott COLLINS	
<b>Atlanta</b>				
16 Feb 2018	Leroy LAMAR, III	Joshua Wilson	David Andrews NOBLE	
16 Feb 2018	Lynn Chadwick BUTLER	Ichabod Marshall	James Henry LEE	
16 Feb 2018	Marion Brian LAMAR	Joshua Wilson	David Andrews NOBLE	
16 Feb 2018	Thomas Wood MONTGOMERY	John Morton	David Andrews NOBLE	
07 Mar 2018	Philip Spencer KING	Elijah Horton	David Andrews NOBLE	
21 Mar 2018	Jonathan Louis McDONALD	Joseph Humphrey	David Andrews NOBLE	
30 Mar 2018	Carter James ALLINGER	John Green	James Norris FREEMAN	
30 Mar 2018	Sawyer Benjamin ALLINGER	John Green	James Norris FREEMAN	
27 Apr 2018	Richard Simpson WHITNER	Thomas Farrar	David Andrews NOBLE	
<b>Blue Ridge Mtns</b>				
09 Feb 2018	Jason Lee EDWARDS	Abaslom Hooper	Jack Powell Dugger	
<b>Brier Creek</b>				
09 Feb 2018	Randy Donald JONES	Abraham LeVan	William Joseph TANKERSLEY	
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>				
16 Feb 2018	William Lewis EVELYN	Philip Pendleton	William Harrison PALMER	
06 Apr 2018	Elijah Wayne STANCEL	Samuel Pharr	Harold Douglas FORD	
<b>Casimir Pulaski</b>				
11 May 2018	Franklin Dewey VEAL, Jr.	Francis Veale	George Herman WHEELLESS, II	
<b>Coweta Falls</b>				
23 Feb 2018	Jimmy Ray FEWELL	Philemon Bradford	Hugh Irmon RODGERS	
<b>Joel Early</b>				
12 Jan 2018	John Carter BRADSHAW	Levi Lee	David Neal SPOONER	
12 Jan 2018	John Harley BRADSHAW	Levi Lee	David Neal SPOONER	
09 Feb 2018	Kenneth Payne MURPHREE	Amos Richards	David Neal SPOONER	
09 Feb 2018	Billy Ray WISEMAN	Samuel Dunlap	David Neal SPOONER	
04 May 2018	Bob Jerone TABB	Langhorne Tabb	David Neal SPOONER	
<b>Capt. John Collins</b>				
23 Feb 2018	Eli Justin LINES	James Davis	James Allen HENSON, Jr.	
23 Feb 2018	Gary Joe HOYT	Benjamin Martin	Robert Van Blackwell	
30 Mar 2018	Joseph Lamon SMITH	Jesse Doles	Henry Lamon SMITH	
<b>Jos. Habersham</b>				
16 Feb 2018	Henry Matthews HUGHES	George Rucker	William Hughes RAPER	
16 Feb 2018	William Jack BETTRIDGE	George Rucker	William Hughes RAPER	



	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Lyman Hall</b>	12 Jan 2018	Thomas Austin CHAMBERLAIN	Peter Ashby	Carter J WOOD
	15 Jun 2018	Joseph Blakely BUTTERWORTH		
	15 Jun 2018	James Michael NUTTING		
	15 Jun 2018	Samuel Burch NUTTING		
	19 Jun 2018	Woodrow Wilson GOLDEN, Jr		
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>	26 Jan 2018	Gary Marshall SMITH	Anthony Jenkin	David George JESSEL
	09 Feb 2018	Vernon Dale BASSHAM	James Compto	Robert Donald BULLOCH
	23 Feb 2018	William Brennan MUNSON, Sr.	Zenas Burnha	Robert Donald BULLOCH
	04 May 2018	Roger Clark PERRIN	Samuel Pearson	David George JESSEL
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>	26 Jan 2018	Stephen Patrick DENGLER	George Wiant	David Francis DENGLER
	16 Feb 2018	John Ellis PEARCE	Twisden Bowden	Larry Richard NEWTON
	06 Apr 2018	McLane TILTON, IV	Nehemiah Tilton	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
<b>Mount Vernon</b>	26 Jan 2018	Gregory George GARRETSON	James Gardner	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	26 Jan 2018	Michael John GARRETSON	James Gardner	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	26 Jan 2018	David Frances GARRETSON	James Gardner	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	26 Jan 2018	Matthew Joseph GARRETSON	James Gardner	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	16 Feb 2018	John Webster ROBITSCHER	Zachariah Flagler	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	07 May 2018	Kenneth Clarence REED, III	Jeremiah Keeler	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
<b>Piedmont</b>	30 Mar 2018	William Alan MARTIN	Simon Lane	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	30 Mar 2018	Alan Wayne MARTIN	Simon Lane	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	30 Mar 2018	Colin William MARTIN	James Lane	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	27 Apr 2018	Miles Augustus THORNBURG	Alexander Osborn	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	27 Apr 2018	Jason Lee THORNBURG	Alexander Osborne	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
<b>Robert Forsyth</b>	09 Feb 2018	Kenneth Bennett VAN ALSTYNE, III	Leonard Van Alstyne	John Erik FLIKEID
	16 Feb 2018	Noah Robert BETTICH	Thomas Draper	William Allen GREENLY
	16 Feb 2018	Lukas Mohamed BETTICH	Thomas Draper	William Allen GREENLY
	16 Feb 2018	Charles Bradford BRYANT	Elias Allred	William Allen GREENLY
	06 Apr 2018	John Mark DAVIS	Emphraim Rand	Christopher Michael RUSSO
<b>Rome</b>	23 Feb 2018	Tray Matthew PATTERSON	Arthur Patterson	William Spencer Houston
	06 Apr 2018	Jarratt Dykes BRYAN	Devereaux Jarratt	William Spencer Houston
<b>Samuel Elbert</b>	09 Feb 2018	John Pentecost YOUNTS	William Pentecost	James Larry WILSON

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Valdosta</b>	12 Jan 2018	Matthew Maxwell BLACK	Lemuel Black	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	27 Apr 2018	Edward Davis WALKER, III	John Brown	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	27 Apr 2018	Edward Davis WALKER, II	John Brown	Michael Maxwell BLACK
<b>William Few</b>	12 Jan 2018	William Charles Wingfield LAMB	Lewis Lanier	William Howard COLBERT
	09 Feb 2018	Ronald Leroy AWE	Eppa Fielding	William Howard COLBERT
	16 Feb 2018	Joseph Edward KNICK	William Knick	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	16 Feb 2018	Joseph Henry KNICK	William Knick	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	16 Feb 2018	Dorroh Lee NOWELL, III	John Griffith	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	23 Feb 2018	Thomas Wesley SMITH	Andrew Houser	Delbert Alan SMITH
	30 Mar 2018	Parry McCoy SMITH, Jr.	Andrew Porter	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	06 Apr 2018	Martin Alexander SCHWERZLER	Peter McLean	William Howard COLBERT
	27 Apr 2018	Christopher Irving KNOX	John Tankersley	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	04 May 2018	James Alan RICHARDSON	Asa Whitcomb	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
<b>Wiregrass</b>	30 Mar 2018	Willie David GUNN	John Gunn	Carlie Lee SMITH, Jr.

**Total: 192**

## *In Memoriam*

### Georgia Society Deceased Members Since Monday, January 1, 2018

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Charles Hal DAYHUFF, III	130998	Marquis de Lafayette	02 Jan 2018
Marion Richard TRIMMER,	178959	Lyman Hall	03 Jan 2018
Albert Mims WILKINSON, Jr.	84835	Atlanta	14 Jan 2018
Charles Alfred DeSAUSSURE, III	195995	Lyman Hall	18 Jan 2018
Franklin Lee BARRON,	205165	Wiregrass	21 Jan 2018
Thomas Robert McEVOY,	182271	Cherokee	14 Feb 2018
Gregory Andrew HOLLIS	161119	Marshes of Glynn	02 Mar 2018
James Alan RICHARDSON,	207400	William Few	10 Mar 2018
Allan Arthur MALONE,	204967	Wiregrass	09 Apr 2018
McLane TILTON, IV	207072	Marshes of Glynn	10 Apr 2018
Fletcher Ryals DUNAWAY,	141914	Joel Early	20 Apr 2018
Dares Emery WIRT	142768	Atlanta	26 Apr 2018
Clyde Thomas ADAMS	146489	Samuel Elbert	05 May 2018
John Marshall CORDELL	154209	Samuel Elbert	28 May 2018
Thomas Parks OLIVER, III	171546	Athens	14 Jun 2018

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<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Nat'l No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
Kenneth Clarence REED, III	207458	Mount Vernon	17 Jun 2018
Clarence Wells JACKSON, Jr.	170532	Marquis de Lafayette	08 Aug 2018
Lyle Edward LETTEER, Jr.	180147	Lyman Hall	16 Aug 2018
Curtis Eugene MCWATERS	159049	John Collins	17 Aug 2018
David Oscar BELL,	203548	Marshes of Glynn	25 Aug 2018
Thomas Augustus CARRERE	158808	Casimir Pulaski	03 Sep 2018
Charles Henry JORDAN,	209845	Fall Line	02 Oct 2018
Edward Carney HACKNEY	144945	Marquis de Lafayette	04 Nov 2018
Kermit Eldred SMITH	158088	Marquis de Lafayette	29 Nov 2018
Douglass Byrd TALLEY,	197085	John Collins	24 Dec 2018



## Georgia Society SAR Annual Conference

January 25-26, 2019

# Fort Daniel Days



Compatriot Mike Watkins explains how Militiamen made their own musket cartridges. Visitors practiced rolling inert composition cartridges.

commemoration of the Fort on Saturday, October 20, 2018.



C.A.R. members pose with their Father and Grandfather members of the Ft Daniel Heritage Society.



# Fort Daniel Days



Georgia Society Compatriots pose with members of the Fort Daniel 1812 Society at the annual commemoration of the Fort on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

# Fort Morris



On behalf of Alan Smith, Chairman of the Georgia Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebration Committee, and Phil Callicutt President of the host Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter, we express our appreciation for your participation in yesterday's Ceremony at the Fort Morris Historic Site. We acknowledge the travel hours and miles required to reach this remote site, and the time you dedicated to acknowledge the courage and sacrifices of your American Revolutionary ancestors.



# Fort Morris

## Bill Ramsaur Speaks



Attendance at the Ceremony was one of the largest we have experienced. It included Don Burdick, State GA Society SAR President, representatives from the GA State DAR & C.A.R. and Florida State DAR & SAR, and members from 15 DAR Chapters, 15 SAR Chapters, 2 C.A.R. Societies, several hereditary organizations, and three Boy Scout Troops. Several local Liberty County visitors were attracted to the program about the Midway Patriots.

Color Guard Commander, Bill Palmer and the 23 SAR Color Guard from Georgia and Florida were the largest, most colorful and loudest performers. Boy Scouts joined the Georgia State C.A.R. in the 13 Revolutionary Flag Presentation. Alan Smith and I received positive comments about our Midway Patriots program, and offers to help in further research. Steven Ford and Jason Baker's recitation of the Fuser & McIntosh letters explained the purpose and timing of the ceremony. Thanks to Jason Baker, "new" Fort Morris Ranger, Jamie Kenna for his music, and the cannon crew for their loud support.

## Present Arms



Steve Burke



Wilder Smith



Dess Smith



Lee Smith

On Saturday, November 17, 2018, four East Region Chapter's of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to the southeast Georgia Coast to the site of the American Revolutionary War battle to Commemorate the "British Demand to Surrender Fort Morris", to which the Patriots defiantly replied, "Come and Take It". This battle happened on November 25, 1778. This is the 13th Annual Fort Morris - Midway Memorial Ceremony to be held by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Opening remarks were presented by Major General Don Burdick, President of the Georgia Society SAR and Jason Baker, Ranger, Fort Morris Historic Site. The presentation of the Colors were presented by a Combined Color Guard, commanded by Bill Palmer, by the Georgia & Florida SAR Color Guard and the Elijah Clarke Militia. At the end of the program a 3 round volley was presented by the Elijah Clarke Militia honoring the Fort Morris Defenders and Liberty County Patriots. Also, a cannon salute and taps were presented by the 2nd Company Georgia Artillery. There were 44 Chapters represented during the wreath presentations including Steve Burke presenting the Wiregrass Chapter wreath, Wilder Smith, Jr. presenting the Four Rivers Chapter wreath, Dess Smith III presenting the Fall Line Chapter wreath and Lee Smith presenting the Brier Creek Chapter wreath. Compatriot Tommy Christopher was the "Master of Ceremonies" for the 3rd year and also in attendance were Compatriot Ruskin Powell (Wiregrass) and Compatriot Don Bazemore (Brier Creek)".



# Registrar Workshop



East Region Vice President Sonny Pittman asked the Wiregrass Chapter Sons of the American Revolution to host a "first ever" Registrar Workshop in order to adequately train the registrars to prepare applications that can be approved without additional effort. The workshop was also opened to any members that would like to learn more about how to prepare applications and gather source material. In order to provide an outstanding workshop, we contacted the Georgia Society Registrar Bob Sapp for his advice. Bob immediately volunteered his services to be the presenter.

Registrar Sapp has been the GASSAR Registrar for several years and every application for membership in the Georgia Society goes through him for approval and then forwarded to the National Society for approval. We decided to host the workshop on Saturday morning, December 1, 2018 from 9:30 through 12:00. The New China Restaurant at 622 South Main Street in Swainsboro agreed to let us use their conference room. Registrar Sapp made copies of his slide presentation and also of his CD on the 2018 Georgia Society Chapter Registrar Handbook for each participant.

Cost of these two items was \$10 per attendee. Registrar Sapp also handed out a copy of his "General Genealogical Notes" to assist each participant in their research. This first ever Registrar Workshop was a great success. Including Registrar Sapp, we had 25 paid attendees from 11 Chapters in the state.

