

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



January—March 2019

The President's Dispatch



What a weekend. My first Board of Managers meeting on Saturday is over along with the ceremony to mark five patriot graves in Midway, Georgia on Sunday. Both events were well attended. In addition, I had five in the seven-day period around this weekend for another group that I am serving as the state Chair.

I certainly appreciate the help that I had from compatriots in setting the five grave markers for the Midway Church Cemetery on Saturday afternoon after the BOM and everyone that assisted in the church service, dinner on the grounds, and marker dedication ceremony on Sunday.

Going back to the Saturday morning BOM meeting the BOM approved three Special Committees.

The first one was the "Congress Planning Committee for 2022". This action was needed to formally create this committee even though the planning work has been

going on for at least the last eighteen months. The committee was staffed by the president and the appointed Chairman but the committee was never created in accordance with the Bylaws as a Special Committee. This motion passed and Compatriot Allen Greenly will chair the Congress Planning Committee for 2022.

The second one was needed to handle a request from the National Society SAR Patriot Research System Committee to enter patriots that are tied into Georgia into the PRS. In addition, the PRS number will be needed on the Revolutionary War Grave Marker Dedication Reporting Form and on the Revolutionary War Graves Medal Application. This motion to create the "Patriot Research System Committee" for the Georgia Society SAR passed and I am looking for a chairman for this special committee.

The last of the Special Committees is the "Compatriot Membership-Genealogical Research Project" which is charged with accounting for every Georgia Society SAR member that has ever been a member of the Georgia Society from day one. The motion passed.

This database will have the members National Number, Georgia Number, original chapter, original patriot, date of membership, date of death, place of burial including the cemetery name and town, among other items. The database will be searchable and it is also expected that it will be setup as an on-demand eBook or other distribution methods as approved by the BOM.

It is my desire that chapters can utilize this database to find out the compatriots buried in their area by cemetery and then move forward with Compatriot grave marker dedication ceremonies.

Compatriot Mark Anthony has already entered over three thousand Compatriots into the system and he will chair the Special Committee. He will be looking for members to assist him in filling in the "blanks" in the database.

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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.

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The time period to complete this project is expected to be before the Georgia Centennial in 2021.

The Georgia Centennial Medal to commemorate the Georgia Society Centennial in 2021 and the Georgia Congress Medal for the 2022 National Congress in Savannah have been approved by the appropriate committees. Please look for an opportunity to purchase these medals.

Also please consider joining the Georgia Society SAR at our upcoming Annual Conference on the 24th and 25th of January 2020 at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta which is in Duluth, Georgia.

In addition to the items previously discussed the Georgia Society SAR has many other programs that we need to support such as:

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

Continued developed of our Historic Sites and Celebrations programs

Continued emphasis on patriot grave markings and a new emphasis on compatriot grave markings

Developing a Council of Regional Vice Presidents to help strengthen chapters all over the state to be headed up by our Senior Vice President

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

The need to have a second trained person in each key position

Getting chapter to turn in their quarterly reports including the Americanism and Veterans reports

Putting the Endowment Trust Fund to work

and the list goes on.

Much work is needed to be done and each of us has our own abilities so I call on all of us to take the action to support the advancement and mission of the Georgia Society SAR and yes that might mean stepping out of your normal comfort zone. The officers, BOM members and committee members are all here to assist and help you.

K Scott Collins

President

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

**Board Of Managers Meetings**

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Winter TBA 2020

BOM location:

Garden Patch Restaurant

100 Southland Drive

(old highway 41)

Barnesville, GA. 30204

Executive Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Location:

Offices of Collins/Moody & Co.,

PC located at 455 Newton

Bridge Road in Athens, GA

30607

All Executive Committee

Meetings will have a

Zoom Option.

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 by the afternoon

before the Executive Committee meeting.

Deadline for Hornet's Nest Submissions

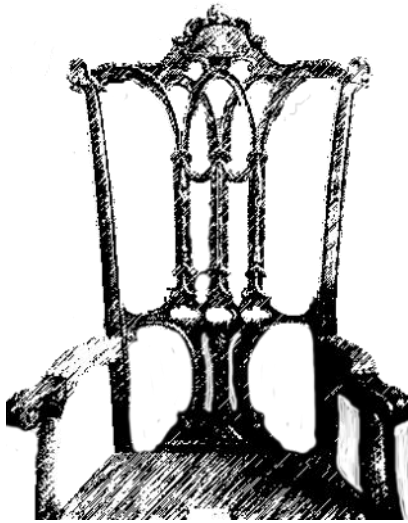
Saturday, July 20, 2019

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Winter TBD 2020

Submissions are due one week before the next quarter's BOM. Items received after the deadline will be considered for the next issue. This is based on a commitment to have the quarterly publication completed as soon as possible after that quarter ends. I apologize for the delay of this issue. It was done at the request of the GASSAR President.

Committee Chairs



This is the Rising Sun Chair George Washington used during the Constitutional Convention. On September 17, 1787, the Constitution was signed by forty-two remaining delegates to the convention in their last meeting. Benjamin Franklin, the oldest delegate present, remarked that all summer he had wondered if the decorative gilded sun carved on Washington's chair was rising or setting. Once the manuscript was signed, he determined that the sun was rising—a symbol of the young nation ascending at the dawn of its new government.

More accurately referred to as the Speaker's Chair, it was built in 1779 to replace an older item destroyed during the British occupation of Philadelphia from 1777 to 1778. The chair remains on display in the Assembly Room of Independence Hall.

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Right: Georgia Society Past Presidents with PG Alter and South Atlantic District Vice President Woodruff.

Photo by Rick Reese III.



The first State event of the year was our GASSAR Annual Conference. If you missed it, I am sure you certainly regret not being there. Multiple Awards were handed out to individuals and chapters. Photos from the event were published in the final 2018 edition of *The Hornet's Nest*. Listed here are the awards and recipients:

Daughters of Liberty Medal (OLC)

Nancy Burdick

SAR Medal of Appreciation

Leslie Watkins—1st V. Pres. (OLC)
Jane Durden—2nd V. Pres.(Medal)
Linda Reese—Secretary (Medal)
Donna Loudermilk—Treas (Medal)
Brenda Jessel—Chaplain (OLC)
Joan Rigel—Hospitality (OLC)
Cilla Tomme—Nominations (OLC)

SAR/CAR Silver Medal of Appreciation

Audery Faith Frederick

Patriot Grave Marking Medals

John Flikeid
Bill Ramsaur
Brent Taylor
Eldon Evans

PG Robert B. Vance, Sr. Membership Trophy

Dess Smith
with 32 New Members

Certificate of Distinguished Service

Wayne Brown
Bobby Shaw
Scott Collins
George Wheelless
Ed Rigel, Sr.
Allen Greenly
Virgil Palmer

Silver Roger Sherman Medals

Bo Hill
David Ludley
Shep Hammack
David Noble
D. Alan Smith
John Trussell
Bill Palmer
Michael Henderson
Rick Reese

Silver Roger Sherman Medals OLC

Roger Coursey
Robert Moore
Hugh Rodgers
David Jessel

Silver Good Citizenship Medal

Dory Brown
Sid Turner

Meritorious Service Medal

Steve Hinson

Distinguished Service Medal

Wayne L. Brown

Lydia Darragh Medal

Nancy Burdick

Patriot Medal

Bill Palmer
Dess Smith
Donald Burdick
Bill Tankersley

Youth Awards

Eagle Scout Award

Cutler Shiver
sponsored by the Athens Chapter.
\$500 cash award and a trophy. He is entered in the National Society's Eagle Scout competition

JROTC Award--Outstanding Cadet

C/Maj Cassidy S. Sweet from the Warner Robins HS AFJROTC Unit.
\$500 and a medal. She is entered in the National Society competition.

Knight Essay Contest

Miss Sarah Sarzier. A student at Frederica Academy. \$500 cash prize and is entered in the National Society Knight Essay competition.
The Runner-Up this year is Katlyn Yancey of Rutland High School in Macon, GA. \$400.

Georgia Society Chapter Participation Awards

Americanism Chapters of Excellence (5,000 points+)

Athens Chapter
Atlanta Chapter
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
Button Gwinnett Chapter
Casimir Pulaski Chapter
Coweta Falls Chapter
Lyman Hall Chapter
Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Piedmont Chapter
Robert Forsyth Chapter
Col. William Few Chapter

Americanism Chapters of Distinction:

Atlanta Chapter
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
Brier Creek Chapter
Captain John Collins
Lyman Hall Chapter
Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Mount Vernon Chapter
Ocmulgee Chapter
Piedmont Chapter
Robert Forsyth Chapter
Col. William Few Chapter
Wiregrass Chapter

President General Chapter of Excellence (4,000 + points)

Atlanta Chapter
Button Gwinnett Chapter
Lyman Hall Chapter
Piedmont Chapter

President General Chapter of Distinction

Atlanta Chapter
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
Casimir Pulaski Chapter
Joseph Habersham Chapter
Lyman Hall Chapter
Ocmulgee Chapter
Piedmont Chapter
Robert Forsyth Chapter

Education Outreach Streamer and Certificate

Casimir Pulaski Chapter—programs to 4600 students and adults.
Marshes of Glynn Chapter— programs to 4518 students and adults.
Lyman Hall Chapter—programs to 4113 students and adults
Atlanta Chapter— programs to 3250 students and adults
Joseph Habersham Chapter---pro grams to 3269.
Coweta Falls Chapter—programs to 2352 students and adults.
Robert Forsyth Chapter—programs to 1876 students and adults.
Piedmont Chapter---Programs to 1666 students and adults
Col. William Few Chapter— 5presentations to 1533students and teachers

These 9 chapters, combined, made presentations to 27,477 students and adults during 2018.

Best Education Outreach Program Award

Col. William Few Chapter. A check for \$200.

John Dooly Education Outreach Award

Steven Ford. \$200, a plaque, and a Certificate.

Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award

Leslie Kathryn Trackwell. a plaque and certificate along with a \$200

Flag Certificate Award

Atlanta Chapter (21certificates)

Distinguished Chapter Award

Athens
Atlanta
Blue Ridge Mountains
Brier Creek
Button Gwinnett
Captain John Collins
Casimir Pulaski
Cherokee
Col. William Few
Coweta Falls
Edward Telfair
George Walton
Joel Early

Distinguished Chapter Award (cont.)

Joseph Habersham
Lyman Hall
Marquis de Lafayette
Marshes of Glynn
Mount Vernon
Ocmulgee
Piedmont
Robert Forsyth
Rome
Wiregrass

Georgia Society S.A.R./C.A.R. Awards**2018 Red C.A.R. Liaison Streamer Award**

Coweta Falls Chapter
Ocmulgee Chapter.

2018 Blue C.A.R. Liaison Streamer Award

Col. William Few Chapter.

2018 C.A.R. Distinguished Liaison Award

Col. William Few Chapter

Membership Committee Awards

Any chapter with more than 10 members must have a 90% renewal of its membership and submit its yearly dues to the Society Secretary by the deadline.

