

Newsletter of The Georgia Society



Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



April - June 2019



The President's Dispatch

This past quarter was yet again another active quarter for the Georgia Society SAR. It was great seeing a large number of Compatriots, DAR members, C.A.R. members and members of the public at the Frederica Patriot Days back in April. We definitely got the community's attention with the rifle volleys in conjunction with sequenced firing volleys of three different canons used this year. This event, along with all of our events, could not happen without the efforts of our Compatriots. Georgia is blessed to have active SAR members spread out over a larger area of our state who are willing to give of their time and talents to accomplish the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Also in April, we had the Spring BOM and five patriot Grave Markings in Midway, Georgia that were reported on back in the Spring issue. Please make plans to join us this coming April for more patriot grave markings in Midway Georgia on the last Sunday in April. If your chapter would like to sponsor, please let me know. I have several programs that can be presented to a chapter meeting one of which is on the Midway Church and Cemetery.

In May the activities around patriot grave marker dedications started to become more active. I was pleased to attend a number of dedications across the state and look forward to more during the year.

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Old Guard, New Weapon

On March 4, 1921, the US Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American serviceman from World War I in Arlington National Cemetery. On November 11, 1921, the unknown soldier brought back from France was interred.

West of this grave are the crypts of Unknowns from World War II and Korea. Between the two lies a crypt that once contained an Unknown from Vietnam. His remains were positively identified in 1998 through DNA testing and were removed. The original inscription of "Vietnam" and the dates of the conflict has been changed to "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen" as a reminder of the commitment of the Armed Forces to fully account for missing service members. It was decided that this crypt would remain vacant.

The North and South panels of the tomb, with 3 wreaths on each side represent the six major battles engaged in by American forces in France: Ardennes, Belleau Wood, Château-Thierry, Meusse-Argonne, Oisiu-Eiseu, and Somme.

The East panel which faces Washington, DC, bears three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and "American Manhood" – this was later changed to "Valor".

On the West panel is inscribed: HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD.

The first military guards were troopers from the 3rd Cavalry, "Brave Rifles", who were posted nearby at Fort Myer. Since April 6, 1948, when the regiment was reactivated, The Tomb has been guarded by soldiers from 3rd Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard". It is considered one of the highest honors to serve as a Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

A soldier "walking the mat" does not wear rank insignia, so as not to outrank the Unknowns, whatever their ranks may have been.

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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.

The Relief Commander wears insignia of rank when changing the guard only. They have a uniform without rank that is worn when posted to guard the Unknowns.

Duties of the sentinels are not purely ceremonial. Sentinels will confront people who cross the barriers at the tomb or whom they perceive to be disrespectful or excessively loud.

Over the years there have been several different weapons used by the tomb guards. The changes in weapons reflect changes in the Army, and included the M1903 Springfield rifle, M1 Garand and M14 rifles, as well as the M1911 pistol.

After visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and witnessing the changing of the guard, Beretta patriarch, Giuseppe Beretta, said, "We have to do something better for these men." Subsequently, presentation grade M9s were built and carried by Sentinels beginning February 17, 1988, until October 11, 2018, for a total of 11,194 days. The Beretta M9 served as the standard sidearm for American troops until the M17 took its place.

SIG SAUER, Inc. announced production and presentation of a unique set of four ceremonial M17 Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Pistols for the U.S. Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment for the Tomb Guard Sentinels. The M17 Tomb of the Unknown Pistols were presented to the Old Guard in an official ceremony on Oct. 11, 2018 at the Arlington National Cemetery Chapel.

The unique M17 pistols were created using the same specifications for the U.S. Army's M17 Modular Handgun System. The pistols feature a high polish to withstand the inclement weather while Tomb Sentinels stand guard.



Pistol Names: The four pistols bear the names Silence, Respect, Dignity, & Perseverance. The name is featured on the dust cover. Dignity and Perseverance represent "The Sentinel's Creed." Silence and Respect represent the request to the public by Arlington National Cemetery when visiting the Tomb of the Unknown, and during the Changing of the Guard.

Custom Wood Grips: In 1921 the first Unknown was transported to the United States of America aboard the USS Olympia. The Olympia is the oldest steel American warship still afloat. She is in dock at Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia. This ship was Commander George Dewey's flagship during the Battle of Manila Bay on May 1, 1898.



The custom wood grips are made with wood from the USS Olympia' deck. Inset on the right side is the crest of the 3rd Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier identification badge. The wooden grips were crafted by a former Old Guard soldier, Dave Loyal.

Cocking Serrations: XXI cocking serrations are engraved on the slide to signify the twenty-one steps it takes for Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknowns, equivalent to the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute.

Sight Plate: An engraved impression of the Greek Figures on the east panel of the Tomb – Peace, Victory, and Valor – are featured on the sight plate; The three figures represent Peace holding a dove, Victory holding a palm branch and Valor holding a sword. Victory stands between Peace and Valor to reward devotion and sacrifice that went with courage to make the Cause of Righteousness triumphant.

Sights: A glass insert made with marble dust from the Tomb of the Unknown fills the sights of the pistols. The dust was recovered when the Tomb received the inscription “Honoring and Keeping Faith with

America's Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975.” That inscription was added to the face of the crypt after Lieutenant Michael J. Blassie's remains were identified through DNA testing, and removed from the Tomb of the Unknown in 1998. The marble dust was turned to glass by heating it to 2,600 degrees Fahrenheit and then formed for inserts into these pistols' sights.

Engraved Magazines: 21-round magazines feature an aluminum base plate engraved with the names of the Greek figures featured on the Tomb of the Unknown – Peace, Victory, and Valor. The slides are engraved with the Roman numerals “XXI” to the same proportional depth that marble was cut when engraved on the Tomb. Unlike movements in our military ranks, sentinels do not execute an about face when they reach 21 steps during their march. They stop, turn and face the Tomb for 21 seconds. Then they turn to face the opposite direction. However, before they begin marching again, they count 21 seconds before stepping off. This is repeated until the sentinels are changed. Duration of a shift can be as short as 30 minutes or as long as 2 hours.

Serial Numbers: The pistols hold a unique set of serial numbers that incorporate items of significance to the Old Guard: “LS” represents Line S ix of the Sentinels' Creed, “My standard will remain perfection; “02JUL37” to signify the first 24-hour guard posted at the Tomb of the Unknown on July 3, 1937; “21” to signify the 21 steps it takes the Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknown, and the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute. The full series of M17 Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Pistols serial numbers are LS02JUL37A21 (Silence), LS02JUL37B21 (Respect), LS02JUL37C21 (Dignity), LS02JUL37D21 (Perseverance).