Those attending were Piedmont Chapter; Bob Sapp: Wiregrass Chapter; Wilder Smith, Jr, Steve Burke, Ruskin Powell, Carlie Smith, Dess Smith III: Fall Line Chapter; Sandy Mercer, Allen Boyd, Ken Lindsey, Charles Pennington, Ed Jordan: Col William Few Chapter; Sonny Pittman, Phillip Rhodes: Four Rivers Chapter; Matt Oxley, Dean Mills, Charlie Faulk: Edward Telfair Chapter; Jeff Atlmund, Jimmy Smith: Ocmulgee Chapter; William Fuqua, Jr., Chuck Garrett: Brier Creek Chapter; Lee Smith: Marquis de Lafayette Chapter; Don Bulloch: Mill Creek Chapter; Randy Jones: Gov David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter DAR; Jane Durden, Judy Womack:

Registrar Bob Sapp has challenged all the region vice presidents to host a "Registrar Workshop" in their region to assist their SAR members in preparing applications and gathering the needed documents to support each application. Registrar Sapp will be waiting on your phone call to set up a date to assist your region members. Registrar Sapp's cell phone # is: 770-971-0189 and his e-mail address is: 2rasapp@comcast.net.



*Georgia State Society*  
*Children of the American Revolution*  
*Growing Today's Youth Leaders for Tomorrow's Challenges!*



**Dear Georgia SAR's,**

Many of you are fathers, grandfathers, *great*-grandfathers, and Senior Society Leaders, who have -- often for *several* generations -- consistently supported the Georgia State Society, Children of the American Revolution (GSSCAR), giving freely of your time and money. For your ongoing support and commitment, we are truly grateful!

We believe that no C.A.R. member should ever miss a state conference due to cost! We know that keeping our state conference events as affordable and family-friendly as possible increases statewide member participation.



You can help. Your donation of as little as \$10 can make a difference by reducing the cost of member meals and activities. Please show your support of C.A.R. by making a small donation to help defray some of the ever-rising expenses of holding our annual State Conference. *GSSCAR is a 501(c)(3). Your donations are fully tax deductible.*

Each Donor or Chapter will be recognized in our 80th GSSCAR State Conference Program. If you can help, please complete a State Conference Patron Donation Form, (see the URL below) providing your name as you wish it to appear in our program, and mail it with your check to the address on the form.

We hope to see *your name* listed in our Conference Program this year. Thank you for all you do to support and encourage our young Future Leaders!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v3MfnGnfx9jxfyTyJXKVnmBHOxhdRA3e/view>

# State Officers & Committees NEWS



## Georgia Society Registrar—Bob Sapp

The State Registrar received 287 applications and processed 284 membership and supplemental applications for review and approval during the calendar year 2018. This is less than previous years.

The review status as of 31 December is as follows:

Applications carried over from prior year	9
Applications received for review	276
Applications reviewed and sent to NSSAR	269
Applications approved by NSSAR	194
Applications pending at NSSAR	10
Applications pending by Georgia Registrar	31
Applications returned by Georgia Registrar	

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It is noted that of none of pending by State Registrar were pending by NSSAR.

The statistics are as follows:

- All of applications were reviewed
- 72.1% of applications reviewed and sent to NSSAR were approved
- 3.9% of applications were pending by NSSAR
- 11.5% of applications were pending or returned by State Registrar

The changing requirements for application approval and improving documentation standards indicate a continuing need for a Chapter Registrar workshop. A workshop will be conducted at Swainsboro on 1 December 2018 for the East Fall Line Region with 23 in attendance.

Your registrar appreciates dialogue between the chapter registrars and the state registrar that ensure required documentation are submitted. More importantly the dialogue leads to preparing proof summaries.



## Public Service & Heroism Committee—Bill Tankersley Ed.D.

2018 GASSAR Public Service & Heroism Medal Presentations					
	Law Enforcement Commendation	Fire Safety Commendation	Emergency Medical Services Commendation	Heroism	Life Saving
					
Chapter					
Athens	1	1	1		1
Atlanta		4		3	
Blue Ridge Mountains	4	4	4		
Captain John Collins	1			1	2
Marquis de Lafayette					4
Robert Forsyth	1				1
William Few	2				

Congratulations and thank you to each of the listed chapters for presenting at least one of the PS&H





## Public Relations Committee - John Trussell

For the final quarter of 2018, the Publicity Committee participated in three major events, the distribution of a letter to the editors of the ten major Georgia Newspapers, the grave marking for Patriot Lewis Lanier and a dinner honoring World War Two veterans in central Georgia.

A letter to the editor was sent to the ten major newspapers in Georgia by this writer, giving the history of Thanksgiving in America and George Washington's leadership in establishing the holiday. The letter also gave information on both the Sar and Dar and how we support American ideals and patriotism, with our contact information. I saw the letter in the Macon Telegraph with a painting of George Washington and got several positive emails and comments on it.

The grave marking for Lewis Lanier was held in Oliver, Georgia, on November 10 and was organized by Brier Creek Chapter President Lee Smith. The Sheriff, City Mayor, and about 100 citizens attended the event on a bright sunny day! Lewis Lanier is the ancestor of many DAR and SAR members. Thanks to Bill Palmer and the GASSAR Color Guard and the Screven County marching band for their participation and support. The event was also covered in the Sylvania Telephone newspaper which will help build SAR and DAR membership.

On December 10th, this writer supported, as a HODAR and photographer, a local DAR dinner event which honored middle Georgia World War Two veterans. The event was well covered in two tv channels, on the web and several newspapers. The event was organized by my wife, Billie Trussell, Sukey Hart Chapter Regent. In addition to honoring these Veterans. The story is below.

### ***Macon Telegraph, Warner Robins, GA***

*Nine World War II veterans were supposed to be grand marshals at the Warner Robins Christmas parade, but the parade was cancelled for the first time in 61 years due to weather. Instead, the vets were invited to dinner. The Sukey Hart Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted the dinner for veterans all between the ages 92 and 97.*

*"We owe them a tremendous amount of gratitude, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to honor them and show our appreciation," said Billie Trussell, the regent of the chapter, during the dinner. "We certainly are honored this evening that all of you could join us to honor these veterans."*

*Trussell said the Burke Lasseter Law Firm sponsored the event. Jeff Lasseter, of Burke Lasseter Law Firm, said during the dinner that he wanted to participate in the event to let the veterans know they are appreciated. "I want to welcome our veterans of the greatest generation," Lasseter said. "Had it not been for your service and your dedication to this nation, none of us would be here tonight."*

*Mayor Randy Toms, of Warner Robins, attended the event, and he said he didn't know when he ran for mayor that he would get the opportunity to spend time with people who built the Warner Robins community. "I just want to say thank you to each one of you," he said. "It is of the highest honor for me to be able to be in the same room with you, and I just want you to know that we as Warner Robins dearly love you."*

*Other people spoke at the event to honor the veterans there including Col. Lyle Drew and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Hart from Robins Air Force Base and Andy Rodriguez with the Warner Robins Heritage Society.*

*Those honored at the event included:*

- \* *Eloi Mossman, a sergeant in the Air Force*
- \* *Ralph Pannell, an Army Air Corp sergeant*
- \* *Ernest Wood, a gunner's mate third class in the Navy*
- \* *Henry Goggans, a Marine Corp gunnery sergeant*
- \* *Keath Morgan, an Army private first class*
- \* *Carswell Wynne, a seaman first class*
- \* *Charles Tyler, a Navy motor machinist's mate second class*
- \* *Victor Nicoletti served in the Navy.*
- \* *Donald Garrett, an Air Force staff sergeant*

*Keath Morgan, who served in the 101st Airborne Division, said he appreciated the work the Daughters of the American Revolution did by organizing the dinner.*

*"Oh, this event is real beautiful," he said. "I've enjoyed it."*



## ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Liaison Committee

### LCDR David G. Jessel USN Ret

GASSAR OC Packages have been judged and the winner and runner-up along with all Chapter OC's are listed below. C/Maj Sweet will be recognized at the Georgia Society SAR 2019 Annual Awards Luncheon on Saturday January 26, 2019. The winner is awarded a cash award of \$550 while the runner-up C/COL Hill receives a cash award of \$400. The GASSAR Outstanding Cadet (OC) represents the Georgia Society in the National Competition. The top five OC's in the NSSAR Contest receive cash awards with the winner receiving \$4,000 and up to \$1,500 in travel expenses to the NSSAR National Congress in Costa Mesa, CA to receive the award from the President General.

Six chapters nominated a Chapter OC to the GASSAR State Competition. Chapter nominations are:

*First* Ocmulgee Chapter – C/Maj Cassidy S. Sweet AFJROTC Warner Robins High School  
*Second* Piedmont Chapter – C/COL Angelica “Rane” Hill AJROTC Centennial High School  
 Joseph Habersham Chapter – C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt Eva Marie Shipley AFJROTC White County High School  
 Lyman Hall Chapter – C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt Brady A. Parham AJROTC Jefferson High School  
 Marquis de Lafayette Chapter – C/Capt Robert B. Theiss AFJROTC Newnan High School  
 Samuel Elbert Chapter – C/2LT Haileigh M. Slaton AJROTC Elbert County Comprehensive High School

Notes: 6 OC's Nominated – 2 were Male Cadets and 4 were Female Cadets  
 3 Cadets came from Army JROTC Units & 3 Cadets from Air Force

Fifteen Silver ROTC Medals for twelve Georgia Universities will be presented in 2019 to outstanding cadets/midshipmen selected by the ROTC Program. Medal Packages will be forwarded to ROTC Units starting in late January 2019. Chapter Presidents from ten GASSAR Chapters cause these Medals to be presented on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. Chapters involved should record these presentations on the BOM Quarterly Report Form 10.06.3F or 10.06.0F. These medals are purchased and mailed by GASSAR to ROTC Units with copies of letters to applicable Chapter Presidents.

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Chapters presented Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units within the chapters' Area of Operations (AO). Recipients are selected by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI). Chapters should record these presentations on the BOM Quarterly Rpt Form 10.06.3F or 10.06.0F. Most JROTC Awards Ceremonies occur in late Spring.

Award Criteria: (a recipient of the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal can only receive it once)

- \*Awarded to cadet currently enrolled in the JROTC Program
- \*A junior (in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 4 year program or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year program)
- \*Top 10% of the JROTC class
- \*Top 25% of their class
- # Cadet must start as a freshman in a 4 year program or sophomore in 3 year, to meet criteria.

*Please ensure that your JROTC Units have been advised that they have a POC (Point of Contact) within the chapter and that the JROTC Unit knows that they should communicate directly with the Chapter. If there is a problem or if you have questions, do not hesitate to phone or email me.*

Sea Cadet Units may nominate a cadet for the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. There is a Sea Cadet Ribbon to go along with this medal. There are several Sea Cadet Units in Georgia. If there is a Sea Cadet Unit within your Chapter AO, please contact them and let them know that your chapter can provide them a BGCM if they request the medal and provide a letter of justification. As with the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal, it is highly recommended that a member of the chapter present the BGCM at an official Sea Cadet Meeting (Muster). Marquis de Lafayette Chapter presents the BGCM Package at a regular Chapter Meeting and again at a Cadet Muster. Visit the NSCC web site <http://homeport.seacadets.org/display/Manuals/Awards+Manual>. NSCC AWARDS MANUAL 23 Mar 2014 PAGES 4-11/12 spells out the criteria for the SAR BGCM.

A Civil Air Patrol Cadet (CAP) could also be awarded the BGCM and ribbon by a chapter.

The Georgia Society SAR continues to support three DOD (overseas) JROTC Units (Kadena HS Okinawa, Shape HS Belgium, and Vicenza HS Italy). Bronze ROTC Medal Packages will be mailed to these DOD Units in the January/February 2019 timeframe.

The ROTC/JROTC Budget for 2019 is \$1,375.00. Questions about ROTC/JROTC Programs should be directed to the Committee Chair.



### State Historian—Dr. David A. Ludley

#### Objectives for 2018:

Create a catalog of the items contributed in 2018, belonging to the GASSAR, and carried to the Atlanta History Center  
Update the Georgia Society Website section "History of Georgia" for the year 2018.

#### Activities of the past quarter:

The History of Georgia Society for the year 2018 is being completed and will be sent to the webmaster for publication. Additional items have been added to the Digital Catalog and placed in storage at the Atlanta History Center, Kenan Research Center. The flash drive catalog has been updated. A broad index of Items archived at the Kenan Center is included in this Digital Catalog.



### IT Committee—Richard Marsh

Security upgrades have been the focus of the fourth quarter of 2018. The following efforts are complete or will be complete the first week of 2019:

The website has been upgraded to employ SSL encryption (you will now notice that the URL begins with HTTPS rather than HTTP and a padlock now appears to the left of the URL in the address line. This is the technology used by banks, online shopping sites, etc. This protection should afford an increased level of protection.

As reported in a December email to the BOM email group, Google's update of the Recaptcha antispam tool (the "I am not a robot" or "enter the number in the above image" that you see on many online forms) from version 2 to version 3 created chaos throughout websites worldwide due to various Wordpress Plugins (applications used within webpages to control various aspects) having incompatibility issues. Many plugin authors immediately worked to correct these issues, others chose to ignore them.

The plugin that the GASSAR website uses for forms falls in the category of a plugin that remains incompatible. Over the past several weeks, efforts have been underway that include:

- Installation of a new plugin for form management – completed December
- Redesign and build new forms for the website – completed December
- Test new forms – underway offline, to be complete first week January 2019
- Take new forms live – end of first week January 2019
- Live test by BOM – once live, each Officer, Committee Chair and Chapter President will be asked to visit the website and send a message to themselves to ensure that messages are being received properly. Your participation in this testing will be greatly appreciated.

The website continues to have little to no input from officers, committee chairs and chapters resulting in pages having no or outdated information. The calendar of events also has had no input and basically has nothing other than the BOM meetings.

#### Database

There has been no change in the status of the development of the database since my first quarter 2018 report and I received no comments or feedback from that report.



### Audit Committee—Shep Hammock

The ETF books were audited on January 9, 2019 with no issues found. The full 2018 audit of the Society's books was conducted on January 10, 2019. Both the Treasurer's and Secretary's books were covered during this audit. Note: 80% of the Society's deposits are made by the Secretary since dues flow through him.