Athens Chapter
Atlanta Chapter
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
Brier Creek Chapter
Button Gwinnett Chapter
Casimir Pulaski Chapter
Cherokee Chapter
Edward Telfair Chapter
Fall Line Chapter
Four Rivers Patriots Chapter
George Walton Chapter
Joel Early Chapter
Captain John Collins Chapter
Joseph Habersham Chapter
LaGrange Chapter
Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Mill Creek Chapter
Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter
Piedmont Chapter
Samuel Elbert Chapter
Washington-Wilkes Chapter
Col. William Few Chapter
Wiregrass Chapter

Revolutionary War Graves Awards

After a Chapter completes a ceremony and submits a GASSAR Registry form, a blue Revolutionary War Patriot Graves Marked flag streamer is awarded to the Chapter with a White Star attached to the streamer. A white star will be awarded for each Patriot grave ceremony conducted and reported. When a Chapter conducts 5 Patriot ceremonies a Gold Star is awarded.

We had 16 Chapters mark 22 Patriot graves in 2018.

Brier Creek: 1 Gold Star and 3 White Stars
Wiregrass: 1 Gold Star add 2 White Stars
Athens: 1 Gold Star and 1 White Star
Samuel Elbert: 1 Gold Star
Marshes of Glynn: 1 Gold Star
Robert Forsyth: 1 Gold Star
Captain John Collins: 1 Gold Star
Atlanta: 4 White Stars
Col. William Few: 4 White Stars
Marquis de Lafayette: 3 White Stars
Ocmulgee: 3 White Stars
Button Gwinnett: 3 White Stars
Lyman Hall: 3 White Stars
George Walton: 3 White Stars
Washington-Wilkes: 2 White Stars
Blue Ridge Mountains: 1 White Star

Compatriot Graves

A red Compatriot Graves Marked flag streamer is awarded to a Chapter for marking a Compatriot grave. Chapters receive a White Star for each Compatriot grave ceremony.

In the Compatriot Graves Category, we had 7 Chapters mark 8 Compatriot graves in 2018.

Athens: 2 White Stars.
Lyman Hall: 1 White Star.
Captain John Collins: 1 White Star.
Button Gwinnett: 1 White Star.
Piedmont: 1 White Star.
Samuel Elbert: White Star.
Atlanta: 1 White Star.

BG Robert L. Scott, Jr. Veterans Awards

Winner of Chapters 25-49 Members:

Robert Forsyth Chapter

Winner of Chapters 50-99 Members

Athens Chapter

Winner of Chapters 100+

Atlanta Chapter



Daniel Morgan & Cowpens, SC

Right: Wiregrass "Skunk Brigade" invades SC. Pictured here with South Atlantic Vice PG Daniel Woodruff and GA President (to be) Scott Collins.

Below: An alternate location was required for the Cowpens event due to the government shutdown. Things still went well.

Photo by Dess Smith



Below Left: Registration scene included period dress, uniform, modern, and a colorful setting. I just wonder if they had quill pens for those signing up in historic dress?



Below Right: Elijah Clarke Militia fire at The Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Commemoration on Friday before 200 guests.

Photos by Gary Edwards





Commander of the Color Guard, Bill Palmer, with accompanying drummer, faces the assembled Guard with militia ranked behind the fence.

Photos by Gregory Smith



Above Left: John and Billie Trussell from the Ocmulgee Chapter.

Above: Before the commemoration service, tours and demonstrations at the cabin on site were available for visitors to the park.

Left: Park Superintendent for Elijah Clark State Park greets the attendees.

Photos by Gregory Smith



Additional photos of this and other events can be found on the GASSAR Website: <https://gasocietysar.org/photo-gallery-2/>



Above: A lot of folks attended the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Ceremony at Elijah Clark State Park.

Below: At the same time, on War Hill, events were happening leading up to the Kettle Creek Weekend extravaganza.



Right & Below Right: Home school students learn from the Lyman Hall and Robert Forsyth Traveling Trunks set up at War Hill Friday, simultaneous with the Lincolnton event.

Photos by Carter Wood



Left: Skunk Brigade with their 6 pounder naval cannon demonstrated proper loading, firing, and safety protocols to visitors at War Hill.

L to R: Steve Burke, Woody Woodard, Don Bazmore, Wilder Smith, Ruskin Powell, Lee Smith and Dess Smith III.





Left: Native American relics on display at War Hill.

Right: Black Patriot Monument on the Washington Square

Photos by Jay Guest



Left & Below: Saturday in Washington, Ga. The Elijah Clarke Militia line up to fire a musket salute..

Photo by Chip Doorman



Left: Walt Reed does some musket prepping for the Kettle Creek battle reenactment behind the courthouse.

Photo by Chip Doorman





Left: Saturday in Washington, Ga. Let the parade begin.

Photo by Emil Decker



Above Left & Right: C.A.R. members prepare to participate in the parade around the Washington square.

Right: Newest member of the Elijah Clarke Militia, Drummer Caleb Kinard leads the assembled members in the parade.

Photos by Chip Doorman





Don Thomas & Bill Colbert are also ready to join the Militia line.

Photo by Bill Colbert



The Wiregrass Chapter, the Brier Creek Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Gov David Emanuel/Adam Brinson Chapter of the NSDAR sponsored the 240th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Brier Creek in Screven County, GA. The Celebration was well attended by the general public; Senior Vice President Bill Dobbs brought greetings from the Georgia Society and led the 22 Georgia SAR Chapters that presented wreaths. 11 NSDAR Chapters joined, as well as 8 other organizations. There were 2 Descendants (of Patriots Jacob Daughtry and Isham Gurley) and Chatham Artillery also presented wreaths.

Below Left: GASSAR Award winning Color Guard.

Below Right: 14 members of the Elijah Clarke Militia were in attendance to fire musket salutes. Bottom: Militia Commander Bruce Maney and Artillery Commander Steve Burke alternated 3-round volleys. The 7 artillerymen manned 2 cannon's, a 6-pounder Naval cannon and a 12-pounder Napoleon cannon.

Photos by Dess Smith





Above: Who said the SAR was only for old retirees? The Fall Line Chapter's youth turned out and trained on firing the cannons at the event. We should all reach out more for the growth potential and the future of the SAR.

Below: You never saw so many skunks gathered in one spot.





Above: Members of the Georgia Society attended the 238th National Guilford Courthouse Commemoration Ceremony. L—R: Hall Martin, Lyman Hall Chapter, Mark Anthony, Piedmont Chapter, Emil Decker, Robert Forsyth Chapter, Bill Palmer and Ralph Galpin, both from the Button Gwinnett Chapter.

Photos by Linda Decker

Unknown Dead Rest In Peace at New Garden Friends Cemetery

Before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, a small battle took place between Colonel Banastre Tarleton and Colonel Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee on New Garden Road. The two parties fought in the New Garden Community for approximately three hours. Some of the battle fell within the property of the Meeting House.

After the battles, hundreds of wounded American and British soldiers were left at the New Garden community under the care of the Quakers. General Nathaniel Greene, brought up in a Quaker family, learned of the Quakers’ kindness in caring for his wounded militia and Continental soldiers. Greene wrote a letter to the Friends requesting they provide “relief of the suffering wounded at Guilford Court House.” The Meeting responded that they would “do all that lies in [their] power” to assist the wounded, despite the recent theft of resources by both British and American soldiers. The New Garden Friends cared for 250 wounded British and American soldiers in the Meeting House and in individual homes. The Friends buried both British and American soldiers who did not survive together in common trenches within the New Garden cemetery, under a massive oak tree. It was damaged in 1955 by a dynamite blast set by a person protesting the appearance of former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt at Guilford College. The damaged oak stood for several years before toppling to strong winds. After it fell, its age was determined by counting its rings. The oak sprouted from an acorn in 1492.

Left Middle: American and British wounded who died while in the care of the New Garden Friends, were buried together under the oak tree which became known as the “Revolutionary Oak”. The marking stone simply reads, “British and American soldiers buried March, 1781 by New Garden Friends. Peace Good Will”

Lower Left: The Rachel Caldwell Chapter, NSDAR placed a marker nearby after the oak was removed following its tragic demise. Pieces of the tree were carved into collection plates for the Friends Meeting. N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt was among government officials presented a gavel made from the Revolutionary Oak. A table still used in the New Garden Friends meetinghouse was crafted from the tree by Friends minister and woodworker, Orville Dillon.



Calendar of Events



129th NASSAR National Congress

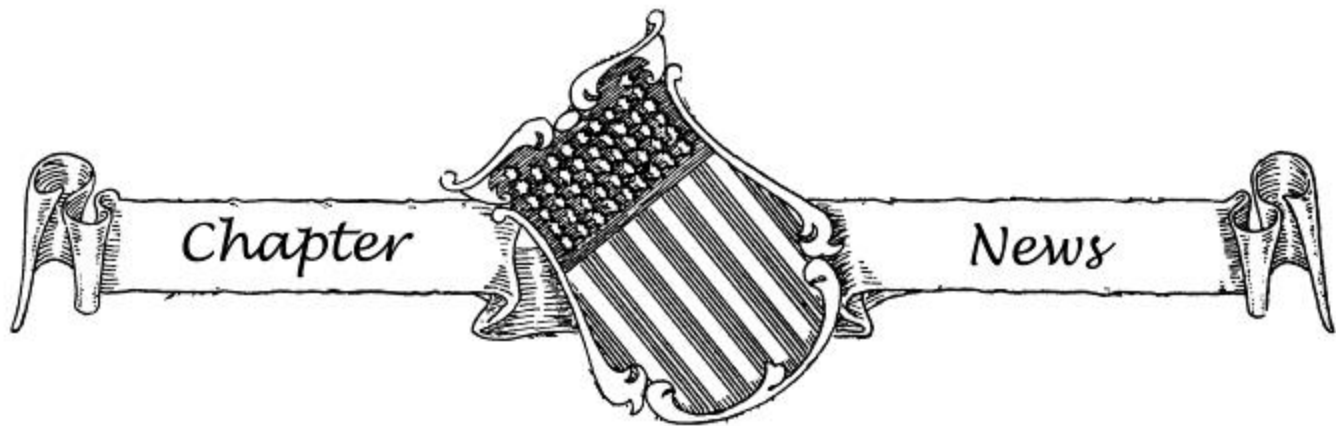
**Costa Mesa, CA.
Jul 5 – 10, 2019**

The Orange County Hilton is close to the famous South Coast Plaza, and Newport Beach. The hotel is minutes away from Orange County's John Wayne Airport, served by all major airlines.

**Tours include:
Lyon Air Museum &
Nixon Library, Huntington
Library, Hornblower
Cruise on Newport Bay,
Mission San Juan Ca-
pistrano, and possible tour
to the Regan Library.**

Event	Location	Date	Status
Midway Patriot Grave Markings	Midway, GA	Apr. 28, 2019	State
Patriot Maj. James Carter & Maj. William Skinner Grave Markings	Augusta, GA	May 11, 2019	State
Memorial Day Weekend	Various	May 24—27, 2019	National, State
Patriot Thomas Ansley Grave Marking	Thomson, GA	Jun. 1, 2019	State
Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Jun. 9, 2019	National
4th of July Program	Collins Hill Library	Jun. 29, 2019	Local
Patriotic Concert	Gainesville First United Methodist	Jun. 29, 2019	Local
4th of July Atl. Braves Pre-Game	SunTrust Stadium	Jul. 4, 2019	State
4th of July Parades, memorials, etc.	Various locations	Jul. 4, 2019	National (1 event), State
National Congress	Costa Mesa, CA	Jul. 5-10, 2019	National
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Jul, 27, 2019	State
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct. 26, 2019	State
Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	Sep. 19-21, 2019	National





New Thomson Chapter to be called “Little River” Chapter

East Fall Line Region will soon have another new chapter - our eighth - this one headquartered in Thomson with the goal to serve Compatriots and Communities in McDuffie, Warren, Lincoln Counties and the western part of Columbia County.