A reporter supposedly tried to get an estimate on what these pistols cost SIG Sauer to produce. The request was met with a simple reply: “The cost of honoring these soldiers and the dedication of the Tomb Guards isn't something we can put a price on. It is an honor to be asked to help with such an important project. The reaction of current and past badge holders makes cost insignificant.”



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[The Tomb Badge, pictured at the head of this article, is earned by sentinels since first being issued in 1958. It is one of only two badges that can be revoked if you dishonor the Tomb anytime in your life. As of February 2019 they number 663, including 23 which have been revoked. Ed.]

[Recommended Reading from the Editor](#)

The following article appeared in the April / May 2019 Imprimis, a publication of Hillsdale College. It is a speech drawn from Tom Cotton, US Senator from Arkansas' book, *Sacred Duty: A Soldier's Tour at Arlington National Cemetery*. Short article, but very meaningful. I will be ordering the book for a more extensive read. <https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/sacred-duty-soldiers-tour-arlington-national-cemetery/>



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If your chapter has one or more of these planned please make sure that it gets on the Color Guard Calendar. If you need some help organizing a marking or conducting the actual dedication ceremony, feel free to contact me or the Revolutionary War Graves Committee Chair Compatriot Sonny Pittman. Georgia is fortunate to have a large number of patriots and many of their graves are still not marked.

I do a lot of traveling for business and other volunteer organization. When I am on these trips I try to go to that states Society's SAR website. While I was in Charlotte North Carolina for a meeting that ended on Friday I notice three patriot grave markings just 15 miles away on Saturday morning. Of course the uniform, rifle, the Georgia wreath, chapter wreath all went in the car before the trip. It was great attending these events in another state and talking with fellow compatriots.

I immediately headed from the marking to Charleston, South Carolina for the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Society of CPA's (GSCPA). The hotel in Charleston was not phased when I walked in dressed as a Continental Line Solider. I was pleased to finish my one year term as Chairmen of the Board of the GSCPA and hand over the Chair position of that organization. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard has twice presented colors at GSCPA Council meetings. The GSCPA Chairs video prominently featured my work with the SAR and at the end of the final event I was presented with Georgia House Resolution 395 thanking me for my service and a replica American Revolution Officers Sword for my uniform.

I left Charleston and headed to the American Village in Montevalle, Alabama for a Flagpole dedication ceremony with President General Warren Alter. Georgia had three members in the Color Guard and several others in attendance. The temperature was 96+ with a much higher heat index. The Uniform definitely went to the cleaners after that trip.

Much work is needed to be done and each of us has our own abilities so I call on all of us to take action to support the advancement and mission of the Georgia Society SAR and yes that might mean stepping out of you 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, July 27, 2019
Saturday, October 26, 2019
Winter TBA 2020

BOM location:

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

Georgia Society Deceased Members
April 01, -
June 30, 2019

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.

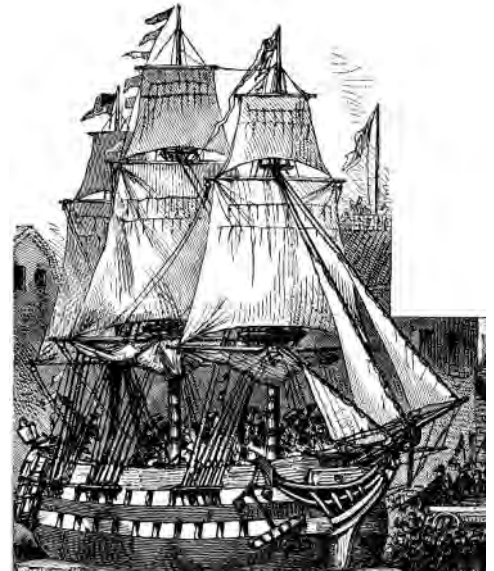
Tours include:
Lyon Air Museum & Nixon Library, Huntington Library, Hornblower Cruise on Newport Bay, Mission San Juan Capistrano, and possible tour to the Regan Library.



Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
William Hughes RAPER	147382	Jos. Habersham	02 Apr 2019
Gary Randall SMITH,	192909	Atlanta	16 Apr 2019
Scott Askew RAY	96686	Piedmont	04 May 2019
Rex L ABERNATHY,	176677	Rome	08 May 2019
Jeff Davis THOMAS, Jr.	211261	Edward Telfair	13 May 2019
Martin Luther BRIDGES,	179256	Wiregrass	27 May 2019
Leman Lewis HUTCHINSON, Sr.	184571	Marshes of Glynn	20 Jun 2019
Donald Glen MERRITT	147660	Piedmont	21 Jun 2019
Robert Martin WYLIE	172343	Marquis de Lafayette	29 Jun 2019



FREDERICA PATRIOT'S DAY CELEBRATION



Left: Georgia Society President Scott Collins and Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer lead a contingent of Compatriots in the Patriot's Day parade at Saint Simon's Island, GA.

Photos by Pete Dillon.



Center Right: Risley Middle School Chorus performed at the Patriot's Day celebration.

Above: The militia fired musket and cannon salutes on the green.

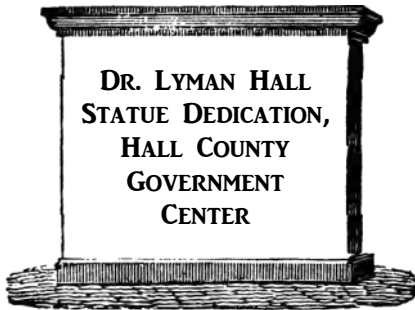
Right: Left: Not sure if these Compatriots are resting up for the parade, or exhausted after.



Left: Dr. Hall's statue was in place on the lawn, but due to weather concerns, the event was moved into the Council Chambers inside the building.



Above: Members of the GASSAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia posted the colors and provided the honor to the ceremony.



Below: Members of Hall County Sherriff's Department, co-sponsors for the ceremony.



Left: Carter Wood, President of the Lyman Hall Chapter, was one of many who presented a wreath in honor and memory of Dr. Hall.

Below Left: Hall County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Richard Higgins, Memorial Park Funeral Home owner, Jack Frost (provided the monument), and SAR



Below: Lyman Hall Elementary School Principal Angel Rodriquez and 5th grade student, Armando De Lira spoke to the assembled. *[Armando will be a future Rumbaugh winner. Ed.]*

Photos by DAR & www.gapix.endbyte.com





Right: Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer presented the Silver Color Guard Medal to Sid Turner and Paul Danner, both from Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter. To qualify for the Bronze Medal, at least 36 months participation as a Color Guard member and the accumulation of at least 300 points is required. For the Silver Medal, an additional 200 points that includes attendance at nine (9) District and/or National events is required.