During this audit, 20% + of the Income and Expense entries were evaluated and each had proper supporting documentation. No issues were found by this audit.





## Education Outreach Committee—Rick Reese Jr.

### Year End Education Committee Awards for 2018

#### Chapter Education Outreach Streamer Award

*Contest Description:* This certificate and streamer is presented at the GASSAR annual conference to any chapter that has sponsored education outreach programs to a total of 1,000 or more students and/or adults during the calendar year. The following are qualified for the award:

- Casimir Pulaski Chapter – Programs to 4600 students and adults
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter – Programs to 4518 students and teachers
- Lyman Hall Chapter – Programs to 4113 students, teachers, and other adult audiences
- Atlanta Chapter – Programs to 3520 students and teachers
- Joseph Habersham Chapter – Programs to 3269 students and teachers
- Coweta Falls Chapter – Programs to 2352 students and teachers
- Robert Forsyth Chapter – Programs to 1876 students and teachers
- Piedmont Chapter – Programs to 1666 students and teachers
- Col Wm. Few Chapter – Programs to 1533 students and teachers.

#### Best Chapter Education Outreach Award

*Contest Description:* This award goes to the chapter with best overall youth & adult education outreach program in calendar year.

Winner: Colonel William Few Chapter

#### Narrative:

*This chapter's Education Outreach programs included: Traveling Trunk, Cultural differences between colonists and Indians, Overall differences and similarities between colonists and Indians, as well as Life in colonial; Georgia- games and riddles. Many of the programs were given in authentic Revolutionary War locations, and outdoors to allow for demonstrations of black powder muskets and rifles. Audiences included a wide variety of children and adults (such as Public Schools, Home Schools, and members of C.A.R., DCAR, and general public).*

*Awards:* A certificate and a \$200 cash prize to the chapter for use in improvements in its outreach program will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner, except that a chapter will not be awarded the cash prize if they also won the cash prize for the Dr. Lyman Hall Award (most improved chapter).

#### John Dooly Education Outreach Award

*Contest Description:* This award goes to a GASSAR member who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach program as a member of the SAR. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a member at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the outstanding nature of program participation and activity by the nominee. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period.



Winner: Steven Ford

*Awards:* A certificate, \$200 gasoline credit card, and plaque will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner and the winner will be a guest of the Education Committee at the award presentation. Each chapter's entrants will receive a certificate of recognition.

#### John Dooly Award Narrative:

In 2010, Steven Ford volunteered to assist Jimmy Boatright in the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter Education Outreach Program. Steven started as John Adams and Georgia Governor Stephen Heard. Since that time, he has also performed as Samuel Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benedict Arnold, Button Gwinnett, Lachlan McIntosh, Raymond Demere, and George Walton.

He has also shared background stories for other male and female Colonists, including Patriots of Color as well as overviews of significant battles and specific Revolutionary occurrences.



## Year End Education Committee Awards for 2018

One of the most popular parts in our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Programs is a staged Duel between Button Gwinnett and Lachlan McIntosh. In 2015, Steven created the script, and obtained props including jackets & toy pistols for the two student Dualists.

During our Middle School performances, Steven selects students as the Dualists and also Seconds, and then instructs the students to perform the duel. The remaining students serve as jurists in Lachlan McIntosh's Murder Trial and vote on his guilt or innocence.

To perform as the persons identified above, Steven Ford first borrowed a colonial outfit. Later he created his vest and knee britches, and added colonial style shirts to his collection along with scarves, ruffles, socks, and several hats. He purchased a colonial set of clothing from a local DAR member, then a suit of black clothes which were used for Benedict Arnold and Stephen Heard. Recently, he purchased a Continental Uniform for use in the GASSAR Color Guard and in local Education presentations. He said, "I came to realize the wear and tear on a Patriot's shoes as I am on my second pair."

After three years of volunteer service with our chapter, Steven's SAR Application was approved in 2013. Steven served two years as President, Vice President and Education Outreach Chairman.

Our Chapter did not keep records for individual performers prior to 2015, but Steven performed in almost all our School performances which reached about 15,000 students. Following are the totals for Steven Ford's Education Outreach performances since then:

2015- 23 Performances in Schools for 1,886 students; and one performance for 77 adults

2016- 19 Performances in Schools for 813 students; two performances for 150 adults; and performances at both the St. Simons Lighthouse & Fort Frederica Festivals for 425 adults & children

2017- 19 Performances in Schools for 2,273 students; two performances for 75 adults; and performances at both the St. Simons Lighthouse & Fort Frederica Festivals for 220 adults & children

2018- 19 Performances in Schools for 2,856 students; and performances at the Fort Frederica Festival for 250 adults & children

Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award

*Contest Description:* This award goes to a female who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to youth and adult education outreach programs. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a recommendation at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the outstanding nature of program participation and activity. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period

Winner: Kathryn Trackwell – submitted by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter

*Awards:* A certificate, \$200 gasoline credit card, and plaque will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner and they will be a guest of the Education Committee at the award presentation. Each chapter's entrants will receive a certificate of recognition.

Nancy Hart Award Narrative:

In 2015, Kathryn (Kathy) Trackwell volunteered to assist Jimmy Boatright in the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter Education Outreach Program. At first, Kathy selected and researched Penelope Barker of North Carolina, who in 1774 organized a boycott of British goods known as the [Edenton Tea Party](#). She portrayed this person during our presentations to Fourth Graders in 2015.

Then we asked Kathy to portray Nancy Hart for Eight Graders and Sybil Ludington for Fourth Graders. She also talks about specific roles that women and children performed during the Revolution. Her performance as Nancy Hart is a very popular part in our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Programs. Without prompting, the students always boo the Tories who killed John Dooly and cheer when Kathy says Nancy hung them.

Kathy has three Colonial period outfits (two provided by her sister-in-law and another which she made herself.) She says she mixes and matches the clothes to suit the different characters or events. These garments are all made with 18th Century Patterns, including the authentic stays. Eight grade girls especially enjoy Kathy's description of her clothing.

Following are totals for Kathryn Trackwell's MofG Education Outreach performances:

2015- Performances in 18 Schools for 1,510 students.

2016- Performances in 14 Schools for 570 students; and performances at both the St. Simons Lighthouse & Fort Frederica Festivals for 425 adults & children

2017- Performances in 16 Schools for 1,650 students; and performances at both the St. Simons Lighthouse & Fort Frederica Festivals for 200 adults & children

2018- Performances in 16 Schools for 2,856 students; and performances at the Fort Frederica Festival for 150 adults & children

Kathy Trackwell has also participated in Patriots Day Parades since 2015 and recently carried the Betsy Ross flag with us in a Veterans Day Parade, dressed in her Colonial clothing in each situation.

Kathy is a member of the Brunswick Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.







### Friends of the Library —Hugh Rodgers

#### Georgia Society memberships at the close of 2018:

11 Chapter members  
 1 Georgia Society  
 43 Compatriots, spouses, DAR supporters  
  
 55 Total

Currently the Georgia Society is second in the NSSAR among state societies having FOL membership. Thanks to Georgia Society chapters and compatriots who support this project.

Congratulations and a loud “Huzzah” for Bill Dobbs and the George Walton Chapter. As a special contribution, Bill Dobbs gave 11 compatriots a Christmas gift of membership in the Friends of the Library. What a splendid example for the Georgia Society SAR.

We need to increase chapter membership so the Georgia Society can resume the leadership of the NSSAR in support of the Library. Membership in Friends of the Library (FOL) is available for \$25 annually for chapters and individuals. Forms can be found on line.



### Veterans Committee—Bill Kabel

Many Thanks to the listed chapters for making timely submissions before my requested date of January 8, but it's rather pathetic that it's now January 8, and the above represent less than one-third of all Georgia chapters. You know (or you should know) how much time it takes to do the Americanism Report and Stark Reports for your chapter. Imagine how much time it takes for Roger Coursey and myself to reconcile everybody's report and merge all of them together to come up with a report for the Georgia Society to submit to National. Reports to National for the Stark and Americanism will be incomplete and inaccurate, or cannot be made until your report is submitted. We're not doing our part for the Georgia Society to put it's best foot forward for national recognition in such case. If your chapter is not listed above ,but you have made a submission, please resubmit it to me. If you have already done so, I apologize for leaving you off the list, and not processed it yet. I've received only 437 email messages in the past two weeks, so it's probably in that stack somewhere. I've gone over the list twice to search for reports, but as of this writing I don't have it.

I have received Stark Reports from just the following chapters:

Athens  
 Blue Ridge Mtns.  
 Button Gwinnett

Capt. John Collins  
 Marquis de Lafayette  
 Marshes of Glynn

Ocmulgee  
 Piedmont  
 Robert Forsyth



### Bylaws Committee —Ed Rigel, Sr

#### 4th Quarter Activity:

Assisted Registrar Sapp in wording for a proposed amendment to Article III, Section 1, and Article IV Section 7 that would allow for more than one Registrar in the Society. The proposal was acted upon at the October Society BOM Meeting.

Assisted Public Service and Heroism Committee Chairman Tankersley in wording for a revision to Article V, Section 4 that would bring the responsibilities of that Committee into line with the wording of the National committee. To be acted upon at the January BOM Meeting.



### Americanism Committee—Roger W Coursey

To encourage participation in the Americanism/President General's Report, I have sent out several emails to Chapter Presidents and Chapter Americanism Committee Chairman. I encouraged all chapters to submit reports, even if they knew they would not win anything, as their input will help the GASSAR Society at the national level. Several chapters have reached out to me for help in understanding the scoresheet and making sure they submitted correct entries.

This year the Georgia Society had 23 chapters submit Americanism Reports. That is three more chapters than submitted reports last year. Four chapters submitted reports that did not submit reports last year. We had one chapter that did not submit a report, but submitted one last year.

I remind all those preparing reports to leave the report in the EXCEL format that it is in. I have to send these reports to National when I am done with the state competition and they have to be in the EXCEL format. When I combine the Chapter reports for the State report for National, all reports have to be in the same EXCEL format. I only had a few problems with chapters not using the Excel format this year. We were able to resolve those problems and use their report. Several chapters submitted reports that my computer would not download as it said the attachment had a virus. Be aware of submitting reports that have a virus.

I would like to address a couple of areas that I found the most mistakes in this year. One involves the awarding of medals and certificates in Section 12. A chapter can only take credit for medals and certificates that it awards. Awards given by national or state cannot be listed as awarded by the chapter. Also, make sure you list awards for the youth programs in Section 6. These are repeat comments from last year. Chapters are still trying to claim awards that are awarded by National or State. Another area to be addressed is Section 3, Speakers Bureau. This is only for those members who have presented a presentation, speech or lecture. It is NOT for listing attendance at BOMs, State Meetings, Leadership meetings, Rotary Club meetings, etc. It is also NOT for listing presenting colors at meetings of any type. Another area, to take credit under 10A, your chapter MUST sponsor the event, not just participate. The last area I would like to address, is Section 16. Money donated under 16A is specific in the instructions as to what can be claimed. Also in 16B, that is for Non Cash donations made to NSSAR, not what your chapter spends on items for itself.

I review each scoresheet as I receive it. I make changes to correlate with the rules as published, before I use the score for the state competition and before I submit them to National. I try to notify the chapter if I made changes, but with only a short period of time to go over these reports and get the results in to state before our annual meeting, some changes have been made without notifying the submitter.

The Americanism Awards will be awarded at the Annual Banquet as has been done in previous years. We have twelve chapters that will be receiving the Americanism Chapter of Distinction Streamer, while eleven chapters will be receiving the Americanism Chapter of Excellence Streamer. We have eight chapters that will be receiving the President General Chapter of Distinction Streamer, while four chapters will be receiving the President General Chapter of Excellence Streamer.

I want to thank all those chapters who made the effort to participate in and submit their Americanism Reports. Many more chapters will be receiving streamers this year. That is due to the hard work of your chapter members. By your efforts, you will certainly enhance the Georgia Society's position in the Americanism Contest at National.

Since this will be my last quarterly report as Americanism Chairman, I will submit a report by email right after the annual meeting, with the "Points Needed for Distinction/Excellence 2018" sheet showing each chapter's results. This will show your final point totals that will be submitted to National.



### Georgia Chancellor —Joe Vancura

It has my pleasure to serve you as Chancellor for 2018, and I humbly thank the Committee for the 2019 nomination.

This office shall be a resource to the membership; therefore, I ask Chapter Presidents and Regional Vice Presidents to encourage chapter chancellors to contact me {404.966.1222 / [joe.vancura.sar@gmail.com](mailto:joe.vancura.sar@gmail.com)} if they need any assistance in matters appurtenant to their position.

In the fourth quarter of this year, I addressed the following matters:

- Request for legal opinion regarding use of certain images on Congress 2022 and Georgia Anniversary medals
- Request for advisory opinion regarding swearing in procedure at Georgia Annual meeting



**Flag Respect Committee—Paul Prescott**

The final Flag Committee results are in for 2018. First, congratulations to the Atlanta Chapter for presenting the most certificates, 21, in 2018.

Also, thanks to all the other chapters, 24 of 34, for presenting Flag Certificates to qualify Georgia SAR for the ADM William Furlong Award to be given at Congress.

Chapter	#	Chapter	#	Chapter	#
Altamaha	1	Edward Telfair	-	Mill Creek	-
Athens	12	Fall Line	-	Mount Vernon	1
Atlanta	21	Four Rivers Patriots	-	Ocmulgee	16
Blue Ridge Mountains	2	George Walton	1	Patrick Carr Rangers	-
Brier Creek	1	Joel Early	4	Piedmont	1
Button Gwinnett	2	John Milledge	-	Robert Forsyth	4
Capt. John Collins	6	Joseph Habersham	5	Rome	2
Casimir Pulaski	2	LaGrange	-	Samuel Elbert	1
Cherokee	-	Lyman Hall	3	Valdosta	-
Coweta Falls	1	Marquis de Lafayette	4	Washington-Wilkes	1
Dalton	-	Marshes of Glynn	9	William Few	3
				Wiregrass	3

Georgia SAR chapters recognized 106 organizations with Flag Certificates presentations in 2018.