The Col William Few Chapter in Augusta will "seed" the new Thomson Chapter so that we blend new chapter Compatriots with a nucleus of experienced Compatriots in order to enhance chapter growth and prosperity. It is a process that we have found works well in cranking up a new chapter or rejuvenating an existing one.

We propose to submit the new Thomson Chapter to the BOM for chartering at the July 27 Board of Managers meeting. We also will be holding our charter banquet on October 5 in Thomson.

Our region registrars have identified 16 Col William Few Compatriots, who already live in the service counties and have agreed to transfer to the new chapter, and 21 prospective members whose applications are completed or in various stages of process.

New chapter officers elected for the remainder of 2019 are Compatriots:
 William J. Tankersley - President Alton O. McCloud - Vice President J. David Donehoo - Chaplain William J. Tankersley - Registrar
 F. Lewis Smith - Treasurer David A. Butler - Secretary Jackson A. Cheatham - Sergeant at Arms F. Lewis Smith - Historian

“Little River” was chosen as the chapter name. The Little River is a 72-mile long tributary of the Savannah River (at Clarks Hill Lake) and flows along the borders of the four primary counties in which the members live: Warren, McDuffie, Lincoln, and Columbia. Also, Kettle Creek is a tributary of Little River.

The new chapter will meet at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Thomson-McDuffie Library, located at 338 Main Street in Thomson. At some point, they will consider meeting at a local restaurant around 5:30 for a fellowship meal, then heading to the meeting at the library. They already have monthly chapter programs planned out for the next 6 months.

Those in attendance Thursday night were: Larry Buffington and his wife, Sharon, Thomas Reynolds, Sonny Pittman, William Tankersley, David Butler, Bill Morris, Lewis Smith, David Donehoo and his wife, Terisa, Bob Gibson, Jackson Cheatham, David Moore, Gary Edwards, Chris Lane, Alton McCloud, Hayden McCloud, D. Alan Smith, Jay Wilson, Dr. James Lemley, Dess and Wilder Smith from the Wiregrass Chapter SAR in Swainsboro. (see photo below).

If you know of any prospective members, please send President Bill Tankersley their contact information.



Athens

The Athens Chapter Sons of the American Revolution recently held its annual George Washington Birthday Celebration on President's Day, February 18, 2019, at the Nine Oaks Farm in Walton County.



Left: Among the awardees were NSDAR Chapters that have partnered with the Athens Chapter in numerous common interest and projects. Receiving SAR Certificates of Appreciation were The Apalachee Chapter, The Elijah Clarke Chapter and The Reverend John Andrew Chapter NSDAR." Pictured left to right: Regent Robin Towns - The Apalachee Chapter, Past Regent Dory Brown - The Rev John Andrew Chapter and Regent Clare Newcomer - The Elijah Clarke Chapter and Athens Chapter Vice President Jay Guest who presented the awards.



Right: Jane Cameron who was presented the SAR Life Saving Medal. Mrs. Cameron is a nurse at St Mary's Hospital, Athens, GA. At a recent region softball tournament game at Prince Avenue Christian School when a spectator collapsed in the bleachers she sprang into action. While others watched, she started CPR and was able to resuscitate the man. After a few days in the hospital, the man was discharged and has made a complete recovery.

Left: Local business owner Dory Brown has long supported the SAR and to show our appreciation for her unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the Athens Chapter SAR, Dory was presented the Martha Washington Medal, the Lydia Darragh Medal and the Daughters of Liberty Medal. She has dedicated her time, energy, ability and finances in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the SAR.

The Daughters of Liberty Medal is the highest lady's medal presented by the SAR and requires State SAR approval.



Left—Right: Sergeant Spearing, Athens Chapter Vice President, Jay Guest, Jehu Post and Ryan Hollingsworth

Sergeant George Spearing of the Oglethorpe County Sheriff's Department received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Jehu Post Chief of the Beaver Dam Fire Station was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Ryan Hollingsworth received the Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal. All were nominated by their supervisors for their individual accomplishments and outstanding contributions in their respective fields of service."



Right: Eagle Scout Cutler Shiver of Oconee County was recognized as the King Eagle Scout Contest winner for the Athens Chapter SAR. Cutler is in the 11th Grade at Oconee County High School. He has shown exceptional dedication in the scouting program and is only one of 271 Eagle Scouts since 1922 to earn all 137 Merit Badges. Cutler also won the Georgia Society SAR King Eagle Scout contest and his application has been forwarded to the National Society SAR to compete with other state winners for the National King Eagle Scout Contest.



Atlanta



Above Left: Al Adams received The Military Service Medal for his time in service.

Above Center: Gregory Smith receives the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal

Above Right: George Wysong receives the Law Enforcement award



Left: The Atlanta Chapter Eagle Scout winning entry in the Eagle Essay Contest was Christian Forbes. Christian's essay, "The Battle of Saratoga" went on to finish second in the State Society contest.

Below: Jim Freeman is inducted into the Chapter's Office of President by Ga. State President Scott Collins. New officers also sworn in were: Mark Bell, 1st Vice President; Charlie Newcomer, 2nd Vice President; Al Adams, Secretary; Richard Marsh, Treasurer/IT Chairman; Dave Noble, Registrar; Ed Floyd, Chancellor; Bob Campbell, Sergeant At Arms; John Titus, Chaplain; Henry Cobb, Historian; and Terry Manning, Color Guard Commander.



Above: Ann Cobb received the Lydia Darragh award.

Right: Eugene Wilson was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Below Left: Peggy Freeman received a Medal of Appreciation



Left: J.R. McAliley received a Bronze Roger Sherman award

Blue Ridge Mountains



Left: Compatriots Sid Turner, Jared Ogden and David Cook presented the traveling trunk to the Union Elementary School 4th graders on February 25. Over 160 students attended in two sessions, one in the AM and one afternoon. The children enjoyed the presentation especially holding an actual cannonball fired during the Revolutionary War.

Photo by David Cook



The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter (BRMC) of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has begun providing mentors to the Family Connection program in Union County. The Mentor Program provides an adult person to meet weekly with children needing encouragement and a trusted friend. BRMC President Jared Ogden is now meeting with a fourth grade student whose father is in the military.

Right: President Ogden meeting with his student mentee. Mentors serve a valuable service to young children after they pass a background check and complete a training program. All BRMC members have an opportunity to participate in this program and are encouraged to do so. In his mentor role, President Ogden is meeting an SAR goal of promoting patriotism and providing education.



Left and Below: Approximately 1,100 boys, girls, and families attended a Cub-O-Ree. (Cubs now have separate troops for girls.) Many visited our Artifacts display. Pictured in the Cub-O-Ree lineup below: L to R David Cook, Jared Ogden, Paul Danner, Sid Turner, & five happy cubs.

Photos by Jared Ogden



Brier Creek

Woody Woodard presents the Brier Creek wreath at the Daniel Morgan Monument in SC.



Skunk Brigade performed Militia honors at Cowpens SC.



Left: Wiregrass members also visited Musgrove Mill battle site while in S.C.

Photos by Dess Smith

Button Gwinnett



Left: Ken Keown received confirmation of his supplemental patriot: Thomas Watkins

Photo by Bennie Koon

Right: Mike Watkins holds The Distinguished Chapter award, one of several earned by the Button Gwinnett Chapter at the GASSAR Annual Conference.

Photo by Bennie Koon



Below: Mike Watkins Leads the Award winning GASSAR Color Guard at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest

Photo by Gregory Smith



President John Goodwin announced the following individual and chapter awards presented at the GSSAR Annual Conference in January.

- Individual Awards
- Bill Palmer – Patriot Medal
- Bill Palmer – Roger Sherman Medal
- Leslie Watkins – State Medal of Appreciation
- Harry Kitchings – State Chaplin of the Year
- Eldon Evans – Color Guard “Rookie of the Year”
- Eldon Evans – Bronze Patriot Grave Marking Medal
- Bennie Koon received special recognition for outstanding service to veterans through the Stark awards work
- Button Gwinnett GSSAR Chapter Awards
- Distinguished Chapter Membership Award
- Billy Thompson Americanism Award – Chapter of Excellence
- President General’s Award – Chapter of Excellence
- 1 White Star – Compatriot Grave Marking Award
- 3 White Stars – Patriot Grave Marking Award
- CAR Liaison Award

Coweta Falls



Left: Caleb Kinard, grandson of Compatriot Dan McMichael, was presented with GSSAR Color Guard Cockade by Commander Bill Palmer. The Cockade is awarded to Caleb for participating and playing his drum in one's first National or State Society Event.



Above Center: Coweta Falls newest president, Dan Ginter, with David Jessel at the induction ceremony.



Above: Dan McMichael (shown in the Militia escort), Roy Collier and Robert Moore also attended Cowpens Observance at the Gaffney Historical Museum, Gaffney SC.



Left & Above: Danny Ginter and The Traveling Trunk went to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School in Columbus. Danny spoke to fourth graders about the American Revolution.

Above Right: Past President Dan McMichael presents the JROTC Medal for Meritorious Achievement to Cadet Cody Knight.

Below: New officers for 2019—2020 were installed. The installation of officers was done by David Jessel, Marquis de Lafayette.



Cpt. John Collins



Capt. John Collins Chapter 2019 Officers being inducted by GASSAR President Donald Burdick. (l.-r.) Editor Andrew Burr, Historian Michael Reither, Chaplain Lloyd Blackwell, Registrar Randal Huber, Treasurer Wayne Brown, Secretary Stallings Howell, Vice President Gary Hoyt, President Earl Cagle Sr. and President Donald Burdick.

Photos by Earl Cagel

Fall Line

Right: Sonny Pittman inducts the new officers for the Fall Line Chapter.

Photo by Sue Pittman



Four Rivers Patriots



Left: Wilder Smith presents the Four Rivers wreath at the Daniel Morgan Monument.

Photo by Dess Smith

Joel Early

Right: Rumbaugh Oration contest winner Mattie Winburn, received a medal and certificate from President Steve Peace on March 16 for being the winning candidate for Joel Early. Mattie will Compete at the Spring BOM to represent the Georgia Society at the National Congress this year.

Photo by Brenda Spooner





Above: Joel Early Chapter has presented during the months of February to April, a special certificate of appreciation and a key chain to 107 special education teachers in our surrounding counties. Shown here are Steve Peace, President, Harvey Causey, Sec/Treas, and Registrar, Neal Spooner and wife Brenda with a group of teachers from Camilla, Georgia.

Center: The key chain includes a key, which represents the teachers ability to unlock the students desire for knowledge. Jewels which are a symbol of the many gifts and talents that the teacher has to offer. The rings represent an attachment to a network of others in the same field, and the pearl represents how rare and valuable you are. This presentation was the work of Steve Peace, Neal & Brenda Spooner and Chris Peace.



Above Right: Joel Early held a grave marking for Private Joseph Anderson in Metcalf, Georgia on April 13. Pictured are President, Steve Peace, Neal Spooner, Scott Breckenridge (of the Jacksonville, Fla. SAR), Brenda Spooner, Mike Tomme, Past President General of the NSSAR, Ernie and Frankie Anderson (descendants of Joseph Anderson), Kenny Dunaway (William Dunaway Chapter, FLSSAR), Clint Smith (SW Region VP of GASSAR), Charles Gibson, and Matt Mathews (NW Region VP of FLSSAR).