Left: Mattie Winburn receives the Rumbaugh Oration Medal after judges ruled her the best of five finalists who presented their speeches on Spring BOM Saturday. She now has the opportunity to compete at the National Congress for the top honors, which includes a \$5000 award.



Right: Neal Spooner receives his Silver Rodger Sherman Medal from Past P.G. Wayne Brown and GASSAR President Scott Collins.

Below: Members in attendance who participated in the Washington Park reenactment of the Battle of Kettle Creek receive Certificates of Appreciation

Photos by Bill Tankersley





GENERAL LAFAYETTE'S VICTORY PARADE INTO SPARTA



James Armistead Lafayette was an enslaved African American who served the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War under the Marquis. As a spy, he was responsible for reporting the activities of Benedict Arnold – after he had defected to the British – and of Lord Cornwallis' actions prior to the Battle of Yorktown. He fed the British false information while disclosing very accurate and detailed accounts to the Americans. With a 1784 testimonial of James Armistead's service under Lafayette, made by the Marquis himself, James petitioned the Virginia Assembly for his freedom. On January 9, 1787, the Assembly granted the petition. At that time, he added "Lafayette" to his name to honor the general.



Though Americans celebrated freedom throughout the United States at the end of the war, James Armistead returned to life as a slave. His status as a spy meant that he did not benefit from the Act of 1783, which emancipated any slave-soldiers that fought for the Revolution. Armistead began the process of petitioning Congress to fight for his freedom. Armistead received help from an old comrade in arms, the Marquis de Lafayette. Upon learning that Armistead remained enslaved, Lafayette wrote a letter to Congress on his behalf. Armistead received his manumission in 1787. As a free man, he then added Lafayette to his name.

During Lafayette's grand tour of the United States in 1824, the general picked James out of a crowd, stopped his carriage, and cordially embraced him.

Sparta is a predominantly black community. The Lafayette celebration gives a perfect opportunity to celebrate the black community's contributions to the Revolutionary War.

Left: James Armistead Lafayette, is seen beside the General when Lafayette returned to Sparta, Georgia, during a recreation of the event, on April 13, 2019.

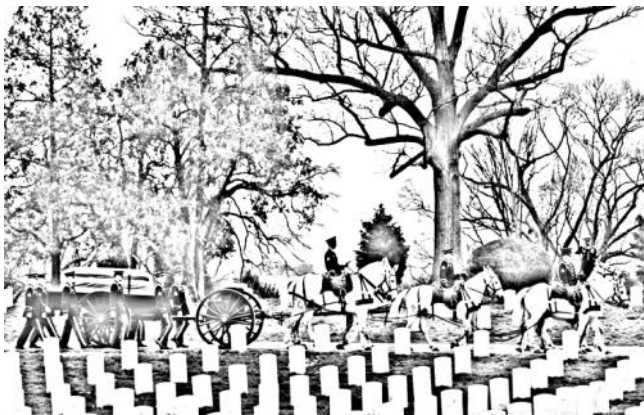
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Left: The march into Sparta, Georgia, re-creating General Lafayette's hero's welcome into town in March 1824, was led by John Trussell, Past President of Ocmulgee Chapter with U.S. Flag.



Right: James Armistead Lafayette dismounts and greets the crowd during the Sparta recreation of the Lafayette 1824 tour.



MEMORIAL DAY

The "Roswell Remembers" Ceremony is the largest Memorial Day Ceremony in Georgia. The event attracts approximately 6,000 - 7,000 people from throughout Georgia and the southeast.

Below: Ga. Society Color Guards presents the colors.

Far Left: The Faces of War Monument. 14 x 20 feet, with Georgia marble and old colonial bricks. Fifty bronze faces, depict an array of emotions representing American serviceman and women, medical personnel, and Vietnamese civilians. A waterfall cascades over the backdrop faces.





Left: Large crowds come, rain or shine to the Roswell event.

Center Right: Scouts from all over the Metro area congregate at the Marietta National Cemetery each Memorial Day Weekend to place a flag on each grave. Georgia Society members, scouts and families join in, and within no time, all 18,742 marble headstones were covered. Each Scout on Saturday tried his best to make sure the American flags planted stood up straight and were 6 inches from the center of each stone.

Center Left: Members of the Georgia Society gathered at Marietta National Cemetery on Saturday before Memorial Day, to assist the Scouts and honor those who lie at rest here.



Below: Since the many Memorial Day events made it impossible to attend all, it is good that a representation of the Georgia Society was available at many of them. Here, the Oconee County Veterans Memorial provides the backdrop for one such service.



Right: J.C. Hustis, Robert Forsyth Chapter participated, along with other Ga. Society members, in the Snellville Memorial Day Celebrations.

[Gotta love the swivel cannon. Ed]



Right: Georgia Society members joined President General Warren Alter in Alabama at the American Village for a flagpole dedication, a National Event with the presence of President General Alter.





Above: (L—R) Jay Guest (Athens), Emil Decker (Robert Forsyth), Ralph Galpin (Button Gwinnett), Gary Page (Robert Forsyth), Pres. Scott Collins (Athens), Eldon Evans (Button Gwinnett), Sid Turner (Blue Ridge Mountains), & Carter Wood (Lyman Hall) presented the Colors and started the Warrior Classic Golf Tournament with a musket volley. Each 4-some of golfers included at least one Wounded Warrior.

Below: The Elijah Clarke Militia “tees off” the driving green next to the Club house.



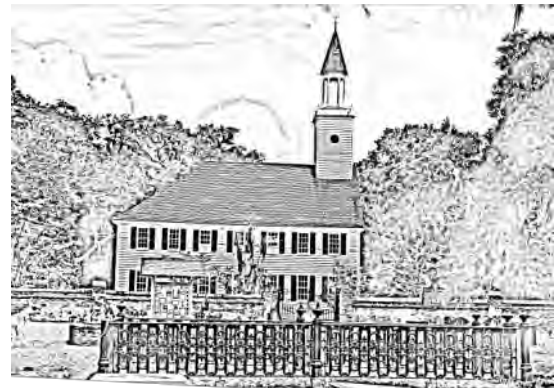
GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



MIDWAY

Below: The Elijah Clarke Militia fired a volley for each of the five patriots honored.

Photo by Bill Ramsaur



Below: DAR members pose for photos with the Color Guard and Militia after the ceremony.



Above & Below: Following the morning service, a traditional picnic on the grounds is enjoyed by all. Especially when Jay Guest smokes up some pork butts. Delicious !

Photos by Emil Decker



Right: Granite SAR Markers were placed on each grave of the five Patriots honored at Midway.

Left: An additional three round volley was followed by the playing of Taps and Mourn Muskets. Midway Church, erected in 1792, is in the background.

Photos by Emil Decker



JAMES CARTER / WILLIAM SKINNER



Right: The Carter / Skinner Grave Marking Ceremony drew many participants.