Again, congratulations to all who participated in awarding Flag Certificates. I plan to have Flag Certificates at the GASSAR Annual Meeting should anyone want to get an early start on 2019.



**Graves Committee—Sonny Pittman**

Fourth Quarter, 2018 Patriot & Compatriot Grave Markings Held:

Revolutionary War Patriot Lewis Lanier was honored for his Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Brier Creek, Wiregrass, Col William Few and Ocmulgee Chapters in a Patriot Grave Marking held in the Little Ogeechee Baptist Church Cemetery in Oliver, Georgia on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

Compatriots Thomas Parks Oliver III & Thomas Robert Oliver, members of the Athens Chapter, were honored for their long-time SAR service in Compatriot Grave Markings held in the Evergreen Cemetery in Athens, Georgia, on Sunday, December 2, 2018.

Revolutionary War Patriot Absalom Hooper was honored for his Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter in a Patriot Grave Marking held at East La Porte Cemetery, Cullowhee, Jackson, North Carolina on Saturday, April 21, 2018. The Western Waters Chapter, NCSAR, assisted in the ceremony honoring the Georgia Patriot.

Revolutionary War Patriots James Adams, Ralph Banks, William Gaines and Eli Eavenson were honored for their Revolutionary War Service and Sacrifice by the Samuel Elbert and Atlanta Chapters in Patriot Grave Markings held for Patriots Adams, Banks and Gaines in the Coldwater United Methodist and for Patriot Eavenson in the Concord United Methodist Church Cemetery in Elberton, Georgia on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The Stephen Heard Chapter, NSDAR, co-sponsored the ceremonies.

In 2018, 21 Georgia Revolutionary War Patriots were honored by 15 Chapters and seven Compatriots were honored by seven Chapters. The committee commends all chapters involved and thanks the Georgia Society Color Guard and Militia Units for their assistance in rendering Colors, Volley Salutes and Taps to our departed Heroes and Compatriots.



### Eagle Scout Committee - Bill Coffeen

The Eagle Recognition committee has had another successful year. There were at least 154 Eagle Scout recognition certificates (based upon chapter annual reports to date) issued throughout Georgia. Sixty-four per cent were delivered personally and often in uniform during Eagle Courts of Honor. Piedmont chapter issued the most certificates at 63.

We had a record-setting 12 chapters submit entries for our annual Eagle Scout Scholarship competition. The following chapters submitted their best candidates: Athens, Atlanta, Button Gwinnett, Cherokee, Edward Telfair, John Collins, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Mt. Vernon, Piedmont, Robert Forsyth and Valdosta.

After careful scrutiny by our four judges from non-participating chapters (George Wheelless, Chip Durden, Neal Spooner and Danny Ginter) they chose Cutler Shiver sponsored by the Athens chapter as our 2018 GASSAR winner and Christian John Forbes, sponsored by the Atlanta chapter, as runner-up. Cutler Shiver will be recognized with a \$500 scholarship check and trophy at our Georgia Society's annual chapter and youth awards luncheon on January 26. His application will be forwarded to National to be judged in the NSSAR competition. Our Georgia Society runner-up will receive a scholarship check for \$400 from our committee. I personally applaud all those who participated. The State level competition continues to be fierce. National scholarship awards for 2018 will be \$10,000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$6,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$4,000 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll keep the Georgia Society apprised of those results.

As State Society chairman I received 53 requests for letters of commendation during 2018 compared to 62 during 2017, a 15% decrease (although closer to the year over year average). Where a chapter has an Eagle Scout chairman I forward those requests on to encourage direct communication with the new Eagle Scout. If there is no local chapter program then I will personally insure that a letter of commendation, an Eagle certificate of recognition and scholarship information is sent to the young man. Many chapters that have formal recognition programs have found that personally participating in Eagle Courts of Honor have increased the number of scholarship applications, raised the local awareness of our Society and actually garnered interest in applying for membership.

We maintain an Eagle Scout information page on our GASSAR website which highlights a state-wide database of Scout Council/District information cross-referenced to our chapters serving specific counties. It provides parents and volunteer leaders of Eagle Scouts (and you as SAR members) with valuable contact information based upon the county one lives in or the BSA Council/District their unit belongs to. It will again be updated with current contact information by the end of this month.

Yes, we had a successful year, but we can do better. There are ten Boy Scout Councils serving the needs of young men throughout Georgia. The Georgia Society SAR has 32 chapters covering most of the state. We have 25 chapters (78%) that have formal Eagle Scout recognition programs with chairmen serving. I want to especially thank all those at the chapter level who support these recognition programs. I've personally seen the positive impact that our recognition programs play in the lives of these young men. It takes time to develop a working relationship with BSA Council/District volunteer and professional Scouters, but the results can be very gratifying.



### Georgia Color Guard Commander—Bill Palmer

**Membership:** The Color Guard has added 6 members to the Color Guard/Militia, as first time participants to its roll in 2018. We now have a source for Continental uniforms. It is GGGodwin.

**Participation:** The number of members participating continues to be very good. In 2018 we had 80 events scheduled including some Chapter events. If all Chapter events were added the GASSAR Color Guard was at close to 100 events. We participated in the closing banquet for the Gwinnett Bi-centennial in front of 1200+ people. Thank you all for making this a great year.

#### STATISTICS – PAST SEVEN YEARS

Year	Members Participating	State and National Events	Total Color Guard Participation
2011	64 (12 Rookies)	82	782
2012	62 (15 Rookies)	72	663
2013	60 (3 Rookies)	60	578
2014	80 (17 Rookies)	68	761
2015	81 (13 Rookies)	66	786
2016	93 (20 Rookies)	77	814
2017	113 (8 Rookies)	66	692
2018	99 (6 Rookies)	69	604





### **Knight Essay Contest Committee— Terry A. Gibbs**

The GASSAR Knight Essay competition for the academic school year 2018-2019 ended on December 31, 2018 and judging was completed on January 3, 2019. There were five Georgia Society chapters that participated in the contest this academic year. Chapters submitting winning essays were: Ocmulgee Chapter, Samuel Elbert Chapter, Edward Telfair Chapter, Wiregrass Chapter and Marshes of Glynn Chapter.

There were a total of ten individual essays submitted at the Georgia Society Chapter Level.

Each Chapter's winning essay was submitted for judging at the state level to the Georgia Society on December 15, 2018. Only the Essay Body and the Bibliography of each essay was provided to the judges for their evaluation. The Title Page and Biography Page were withheld. This was done so that each essay was judged solely on the merit of the composition. This procedure was adopted so that any perception of judging bias would be minimized.

The Georgia Society winner and runner-up was announced at the Georgia Society Annual Meeting in January. The Georgia Society winner's essay will be entered into the National Society Contest. The winners at the National Society will be awarded \$5,000 for First Place, \$2,500 for Second Place and \$1,000 for Third Place. The Georgia Society winner will receive the Georgia Society Knight Essay Medal and \$550 cash scholarship award at the Youth Awards luncheon at the Georgia Society Annual Meeting on January 26, 2019. The Georgia Society will award a \$400 cash scholarship for runner-up in the GASSAR competition.

Very special thanks to the Knight Essay judges Claire and Charlie Newcomer, Dr. James Lemley, and William Palmer.



### **State Chaplain —Delbert Allen Smith**

Compatriots and especially presidents, please let me know if your chapter chaplain needs a chaplaincy corps pin. My contact information is [das1842@icloud.com](mailto:das1842@icloud.com). I will need the name of your chaplain and his address. Also, I encourage all presidents to send in the names of any deceased compatriots on the appropriate form, found in the source book, as soon as their aware of the death. It is a new year with new possibilities to develop greater care of our members.



### **C.A.R. Liaison—Robert W. Moore**

This State SAR-C.A.R. liaison has had a busy 4th quarter. The quarter started with this liaison marching with the Coweta Falls Color Guard in the Veterans Day parade in Manchester, GA. He attended the Ft. Morris Come and Take It Commemoration where he presented a wreath and participated as a member of the Georgia State Color Guard. Several of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society C.A.R. members participated in the Color Guard and presented a wreath. David Jimenez, GA State C.A.R. First Vice President, brought greetings on behalf of the state president G.S.S.C.A.R. Eric Johnstone, GA State Curator led the 13 flag salute. We enjoyed talking with SAR friends afterward at the Sunbury Crab Company.

Next this liaison traveled on a rainy Saturday to Elberton GA to attend the Battle of Vann's Creek. This liaison participated in the GA Color Guard and placed a wreath. This liaison enjoyed the guest speaker, Robert C. Jones, and purchased 2 of his books on early Georgia history.

In December, this liaison was honored to participate as part of the Coweta Falls Color Guard during the Wreaths Across America event at Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery. Several C.A.R. Societies across the State joined Wreaths Across America events across GA. I brought greeting for the State CAR at the Coweta Falls Chapter Christmas party attended by President General J. Michael Tomme. The 80th Annual Georgia State C.A.R. convention will be held March 1st and 2nd at the Marriott Stone Mountain Inn. This liaison would like to extend an invitation for anyone that would like to attend.





## DAR Liaison Committee—Shep Hammock

The Georgia DAR Society finished second in the DAR Referral competition with 113 referrals. Committee chairman Shep Hammock presented their Certificate along with a check for \$200 at the DAR Constitution Day luncheon on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please be sure to submit a DAR Referral Form if you are assisted in any manner by a DAR member in the recruitment of new SAR members.

The National DAR Liaison committee continues to promote the expansion of the Georgia DAR Referral Award program to other states. I am pleased to note that the DAR Referral Awards structure has been updated at National:

*The first track is using a leveling formula by percentage using the highest percentage with the number of application that have the DAR form finder submitted versus the total number of applications submitted taking into account the State Society total of active members.*

*The DAR State Society that has the highest score of participation as a factor of participation in the program will be awarded certificates and \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place to the DAR State Societies.*

*The second track is State Societies with the highest raw numbers of approved SAR members using the DAR Finder Form, with \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place to the DAR State Societies with the highest number of approved SAR members using the DAR Finder Form.*

*This is a total of six awards totaling \$1,200. The competition runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. In order to be counted, a DAR Finder Report Form must be attached to the application packet. The SAR Staff Registrar uses these forms to determine the winner. Applications without the form cannot be counted toward the competition. A separate form must be included with each application received and will be counted toward the contest after the application is approved. Multiple applications cannot be applied to one form.*

### **Liaison with Georgia DAR Society**

The Georgia DAR Society SAR/SR Liaison Committee chairperson, Leslie Watkins, and I are exchanging notices of activities of our respective societies to keep our members mutually informed of SAR and DAR events in Georgia.

**If any chapter has recognized a DAR lady for her efforts, please advise this committee so we can recognize her throughout the state.**

### **DAR Chapters Visited this Quarter by this Committee's Members and other SAR members\*\***

- Compatriot Carter Wood attended the following: 20 Oct - Sunbury Chapter - Induction of C.A.R. officers, 31 Oct - Jacob Braselton Chapter - Veterans Day, 10 Nov - Sunbury Chapter - Flag Etiquette, 11 Nov - Sunbury Chapter meeting, 4 Dec - COL William Candler Chapter - Combined Meeting
- Compatriot Bill Tankersley presented the Daughters of Liberty medal to Patricia Colbert of the College Hill Chapter DAR and to Patricia Thomas of the Stephen Heard Chapter DAR for their long-standing contributions to SAR. He also be presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation to Sue Pittman of the Augusta Chapter DAR for her contributions to the SAR.
- The Altamaha Chapter of SAR in Jessup has recently renewed their working relationship with the Altamaha DAR also in Jessup. Regent, Jan Hediger has been a guest at Altamaha meetings in June and Jason Deal was invited to attend their next meeting. They are currently working on getting together a genealogy workshop for the two chapters.
- Compatriots Charlie Newcomer and Scott Collins attended the Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR Meeting on September 20 and performed the Famous Ft. Morris speech "Come and take It".
- Compatriots Charlie Newcomer attended the NSDAR BOM Junior Event Banquet held at Calloway Garden on Friday evening Oct. 21st.

**\*\* Request that any SAR member who visits a DAR chapter please make this committee aware of your actions.**

### **PLANS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER**

Continue to promote the use of the DAR Finders Form and the SAR competition for the awards to the DAR members and chapters. Continue to promote the SAR/DAR joint activities.

Continue to stress at the BOM meetings the importance of submitting a DAR Finder Form with the applications, when appropriate.

Assist any Chapter with any awards that should be given to DAR members who have assisted with SAR membership applications.

Provide assistance to the GASSAR officers and Committees as may be requested. This chairman is open to any suggestions for the work of this committee to better support the GASSAR goals and objectives.

Currently we have several visits to DAR chapters scheduled.



### Source Book Committee —Ed Rigel, Sr

Most unfortunately, the Chairman had a Gremlin attack his computer who deleted all GA SAR files for the years 2016-18 including his back up data. There were revisions to the SourceBook in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter but the Chairman's memory does not allow him to recall specifics other than the addition of Beta Test of a digital version of the SourceBook from 2006. However, any additions or changes can still be viewed online in the SourceBook

State and Chapter Officers, State Committee Chairs and Members, are encouraged to review sections in the SourceBook pertinent to their area and either submit suggestions for improvement and/or proposed revisions to Source Book to the Committee for consideration.



### Georgia Fellows Fund—Edward P. Rigel, Jr

Georgia Society Fellows Program Information, Donation form, and roster of Georgia Fellows can be found under Section 23: Endowment Funds of the Georgia Society SAR Source Book.

**Fund Balance:** \$ 9,043.99 as of 31 December 2018

#### **New Georgia Fellows:**

**K. Scott Collins** – Compatriot Collins is a member of the Athens Chapter and currently serves as GASSAR Senior Vice-President.

**C. G. "Sonny" Pittman** – Compatriot Pittman is a member of the Col. William Few Chapter and serves as Vice-President, East Region, and Chairman of the Patriot Graves Committee.