Photos by Brenda Spooner

Joseph Habersham

2019 Officers for Joseph Habersham Chapter are:
Left to right: William Raper swearing in the officers. David Masters, President; Bill Chandler, Chaplain; Lynwood Cash, 1st Vice-President; Steve Memory, Sgt-at-Arms; Jim Brown, Secretary; Henry Brown, Treasurer; Larry Whitfield, Color Guard Commander.



Photo by Ron Hill



Left: Ronald G. Hill Sr. is presented the War Service Medal by William Raper. Ron's service included the Korean War, Vietnam War and he was recalled to active duty for Desert Storm.

Photo by Ron Hill



Lyman Hall



Above: Despite the windy, cold weather there was a great turnout for our Chapter's commemoration of the birthday of the 'Father of Our Nation' on Friday, February 22nd at the George Washington Monument. Lyman Hall Chapter holds the George Washington Birthday celebration annually. It was much warmer at Luna's for dinner following the ceremony.



Above: Georgia Society President Scott Collins, Past State President and emcee Dr Edward P. Rigel, Sr, Senior Vice President Bill Dobbs.

Left: Georgia Society Color Guard lined up from posting the colors at the 2019 George Washington Birthday celebration.



Above: President General Warren M. Alter, who spoke of his own Law Enforcement career, also presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to retiring Gainesville Chief of Police Carol Martin. It made the award especially meaningful, quoted Chief Martin.



Above: JROTC Chairman Roscoe McMillan presented Cadet Grady Parham with the SAR Outstanding Cadet Medal. Grady is a member of the Jefferson City High School Air Force JROTC program. He was accompanied by his parents and Major Wayne Magnusson, Senior Military Instructor.



Left: The Lyman Hall Chapter was privileged to have as a special guest, President General Warren M. Alter at the first meeting of the year, January 24 at Gainesville First Presbyterian Church.



Right: President General Warren M. Alter installed officers for the coming 2019-20 term.



Left: Past President General Michael J. Tomme (2016-2017) and his Lady, Cilla also attended.



Left: Lyman Hall chapter's education outreach to local school has expanded beyond the scope of its original 'Traveling Trunk'. At the request of educators, the team has assembled a much smaller set of artifacts including some that are original to the Civil War. Presenters in period outfits cover the state required curriculum for fourth or fifth grade. The presentation includes two computers, projectors and screens. One display is an animated map of progress of troop movements and significant battles. The second screen shows significant people, weapons and battle scenes. Some schools are using the class as a prelude to that period of US history study while others call us in to do a wrap up and review. A partner in the class presentations is often Mary Lou Goehring, Regent of the Jacob Braselton Chapter, NSDAR.

Marquis de Lafayette



The Marquis de Lafayette chapter has been busy awarding flag certificates. Judy Sinor and Mary Wark in Jonesboro, received one. Judy has three grandsons who all served in the army and fought in Afghanistan. One of them, Kevin, put up this flagpole and flag for her, well illuminated.

The second was awarded to Terry and Lori Smith. Compatriot David Ludley does the honors.

Below: David and Marcia Ludley at the formal Evening Banquet at the NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY,



Marshes of Glynn



Left: First-place winner of our Chapter Essay Contest is Sara Sazier, a student at Frederica Academy on St, Simons Island, whose essay is entitled "Ideas From Across the Pond." L-R): Jimmy Boatright, Sara Sarzier; Sara's family and teacher.



Above: Announced at the GASSAR Conference, Sara Sazier's Essay is the First-place winner in the State SAR Contest. Chapter President Phil Callicutt and Americanism Committee Chairman Jimmy Boatright presented Sara Sazier with the state award during an assembly at her school. (LtoR): Phil Callicutt, Sarah Sarzier, Jimmy Boatright



Above: At the GASSAR Conference, Katharine Trackwell received the Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award and Steven Ford received the John Dooly Education Outreach Award. President Phil Callicutt recognized them and the other school performers at our February Meeting. (L-R) Steven Ford, Bill Ramsaur, Kathy Trackwell (with plaque), Jimmy Boatright, Brent Taylor, Phil Callicutt.



Below: First-place winner our Chapter Eagle Scout Contest is Alastair Campbell, a member of St, Simons Island Troop 248, whose essay is entitled "From Spark to Fire – Exploits of Daniel Morgan." (L-R): Steven Hinson, Alastair Campbell, Alastair's Mother, Grandfather and Scout Master.



Left: Officers and committee chairs hold our 2018 Chapter awards received at the GASSAR Conference: (LtoR) Bill Ramsaur – Grave Marking Certificate and Gold Star; George F. Barnhill – Education Outreach Certificate and Streamer; Steven Ford - Distinguished Chapter Streamer; Brent Taylor; Steven Hinson - Americanism Chapter of Excellence Streamer; Jimmy Boatright (2nd row) - C. A. R. Liaison Certificate; President Phil Callicutt; John Morgan and George E. Barnhill - Membership Award Streamer.



Left: During the past four years our Chapter has honored twenty-five World War II Veterans with presentations of Patriot Plaques. During our February Meeting, we honored William Aitken, USN, one of the few living survivors of the sinking of the USS Lexington during the Battle of the Coral Sea on 8 May 1942. [See photo below.] He was unable to attend our meeting, and his daughter GASSAR Conference and his daughter, Jane Aitken Huvar received the plaque for Jimmy Boatright. (LtoR) Jimmy Boatright, Jane Huvar.

Below: https://www.navy.mil/navydata/nav_legacy.asp?id=6

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Below: Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter Historical Re-enactors performed for 5th Grade students at St. Simons Christian School. Patrick Henry (Jimmy Boatright) told the reasons for his famous shout "Give me liberty or give me death." John Adams (Steven Ford) lead the students in a skit to demonstrate the actions of the Continental Congress to develop the Declaration of Independence. General George Washington (Bill Ramsaur) displayed Revolutionary War flags which the students used to form a Color Guard. Randy Jones, a member of the Mill Creek SAR Chapter and his wife, Linda, a DAR member, came from Statesboro to view our presentation and consider implementing a similar program in their local schools.

8 May 1942 - The Battle of the Coral Sea. USS Lexington was struck by two torpedoes, and three bomb hits from enemy dive bombers, producing a 7 degree list to port and several raging fires. Her skilled damage control parties brought the fires under control and returned the ship to even keel. She was ready to recover her air group when suddenly she was shaken by a tremendous explosion, caused by the ignition of gasoline vapors below, and again fire raged out of control. Capt Sherman ordered all hands to "abandon ship!", and the men began going over the side into the warm water, almost immediately to be picked up by nearby cruisers and destroyers.





Left: Brylee Eve Felder was presented the Life Saving Award and Medal for saving her younger sister from choking. Left to Right: Kati Durio, IZIAH Felder, awardee Brylee Eve Felder, J. Steven Hinson, and Phil Callicutt



Below Right: Jane Macon Middle School Educator Jessica Walczak earned the Outstanding Educator of the Year award from the Sons of the American Revolution - Marshes of Glynn Chapter. SAR member Jimmy Boatright presented the award for her support of the chapter's educational efforts.

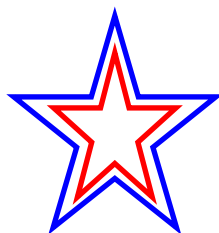


Left: Kathy Trackwell was awarded the Daughters of Liberty Medal in recognition of her outstanding service to the SAR. President Phil Callicutt presented the medal.

Above: Meredith Trawick received the Martha Washington Medal in recognition of her outstanding support to the SAR.



Mill Creek



Left: Frank Beacham volunteered as Mill Creek Chaplain. Thank you for volunteering Frank!

Below: Mill Creek Chapter participated at Elijah Clark Park, along with many others. Photo by Randy Jones





Above: The Mill Creek Chapter presented Cadet Corporal (C/CPL) Mandrel Prescott, the Sons of the American Revolution Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Bronze Medal on Thursday March 27th at Statesboro High School. Mill Creek Chapter President Thomas Miller made the presentation. C/CPL Prescott was selected by the JROTC Senior Military Instructor First Sergeant (1SG) David Redwine.

Right: President Thomas Miller, with Lauren and Robbie, attended the 240th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek, just outside of Sylvania, GA. They all dressed out and Robbie assisted in placing a wreath on behalf of the Mill Creek Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in honor of those Patriots who fought at the battle.



Mount Vernon

Right: New member Zachary Cone, who's paperwork was approved months ago, was finally able to attend the January meeting and received his SAR rosette.

Below: 2019 Mount Vernon Officers:

Bill Floyd - President
 David Wiley - Vice President
 David Wellons - Secretary
 Chuck Rann - Corresponding Secretary
 Ted Fricke - Treasurer
 Tom Chrisman - Registrar & Genealogist
 Jim McDonald - Chancellor
 Chuck Olson - Sargeant-at-Arms
 John Galt - Chaplain
 Shep Hammack - Historian





Above Left: Charter member contributors of The Mount Vernon Fellows Fund were recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation. *[The Mount Vernon Fellows Fund was established for the purpose of funding, supplementing, or reimbursing Mount Vernon Chapter/SAR activities, events, programs and unforeseen chapter needs that are not included in the chapter's annual budget.]* L—R: Ted Fricke, Bill Floyd, David Wiley, Montez Hammack, Larry White, David Wellons, Chuck Rann, Chuck Olson, John Galt. *[Shep Hammack was out of frame - left. Not present but also Charter Members are: John Elwood, Jim McDonald, Warren McPhillips and David Reed.]*



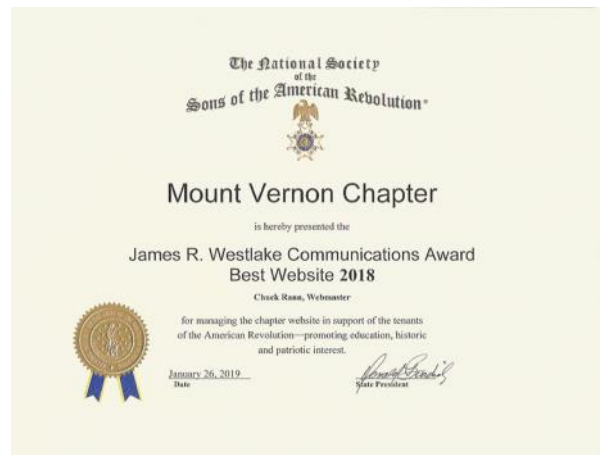
Above Right: Chuck Rann received an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Roger Sherman Award Medal. This was for his work on the chapter website, which won the James R. Westlake Communications Award at the January Georgia Society SAR Conference. Chapter founder Shep Hammack presented him with the award.

Photos by Tom Hughes



Above Left: Outgoing President Bill Floyd receives his President medal from 2019 GA Society President Scott Collins. Scott was also our guest speaker for the night.

Photos by Randy Pollard



Above: The Chapter received three certificates and three streamers. The Billy Thompson Americanism Award; A Distinguished Chapter Award; The James R. Westlake Communications Award - Best Website 2018

The streamers included: Americanism Award 2018; Distinguished Chapter Award for 2018; & Best Chapter Website 2018

Right: The Mount Vernon Chapter 2018 SAR Eagle Scout Academic Award was presented to 18 year old Ralph Fischer Lord of Troop 232. President Elect Bill Floyd presented Fischer with a medal and a scouting patch.

Fischer is a Senior at Dunwoody High School and will be studying information technology at Kennesaw State University after graduation. He earned Eagle Scout in August 2018, having earned 21 merit badges. In his Troop he served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Since turning 18 in November, he currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouts BSA, national honor society, and went to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico in 2016. His other activities include being a ham radio operator, video editing and animation, AV director at, Dunwoody Presbyterian Church, manager of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team at Dunwoody High School.