Left: James Carter, patriot and ancestor to the 39th president of the United States is buried in the Bugg Cemetery in the middle of Pendleton Park in Augusta, Ga.



Left: William Skinner III is located in Skinner Cemetery, but the location was not conducive to having the service there. Both patriots were honored together at Pendleton Park.

Right: The GASSAR Color Guard, Elijah Clarke Militia, and the Brier Creek Artillery were all at the service to give due honors.



Left: Pendleton King Park is 64 acres in the center of Augusta and was named after John Pendleton King (1799-1888). He was a judge and a member of the U.S. Senate from 1833 to 1837 and helped develop the Georgia Railroad, the Georgia Railroad Bank, the Augusta Canal and the King Mill in Augusta. Prior to his marriage, King purchased the plantation originally belonging to the Bugg family. Bugg Cemetery is in the middle of the Pendleton Park.

Right: Sonny Pittman at the podium. Both stones are covered on the table in front of the podium. They will be placed at the grave sites at a later date.



Below: Not counting the many Militia and Artillery squad out of the picture, there were quite a few others who came to this service.



THOMAS ANSLEY

Right: Marker for the Ansley Family Cemetery. Individual graves within the cemetery are unmarked, among the trees in the distance. Thomas is known to be one of them. Thomas was a Quaker, and did not fight. He did, however, provide supplies and services to the American War effort.



Left: Georgia Color Guard stand ready to retire after retrieving the Colors.

Right: Elijah Clarke Militia stand in the shade while waiting for the service to begin.



Left: Color Guard photo opportunity after the ceremony. These guys are always willing to oblige anyone seeking a photo memento at any event.



Right: Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer leads with the American flag.

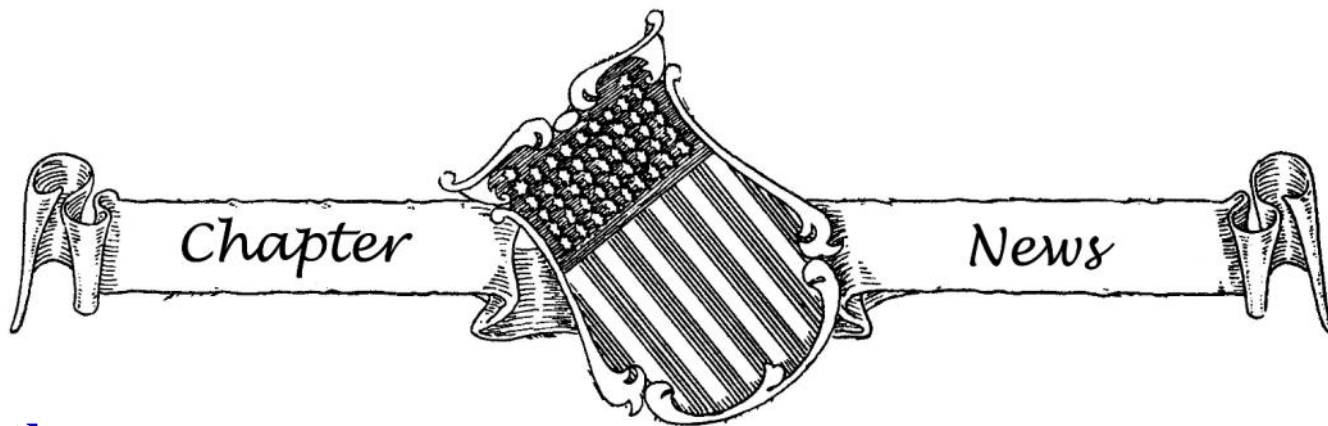


The Rock House in McDuffie County, circa 1796. It is the only surviving structure of the colonial Wrightsboro Quaker Community. It was built by Thomas Ansley, who migrated here from New Jersey and North Carolina in 1768 with 40 other families searching for religious freedom. He did not bear arms in the revolution, but was a driver and forager for the Army. He is also an ancestor of Jimmy Carter. It is the oldest stone house in the state and one of the oldest structures overall. It was occupied until 1950 when it was abandoned. The property is now owned by the Wrightsboro Quaker Community Foundation.

Calendar of Events



Event	Location	Date	Status
4th of July Program	Collins Hill Library	Jun. 29, 2019	Local
Patriotic Concert	Gainesville First United Methodist Church	Jun. 29, 2019	Local
Independence Day Program	Hall County Court-house	Jul 3, 2019	Local
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
Marquis de Lafayette Birthday	LaGrange, GA	Sep. 6, 2019	Local
Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	Sep. 19-21, 2019	National
Little River Chapter Charter Banquet	TBD	Oct. 5, 2019	State
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct. 26, 2019	State
Veterans Day Program	Snellville, GA	Nov. 9, 2019	Local
Veterans Day Program	Watkinsville, GA	Nov. 11, 2019	Local



Athens

Right: Jay Guest honors Dr. Lyman Hall at the dedication ceremony for his statue at the Hall County Government Building in April.



Left: Joe Neighbors presenting the SAR Silver ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Travis Everage at the UGA AFROTC Spring Awards Ceremony



Below: Framed flag Certificate presented to SFC Tim Meyer, Post Commander, GA State Patrol, Athens, GA. 4/2/2019 by Past President, Georgia Society, Donald Burdick.



Right: Past Georgia Society President Don Burdick presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Navy Veteran, Jesse W. Burdette, 93-years old. He served in the Navy CB's during WWII and helped re-capture Guam, (a US territory), rebuilt the island's airstrip, etc. Mr. Burdette with his sons and daughter. There were 15 family members present. The presentation took place at Bar-H Barbecue in Royston. Bar-H owners allowed Don to set this up and the restaurant crowd plus employees gave Mr. Burdette a rousing ovation.



Blue Ridge Mountains

Right & Below: Thursday, April 18, Union County Commissioner Lamar Paris signed a proclamation for Patriots' Day in Union County, which pays tribute to all patriots of the American Revolution. We estimated 4000 cars with about 8000 people passed by our flag display on the downtown square returning our waves. We had outstanding weather and had a display inside the historical building as well, where we gave presentations.



Left Center: Best In Parade at the Memorial Day Parade in Blairsville. Must have been the dashing wardrobe of the participants!



OTHER RECENT EVENTS:

May Chapter meeting- Inducted new members Phil Cook and John Morrow

- Presented a Blue Star Banner to Pam and Tommy Ackerman
- Secretary Cook presented the program on the Apollo Saturn rocket for the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, which occurs on July 20

Grave flags- Jared Ogden, Sid Turner, and Paul Danner placed flags on Revolutionary Soldiers graves on May 23

DAR Picnic- Members Jared Ogden, Sid Turner, Phil Cook, Russell Shreve, and David Cook represented the Chapter at the DAR annual picnic.