**Joseph L. Vancura** – Compatriot Vancura is a member of the Capt. John Collins Chapter and currently serves as GASSAR Chancellor.

**Emil L. Decker** – Compatriot Decker is a member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter.

**Fourth Quarter:** The Education Committee was funded \$667.80 for a new run of 8000 bookmarks featuring the Flags of the United States.

Compatriot Rigel, Jr.'s term as Georgia Fellows Fund Board Chairman concluded at the end of 2018. An election was held during Q4 2018 to fill the position. Compatriot Rigel, Jr., was elected to serve a second term as Georgia Fellows Fund Board Chairman. The Chairman thanks the Georgia Fellows for their support and promises to continue to be a good steward of the Fund.

Until further notice, there is presently a standing approval for stipends towards the purchase of a Continental Line uniform or Militia outfit. The stipend is given to members joining the State Color Guard upon proof of purchase of such an outfit and confirmation by the State Color Guard Commander that such uniform has been obtained and worn at a State or National Color Guard event. Compatriot JC Hustis of the Robert Forsyth Chapter has received the stipend in 2018.

With new Continental Line uniforms available from GG Godwin, any Compatriot who orders a new uniform is eligible to receive the stipend, even if they are previous recipients for old uniforms or Militia outfits. Compatriots interested in the new uniforms should contact Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer.

The Georgia Fellows Fund Board unanimously voted to increase the stipend to \$200 in the hopes that more Compatriots will consider purchase of a new uniform.



# Chapter NEWS

## Athens



### Compatriot Grave Marking

Sunday afternoon, December 2, 2018, the Athens Chapter, Georgia Society SAR commemorated the memory of Compatriots Thomas Parks Oliver III (10/24/1918 – 6/14/2018) and his son Thomas Robert Oliver (6/12/1939 – 2/20/2017) by dedicating their graves with a marker.

Father, Thomas was a WWII Veteran serving in the Navy and son Bob was a Korean War Veteran serving in the Army. Colors were presented by the award winning Georgia Society Color Guard, a musket salute was offered by the Elijah Clarke Militia and a rendition of Amazing Grace was played by the Thistle and Kudzu Pipes and Drums.

Daughter and Granddaughter, Lora Hutcherson gave the biographies of her father and grandfather and unveiled the markers with the assistance of her two sons.

### Certificate of Appreciation

Compatriot Rick Reese, Jr. was presented with a certificate of Appreciation by Athens Chapter Secretary, Billy Galt for his efforts in the conducting Traveling Trunk presentations for the Athens Chapter.

During the event Rick presented the attending membership an overview of the Traveling Trunk presentation, which included a video that was an edit of videos produced by NSSAR and the Piedmont Chapter.

Congratulations Rick and thank you for the educational outreach that you have and continue to do.





Athens—continued

**Santa at the VA**

Santa visited the VA Clinic Athens recently greeting the patients, presenting them with gifts and thanking them for their service. This is an annual event for the Athens Chapter and the Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR held at the Charlie Norwood VAMC Athens Clinic.

The bags contain travel size toiletries collected throughout the year by members of the two groups during their travels as well as writing pads, pencils and pens and other miscellaneous items. Santa, AKA



Compatriot Jay Guest , also presents donated free meal cards from local restaurants such as McDonalds, Zaxby's and Chic-fil-A as well as donuts from Krispy Kreme and cookies baked by the Elijah Clarke DAR. This year over 200 bags of toiletries, 500 free meal cards, 15 dozen donuts and 15 dozen cookies were used.

There were many requests by patients for pictures with Ole Santa.



## Atlanta

Atlanta Chapter members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to DeKalb County Fire Rescue Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Crump at the DeKalb County Fire Rescue Administration Building, Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in Tucker, Georgia. Al Adams made the medal presentations.

Jeff Crump is a 25-year veteran of DeKalb County Fire Rescue who serves as the A-Shift commander based out of Fire Station 3, who upon arrival determined early that additional resources would be needed and called for a second alarm response that dispatched an additional ten units.

While on a building walk-around, he noticed a wheelchair-bound woman trapped in her apartment. Chief Crump bravely went up to her apartment through moderate smoke and an advancing fire and got her out of her wheelchair and brought her down to safety.



### Fire Safety Commendation Medals



Captain Devon Carter is a 12 year veteran of DeKalb County Fire Rescue who serves as a station commander at Fire Station 24, who upon arrival observed that there were victims trapped on the third floor balcony of the apartments that were on fire.

With an extension ladder having already been placed to the third floor balcony, Captain Carter went up the ladder and retrieved one of a set of twins bringing her down to safety before returning to the apartment building to fight the fire.

The SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters.

### New Members Inducted





**Atlanta**—continued**Fire Safety Commendation Medals**

Atlanta Chapter members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Awards the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to DeKalb County Fire Rescue Captain Scott Stroup, (left to right) Floyd Adams, Al Adams, Henry Cobb II, Scott Stroup and Mark Bell, at the Dekalb County Fire Rescue Administration Building, Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in Tucker, Georgia.

Captain Scott Stroup is a 25 year veteran of DeKalb County Fire Rescue who serves as the station commander at Fire Station 7 arrived on scene to find a father coming down the ladder with his daughter in his arms. With fire burning on the father's back, he tossed his 3-year old daughter down to the arms of Captain Stroup who carried the young girl to safety.



Atlanta Chapter members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Awards the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to DeKalb County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Kenney McKinney, accepting for Captain Jackie Peckrul, not pictured, (left to right) Floyd Adams, Al Adams, Henry Cobb II, Kenney McKinney and Mark Bell, at the Dekalb County Fire Rescue Administration Building, Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in Tucker, Georgia.

Captain Peckrul is a 14-year veteran of DeKalb County Fire Rescue who serves as the station commander at Fire Station 3, who upon arrival observed that there were victims trapped on the third floor balcony as well. As Captain Peckrul was making her way up the ladder, a blue blanket with a twin baby boy wrapped inside was tossed down to her where a spectacular catch was made while still on the ladder unsecured. Captain Peckrul took that baby boy down to awaiting firefighters and then started back up the ladder to bring down a toddler and the mother of that child. Both were brought down to the safe and secure arms of additional firefighters.

## Brier Creek

Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting, Thursday night October 4, 2018 at R & D's Restaurant in Sylvania, Georgia. With President Lee Smith presiding, we had 12 members in attendance and 7 guests.

The program for the evening was presented by LTC (Ret.) Emory Allen Burton. Allen is a History Professor at Augusta State University in Augusta. He lives with his wife in Washington, GA. His program was titled "Alexander Hamilton" who was a founding father of this great nation of ours.

During the meeting, several upcoming events were discussed: Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina, Battle of Fort Morris in Midway, GA, the Siege of Savannah in Savannah, GA, the Turpentine Festival in Portal, GA and the Board of Management Meeting in Barnesville, GA. Also discussed was the "Request for Charter" for the new Fall Line Chapter in Washington County, Georgia.

This new SAR Chapter is being sponsored by the Wiregrass Chapter (Swainsboro), the Brier Creek Chapter (Screven County) and the Col William Few Chapter (Augusta).

### October Meeting



### Siege of Savannah

On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 3 members of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Savannah, GA to participate in the annual "Siege of Savannah" battle event.

The event began at 7:00 am with the March from the Savannah History Museum and ended a short distance at the Battlefield Memorial Park.

During the march, flintlock rifles were fired along with cannon fire.

At the end of the march, participants were seated on the Battlefield and the ceremony began. After greetings and acknowledgements of participating groups, wreaths were laid at the monument.



Next, readings were held of the newly-dedicated stones, honoring Revolutionary Soldiers Evans Willing and Richard Saye. Richard Saye was killed upon this field of battle.

After a moment of silence, a final musket salute was held and then participants moved across the street to the History Museum where breakfast and refreshments were served. Those attending this historic event were President Wilder Smith, Jr. and Registrar Dess Smith III of the Wiregrass Chapter and Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore of the Brier Creek Chapters.



## Blue Ridge Mountains

The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, SAR has an active Veterans Committee that visits veterans in the local area on a regular basis. The nursing home in Blairsville is visited monthly and other county nursing homes on a less frequent schedule. Veterans Day on November 11 is a special day of visiting and remembering our veterans. This past year, Veterans Day was remembered by four members of the Blue Ridge Mountains chapter visiting the Nursing Home in Blue Ridge, Georgia as shown in the photo. This includes Sid Turner, Jared Ogden, Jack Dugger, not shown is the photographer David Cook. Five veterans representing all branches of the service attended an informal reception with cookies and soft drinks in the Fannin County Nursing Home in Blue Ridge. Many stories were recounted by the veterans with one story leading to another. It was the highlight of their day and possibly the month. Many members of the Blue Ridge Chapter are veterans and thus form an important committee that brings joy and love to nursing home veterans.



## Button Gwinnett

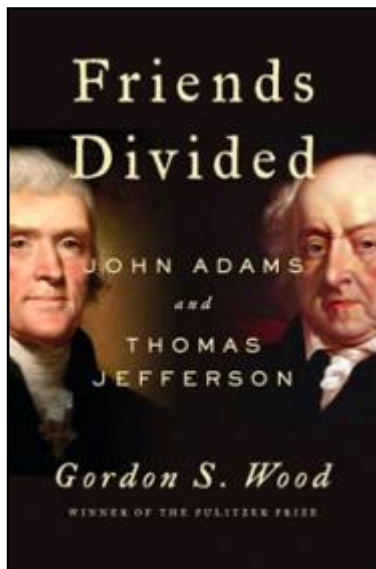


### October Meeting Speaker

Compatriot Harry Kitchings presented a review of "Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson."

The work was written by Gordon Wood, renown Revolutionary Scholar, who offers the history of these two Founding Fathers.

### November Meeting Speaker



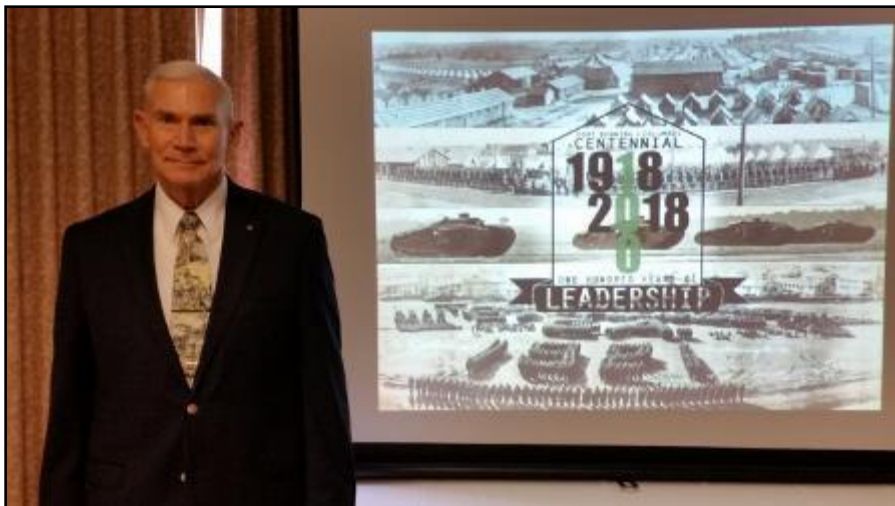


## Coweta Falls

President Dan McMichael introduced guest speaker George W. Steuber, Deputy Garrison Commander at Fort Benning. Steuber spoke on centennial of Fort Benning and the events which have and are occurring to celebrate.

The camp was first located south of Columbus on Macon Road (near the library). Fort Benning was one of the last installations to be activated in October 1918, just a month before the armistice was declared on Nov. 11, 1918.

This site was selected for close proximity to downtown Columbus, city water supply and the streetcar service. Home to the U.S. Army Infantry School and the United States Army Armor Center and School, Fort Benning has confirmed its place as the premier school of arms.



### October Meeting Speaker

## Veteran's Day Parade

Coweta Falls Chapter of the Sons of the American participated in the Manchester (Georgia) Veterans Day Parade on November 3rd.

Representing Coweta Falls were Robert Moore and Dan McMichael. Dan Dykes (along with McMichael) represented the First Hamilton Legion.



## Happy Birthday!

Compatriot Charles Maupin celebrated his 99th birthday on November 4th. The milestone was marked with a reception at Covenant Woods.

Compatriot Maupin is a veteran of World War II and took part in the Normandy Invasion on June 6th, 1944.



## Coweta Falls—continued



ris County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia State Patrol. Raised in an Army family, he served as a jet engine mechanic on the USS Independence. He was aboard her when she was part of the carrier task group supporting the invasion of Grenada.

### November Meeting

President Dan McMichael called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was delivered by Compatriots Bill Pruitt, Bill Hay, and Chuck Hall presented the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no updates from Children of the American Revolution. Compatriot Chuck Hall does have some merchandise (shirt) to sell.

The Traveling Trunk has been to five local schools along with the US Army Infantry Museum.

Two applications are pending at National. One is in progress on the local level. Compatriot Bernie Talley presented the program. Talley has 30 plus years in law enforcement with the Har-

### Veterans Day at Pine Mountain



The Coweta Falls Color Guard took part in the Pine Mountain Veterans Day Program. Participating in the Color Guard were Bernie Talley, Dan Dykes, Caleb Kinard (Grandson of Dan McMichael) and Dan McMichael. Taps was presented by Chuck Hall.

### Christmas Party

The Coweta Falls December Meeting and Christmas Banquet was held Thursday, December 13th, 2018 at Green Island Country Club. Presiding was President Dan McMichael.

Entertainment was a Special Violin and Viola Duet courtesy of the Schwob School of Music, Columbus State University.

A Thirty Year Award was present to Dr. Hugh Rodgers. The Guest Speaker was J. Michael Tomme, President General NSSAR (2016 – 2017). Reports from the C.A.R. and the Nomination Committee were received. The evening concluded with the drawing for door prizes.