Fischer's parents Ralph and Karen Lord were present for the ceremony.

Photos by Tom Hughes



Remembering Compatriot Bob McCleskey 6/1/1937 - 2/13/2019

Robert "Bob" Durham McCleskey passed away at the age of 81 in Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday, February 13th 2019.

* As a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution (Mt. Vernon Chapter), Bob faithfully served in the SAR Color Guard participating in many patriotic events.

* Bob had a long and distinguished military career serving in the Air Force and the Georgia Air National Guard for a total of 27 years before retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant.

* Bob was interred with full military honors at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia on Friday, February 22nd, 2019.

OBIT Link: <http://mountvernon SAR.org/Obits/McCleskey.pdf>



Ocmulgee

Right: Six Ocmulgee members delivered supplies for the Macon Veterans Outpatient Center's "personal hygiene pantry" for homeless veterans. They were also treated to a behind the scenes tour of the new facility by CBOC director, Fred Reese. Left to Right: Chuck Garnett, Matt Harlow, Cliff Dunaway, Fred Reese, Tucker Haught, Robert Cruthirds, and Wayman Findlay.



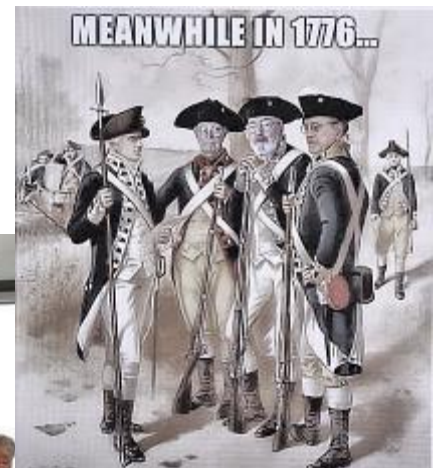
Below: At the March meeting, Ocmulgee Chapter welcomed two new members, Wayman Findlay and Bill Fuqua. They are accompanied by their lovely wives.



Right: Stan Adams, Jett Smith, Charles Garnett, and John Trussell in front of the War Hill Monument at the Kettle Creek Commemoration Event.



Left: President Chuck Garnett presents the SAR Law Enforcement Bronze Award to Monroe County Sheriff Brad Freeman during the Ocmulgee Chapter's 27th annual George Washington's Birthday Dinner.



Piedmont

The Piedmont Chapter celebrated it's 25th Anniversary in February. Among other events three of our long-serving Color Guard members, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, and George Thurmond were honored as being our "longest" serving Color Guardsmen.

Get a uniform and join us!

[Talk about serving a long enlistment.....Congrats to you all! Ed.]



Robert Forsyth



Left: Robert Forsyth members present the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Forsyth County Sheriff's Officer John Crane.

Photo by John Flikeid



Above: Col. Ret. John Davis receives his War Service Medal. His service recognition was for the Iraq war.

Photo by Linda Decker



Left: Georgia Society President Donald Burdick (background right) delivers the oath of office to incoming Chapter President Gary Page as additional officers look on. Officers for the year include: Emil Decker, John Flikeid, Charles Meagher, Allen Greenly, Byron Tindall, (shown in picture, L—R) David Johnson, Ed Rigel, Jr., Chip Van Alstyne.

Photo by Emil Decker



Left: On the Friday before the Kettle Creek Event, Compatriot Emil Decker joins Carter Wood from Lyman Hall for a toast to a successful joint presentation of their traveling trunks on War Hill.

Photo by Emil Decker

Below Center: Sergeant-At-Arms Ed Hooper congratulates Past Pres. John Flikeid on his snappy Militia Uniform, as President Gary Page, also snappily dressed in his Continental Uniform look on. [John is actually presenting Ed with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. Ed.]

Below Right: J.C. Hustis attended the Lyman Hall Washington's Birthday Observation in his Militia Uniform. All three have only recently acquired and started wearing Uniforms. None of them could have believed how much fun wearing them could be. Join us !!

Photo by J.C. Hustis



Samuel Elbert

Right: Samuel Elbert Chapter participates in the Youth Education programs of the SAR. Featured here are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Elem. poster submissions.



SFC Otis Cadd, Haileigh Slaton, Most Outstanding Cadet JROTC, Knight Essay Nationwide Contest, First Place, Makenley Rorick , Teacher, Dr. Edna Eberhardt!

William Few



Above: Alan Smith, GASSAR Chaplain, caught in action just before the Washington parade on the Kettle Creek weekend.

Photo by Chip Doorman

Below: Sonny Pitman presented Amy Lawson, GASDAR Corresponding Secretary and Senior Advisor to the Meadow Garden C.A.R .Society in Augusta, and Lottie Lawson, President of the Meadow Garden C.A.R. Society a \$100 check from our SAR chapter to use in their project fund.





Left: Bill Colbert discusses pioneer life and how homemade utensils were used by Georgia's early settlers. This presentation was to Westminster Day School during their Revolutionary Days Celebration.

Below Left: The William Few Chapter was accompanied by Pat Colbert, DAR member and daughter to Bill.

Right: The children got to practice their penmanship with quill pens.

Photos by Bill Colbert



Right: Alan Smith and a well dressed Sonny Pittman were in attendance at the Brier Creek Commemoration.

Sonny confided that one should be very careful wearing boots and a sword when walking on rough terrain.





Left: First Vice Pres. Alan Smith is shown presenting the Rosettes to four new Compatriots inducted in our March quarterly meeting.

R—L: Milton Ivy "Milt" Gresham, John Henry "Johnny" Harris, Thomas "Mark" Hickox, and Kyle Mathew Hickox.

The Col William Few Chapter projects to have 28 of our Compatriots transfer to the newly organized Little River SAR Chapter in Thomson. William Few continues to actively solicit and recruit new chapter Compatriots as evidenced above.

Wiregrass



Left: Wiregrass Chapter presented Herrington Homestead with our 32nd U.S. Flag Certificate.

Below: Lee Smith Presents the Wiregrass Wreath at the Daniel Morgan Monument, SC.

Photos by Dess Smith



The Wiregrass Chapter hosted the 2nd East Fall Line Region (EFLR) Workshop at the New China Restaurant Swainsboro at 9:30 - 11:30 on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Compatriot Bill Tankersley put together a program to teach SAR members how to utilize the Georgia Society SAR website and the source book to find the many chapter, quarterly, and the Stark Reports. Plans for the 3rd Workshop will cover the large "Americanism Report" that each Chapter submits at the end of each year.

L to R: EFLR Vice-President Sonny Pittman, Fall Line President Sandy Mercer, Four Rivers Registrar Dean Mills, Mill Creek dual member Dess Smith III, Brier Creek President Lee Smith, DAR GDE/AB Regent Jane Durden, Wiregrass Secretary/Treasurer Chip Durden, New to be Thomson President Bill Tankersley, Wiregrass Historian Ruskin Powell, Brier Creek Secretary Wayne Howard, Brier Creek Supporter Laura Howard, Wiregrass Vice-President Steve Burke, Wiregrass member Joel Moring, Col William Few Webmaster Jerry Brigham. (not pictured Wiregrass member Felix Moring.)



Below Right: The program for the March monthly Wiregrass meeting was given by Don Betts, who is a member of the "Revolutionary War Veterans Association and lives in Ailey, GA. Don is part of the Appleseed Marksmanship 2 day project that teaches young people and adults the importance of handling firearms, rifles, in a safe way. Each participant fires approximately 500 rounds and is taught colonial history. There will be a weekend marksmanship project on April 6 and 7 in Macon. The cost to adults is \$60.00 which includes great meals. For more information and registration, go to <https://appleseedinfo.org>.

Below: On Saturday, March 23, 2019, 14 members of 3 Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Chapters and 1 DAR Chapter traveled to Louisville, Georgia, the site of Georgia's second capital to celebrate the Jefferson County Historical Association's Annual Heritage Day. Compatriot Steve Burke to set up a 5 table display of artifacts and items made over the last 40 years. The Brier Creek Artillery, One 3-pounder Cannon, one 6-pounder Naval Cannon and one 12-pounder Napoleon Cannon accompanied us. We also had 9 members in militia uniforms with 7 firing their Pennsylvania/Kentucky 50 Cal. Flintlocks. We were able to fire our flintlocks during the 3 1/2 hours about 7 seven times and each cannon fired at least 7 times. Those attending were: Fall Line Chapter members President Sandy Mercer, Sgt-at-Arms Ken Lindsey, Wiregrass Chapter members Felix Moring, Joel Moring, Kettle Creek Chapter DAR member Linda Woodard, Captain Jason Quick and Walter Quick from Waynesboro, GA, also, Wiregrass Chapter Militia Members President Wilder Smith, Jr, Chaplain Emory Fennell, Registrar Dess Smith III, Vice-President Steve Burke, Al Smith, Brier Creek Chapter members Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore, and Woody Woodard. The Georgia Society plans on organizing a GASSAR Chapter in Louisville starting in early 2020. Those who would like to become a "Charter Member" of this historic chapter, please contact Dess D Smith III, Registrar of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro, at 478-299-1039

(leave a message) or e-mail him at saussure@bellsouth.net."



Right: Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Adrian U.S. Post Office with our 33rd U.S. Flag Certificate. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by Chair Al Smith to Station Manager Clint Braswell of the Adrian U.S. Post Office 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. L to R: Wilder Smith, Jr., Postmaster Clint Braswell, Flag Chair Al Smith, Dess Smith III

By the way, every Friday morning at 8:00 a.m., several of us SAR members meet at Berni's restaurant in downtown Swainsboro for their \$5.00 breakfast and plenty of fellowship. Everyone is invited. We have been doing this for about a year now. Come on down. — Dess



Below: Members of the Wiregrass, Brier Creek and Col William Few Chapters traveled to Screven County celebrations on Friday & Saturday, March 29-30, 2019.

Students came from Allendale, SC and Screven County, GA to view all the exhibits and for a lunch provided by the welcome station on Friday. Those in attendance were: Don and Pat Thomas, Steve Burke, Ruskin Powell, Lee Smith, Don Bazemore, Dess Smith III, Christain Cotton-Dixon, Casey Cotton-Dixon, and Wilder Smith, Jr.

On Saturday, we participated in the Screven County Livestock Festival Parade. Our Float won 2nd place. SAR members attending: Woody Woodard, Don Thomas, Don Bazemore, Lee Smith, Dess Smith III, Hayden McCloud, Alton McCloud, Ruskin Powell, Allen Mincey, Wilder Smith, Jr., Steve Burke and Wayne Howard.

[Wiregrass tank ??? Ed.]

[Quite a collection of different hides and artifacts. Ed.]