Essay Winners- The Blue Ridge Chapter presented awards for the first essay contest on Patriotism to three students at Union County 5th grade. First place was Valentino Solorio, Second was Kaitlyn Ingram, and Third was Cameron Roberts.

Left: Blue Ridge Mountains in support of Boy Scout Troop 101 retired flags on June 14, Flag Day at the First United Methodist Church in Blairsville. 60 flags were retired with 22 Boy Scouts participating, along with 4 Blue Ridge Mountains Color Guard members for supervision.

Brier Creek

Below: The Brier Creek Artillery and Militia members of the Wiregrass, Brier Creek, Mill Creek, and Col William Few Chapters traveled to St Simons Island, GA to attend the celebration of the Frederica Naval Action that occurred on April 19, 1778. They joined additional members of the Georgia Society Elijah Clarke Militia. This year the Brier Creek Artillery brought with them their 3-pounder mortar, 6-pounder Naval Cannon and for the first time their 12-pounder Napoleon Cannon. Those attending from the Wiregrass were: Steve Burke, Wilder Smith, Jr., Dess Smith III, Ruskin Powell; from the Brier Creek: Lee Smith, Don Bazemore; from the Mill Creek: Thomas Miller; from the Col William Few: Sonny Pittman.



Left: Lee Smith presents the Brier Creek Wreath at the Patriots Day Ceremony on St. Simons Island. Don Bazemore also attended.



Below: The June program was presented by President Lee. His program was titled, "Sons of Liberty", a forgotten group of Americans.



Left: Dess Smith inspects a 13" Bowie styled knife, hand carved by dual member Emory Fennell. Compatriot Fennell donated the knife to be used as a fund raiser." Brier Creek members are selling tickets for the Sep. 5th drawing.



Cpt. John Collins

Below Right: Dr. David Ludley presents to Cadet Captain Christian Farias of Jonesboro H.S. JROTC Air Force, the SAR's JROTC Medal. Christian is under the command of Lt. Col. Richardson.

Below Left: Ensign/Cadet Kieran Brightwell received the SAR JROTC medal at Stockbridge High School.



Compatriot Bill Kabel gave two presentations at Marriott's Surfwatch Resort on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to help commemorate their observance of Flag Day:

- (1) "Danny's Flag" A moving tribute to a wounded American Marine and the flag that flew over the base when he was wounded in Vietnam.
- (2) "America's Historic Flags" A power point presentation and historic narrative of many of the flags that became a part of America's heritage. Bill also gave a reenactment of John Adams and the speech he gave to the Continental Congress before it voted for independence to the Captain John Collins Chapter.

He also just finished writing a presentation about the USS Indianapolis, its World War II exploits and sinking. He states he is available to give that presentation to various groups.

Cherokee



Top Row: The Cherokee Chapter, Georgia Society SAR is developing a Liberty Tree Environmental Education Program (LEEP) in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. An educational program highlighting the importance and value of trees is presented to schools, libraries, garden clubs and other community groups. A native Georgia tree is planted as part of each presentation and includes a commemorative plaque. A goal of planting 76 trees by July 4, 2026 has been set. For more information about LEEP contact Kevin Karel klkarel@outlook.com or Stan Lewis stan@lwasports.net.



A special LEEP presentation was given to the Soleil Garden Club in Canton at their monthly meeting. A very interested audience of about 30 avid gardeners learned firsthand about LEEP. The Ball Ground Garden Club has invited us to present LEEP to their membership and plant a commemorative tree in the Ball Ground Botanical Garden this fall.

Right and Below: Free Home Elementary School in Canton hosted the second LEEP presentation on Wednesday, April 10th. Two enthusiastic classes of fourth graders learned about the importance of trees in colonial America and the role Liberty Trees played during the American Revolution. An Overcup oak tree was planted and will shade a memorial bench for a special friend of the school. Many thanks to Principal Kim Hagood, Bryan Wallace and all of Free Home's faculty and staff who went out of their way to welcome us!



Right Above: LEEP 3 was presented at Mountain Road Elementary School in Woodstock on May 13th to over 75 fourth grade students! Principal Melinda Roulier, along with an extraordinary team of supportive teachers, coordinated a fun and engaging program. A beautiful Swamp Chestnut oak was planted near the ballfields and will help shade the playground.

Button Gwinnett

Right: Compatriot Eldon Evans joins the Artillery Unit at the Carter / Skinner Grave Marking Service.

[Eldon always wanted to fire a large caliber weapon and finally got his opportunity. Ed.]



Left: First Vice President, Mel Buck, introduced Terry Manning as our program speaker for the evening. Terry presented an interesting program "25 Things You Didn't Know About George Washington". Actually, Terry shared a few more than 25 things we didn't know about George Washington.

Photo by John Goodwin

Membership Awards: John Zeigler was recognized for having 50 years of membership in the SAR. Unfortunately, John could not stick around for a photo. Congrats to one who is still moving too fast for the camera to catch!

Right: Compatriot Bill Palmer can be seen at many events, considering he is the GASSAR Color Guard Commander. Here he stands between the current GA President Scott Collins, and former GA President and National President General Tomme. They were attending the Patriot Grave Markings at Midway.

Photo by Pat Thompson



Left: Button Gwinnett Chapter members attending the Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour Mill in Lincolnton, NC are Ralph Galpin, Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney & Gordon Woodard.

Center Right: Button Gwinnett participated in the Collins Hill Library Patriotic program, along with others from the Georgia Society.



Four Rivers Patriots

Below: Compatriot Steve Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Vidalia, GA to present to the Fours Rivers Chapter, his "Uniforms Worn during the Revolutionary War" program.



Right and Below: The Joseph Habersham Chapter participated in the Memorial Day event sponsored by the Northeast Georgia Veterans Society at Veterans Park in Helen, GA. White County JROTC presented the Colors. Ron Webb, President, Northeast Georgia Veterans Society spoke.

Joseph Habersham



Fall Line

Right: A quality program can always be expected when Pat and Don Thomas come to your meeting. The Fall Line Chapter enjoyed their Traveling Trunk presentation.



Center Right: Brentwood School received a Flag Recognition Certificate. The Fall Line Chapter, one of the newest chapters in Georgia, is off to a good start.



Above: Fall Line Chapter members participated in the Patriot Otey Prosser grave marking at Harmony Baptist Church in Sandersville, Ga.

Little River



Above Left: Little River members were active participants in the Lafayette Day's celebration.

Right: Long time member of the SAR, Don Thomas receives recognition for his 5th Patriot Grave Marking Award. Don has marked over 75 Patriot Graves.