**Coweta Falls**—continued

**Wreaths Across America - Ft Benning**



Fort Benning honored the memory of the nation's military veterans with a wreath-laying ceremony that marked the first time the post has taken part in National Wreaths Across America Day.

Army Col. Richard H. White, told the audience, "The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price." "Laying here before us in cemeteries throughout this nation, are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom, without fear"

"We can worship as we see fit. We can raise our children to believe as we do. We can travel from one end of this great nation to the other, and not ask for permission to go. We are free to vote for whomever we feel should be in government office."



Veterans buried at the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery were remembered in an annual wreath laying ceremony Saturday. Wreaths Across America is an annual nationwide event where the goal nationwide is the place live wreaths on the headstones of veterans laid to rest at all national cemeteries. The Wreaths Across America committee in Fort Mitchell made history this holiday season.

The project received more than 7,000 veteran wreaths. This is the largest number ever received for the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery. The Color Guard for Wreaths Across America included Coweta Falls SAR members Dan McMichael, Robert Moore, and Roy Collier, along with 1st Hamilton Members Dan Dykes and Dan Hutchenson.

**Wreaths Across America**





Coweta Falls—continued

Traveling Trunk



Key Elementary



River Road Elementary



Russell County Middle School

## Coweta Falls—continued

### Flag Certificate

Dan McMichael, on behalf of Coweta Falls, awarded Roosevelt Memorial Church a Flag Certificate for displaying the U. S. Flag every day and night.



The church has just recently built a monument to all those that have serviced in the US Military.

The certificate was accepted by Pastor Keith Jennings. Roosevelt Memorial Church is located 60 B Street in Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia.

### Fort Morris

Fort Morris is an earthen works fort in Liberty County, Georgia, and is on a bend in the Medway River. It played an important role in the protection of southeast Georgia throughout various conflicts beginning in 1741 and ending in 1865 at the conclusion of the American Civil War.

The fort saw use in the French and Indian War, the American Revolutionary War, and War of 1812. At the onset of the American Revolution, the Continental Congress saw need to defend the Medway River.

The Continental Congress authorized the construction of two forts in Georgia. One was to be built at Savannah and the other at Sunbury. Fort Morris was built southeast of Sunbury and serve as a base for several campaigns in British Florida and as a defensive position in defending Sunbury and upriver point.

A small contingent of British soldiers attempted to take the fort on November 25th, 1778. The 200 Americans at Fort Morris were led by Colonel John McIntosh. McIntosh defiantly replied, "Come and take it!" after the British demanded the surrender of the fort. The British declined and pulled back only to return in January with a larger force. It was attacked by the British on January 9, 1779, and was taken the following day. The number of lives lost is not well documented.

Historians suppose that less than twelve American soldiers died and fewer British. It was renamed Fort George and was occupied by the British until September 1779, when the garrison was ordered to Savannah. After the fort was abandoned by the British, colonial forces again took it. It was retaken by the British in October. It remained under British control until 1782. It would again see use in the War of 1812 and the American Civil War.



Robert Moore attended ceremonies at Fort Morris. He participated in the Color Guard and presented a wreath.



## Fall Line

### Charter Request

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, Chapter members of the Fall Line, Wiregrass, Col William Few and the Brier Creek traveled to Barnesville, GA to the 3rd quarterly meeting of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution to present a "Request for Charter" for the Fall Line Chapter in Washington County, GA.

After a year of hard work by the Fall Line President Sandy Mercer, we are able to open this new Chapter with soon to be 65 members.



As of October 27th, the Fall Line Chapter has 31 approved members and 34 applications at the Georgia Society OR the National Society for approval. In the absence of the Georgia Society Membership Chair Gordon Woodard, the assistant membership Chair, President General 2016-17 Mike Tomme, Sr. presented the "Request for Charter" to the Board of Management. This request was approved with a standing ovation. If you would like to become a Charter member of the Fall Line Chapter, please contact President Sandy Mercer at 478-232-7280 or e-mail him at sanders.mercer@gmail.com.

### Charter Presentation

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution hosted the new Fall Line Chapter's Charter Banquet on Saturday night, November 10, 2018 at the Pringle Building in Sandersville, GA at 7:00. With the Col William Few Chapter Registrar Bill Tankersley presiding as the Master of Ceremonies, we had 65 in attendance.

The Georgia Society of the American Revolution Award Winning Color Guard conducted the Presentation of the Colors. The Color Guard was commanded by Bill Palmer. The Invocation was given by the 2015-16 Georgia Society SAR Chaplain Emory Fennell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the East Region Vice President Sonny Pittman and the Pledge to the SAR was led by the Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr. Introductory remarks were given by Georgia Society President Donald Burdick, followed by the Greetings from the 2016-17 President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr.



Fall Line Chapter President Sandy Mercer receives the Chapter's Charter from GAS-SAR President Donald Burdick.

Greetings from the DAR were given by the Regent, Gov. David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter Jane G. Durden and the Registrar, Jared Irwin Chapter Karen McNeely Dana.

After the installation of the new members by President Donald Burdick, President Sandy Mercer was installed by J. Michael Tomme, Sr. At this time President Donald Burdick presented President Mercer with the Fall Line Chapter Charter. The Presentation of the GASSAR Chaplaincy Corps Pin and SAR Prayer Book was presented to Fall Line Chapter Chaplain Lynn Brantley by Emory Fennell. President Mercer then gave his remarks and the GASSAR Color Guard conducted the Retiring of the Colors.

The Flag Respect Chairman of the GASSAR Paul I. Prescott then presented the Charter Chapter Flags to the Sgt-at-Arms Ken Lindsey. The benediction was presented by the Fall Line Chapter Chaplain Lynn Brantley. The SAR recessional was led by M/C Bill Tankersley. At this time Nancy Burdick pulled the winning ticket for the "Brier Creek Battle Print". The winner was Keith Everett. The \$250 Brier Creek Battle Print was donated to the Fall Line Chapter by Betsy Sternau, a descendant of Col Samuel Elbert, Commander of the Georgia Continentals at the Brier Creek Battle.



Fall Line—continued



Fall Line Chapter members assemble with Eastern Region Vice President Sonny Pittman

Chartering Banquet



President inducts new members at the Fall Line Chapter's Chartering Banquet on Saturday November 10, 2018 at the Pringle Building in Sand-ersville, GA

## Four Rivers

### Installing New Officers

East Region Vice President, Sonny Pittman, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, traveled 110 miles to Vidalia, GA on Thursday night, October 18, 2018 to install the newly elected officers of the Four Rivers Chapter.

Those officers elected were Matt Oxley, President; Al Johnson, Secretary; Charlie Faulk, Treasurer; Dean Mills, Registrar; Jimmy Harris, Chaplain; William Phillips, Sgt-at-Arms; and Steve DeWiel, Past President. If you would like to become a member of the Four Rivers Chapter, please contact Registrar Dean Mills at 912-293-5980 or e-mail him at [ugaclassof1966@yahoo.com](mailto:ugaclassof1966@yahoo.com).

Matt Oxley takes the oath as Chapter Pres-



### October Meeting

On Tuesday, October 30, 2018, Compatriot Dess Smith III traveled to Vidalia as the guest speaker for Kiwanian Matt Oxley.

Matt is the President of the Four Rivers Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, and he asked Compatriot Smith to present his program to the Vidalia Kiwanis Club on the film commissioned by the Georgia Army National Guard to show the relationship of today's citizen soldiers to the Patriots who founded this great country of ours during the American Revolution.

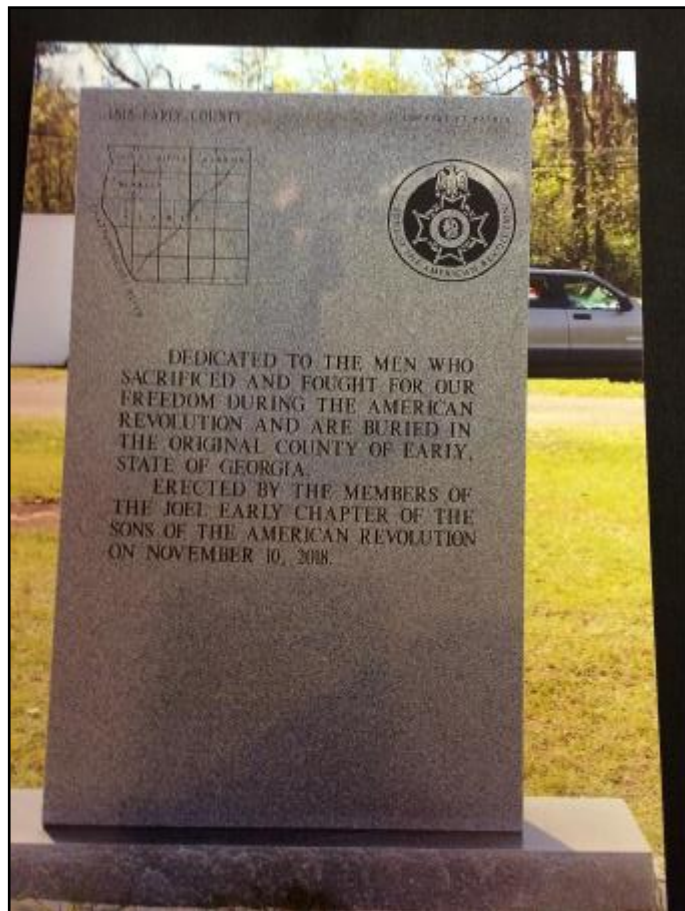
Compatriot Smith's program was a 22-minute video named "Hero of the Hornets Nest and the War Woman". To make this film, the film company called on the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution to travel to Wilkes county, GA in November 2017 for a full day of filming. We were told to wear our militia uniforms and bring our 50 cal. Flintlock Long Rifles along with about 25 rounds of ammunition.

This video featured Elijah Clarke, The Hero at the Hornets Nest, and Nancy Hart, the War Woman. The battles that were depicted were the Battle at Kettle Creek (Wilkes County, GA) and the 1st and 2nd Battles at Augusta, GA.

Those attending the Vidalia Kiwanis Club meeting from the Four Rivers Chapter (Vidalia) were President Matt Oxley, Registrar Dean Mills, Treasurer Charlie Faulk, and Past President Steve DeWiel. Attending along with Four Rivers dual member Dess Smith III was his wife Ginny Smith who is a member of the Gov David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter (Swainsboro) Daughters of the American Revolution.



# Joel Early



The monument was designed and funded by the Joel Early Chapter. The monument is 5 ft. tall and 3 ft. wide. It was placed in the Blakely City Cemetery in Blakely, Early County, Georgia.

It lists the names of 24 patriots of the American Revolution who were living in the original Early County, Georgia. Early Co., was formed on December 15, 1818. the County turned 200 years old this year.



Joel Early chapter recognized a Boy Scout for his Eagle Service Project.

The Chapter presented him and his church with a flag certificate.

His Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be sometime next year.





# Joseph Habersham

## New Members Inducted



Northeast Region Vice President Justin Reese inducted two new Compatriots at our Dec.13 2018 Meeting at the Crossroads Café. Gilbert Fountain and Thomas Fountain hold their certificates with their Mother Pam Fountain. William Raper and Lyn Cash assisted with the ceremony.



William Raper, Registrar for the Joseph Habersham Chapter places the member rosette on new Compatriot Richard.....?

## Lyman Hall



### Veterans Day

Sunbury Chapter NSDAR and members of the Sukey Hart Society C.A.R. gathered to celebrate Veterans Day at the Hoschton City square on Sunday, Nov 11th.

Keynote speaker George Rishfeld, a Holocaust survivor told his story of suffering, family separation and eventual rescue.

### Veterans Day

Second Graders at McEver Arts Academy in Hall County proudly display 'Thank You' notes they had made in preparation to welcome a Lyman Hall Compatriot on Veterans Day.

Despite having five classes cramped into one classroom the students were very attentive and asked many questions.

Many of them spoke of their family members who had served or are presently on active duty with the US military.



### October Meeting

Dr David Noble, Compatriot of the Atlanta Chapter brought the program for Lyman Hall Chapter's October meeting. His topic was the continuing research being done at the site of the Battle of Brier Creek.

His presentation included recent work including the use of Cadaver Dogs and Ground Penetrating Radar to locate graves of fallen soldiers from both sides of the conflict. His video of the dogs in action was particularly impressive.

Much work is yet to be done at the battlefield site. Dr Noble encouraged support of the Kettle Creek Battlefield Society.



*Photo by James Parker*



**Lyman Hall**—continued

**Travelling Trunk**

Fourth graders handle safe items from the Lyman Hall Chapter trunk. Compatriot Carter Wood presents one of the 135 sessions the Chapter's education Committee including Roscoe McMillan and Dr Edward P Rigel, Sr. have made this year at Elementary, Middle, High Schools and Brenau University's Life and Leisure Institute.



**New Member Induction**



Compatriot Roscoe McMillan places the SAR Rosette on new member Woodrow Wilson Golden a descendant of Gray Barbee.

*Photo by Helen Powell*



Compatriot Tom Chamberlain and his DAR wife Karen enjoyed the Luncheon.

*Photo by Helen Powell*



**Lyman Hall**—continued**Many Thanks**

Donna C. Rowe, who spoke of her experiences during the Viet Nam War and the bravery of those with whom she served. She also told a remarkable story of a critically injured infant and the efforts made in successfully saving her life. Donna was featured in "The Kathleen Story" segment of the World Film Festival's award winning Vietnam War documentary film: "In The Shadow of The Blade".

Lyman Hall Chapter is deeply indebted to Dr Edward P Rigel, Sr for his tireless efforts in planning and arranging for the annual combined meeting.

Donna was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Lyman Hall Chapter President Carter Wood and COL William Candler Chapter Regent Penny Walker.

*Photos by Helen Powell*



Melissa McMillan provided the beautiful centerpieces for every table. They were a fresh and seasonal adornment to the Christmas theme of the Luncheon.

Compatriot Roscoe McMillan performed double duty as both the Sergeant at Arms and the Chapter Chaplain for the Luncheon's ceremonies.