Children of the American Revolution

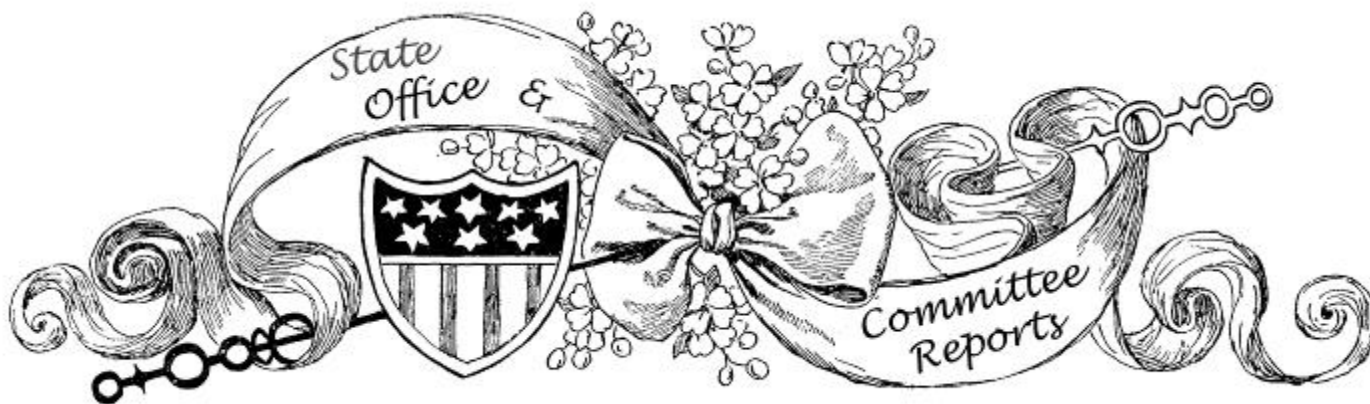
Sukey Hart participated in a joint C.A.R. meeting with the William Daniell and Benjamin Fitzpatrick Societies. Ramona Loyd, Sr. Society President. William Daniell Society, graciously offered her home for this joint meeting. State President, Audrey Faith Frederick presented her 2018-2019 State Project "Hearts and Hands Helping Heroes."

Photos by P. Lowrie



Carter Wood, Lyman Hall SAR Chapter with Sukey Hart members, Sarah Kate Jordan and Isabelle Lowrie learning to appreciate Flag Protocol.

Photos by P. Lowrie



**Georgia Society
Deceased Members
January 01, -
March 30, 2019**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Douglas Theodore STEPHENS	171309	Atlanta	21 Jan 2019
Lawrence Robert BENNETT, Jr.	138528	Altamaha	10 Feb 2019
Robert "Bob" Durham McCLESKEY	153579	Mount Vernon	13 Feb 2019
Edgar Black STERRETT, Jr.	138697	Button Gwinnett	16 Feb 2019
Robert Howard CLAXTON	157854	Casimir Pulaski	13 Mar 2019



Secretary—John Flikeid

New Members



Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, January 01, 2019

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2019	1802
Additions:	
New Members	52
Memorial Members	0
Transfers In	0
Reinstatements	15
Reinstatement -Transfers	
Total Additions:	67
Losses:	
Deceased	5
Memorial Members	0
Resignations	0
Transfers Out	0
Total Losses:	5
Active Membership as of 30 March 2019	1864
Reported to National:	
Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	20
Active Membership as of 31 Dec 2018	1884
Reported to BOM	

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens			
01 Mar 2019	Ethan Lee WAMPLER	John Edwards	
Atlanta			
01 Feb 2019	Barrett HANSON	Walter Hanson	David
15 Feb 2019	David Allan GORDON	John Wood	David Andrews NOBLE
15 Feb 2019	Benjamin Joseph REMSA	John Wood	David Andrews NOBLE
15 Feb 2019	Lewis Adam GORDON	John Wood	David Andrews NOBLE
Blue Ridge Mtns			
15 Feb 2019	Jack Phillip COOK	Drury Cook	JackPowell Dugger Dugger
Brier Creek			
25 Jan 2019	Dennis Lamar WIGGINS	Onesimus Fitch	WalterEdwin SCOTT
Button Gwinnett			
15 Feb 2019	Mark Harold SMITH	George Smith	Harold Douglas FORD
15 Feb 2019	Thomas Mark SMITH	George Smith	Harold Douglas FORD
15 Feb 2019	Thomas Clinton LACY	Cromwell McVitty	Harold Douglas FORD
01 Mar 2019	Thomas Frithjoff REES	Drury PACE	Harold Douglas FORD
Casimir Pulaski			
11 May 2018	Franklin Dewey VEAL, Jr.	Francis Veale	George Herman WHEELESS, II
Edward Telfair			
15 Feb 2019	Jeffrey Marshall TILLEY	John Tatum	Roger Warren COURSEY
Fall Line			
25 Jan 2019	Carl Prescott SMITH	Colesby Smith	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	James Carl JORDAN	Colesby Smith	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	Jackson Taylor PRICE	Joseph Sessions	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	Charles Franklin PATE	Joseph Sessions	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	Reid Michael BAUGHMAN	John Bruton	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	David William BRANTLEY	Colesby Smith	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	Benjamin Matthew Brantley	Colesby Smith	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	Jimmy Lynn BRANTLEY	Colesby Smith	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
08 Feb 2019	Nathaniel Wilson MOORE	Nathaniel Hicks	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
08 Feb 2019	Jonathan Schley MOORE	Nathaniel Hicks	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
22 Feb 2019	James Michael McNEELY	James Cartledge	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
John Collins			
25 Jan 2019	Michael Ronald FLETCHER	Paul Pratt Wayne	Lambert BROWN
Marshes of Glynn			
01 Mar 2019	Roy Barton GENTRY, Jr.	Ralph Stewart	JamesSteven HINSON, Sr.
Mount Vernon			
15 Feb 2019	Stephen John HANDEL	John NortheimerEugenius	Sheppard HAMMACK
15 Feb 2019	James Walter STYRING	John Stovall	WarrenRandolph POLLARD, III



Georgia Society New Members Since Tuesday, January 01, 2019

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Ocmulgee			
15 Feb 2019	Wayman Clayton FINDLAY	John Starke	CharlesNeal GARNETT
01 Mar 2019	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.	Philip CONDIT	JohnThomas TRUSSELL
Piedmont			
11 Jan 2019	Ryan Willis REDNER	Gideon Ramsdell	Ronald Willard REDNER
11 Jan 2019	Kyle Thomas REDNER	Gideon Ramsdell	Ronald Willard REDNER
25 Jan 2019	Neal Edward COBB	Robert Segó	JamesMalcolm RUFF, Jr.
25 Jan 2019	Chase Winston REDNER	Gideon Ramsdell	Ronald Willard REDNER
01 Mar 2019	Bruce Edward WAMPLER	John EDWARDS	
01 Mar 2019	Mark Randall NICHOLS	Jacob STRICKLAND	Allen Ray FINLEY
01 Mar 2019	Joseph Jacobs NICHOLS, Jr.	Jacob STRICKLAND	Allen Ray FINLEY
01 Mar 2019	Joseph Jacob NICHOLS	Jacob STRICKLAND	Allen Ray FINLEY
Robert Forsyth			
15 Feb 2019	Clyde LeRoy GRIFFY	James Crews	JohnErik FLIKEID
Rome			
15 Feb 2019	Brian Matthew EASTERWOOD	Nathaniel Sackett	WilliamSpencer Houston
15 Feb 2019	Daniel Taylor EASTERWOOD	George Varner	WilliamSpencer Houston
15 Feb 2019	Mark Wilbur EASTERWOOD	Thomas Wyatt	WilliamSpencer Houston
01 Mar 2019	Jarrett Dalton KILGO	Matthew Varner	WilliamSpencer Houston
William Few			
25 Jan 2019	Kyle Matthew HICKOX	Nicholas Clemons	WilliamHoward COLBERT
25 Jan 2019	Thomas Mark HICKOX	Nicholas Clemons	WilliamHoward COLBERT
25 Jan 2019	John Henry HARRIS, Jr.	Moses Harris	WilliamJoseph TANKERSLEY
Wiregrass			
25 Jan 2019	Austin Wade FITZGERALD	John Bruton	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
25 Jan 2019	Calvin Dylan FITZGERALD	John Bruton	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
15 Feb 2019	Jesse Strickland NEWSOM, Jr.	James Sweet	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III

Year to Date Total: 49



[Knight Essay — Terry Gibbs](#)

The GASSAR Knight Essay competition for the academic school year 2018-2019 ended on December 31, 2018 and judging was completed by January 4, 2019. There were five Georgia Society chapters that participated in the contest this academic year. Chapters submitting winning essays were: Ocmulgee, Samuel Elbert, Edward Telfair, Wiregrass and Marshes of Glynn.

The Georgia Society SAR winner for this school year was Sarah Sarzier, a 10th grade Frederica Academy honor student from St. Simons Island, Georgia. Kyla's essay was titled "Ideas from Across the Pond". Sarah was sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. Sarah was awarded a medal, a cash scholarship of \$550 and a recognition certificate.

The Georgia Society runner-up was Katlyn Yancy, a 12th grade honor student at Rutland High School in Macon, Georgia. Katlyn's essay was titled "Margaret Corbin: A of the Revolution". Katlyn was sponsored by the Ocmulgee Few Chapter. Katlyn was awarded a cash scholarship of \$400 and a recognition certificate.

The National Society Knight Essay Chairman has been notified of our winner and the Georgia Society winning essay has been forwarded to him. We are now waiting for the announcement of the winning essay. The winners at the National level will be awarded \$5,000 for First Place, \$2,500.00 for Second Place and \$1000 for Third Place. The National winners will officially be announced at the 2019 National Congress this summer in Costa Mesa, California.

My personal thanks as well as thanks on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR to judges Charlie and Claire Newcomer, Bill Palmer, and Dr. Jamie Lemley for their dedication and effort toward this youth program.

The 2019-2020 Knight Essay Contest commences this calendar year with the beginning of school in August of 2019. Contestants enter the contest through the nearest SAR Chapter. The deadline for entries at the Chapter Level is December 1, 2019. A reminder to that effect will be sent to BOM email distribution system at that time. In the meantime, the summer is an excellent time for prospective contestants to begin their research for their essays.

The contest is open to any United States citizen or legal resident enrolled in the 9th thru 12th grades during the contest period. Students attending public schools and private schools are eligible as well as home-schooled students. Inquiries regarding rules and eligibility may be directed to me at: terrygibbs237@gmail.com



Chancellor—Joseph Vancura, Jr.

In the first quarter of this year, the following matter was addressed:

Request for advisory opinion regarding access to private cemetery land for the purposes of marking a patriot grave.

And now a question for Chapter Presidents – when were your by-laws last updated? Perhaps not in a few years, or maybe more recently, or maybe not since they were first adopted! Changes are made annually to our national governing documents, reflecting updates to ideas and concepts adopted at earlier points in our history. Please appoint someone (your chancellor or other trusted advisor) to review your by-laws. Our national and state by-laws are a great resource for comparison, and as always, I am available for advice and counsel.

Joe Vancura



Library—Hugh Rodgers

Current Committee: Michael Black (Valdosta Chapter) mmglack@valdosta.edu
Hugh Rodgers, (Coweta Falls Chapter) h_slrogers@knology.net

Georgia Society memberships as of 31 March 2019:

15 Chapters; 1 Georgia Society, SAR; 1 Georgia Society, DAR (courtesy of Brenda Davison Jessel); 60 Compatriots, Spouses, Friends

77—TOTAL Friends of the Library

The Georgia Society is first in the NSSAR among state societies having FOL memberships.

We are well ahead of our nearest challenger the Tennessee Society. Thanks to Georgia Society Regional Vice Presidents, Chapter Presidents and compatriots who support this effort. Georgia Society Chapters with FOL membership: Athens, Atlanta, Captain John Collins, Cherokee, Coweta Falls, Edward Telfair, George Walton, Lyman Hall, Marshes of Glynn, Ocmulgee, Piedmont, Robert Forsyth, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta, William Few. Increasing chapter memberships is vital to maintaining our lead in the NSSAR. Membership in Friends of the Library (FOL) is available for \$25.00 annually for chapters and individuals. Forms can be found on line.