Below: Memorial Day Commemoration Held at the Lincoln County Historical Society on May 27th. Veterans (pictured below) and Citizens came together to remember the sacrifices of those who gave their all for our country. Several members and wives of the Little River Chapter participated in this event.



Right: As a seasoned veteran, Don knows how to patiently wait for ceremonies to begin. (Taken at the Carter / Skinner Grave Marking in Augusta.)

Photo by Emil Decker



Lyman Hall

Below: Chestnut Mountain Creative School of Inquiry 4th grader Ren Henry was pleasantly surprised to receive a reward for his participation in the Sons of the American Revolution poster contest. His teacher, Mrs. Melissa Beverly's class was at Lunch, so the entire 4th grade was on hand to cheer the presentation in the school cafeteria. We hope for a much greater rate of participation next year.



Center: Hall Martin and Chris Smoot pose with their Chapter's namesake outside the Hall County Administrative Building. The white marble statue stands near the entrance of the Government annex building on Brown's Bridge Road and was commissioned by Mr. Jack Frost, owner of Memory Gardens Funeral Home. It is mounted on a white marble block that has an inscription listing Lyman Hall's service to Georgia as Clergyman, Doctor, signer of the Declaration of Independence and its first duly elected Governor.



Above: Mrs. Leslie Watkins' presentation "There's a Herb for That!" was a hit with the Chapter. Her talk covered categories of herbs – from those used to dye cloth various colors, medicinal herbs, to those used for cooking and other functional uses. It is interesting to note that many of the medicinal herbs have since been proven to have healing qualities. Some modern medicines are based on those herbs used by our ancestors. Several herbs she discussed were and still are useful in multiple categories.



Right: June 30, the Gainesville First United Methodist Church held its 7th Patriotic Celebration. Members of the Georgia Society Color Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the program, which featured the GFUMC Choir and Orchestra.

Compatriots Col. (ret.) George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly, President Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony, Ed Rigel Jr., J.C. Hustis, and Emil Decker attended under the direction of Ed Rigel Sr. as Color Guard Commander for the event.



Left: A tribute to Veterans and current members of the Armed Forces, a medley of service anthems, was played as members of the Color Guard entered the sanctuary carrying the flags of each service. Of course, the first anthem was the Army Song, with Col. (ret.) George Thurmond carrying the colors.

Right: All five service flags were presented. Veterans and members of the service anthem being played were asked to stand as their flag was presented.



Marquis de Lafayette

[I opted to put the D-Day recognition here in a chapter news section because I knew of no statewide participation event honoring the day, but when a chapter's member travels half way around the world for an event, it needs recognition. Also, LTC (Ret.) Hill's exploits were just too interesting to overlook. D-Day Remembered, 75 years later. Ed.]

Right: "Storming the beaches". Vintage photo from imbedded reporter.

Bloise (Bo) Hill, LTC US Army retired, is a member of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and the GA Color Guard. He has been a member since 2004. Bo is also a member of the American Legion, VFW, and Society of Colonial Wars.

He was honored to go to France for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and jump into France from a C-47 aircraft.

According to Bo,

"6 June 1944, one of the most significant dates of the 20th century. Within one year of this date, Europe was liberated, and total victory was secured over Nazi tyranny. The sacrifice of so many brave soldiers that parachuted, or rode gliders, or crossed open beaches can never be forgotten. Our European friends remember those days vividly, and celebrate their liberation and cherish their freedom."

My team, the WWII Airborne Demonstration Team strives to keep the memory of those who sacrificed alive, and jump to honor them. The mission is to remember, honor, and serve the veterans of WWII."



Below: Compatriot Hill, along with his Airborne Demonstration Team, with uniforms, camo, and parachutes packed are ready to go. Boarding planes in Duxford, UK will commence shortly.





Left: A typical exit from a C-47.



Above: On the Drop Zone. Successful Landing. Additional jumps into France were made on the 9th of June at Lassay, France.

Right: To the French kids at Sannerville, France, a British DZ on the invasion left flank, we passed out Hershey candy bars and other souvenirs. They would say, "Merci," and I would say, "Merci Lafayette!"

[For more information on the C-47's check here: [ed.](#)]

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/aviation/a27699439/d-day-75th-anniversary/>

<http://www.dday.center/d-day-technology-c47-skytrain-dakota.html>



Marshes of Glynn



Above Left: Marshes of Glynn attended the Battle of Thomas Creek, March 30, 2019



Above Center: Glynn Academy Marine JROTC float at the Patriots Day Parade at St. Simons.



Right: Future SAR Color Guard Drummer gets his first tryout at the Patriots Day Parade on Saturday on St. Simons Island.

Below: Brunswick High School JROTC marching in the Patriots Day Parade at St. Simons.



Right: Compatriot R. B. Gentry was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution at the Marshes of Glynn Chapter meeting on 9 May. President Phil Callicutt, on the right, did the honors. Welcome to the SAR!



Right: The winner of the Chapter's Oration Contest for 2019 is Cameron Kasper, a rising senior at Glynn Academy. Runner-up is Christo Hickey, a sophomore at Brunswick High School. Cameron Kasper gave his speech about the origin, history & importance of voting at the March meeting.





Top Right: Compatriot Harry Lewis presented the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Tristen Darmstadt of the Camden County High School Navy JROTC

Left: Annually the Marshes of Glynn Chapter recognizes an Elementary School Social Studies Teacher for their outstanding teaching of the Revolutionary War. Ms. Nafieccah Espana, fourth grade teacher at St. Simons Elementary School, was selected for 2019. One of her innovative teaching methods is to have students create a poster of a Revolutionary War Patriot, cut a hole for the student to insert their face, and then tell about the life and actions of the selected Patriot.



Middle Right: Jimmy Boatright and Randy Nichols attended the Brantley High School JROTC Awards Ceremony and presented the SAR JROTC Medal to Cadet Porter Mobley. See photo Left to Right- Sergeant Jay Messinger, Jimmy Boatright, Cadet Porter Mobley, and Colonel Rick Chapman.



Bottom Right: Compatriot Hunter Barnhill presented the SAR Medal to Cadet Bryce Koff of the Ware County High School Army JROTC.



Above: Veteran Albert Hochwald served as a Marine Corps aircraft electrician in the Pacific Theater during WW II. After the attack at Pearl Harbor, he tried to enlist but was classified 4-F due to the lack of some teeth. When he received a draft notice, he said "they didn't care if I had any teeth" and was able to join the Marines. During the War, he worked on aircraft on the Marshall Islands, and after the War on Okinawa. Albert Hochwald was 101 years old at the end of May.