## Lyman Hall—continued

### Brenau University Life and Leisure Institute—BULLI



Lyman Hall Chapter continued its partnership and support of Brenau University's "Life and Leisure Institute" with another semester this fall. The theme this time was '2018— One Hundred Year Retrospective on The Great War'. These serious history students delved into twelve topics that are not well known but cumulatively made a significant impact on the conduct, outcome and legacies of World War One.

Instead of a graduation certificate participants were issued an 'Honorable Discharge' that included an image of the WWI Victory Medal. Work is underway to make future presentations via BULLI.

*Photo by Peg Sheffield*

### Wreaths Across America

Compatriot and Past President of Lyman Hall Chapter Hall Martin represented the Chapter at one of Gainesville's observances of Wreaths Across American on Saturday, Dec 15th at Alta Vista Cemetery. Hall poses here with Peggy Walker, Regent of the COL William Candler chapter.





## Lyman Hall—continued

### Travelling Trunk



### Blacks Mill Elementary

Fourth graders at Blacks Mill Elementary enjoyed their annual 'Colonial Christmas' on Friday December 14th. Many students were dressed in period attire.

Activities included the Lyman Hall Travelling Trunk and making butter by shaking cream in baby food jars.

### Bramlett Elementary

The entire fourth grade class crowded into the school's Media Center for this year's introduction to the American Revolution period of studies.

Topics included founding of the Georgia Colony, Georgia's role in the Revolution, life on the colonial frontier and significant Georgian Patriots.

*Photos by Linda Wood*



### Jefferson City Elementary

Lyman Hall Chapter replica artifacts were displayed in preparation for five sessions with fourth graders on Wednesday October 17th.

The invitation to make this first ever visit to a Jefferson City School came from Stacey Sanchez, a teacher who visited the Sunbury Chapter NSDAR booth at 'Art in the Park' at Hurricane Shoals.



## Mount Vernon

### Traveling Trunk

Mount Vernon Chapter gave its first Traveling Trunk Presentation to the children at Lake Forest Elementary School in Sandy Springs. 140 students participated in an outdoor amphitheater on the playground of the school on a cloudy and cool Thursday morning. It was well received by the students, who enjoyed learning about Revolutionary War era life.

Each fourth grade class (students) and their teachers participated in the Traveling Trunk program, except Davida Dyer, who's son was graduating from basic training at Fort Jackson Georgia.



Special thanks to educators Davida Dyer and Ms. Brown for working with Chapter members Jim McDonald, Shep Hammack and Bill Floyd to arrange this fun and educational event.

### Veterans Day Ceremony

The Georgia Color Guard presented colors at the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday 11/11 at the Atlanta History Center. That day was established to commemorate the end of WWI, when that war ended on the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month".

The annual Veterans Day program at Veterans Park featured a keynote speech by Joe Galloway.

Joe is one of America's premiere war correspondents and co-author of the international bestseller "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young", which was adapted into the acclaimed movie "We Were Soldiers".



L to R: Tom Christman, David Wiley, Rick Reese, Jr, Shep Hammack

(Photo by Becky Leake)



Mount Vernon—continued

## Traveling Trunk



Mount Vernon Chapter gave its second Traveling Trunk Presentation to the children at Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Sandy Springs on December 4th. Bill Floyd and David Wiley gave the presentation to ninety students from four classes of 4th graders and six teachers. It was well received by the students, who enjoyed learning about Revolutionary War era life.

A special thanks to educator Charlotte Bock and Paul A. Barton for working with the Mount Vernon Chapter

## Guest Speaker ~ Robin Towns

Vice President Bill Floyd introduced the guest speaker for the evening. Robin Towns, would speak about Moina Belle Michael, known as "The Poppy Lady". Bill Floyd presented Robin Towns with a Speaker Appreciation Certificate and a gift box with 'poppy pin' in it.

Robin distributed a commemorative stamp with the Poppy Lady on it to everyone who attended.



*Photos by Tom Hughes*

## Mount Vernon—continued



### December Chapter Meeting

Guest Speaker Terry Manning did a marvelous job going through recorded history in colonial and post Revolutionary War era America of the character associated with the Christmas Spirit.

#### Highlights of Terry's Presentation

- In 1773, probably referring to a well-known 17th century Delaware Indian and referring to him as "St. a Claus."
- In 1776, St. Nicholas was a traditional gift bearer among the Dutch who were prominent in settling New York. Regarded as a well-dressed, affluent religious figure.
- Around 1812, the lower classes did not always have reason to celebrate Christmas and he changed from a religious figure to a gift giving, benevolent character purposely associated with the celebration of Christmas, someone who gave to those less fortunate.
- In 1821, William Gilley wrote the poem, "A Children's Friend," which is the first mention of a (1) reindeer.
- In 1823, Clement C. Moore composed the poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas" with an 8 reindeer team.



John Wassell receives his 'Cockade" as a member of the GA Color Guard.



*Photos by Tom Hughes*

Sergeant at Arms Chuck Olson displays a streamer for participating At Kings Mountain.



## Mount Vernon—continued

### Wreaths Across America

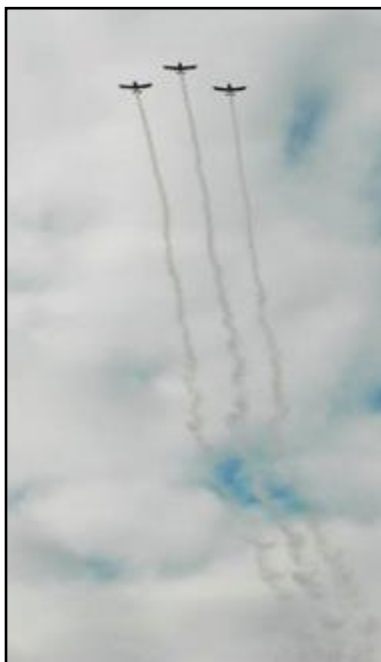


Canton National Cemetery, Marietta National Cemetery and the Roswell Presbyterian Church Cemetery all had Wreaths Across America ceremonies at noon on Saturday Dec. 15th. The annual event reminds us to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on their graves at a National Cemetery.

Wreaths Across America has thousands of volunteers, and many of them are young people. The events at Marietta and at Canton had Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, JROTC units, Cadet ROTC members and volunteers who showed up to lay wreaths at every headstone.

After straightening the wreath to the stone, and allowing the name of the person to be seen, the volunteer would back up one step and salute the fallen veteran.

Marietta: Mount Vernon Color Guard members Randy Pollard and Shep Hammack participated in the Wreaths Across America event at the Marietta National Cemetery.



Cobb County Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol GA-090 helped at the Marietta National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Canton: Corresponding Secretary & webmaster Chuck Rann attended the Canton ceremony. The Noon ceremony was held at the Assembly Area.

The Civil Air Patrol flew over the Canton Cemetery as well.



*(Photos by Randy Pollard)*

# Piedmont

## Inspecting the Troops

Compatriots Paul Prescott, and Rick Reese, Jr., conducted a uniform review of several Cub Scout Dens and their monthly Pack 459 meeting. The Event was held at the Alpharetta First United Methodist in Alpharetta, GA.

Paul and Rick dressed in their colonial uniforms, reviewed the young scouts with the standard criteria in hand provided by the Cubmaster Ed Parson had provided. Compatriots Reese and Prescott also addressed the gathered scouts, giving a little information on Sons of the American Revolution, and talking about the Traveling Trunk presentations that are available to come to their schools.



Wolf Cub Scouts are reviewed for uniform details.



Tiger Cubs at attention for their uniform inspection.



Cub Scout families learn about SAR and the Traveling Trunk.



## Piedmont—continued

### Battle of Kings Mountain

The regular chapter meeting was held on Saturday October, 13, 2018. After the social hour and breakfast the meeting was called to order by President Ron Redner. Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Allgood. The colors were presented by the Chapter Color Guard, led by commander Paul Prescott and Sgt-at-Arms Zachary Miller led the group both in the Pledge of Allegiance and to the SAR.

Vice President Roy Greene, introduced our guest speaker, Emil Decker of the Robert Forsyth Chapter. Emil gave a very informative presentation on the Battle of Kings Mountain, a battle that included John Crockett, father of Davey Crockett.

The Battle of Kings Mountain was a military engagement between Patriot and Loyalist militias in South Carolina during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolutionary War, resulting in a decisive victory for the Patriots. The battle took place on October 7, 1780, in what is now rural Cherokee County, South Carolina, the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalist militia commanded by British Major Patrick Ferguson. The battle has been described as "the war's largest all-American fight". Following the death of the British Major Ferguson, the British were forced to split their southern forces in two, which ultimately led to the capture of Cornwallis and the defeat of the British in Yorktown.



Roy Greene congratulates Emil Decker

### Veterans Day



Rick Reese, Jr., senior leader for the Martha Stewart Bulloch C.A.R. was honored at their Veterans Day Meeting for his service in United States Marine Corps.

## Piedmont—continued



L to R: Rick Reese Jr, Ms Joan Ergle, George Thurmond  
(Photo by Rick Reese III)

### Good Citizenship Medal

The Piedmont Chapter honors and congratulates 8th Grade Social Studies teacher Ms Joan Ergle at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell, GA. She was presented with a SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her continued support of the Piedmont Chapter and the SAR by sponsoring the Sgt Moses Brochure Contest in her classes over the past four years.

The local, state and national SAR Brochure contest is focused on 6th, 7th or 8th grade Middle School level students. The contest promotes knowledge of the American Revolutionary War by rewarding students with cash prizes for the most creative, accurate and visually appealing brochures on a designated theme.

During this four year time of guidance by Ms. Ergle, Fellowship Christian School entries finished 2nd and 3rd place nationally at the annual SAR Conventions. Ms Ergle was entered in the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher contest, competing with other teachers around the country. She has a good chance of doing well. Congratulations! Go Paladins!

### Eagle Scout

Rick Reese presented the Certificate of Recognition from the Piedmont Chapter to Eagle Scout Rohan Adara of Troop 3143 at his court of Honor on September 30th, 2018 at the Johns Creek United Methodist Church.

Rohan's Eagle service project was to build and install signs along the audio tour route at Autrey Mill nature preserve and heritage center located in Johns Creek.

The signs include a map of the audio tour along with instructions. Rohan and his Scouts team accumulated 203 service hours to plan, raise \$540 in funds and execute the Eagle service project.



### Wreaths Across America

Piedmont Chapter again supported the Wreaths Across America events on Saturday December 15th at 3 local locations, the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton GA., the Marietta National Cemetery, and the Roswell Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Roswell GA.



## Samuel Elbert

Samuel Elbert Chapter hosted multiple grave markings and the annual Vann's Creek Commemoration service. One was on a most acceptable day, and the other not so much, but the honors were presented and we look forward to the coming year.



Above: Patriots honored at Coldwater United Methodist Church included War heroes-Ralph Banks, James Adams, William Gaines, and Eli Eavenson. Additionally Compatriot Clyde Adams, SAR member was likewise honored at Concord UMC.

A wet day does not stop the Vann's Creek ceremonies, but simply allows the Color Guard to adapt to the weather.





## Robert Forsyth

Robert Forsyth Chapter, after a successful raffle of a Brown Bess musket last year, decided to continue the tradition with another raffle to help support the many programs of the chapter. We decided to double down on our offerings this year, and presented a pair, or brace of flintlock pistols for the winner. The pair were placed in a wooden presentation case with an engraved glass front.

The pistol chosen was the 1738 Land Service Heavy Dragoon model, a pistol that many cavalry and officers from both sides of the conflict would have been familiar with. Inspired by Prussian designs of the time, this model of Dragoon pistol was common among mounted troops throughout the 18th Century.

When a Light Dragoon pistol was developed in 1760, this pistol was consigned to the Heavy Dragoons. It was likely in store at the opening of the American Revolution and saw use on both sides during the conflict. However the true claim to fame of this elegant pistol came prior to the revolution. During King George's War, British Dragoon regiments such as the Royal Dragoons, King's Dragoons, and Royal Scots Greys saw service in at the Battles of Dettingen and Fontenoy.

At the victory at Dettingen, the Dragoons are noted as firing a volley from their pistols to check a charge by French cavalry. The defeat at Roucoux in 1746 and at Lauffeld in 1747 could have turned into disasters if it were not for the heroic actions of the British cavalry which held off the French while the army retreated.

During the Jacobite Rebellions, Dragoons played a significant role at the Battle of Culloden by charging both flanks of the Highland army. The 1738 Land Service (Heavy Dragoon) Pistol is as beautiful as it is legendary. It features the distinctive "long-ear'd" buttcap, elliptical aprons, and stock swell, and was produced, with minor variations, from the 1740's to the 1790's. The handgun's lock maintained the unique "banana shape" and incorporated a double bridle. The 1738 pistol saw action in the French & Indian War

### Raffling Pistols



The pistols were encased within a wooden box with an etched glass front. Tickets were sold by chapter members for \$20, or three for \$50. The winning ticket was purchased by Atlanta Chapter member Floyd Adams, who was delighted with his new possessions. May your powder remain dry, and your aim true, Floyd.

### Old Soldier's Day Parade



Emil Decker moved from crowd to crowd identifying veterans.



Photos by Rick Reese III



**Robert Forsyth**—continued

**Junior Members**

Two of our younger members are also scouts. Lukas and Noah Bettich are seen here with family during Lukas' Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

The ceremony was attended by John Flikeid, Emil Decker, and J.C. Hustis.



**Constitution Proclamation**

*Photo by: Marcia Bettich*



Yet another proclamation, this one for Constitution Week, was read by the Forsyth County Commissioners.

This reading was attended by Gary Page, Emil Decker, J.C. Hustis, John Flikeid, and David Johnson .

*Photo by: Gary Page*

**Battle of Kings Mountain**

Emil Decker presented a first person account of the Battle of Kings Mountain to the Chestatee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Kaytie Mashburn, Regent presents a certificate of appreciation.



*Photo by Lynn Briggs*

## William Few

Col. William Few Chapter met on December 10th with GASSAR President-Elect Scott Collins as our special guest and program speaker. It was an outstanding meeting, with four new compatriots being inducted (three present). Each had an opportunity to address the membership and all stressed the value of lessons learned about the importance of history and the value of the SAR in persevering the mission of our founding fathers.