Hugh Rodgers



Color Guard—Bill Palmer

Membership: The Color Guard has added 3 members to the Color Guard/Militia, as first time participants to its roll in 2019.

Participation: The number of members participating continues to be very good. 14 National and State events were attended with 77 total Color Guard participants. We participated at: Hero of the Hornets Nest, Kettle Creek Demonstrations, Kettle Creek Banquet, Kettle Creek reenactment; Parade; War Hill Ceremony, Cowpens, Georgia State Conference, George Washington Birthday, Leadership, Battle of Brier Creek, Guilford Courthouse, DAR State Conference, and Thomas Creek.

Budget: No expenses this quarter.

Acquisitions: Militia Insurance

Bill Palmer, Commander

Flag Respect—Paul Prescott



The Flag Committee Report is incomplete this quarter because I have not received enough chapter quarterly reports to have meaning. Only 7 of the 34 chapters reported presentation of Flag Certificates. This is only the first quarter and there is still a long time until December 31. However, the Regional Vice Presidents need to promote the presentation of Flag Certificates if we are to make 100 percent chapter participation. In 2018, we qualified for the Admiral Furlong award to be presented at Congress, but did not make the 100 percent chapter participation award.

I will have Flag Certificates, Flag Retirement Certificates, and presentation folders at the next BOM in Barnesville. Bring cash or a check book and stock up for the year. The certificates are at a really good price at \$2.50 each with the proceeds going to the Georgia Fellows Fund. The presentation folders are at the SAR Store price of \$1.50 each.

Paul Prescott

The Georgia Color Guard / Elijah Clarke Militia have been invited back to SunTrust Stadium for the July 4th Pregame festivities.



Bylaws—Ed Rigel Sr.

7.1 By-Laws Proposed Amendment Form

THE GEORGIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
By-Laws Proposed Amendment

(Submit to Chairman, By-Laws Committee)

General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No IV, Section 8 (Historian), presently reads as follows:

Section 8. Historian: The Historian shall maintain a running history of the Georgia Society and do such historical research as may be assigned to him from time to time by the President or by the Board of Managers. The updated Society history shall be disseminated annually to the membership through the BOM and posted on the state web site and Sourcebook.

Proposed Amendment Article No. IV, Section _8 (Historian, revised as follows:

Section 8. Historian: The Historian shall maintain a running history of the Georgia Society and do such historical research as may be assigned to him from time to time by the President or by the Board of Managers. The updated Society history shall be disseminated annually to the membership through the BOM and posted on the state web site and Sourcebook. **Additionally, the Historian shall assist new and existing chapter Historians in developing and/or updating the history of their chapters (as needed).** *[amended and passed by Spring BOM Ed]*

Submitted by: George Thurmond

Date: January 2, 2019

Discussion: *The two latest chapters have no history recorded in the Sourcebook. It is difficult to assume new Historians in new chapters will know what is required and use the assistance of the Georgia Society Historian. If not recorded immediately, information disappears over time.*

Date submitted to the Bylaws Committee: January 2, 2019

Date submitted to the Executive Committee: 24 Feb 2019

Comments and/or recommendations of the Executive Committee: Concerns expressed that not just new Chapter Historians might need assistance/encouragement but existing Chapters as well. Wording adjusted to include both new and existing Chapters.

Date submitted to the Board of Managers: 24 Mar 2019

Source Book—Ed Rigel Sr.

Follows is a list of Source Book sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 1st Quarter 2019:

07.0 Georgia Society Bylaws 01 2019
10.07F New Officer Notification Form
12.06F Chapter TRANSMITTAL for Applications and Supplements
16.0.1 Recipients--Medals, State & National
16.0.1.0 Recipients--The Minuteman Award (National)
16.0.1.1 Recipients--Patriot Medal
IN MEMORIAM 2018



Historian—David Ludley

1st Quarter, 2019 GASSAR Historian Quarterly BOM Report: January - March 2019

Objectives for 2019:

Create a catalog of the items contributed in 2019, belonging to the GASSAR, and carried to the Atlanta History Center.

Update the Georgia Society Website section "History of Georgia" for the year 2019.

Activities of the past quarter:

History of the Georgia Society for the year 2018 was completed. Many 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.

Attended and participated in committee meetings at the 2019 Spring NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky—Feb. 28th - March 2nd, 2019.



Public Service & Heroism—William Tankersley

All chapters are encouraged to make at least one presentation of a Public Service & Heroism Medal to a deserving candidate.

During the first quarter of 2019, Athens and Captain John Collins, presented at least one of the five Public Service & Heroism medals. Please let me know if you have any questions or need suggestions as to how to go about doing this. There is a NSSAR reporting form. These go to Past GASSAR President Wayne Brown, who is the NSSAR Public Service & Heroism Chairman. His e-mail is engineerscorner@gmail.com.

2019 GASSAR Public Service & Heroism Medal Presentations



Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
				
Athens	Athens	Athens		Athens
	Capt. John Collins	Capt. John Collins		



Public Relations / Publicity—John Trussell

The first quarter of 2019 was very active for the Georgia SAR and we were well represented in the SAR Magazine and SAR Color Guardsman Magazine. On page 16 of the SAR magazine was an excellent article, "Rigel Family Makes a Splash". It details Georgia's own Dr Edward Rigel, Sr., Edward Rigel, Jr and their DAR wives, Joan and Brady. Their challenge to the SAR, at the Fall 2018 Leadership Conference, to raise 50,000 for the SAR Education Center and Museum was a huge success. The effort raised 63,00 in donations, so with the Rigel's matching funds, 113,000 was added to make the museum a reality. Many thanks to the Rigel family for their inspiration and generosity!

On page 12 is an excellent article by Joseph B. Harris, a charter member of the Washington-Wilkes chapter, on the "Kettle Creek Battlefield-History and Preservation." Thanks to Dr Harris. His excellent story gives the history of the site and efforts to preserve it. In the SAR state chapters section, Atlanta, Capt. John Collins and Joel Early Chapters had entries. The Atlanta Chapter made two presentations to Gov Deal, one for proper presentation of the USA Flag during his two terms in office, and he was also presented a copy of the excellent book, "Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782" by David Noble and Richard Marsh, which will be placed in the Governor's Mansion Library.

The Capt. John Collins chapter established a military recognition program and the Joel Early Chapter unveiled a Veterans Monument in Blakely, Georgia. You may submit stories (to me for review and editing at jtrusswr@cox.net) or send directly to www.sarmag@sar.org

The SAR Color Guardsman Magazine displays the wonderful work that is done by the SAR's dedicated Color Guardsmen around the USA, and in the recent magazine, Georgia was well represented. Commander Bill Palmer submitted photos from Kettle Creek, Guilford Courthouse and Elijah Clark Park events which highlighted the excellent work done by our GASSAR Color Guard. To view the current copy of the SAR Color Guard magazine, copy and paste this link into your computer browser, "<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/245/mlZhQ4AUAIHa.pdf>."

Membership continues to be a high priority for the Georgia SAR and as an active member of Georgia SAR, you are our best recruiter! We could double our membership if every member were to recruit just one new member! Next time you go to a family reunion, pass out information on the SAR and request that your relatives join SAR. Following family lines, you as a member have already done the hard work, making it relatively easy for other family members to join SAR.

Another great SAR recruitment location is ROTC award ceremonies. President Chuck Garnett, of the Ocmulgee Chapter, and I have started wearing our Color Guard uniforms to ROTC award ceremonies where we make SAR awards to ROTC members. In 2019 our Ocmulgee Chapter will be present at 16 ROTC award ceremonies and we have contact with thousands of potential members, just as you do in your localities. We are getting numerous requests about joining the SAR, as a result. If I can assist you in any way to advance community awareness of the Georgia SAR, please call me at 478-953-9320.

John Trussell

Treasurer—Shep Hammack



Since I have been in the position of State Treasurer, I have had several chapters inquire as to what their EIN number is. This has made me realize that the State Treasurer should have a listing of all Chapter EINs.

Would the Chapter Treasurer or President please send these to me so I can create a file for the state. I will assure you that this list will be held in the closest confidence; it will not be shared with anyone.

First quarter financial reports were submitted to BOM.

Shep Hammack

Chaplain—D. Allen Smith



I wanted to praise the fantastic celebrations that the GA Society was responsible for in February and March. February's celebration of Kettle Creek Celebration and the Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek mark two entirely different outcomes to a complex period in the history of the American Revolution. If we interpret the victory of Kettle Creek as the ultimate turning point in the War, we would miss the significance of how bloody and long the War would continue to be. The short two weeks mark the poles existing between the victory of Kettle Creek and catastrophe of Brier Creek. For those in the Christian Community this ignoring of their mutual importance is the same as rushing from Palm Sunday to Easter while ignoring Maundy Thursday's betrayal and the Crucifixion on Good Friday. The chapters sponsoring both events deserve our highest compliments for extremely well executed events. Both local communities also deserve credit for their support. These events deserve their designation as National and State Events.

Events. Any one not attending both commemorations has seen only one part of this civil war in the back country. I would urge everyone to make plans to attend them on the second weekend in February and the first Saturday in March.

Alan Smith

Rumbaugh Orations —George Wheelless



A reminder that the Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Finals will be held 27 Apr 2019 following the BOM meeting in Barnesville. You MUST submit all the proper paperwork for your chapter winner to me no later than 09 Apr 2019. You may mail (post) or e-mail to me. Be sure that a written copy of their oration is included as well as a photo.

The *Military Times* released it's 2019 rankings of the best colleges for veterans. The publication rated schools based on their university culture; academic quality and outcomes; policies; student support and financial aid. Georgia had 3 schools make the top of the lists: **4 - Year School Category: #1.** Georgia Southern University . **Career and Technical Colleges Category: #2** Savannah Technical College and **#3** Gwinnett Technical College. It seems that not only the Georgia Society, but Georgia as a whole has the proper attitude with regard to our veterans. [Ed.]



ROTC/JROTC—David Jessel

Committee Members: Chair LCDR David G. Jessel USN Ret., LTC Bloise A. Hill USA Ret., CPT Jimmy Flanagan NG, CAPT Roger W. Coursey USCG Ret. and LCDR Michael N. Henderson USN Ret.

Georgia Society Outstanding Cadet 2018-2019, C/Maj Cassidy S. Sweet AFJROTC Warner Robins High School sponsored by the Ocmulgee Chapter GASSAR is representing the Georgia Society in the NSSAR Competition.

Please consider the Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program to be totally separate programs.

Information on ROTC/JROTC Programs can be found at <https://www.sar.org/> and under Education click ROTC/JROTC. GASSAR Source Book Index 27 - Youth Recognition & Awards Program has all the information one needs and/or you can call the Chair.

15 Silver ROTC Medal Packages were provided to eleven Georgia Universities for presentation to outstanding cadets/midshipmen selected by the ROTC Program. 10 GASSAR Chapters are being asked by email to present these Medals on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. There is no reason for any chapter to expend funds on a Silver ROTC Medal Package, as this is a function of the GASSAR Awards Committee. If a college/university contacts a chapter about a medal please refer them to the ROTC/JROTC Committee Chair. All ROTC Programs do not rate a medal because they are considered a Cross-town Unit that falls under a Host Unit (University). Your assistance in this area is appreciated. Chapters are strongly encouraged to have a compatriot present the medal in person, rather than mailing the medal and having the SMI present the award.