Below (2): Honoring Old Glory - Flag Day June 14th commemorates the birth-date of the American flag in 1777 and the US Army two years earlier. Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter sponsored the Fourth Annual Flag Day Celebration in Brunswick, along with Veterans Council and Elks Lodge. Highlight of celebration was the thirty flags carried by Honor Guards of the JROTC; City, County & Federal Public Safety Officers; and Veteran units- including our SAR Chapter. Bill Ramsaur described the origins of our American Flag which our SAR Color Guard displayed. Army veterans and their families were honored with the song, "The Army Goes Rolling Along".

Based on Flag Respect & Display nominations submitted by the public, nineteen individuals and companies were given a Flag Certificate, including some who brought their flag to the Ceremony.



Mill Creek

Below Left: The Georgia Southern University (GSU) ROTC SAR Silver Medal Award was presented to Cadet Gavin Fehr of the Eagle Battalion at the GSU Military Sciences Center. Cadet Fehr was also recognized for other accomplishments including one of the Army's toughest events the "Ranger Challenge." SAR Chapter Vice President Randy Jones made the presentation.



Below: SAR Bronze Medal was awarded to Cadet Aaron Johnson of the SEB Yellow Jacket Battalion, Southeast Bulloch (SEB) High School JROTC



August 20, 2019: Do you know of a speaker who would provide our Chapter with an exciting presentation at our August meeting? Contact us at randypowelljones@gmail.com.



Left: JROTC Bronze SAR Medal was presented by former Chapter President Ted Evan Lewis to the Metter Middle School Tiger Battalion Cadet Jennifer See.

Below: Mill Creek Chapter President Thomas Miller presents the Mill Creek wreath at the Frederica Days Patriots Day Celebration at Saint Simons Island, Ga.



Mount Vernon



Above: The Eagle Court of Honor held by Troop 463 was at Sandy Springs United Methodist Church. Receiving the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate were (L to R) James Roden, George Christian, and James Hogan. Scouting Chairman Chuck Olson wears the red hat.

Below: Eagle Scout certificate presentation Chuck Olson made in May at Bert Adams Scout Camp near Covington, Georgia. The occasion was the Spring Induction Weekend.

From (L to R) Tony Paez, Scout Chairman Chuck Olson, Zander Scott, both from Troop 150 in Grant Park. Tony is the Secretary of the Egwa Taw Dee Lodge and Zandre is the Echota Chapter Chief.



Right: Eagle Scout Athanasios Grivakis was the Mount Vernon Chapter winner of this years Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oratory Contest. The Chapter awarded him with a check for \$100. His chapter winning speech was on the importance of the Continental Congress, the Declaration of Independence, and the US Constitution.

Athanasios Grivakis went on to the Georgia State SAR finals and attained runner-up status (2nd place) in the State competition. The Mount Vernon Chapter awarded him an additional \$400 for his GA 2nd place status.



Left: At Dunwoody High School, Bill Floyd presented Cadet Capt. Paul Joignant the JROTC Bronze Medal.



Left Center: The Guest Speaker for the April Meeting was Leslie Strickland Watkins, member of DAR and of the Georgia State Society, Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary. Her topic was "SAR Women – More Than Just Camp Followers" and highlighted several key women who directly supported the Patriots as they fought the war. She had an excellent presentation and was well received by the audience. Vice President David Wiley presented Leslie with a certificate of appreciation.



Left: The Mount Vernon Chapter was a participant in the Roswell Remembers Celebration, Memorial Day Weekend. This event happens rain or shine. Thankfully, it was a wonderful day, and many turned out to honor our fallen heroes.



Right: Mount Vernon Registrar Tom Chrisman - 2018 recipient of the SAR Liberty Medal was able to receive his certificate and medal at this meeting.

Left: Four more Mount Vernon Fellow Charter Members were announced, with Jack Dyer present to receive his Mount Vernon Fellows Certificate. 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. There are now 19 "Charter Members" in the Mount Vernon Fellows Fund, who have given \$100 each to support the Chapter. They also pledge to contribute \$25 per year in addition to their dues to support future funding.



Right: Guest Speaker for May was fellow Compatriot and Mount Vernon Chapter Member John Wassell. He spoke about his grandfather in a presentation titled "Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmont Wassell" and told the story of his medical service in Java during World War II. His service for the United States in early 1942 earned him the Navy Cross and praise from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Producer Cecil B. DeMille, hearing Roosevelt's fireside chat, acquired the rights to the book to make a movie of the same name starring Gary Cooper. Dr. Wassell was memorialized in a 1944 movie by Cecil B. DeMille and starring Gary Cooper, titled "The Story of Dr. Wassell". John's presentation was entertaining and informative and well received by the audience. Chapter Vice-President David Wiley presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

Ocmulgee

Below Left: Ocmulgee Chapter was present for the St. Simons Patriot Day Parade.



Above: The Guest Speaker for June was fellow Compatriot and Piedmont Chapter Member Bob Sapp who spoke about 'The Faces of the Declaration of Independence'. He explained how each of the multiple versions came to be and the history behind the process. Bob has been a member of the SAR for 24 years and is a past President of the Piedmont Chapter, previous GASSAR State President, State Genealogist, and State Registrar, as well as an excellent speaker. Chuck Rann presented Bob Sapp with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Below Center(3): JROTC students from Mary Persons High School in Macon, Ga. also received JROTC Medals.



Above Left (2) : Chuck Garnett, President of the Ocmulgee SAR Chapter presented SAR JROTC Awards to cadets at Lamar County Schools

Below Left (2): Dodge County JROTC students received JROTC Medals from V.P. Ed Truster.



Above (2) : Chuck Garnett, President of the Ocmulgee SAR Chapter presented SAR JROTC Awards to cadets at Westside High School in Macon, Ga.

Upson Lee Knight Battalion Navy JROTC was also visited by the Ocmulgee Chapter.



Right: Fort Valley State ROTC Military Ball was among the many programs the Ocmulgee Chapter honors.





Left: Ocmulgee Color Guard members John Trussell, Chuck Garnett and Tim Fuqua posted the colors for the Sukey Hart DAR Grave marking of Elizabeth Shaw Fambrough in Monroe.



Above (2): Crawford County JROTC Students receive Bronze Awards

Right (3): Wilcox County JROTC Students also receive their Bronze Awards.



Left (2): Rutland School System JROTC Program Award winners congratulated by Secretary Michael Walters.



Above (2): Dublin School System JROTC Program Award winners.



Center (2): Twiggs County JROTC students also receive their awards from Compatriot John Trussell.



Right (3): Houston School System JROTC Program Award winners with Secretary Michael Walters.