Recognitions and medals also went to three DAR ladies who have been so helpful in working on membership applications, education outreach (Traveling Trunk) and chapter administrative assistance; and a war service medal was presented to chapter member Major General Perry Smith (USAF, Ret).

A highlight of the evening was a report from chapter member Dr. James Brady that the Vietnam War Memorial Initiative project that has been in progress for months has exceeded its monetary goal and the new memorial will be in place next year as planned! Dr. Brady, who headed this local initiative, expressed his thanks to our chapter for its valuable support for effort.



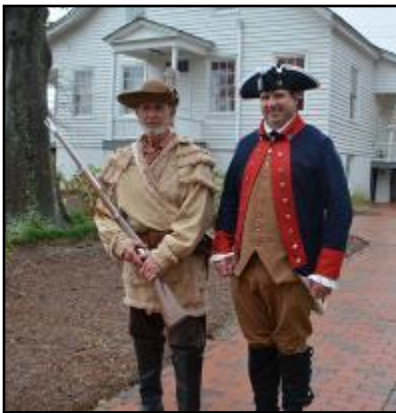
### December Meeting

### Christmas Open House

December 1st at the Meadow Garden Christmas Open House was a great success...always, in part, to our wonderful SAR men who come and add a special flavor to anything we do!

Bill Colbert brought his traveling trunk to share with visitors, Martin Schwerzler was all decked out in his brand new Continental garb (and a fairly new member to SAR too!!!), and Bill Croft was there to share about items in the Meadow Garden kitchen and to talk with visitors and just help where needed.

THANK YOU ALL...so proud to be your SAR-DAR Cooperation State Vice Chair!



### Travelling Trunk



Our chapter is very blessed to have Compatriot Don Thomas and his wife Pat. The LCMS 8th grade had another great visit from Pat & Don Thomas in the Georgia Studies class. Students enjoyed viewing the items from their traveling trunk of colonial items, hearing stories about Revolutionary War patriots, and watching Mr. Don fire his rifle.

Thanks to those who give their time and energy so passionately to educate children about life during the American Revolution through the Traveling Trunk program.



**William Few**—continued

**Veterans Day**



Col. William Few Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution send out a "Salute" to all veterans on their day!!

We had the privilege assisting the ladies of the Augusta and College Hill chapters of the DAR while serving veterans at the Charles B. Norwood Center in Augusta today.



Scouts from local Cub, Webelos and Boy Scout troops were also on hand to serve meals to these very special men and women. With deepest sincerity we say, "Thanks For Your Service!!!"

## Wiregrass



### October Meeting

Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, October 11, 2018. With President Wilder Smith presiding, we had 13 members in attendance and 3 guests. Our program for the evening was presented by Compatriot John Derden. John has been a member of the Wiregrass Chapter since July 30, 2018 and John's Patriot ancestor is John Chastain who served in Virginia during the American Revolution. Compatriot John Derden's program was on the "Battle at Kings Mountain". Kings Mountain National Military Park is a National Military Park near Blacksburg, South Carolina, along the North Carolina/South Carolina border. The park commemorates the Battle of Kings Mountain, a pivotal and significant victory by American Patriots over American Loyalists during the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. Thomas Jefferson considered the battle "The turn of the tide of success." The Battle of Kings Mountain was fought on October 7, 1780, and destroyed the left wing of Lord Cornwallis' army, effectively ending Loyalist ascendance in the Carolinas. The victory halted the British advance into North Carolina, forced Lord Cornwallis to retreat from Charlotte into South Carolina, and gave General Nathanael Green the opportunity to reorganize the American Army.

### 30th U.S. Flag Certificate

Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented the Swainsboro U.S. Post Office with our 30th U.S. Flag Certificate. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by Chair Al Smith to Postmaster Andy Simmons in recognition of exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way.

Recognizing people, businesses, organizations and the government with a U.S. Flag Certificate is a project of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Wiregrass Chapter began presenting these certificates in June 2014 and this project is an on going project of the Wiregrass Chapter, the GASSAR and the NSSAR and we will be honoring others with this certificate



### November Meeting

Wiregrass Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, November 8, 2018 at the New China Restaurant at 6:30. With Vice President Steve Burke presiding, we had 17 members in attendance and 3 guests.

This month's program was presented by Compatriot Steve Burke. Steve is the Vice President of the Wiregrass Chapter and a CHARTER member. He lives in Garfield, GA and has been employed by the Planters Electric Membership Corp for over 30 years.

Steve's son Jason is a member of our Chapter also. Steve presented his program on the "Personalities of several Founding Fathers".



**Wiregrass**—continued

L to R: Chair Al Smith, Jordan Peavey, Wilder Smith, Jr.

**31st U.S. Flag Certificate**

Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented State Farm Insurance Company with our 31st U.S. Flag Certificate.

The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by Chair Al Smith to Jordan Peavey, State Farm Agent, located at 305 West Main Street, Swainsboro in recognition of exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way.

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**“Come and Take It”**

On Saturday, November 17, 2018, four East Region Chapters, Brier Creek, Fall Line, Four Rivers and Wiregrass, of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Traveled to the southeast Georgia Coast to the site of the American Revolutionary War battle to Commemorate the “British Demand to Surrender Fort Morris”, to which the Patriots defiantly replied, “Come and Take It”.

This battle happened on November 25, 1778. Our very own Compatriot Tommy Christopher was again the Master of Ceremonies for the event. This is the fourth year that Tommy has been asked by the event planners to M/C the Annual Fort Morris – Sunbury Memorial Ceremony.

Our Brier Creek/Wiregrass Skunk Brigade also participated with the Georgia/Florida combined Color Guard in Presenting and Retrieving the Colors. They also participated with a three round volley with their .50 cal. Flintlock Long Rifles.

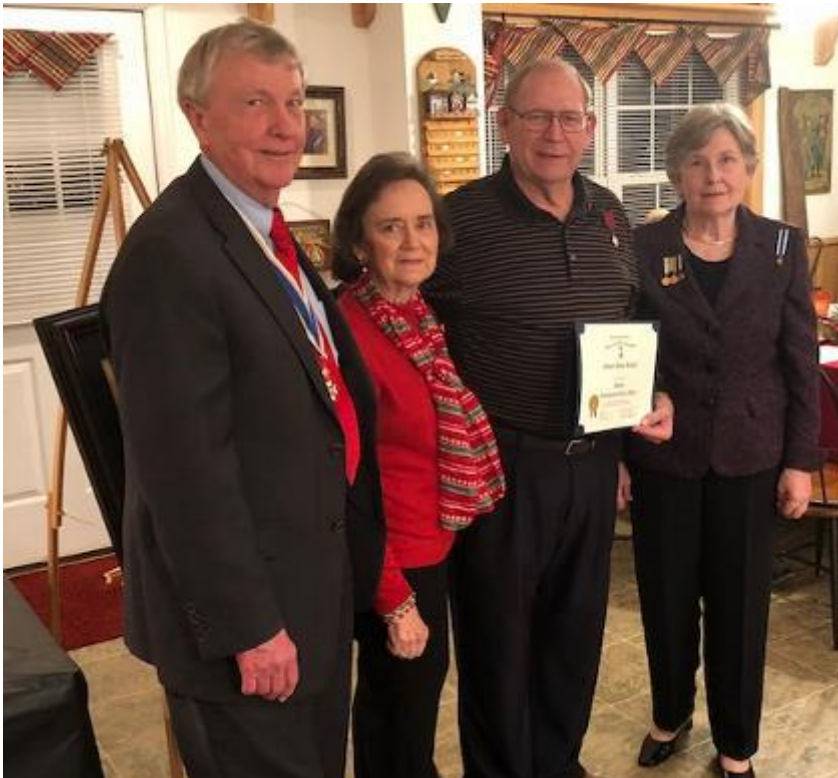




**Wiregrass**—continued**Chapter Christmas Party**

Brier Creek Chapter held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, December 6, 2018 at Compatriot John Fitzner's Cabin, located on Brier Creek, about 2 miles north of the Brier Creek Battlefield. With President Lee Smith presiding, we had 28 members and guests in attendance.

Host John Fitzner, grilled hamburgers for the Chapter along with Ginny Smith's pork-in-beans, chips and dip. John had a fire going in the cabin plus another fire outside for our enjoyment.



Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, December 13, 2018 at Norma and Julian Sconyers Clubhouse. With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, we had 25 in attendance. This Christmas Party event has been sponsored by Norma and Julian Sconyers for several years. Julian is a member of the Wiregrass Chapter along with his son Jay.

This year, Norma and Julian, assisted by Buddy Cobb, served us their signature "grilled pork chops", along with all the trimmings. The Wiregrass Chapter does not have a program on our December meeting, instead President Wilder Smith, Jr. presents the "Fred Darwin Womack Wiregrass Chapter Distinguished Service Medal" to our Chapters most outstanding member. This medal can only be presented to an SAR member one time and only one can be presented per year and only by the Chapter President.

Compatriot Emory Fennell received this Service Medal. President Wilder was assisted by Judy Womack, the late Fred Womack's wife.



# Georgia Annual Conference



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Upper Left—Clockwise: 1) Larry Thomas presents two excellent DNA Sessions. (photo by Emil Decker) 2) Folks enjoy the meal as the Friday evening banquet begins. 3) President Donald Burdick addresses the assembled. 3) President General Warren Alter and wife Nancy receive a gift of Transylvania Club Georgia History plates. 4) Pres. Gen. Alter spoke of how “What You Do Matters”. 5) More table talk as the full banquet room enjoys the festivities.



Upper Left—Clockwise: 1) Daniel Woodruff, President of the South Atlantic District gives welcome remarks. 2) President General Warren Alter and wife Nancy recognize Ed Rigel Sr. and his lovely wife Joan with a pineapple medallion, symbol of friendship and being a good host. 3) Members of the Ladies Auxiliary receive a Medal of Appreciation. 4) Pres. Don Burdick presents Audrey Frederick a Silver Medal of Appreciation for her C.A.R. activities. 5) Nancy Burdick, Women's Auxiliary President, receives the Daughter's of Liberty Medal. 6) President General Alter, who was only days before in the hospital with an operation, was a steady force throughout the conference.





Upper Left—Clockwise: 1) Bill Palmer at his usual best. 2) Sid Turner receives his Bronze Color Guard Medal. 3) Eldon Evans receives the Color Guard Rookie of the Year award. 4) Bill Ramsaur, Eldon Evans, & John Flikeid receive their Patriot Grave Marking Medals. 5) Scott Collins receives the Commander's Award 6) Allen Greenly accepts his Senior Color Guard Certificate.





Upper Left—Clockwise: 1) Sid Turner receives the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. 2) Silver Roger Sherman awards are given to David Nobel, Rick Reese Jr., Bill Palmer, Delbert Allen Smith, David Ludley, and Shep Hammack. 3) Dori Brown was awarded a Citizenship Medal. 4) Steven Hinson is presented the Meritorious Service Medal. 5) Nancy Burdick was the recipient of the Lydia Darrow Medal. 6) Jack Dugger, Shep Hammack, and Scott Collins are recognized for participating in a milestone 100 events with the Georgia Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia.





Upper Left—Clockwise: 1) Oak Leaf Clusters for their Silver Roger Sherman Medals are given to Hugh Rodgers, Robert W. Moore, David Jessel, and Roger Coursey. 2) Dess Smith won the Robert B. Vance Sr. Membership trophy. 3) Former recipients of the Patriot Medal lined up to greet the new members of this prestigious group. Bill Palmer walks the line. 4) President Don Burdick is congratulated on his being chosen 5) Dess Smith is another recipient of the Patriot Medal 6) Bill Tankersley was not present Friday night, and so received his Patriot Medal on Saturday morning.





Above: Past Presidents of the Georgia Society. L-R Front row: George Thurmond, George Wheelless, Don Burdick, Charlie Newcomer, Ed Rigel Sr., Bob Sapp.

Back row L-R: J. Michael Tomme, Allen Greenly, Roger Coursey, and Wayne Brown.



Left: Chaplain of the Year receives the Reverend Dan Gates Award for Service. This year the award goes to Harry L. Kitchens from the Button Gwinnett Chapter. (Photo by Bruce Maney)

Above: The BOM was well attended.





Upper Left—Clockwise: 1) Multiple certificates and ribbons await Chapter and Student recipients at the Luncheon on Saturday. 2) Folks enjoy the meal as the Saturday banquet begins. 3) Laughter and good fellowship was evident 3) Ditto. 4) ROTC Medal presented to Cassidy Sweet 5) Eagle Scout Cutler Shiver received his medal and congratulations from President General Alter.





Upper Left—Clockwise: 1) The John Dooly Education Outreach Award was presented to Steven Ford. 2) Atlanta Chapter President Henry Cobb accepts a certificate for 21 flag certificates presented 3) Multiple ribbons were won by many chapters, causing the lineup of recipients to extend across the front of the room and around the side.

**A detailed list of Individual and Chapter Awards will be forthcoming in the 1st quarter, 2019 Hornet's Nest.**





Top: State elected Officers are sworn in. Left: President's medallion is placed upon incoming President Scott Collins. Right: With gavel in hand, President Scott is ready to take the leadership position for the Georgia State Society, Sons of the American Revolution.





Left: Donald Burdick receives his recognition for a term well served.  
Above: President Scott Collins addresses the room.

Below: With all the speeches and awards concluded, the Award winning State Color Guard enters the room to retire the flags, ...until we meet again.





# Upcoming Events

Frederica Patriots Day Celebration- Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>- St. Simons Island, GA – Ceremony at 10:00am, commemorating the "shot heard 'round the world" on April 19, 1775, and the Frederica Naval Action on April 19, 1778. Followed by Parade in the St. Simons Village, and afternoon Tours of Fort Frederica and Christ Church & Cemetery.



Grave Markings for Five Patriots- Midway Church Colonial Cemetery - Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - Midway Georgia at 1:30pm