Award Criteria:

- *Awarded to cadet currently enrolled in the JROTC Program
- *A junior (in his/her 3rd year of a 4 year program or 2nd year of a 3 year program)
- *Top 10% of the JROTC class
- *Top 25% of his/her class

Air Force has decided that a cadet cannot wear our medal on their uniform, the medal can still be awarded.

LCDR David G. Jessel USN Retired. 770-254-8579 ptljessel@charter.net



Patriot Graves—Sonny Pittman

No Patriot Grave Marker Dedications held during the First Quarter, 2019.

However, Twelve Georgia Society Chapters have announced they will conduct dedications in four locations to honor Nine Georgia Patriots for their Revolutionary War service and sacrifice in the Second Quarter.

Second Quarter, Patriot and Compatriot Grave Markings as Announced and Scheduled:

April

The Joel Early Chapter will conduct a Grave Marker Dedication for Patriot Joseph Anderson to be held on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 am in Friendship Church Cemetery in Metcalfe, Georgia.

The Athens, Wiregrass, Marshes of Glynn, Brier Creek, Robert Forsyth and Captain John Collins Chapters will co-sponsor Grave Marker Dedications for Five Patriots on Sunday, April 28 in the Midway Church Cemetery in Midway, Georgia.

May

The Brier Creek, Col William Few and Wiregrass Chapters will co-sponsor Grave Marker Dedications for Patriot Major James Carter and Patriot Major William Skinner III to be held Saturday, May 11 at 11 am in the Bugg Family cemetery located in Pendleton King Park in Augusta, Georgia.

June

The Col William Few and Washington-Wilkes Chapters will co-sponsor a Grave Marker Dedication for Patriot Private Thomas Ansley on Saturday, June 1 at 1:30 pm in the Ansley Cemetery in Thomson, Georgia.

Please submit GASSAR Graves Registry information, forms and photos to Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr., Graves Registrar, and the undersigned in a timely manner. The Patriot Graves Committee is indebted to the award winning Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, Militia Units and the Wiregrass Chapter Artillery Section for their volunteer participation in our Patriot and Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremonies.

Hopefully this year, we will reach our goal of having each of our Thirty-Four Chapters conduct or participate in co-sponsoring at least one Patriot Grave Marking Dedication. Please let me know if your chapter needs assistance in sponsoring or would like to participate in co-sponsoring a Patriot Grave Marker Dedication.

Sonny Pittman



Note: NSSAR and GSSAR Applications "Pended" prior to Feb 1st, 2019 are being handled by former GSSAR Registrar, Robert Sapp.

Georgia Registrar North—Don Bulloch

1st Quarter applications received were (19) nineteen. All have been reviewed. (18) eighteen have been forwarded to GASSAR Secretary. One was pended for form update. None have been approved by NSSAR.

Applications Submitted by Chapter:

Athens: (1) Junior
 Atlanta: (3) Regular
 Blue Ridge Mtn: (1) Regular
 Captain John Collins: (1) Regular (2) Junior (2) Supplemental
 Coweta Falls: (1) Junior
 John Milledge: (1) Regular
 Marquis de Lafayette: (1) Regular
 Mt. Vernon: (1) Supplemental
 Piedmont: (2) Regular (1) Junior (2) Supplemental

Georgia Registrar South—Steve Henson

1st Quarter applications received were (15) Fifteen. All have been reviewed. (14) fourteen have been forwarded to GASSAR Secretary. None have been approved by NSSAR.

Applications Submitted by Chapter:

Col. William Few: 3 – New
 Edward Telfair: 1 – New
 Fall Line: 1 – New
 John Milledge: 2 – New, 1 - Supplemental
 Little River: 2 – New
 Marshes of Glynn: 1 – New, 1 - Junior
 Mill Creek: 1 - New
 Valdosta: 1 - New
 Wiregrass: 1 – New

Eagle Scout—William Coffeen

Our committee has received 11 requests for letters of commendation which is about half the amount we normally receive. I believe this reflects fewer inquiries through our national office and more inquiries to local chapters. I suggest you check our page on the Georgia SAR website as we have updated it based upon information received from several chapters. If there are still errors or missing information please let me know as soon as possible. Many, but not all BSA Councils throughout the State are willing to share information about their newly minted Eagle Scouts. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to contact your local Council please call me.

The Georgia Society can approve up to three compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. This is an award for any SAR member who has distinguished himself over the years serving the Scouting program. Consider a chapter member you think deserves such recognition and forward the application to me. You may download the application from the National website (or contact me directly) and forward it with a check for \$20 to my attention: 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

As Georgia Society Chair I have already reached out to the Atlanta Area Council's annual Eagle Recognition program and will propose ways that our Society may participate in this annual activity. It draws outstanding citizens from around the metro area, thus raising the level of awareness of our Society and its aims. Eight chapters (excluding George Walton) presently recognize Eagle scouts within the Atlanta Area Council of the BSA.

Our committee encourages all chapters to participate in local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs. We'll provide support and direction to help you grow. The Georgia Society deadline for chapters is December 31, 2019. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me by email.

Bill Coffeen billcoffeen@gmail.com (770) 419-2549



IT—Richard Marsh

While input for the website improved during this period, the website continues to have little to no input from officers, committee chairs and chapters resulting in pages having no or outdated information. Compatriots are welcome to submit events for the calendar, articles, links to other web sites or content of general interest to the membership and public.

Richard Marsh



The Georgia SAR Congress Medal for 2022 was approved by the committee.

The Georgia Centennial Medal and Lapel Pin were also approved.

Medals—Wayne Brown

Membership: Wayne Lambert Brown, Chairman; Senior VP William “Bill” B. Dobbs, II; Reg. VP Robert P. Cruthirds; Reg. VP Sonny Pittman, Jr.; Reg. VP William “Bill” Palmer; Reg. VP Ed Rigel, Jr.; Reg. VP Justin Reese, III; Reg. VP Terry Allen Gibbs; Reg. VP Robert Vinyard; Reg. VP Clinton Alexander Smith; Reg. VP David Jessel.

Since the Annual Conference in January, this committee has recommended the following awards for approval by the Executive Committee which were approved.

Medal	Chapter	Recipient
Daughters of Liberty	Athens Chapter	Dory Brown
Silver Good Citizenship	Blue Ridge Mountains	Wayne Elliott

Georgia Trustee—Wayne Brown

Please be informed that the NSSAR Nominating Committee announced the following 2019-2020 Slate of Officers during the Trustees' Meeting:

President General ----- John T. "Jack" Manning
 Secretary General ----- Davis Lee Wright
 Treasurer General ----- C. Bruce Pickette
 Chancellor General ----- Peter M. Davenport
 Genealogist General ---- Jim L. W. Faulkinbury
 Registrar General ----- Douglas Thomas Collins
 Historian General ----- William O. "Bill" Stone
 Librarian General ----- Tony L. Vets
 Surgeon General ----- Darryl S. Addington, M.D.
 Chaplain General ----- Rev. David J. Felts

SAR Foundation Board (Three year terms 2019-2022)
 Warren M. Alter
 John Dodd

Wayne Lambert Brown



The reports below were received after the official deadline. *[One week prior to BOM meeting, (approx. 3 weeks after the end of the quarter).]*
 In order to keep *The Hornet's Nest* current, and the publication released in a timely manner, all reports received for publication after the deadline will be published in the next newsletter. Thank you for your service and dedication to making the Georgia Society Newsletter the best in the nation.

Veterans—Bill Kabel



Georgia Society placed 3rd in its size group for societies with over 1,000 members. We finished behind Texas, 1st, (sorry, Mike) and Kentucky 2nd. To finish ahead of Kentucky we would have needed 52,000 more points (roughly double what we had) AND probably for the 22 chapters that didn't bother to submit a report to have reported. Additionally,

The Casimir Pulaski Chapter finished 10th nationally among the 26 reporting chapters in the 10-49 members group.

For the 18 reporting chapters in the 50-99 Members size group:

The Captain John Collins Chapter finished 5th nationally, and The Marquis de Lafayette Chapter finished 8th. Piedmont Chapter finished 13th. Congratulations and many thanks to everybody for your outstanding support of veterans, and for making the effort to submit a Stark Report.

As your Veterans Chairman, I can confidently say, “The Best is Yet to Come!”

On Feb. 5, 2019, I visited Compatriot and Air Force veteran Bob McCleskey at the Heritage Hospice Center in Woodstock. On Feb. 22, I attended the funeral service for Compatriot Bob McCleskey at the National Cemetery at Canton and served as an Honorary Pallbearer.

On Feb. 23, I forwarded to those on the BOM Distribution information regarding a Peace Medal Ceremony and Recognition (April 12) for Korean War veterans.

On a personal note, on March 12, I reenacted John Adams and presented to the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter the speech he gave to the Continental Congress before it voted for independence. Future presentations of the John Adams speech are scheduled for the Captain John Collins Chapter and the Barrington Hall Lecture Series. *[I am sure Bill would possibly come to your chapter for this presentation. Ed.]*

Bill Kabel



Education Outreach—Rick Reese, Jr.

Education Chairman - Rick Reese, Jr. (Piedmont Chapter) RickReese68@att.net
Education Committee members are:
Jimmy Boatwright (Marshes of Glynn Chapter) jimmy_boatright@yahoo.com
Bruce Maney (Button Gwinnett Chapter) mbrucemaney@bellsouth.net
Carter Wood (Lyman Hall Chapter) CarterJWood@yahoo.com

Poster and Brochure contest judging of chapter entries will take place at the GASSAR BOM meeting on Saturday April 27.

Bruce Maney will be organizing the judging for the contests prior to the start of the meeting.

If your chapter has an entry to be considered in these contests, please arrange to have your poster or brochure at the Garden Patch Restaurant between 9:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Please be sure that your chapter entry is accompanied by the entry form for either the Poster Contest or the Brochure Contest.

Rick Reese, Jr.



C.A.R. Liaison—Robert Moore

This year started with the State BOM Meeting at the Sonesta Hotel in Atlanta, GA. I was proud to hear Georgia C.A.R. State President, Audrey Frederick bring greetings to the Georgia SAR on behalf of the Georgia C.A.R.

While attending the Flower Presentation at the Daniel Morgan Statue in Spartanburg and the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens at Cherokee County History and Art Museum at Limestone College as well as the Mid-Atlantic BOM meeting, members of the Children of the American Revolution from several states were a part of the Cowpens ceremony.

This liaison attended the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, GA

Georgia C.A.R. State President, Audrey Frederick, brought greetings on behalf of the Georgia C.A.R. and led the 13 colony salute which was performed by C.A.R. members from Georgia and South Carolina.

Next this liaison attended the Georgia Children of the American Revolution State Conference that was held at the Stone Mountain Inn. I was honored to bring greetings on behalf of Georgia SAR State President, Scott Collins. Special thanks to the GA SAR for being a gold patron at this event.

In closing, this liaison would like to thank all of the Georgia SAR chapters that participated in the 2018 C.A.R. Activity Report and to congratulate the William Few Chapter for being the overall winner.

Robert W. Moore



Georgia Fellows Board Chair—Edward P. Rigel, Jr

Fund Balance: \$ 9,293.99 as of 31 March 2019

New Georgia Fellows: Robert W. Moore – Compatriot Moore is a member of the Coweta Falls Chapter and serves as Chairman of the C.A.R Liaison Committee.

First Quarter: No activity

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. 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.