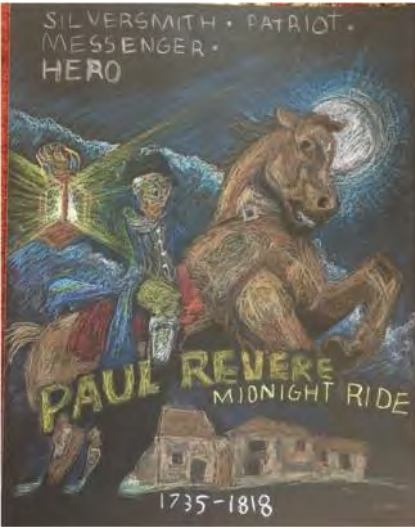
Right (3): Southwest JROTC Program students honored.

Piedmont

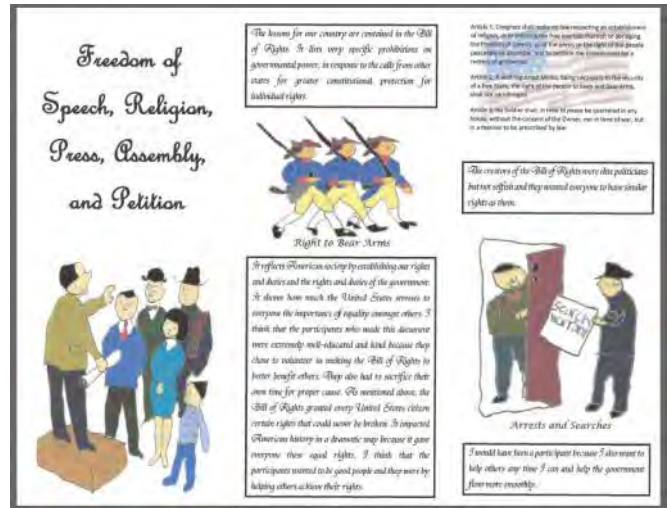


The judging for the GA State Poster and Brochure contests took place on Saturday April 27th at the Board of Managers meeting in Barnesville, GA.

Left: **Poster Contest** First place Georgia winner was the Piedmont Chapter entry by 4th grade student Aidan Borja from East Side Elementary School in Marietta. Aidan won a check \$100 for his winning poster.



Below: **Brochure Contest** The first place Georgia winner was Piedmont Chapter entry by 8th grade student Zak C. Thomas from Fellowship Christian School in Roswell. Zak won a check \$150 for his winning tri-fold brochure shown below:



Center Left: Piedmont regularly participates in INS (Immigration & Naturalization Service) ceremonies conducted periodically during the year at the Atlanta Court House in the Richard Russell Federal Building.



Left: Piedmont presented the Colors to open the ceremony and participated in the "receiving line" at the ceremony's conclusion with the judge, other court personnel, and DAR to welcome newly sworn-in US citizens.

Right: Piedmont Chapter President Ron Redner along with Brochure Chairman George Thurmond and Chapter Vice President Al Finley present the winning students at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell, GA with their respective awards during the school's morning chapel service.



Below: Paul Prescott leads the Recessional of Colors at the end of the Dr. Lyman Hall Statue Dedication in Hall County.



Above: City of Milton, GA City Council members present Piedmont Chapter members with a proclamation celebrating our chapter's 25th Anniversary.

Left: Compatriot Paul Prescott performs Bugle Duty, playing TAPS at the recent Piedmont - Robert Forsyth Flag Retirement Ceremony held at Ingram's Funeral Home on Saturday, June 22nd.



Below: June 12th and June 19th Piedmont Chapter compatriots George Thurmond and Bob Sapp conducted 2 lectures of a four part series they are presenting at Historic Barrington Hall in Roswell, GA. The 1st two lectures were well attended. George and Bob have a superb command of history and an engaging presentation that makes these lectures a must see for anyone interested in the American Revolution.



Robert Forsyth

Center and Right: Bronze JROTC Medal being presented by Compatriot Ed Rigel Jr. to Cadet Staff Sergeant Luke Cates, and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal being presented to Major C. E. M. Kelly, USMC (Ret.). Major Kelly enlisted in the US Marine Corps on 06 June 1971 and served 23 years active duty at Intelligence in various overseas postings. In 1996 he was selected to be the Senior Marine Instructor for the newly formed MCJROTC program at North Forsyth. During his tenure, North Forsyth has been a National Naval Honor School for 14 consecutive years and for four of the past five years they have been ranked #1 school in the Southeast Region.

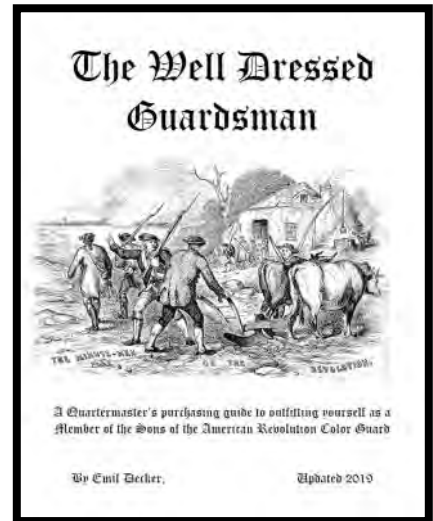


Below: GASSAR Secretary John Flikeid offers Militia support to the Color Guard at the recent Memorial Day program in Roswell.



Right: After multiple requests for information on procuring proper clothing for 18th century uniforms, Robert Forsyth member Emil Decker compiled a listing of sites he had visited looking for Sutter's ware. While many other sources may exist, these are some found on the Internet. Prices will probably change, as well as web addresses updated. This compendium is a good place to start if looking for a uniform, additional articles of clothing, or accessories. The PDF document can be found at:

<http://robertforsythsar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/The-Well-Dressed-Guardsman2019.pdf>



Left: (L—R) Allen Greenly, Drew Kuester, Lidiya Vazemiller, Gary Page and Ed Rigel Jr. pose for the camera after South Forsyth Middle School Students are awarded their Bronze Citizenship Medals during the school's Honors Night.



Below: As always, we are indebted to Home Depot and Ingram's Funeral Home for their participation in our Flag Retirement Program. Home Depot stores throughout the Piedmont and Robert Forsyth territories have collected old, faded, and worn flags in their bins.

Customers can drop off flags that are no longer serviceable. Additional flags are collected by Boy Scouts, Veteran groups, and other organizations. Flags are reduced to ash as befitting our proud American symbol, by the gracious people at Ingram's Funeral Home in Cumming, Ga. This year, over 2,900 flags were properly retired and appropriately Destroyed.



Left: Lakeside Middle School student Griffin Johnson was also awarded a Bronze Citizenship medal.



Because of its namesake, the Robert Forsyth Chapter has a special relationship with the U.S. Marshal's Service. We are allowed the distinct privilege to award members of this organization with the Law Enforcement Medal. This year we recognized two US Marshals for their service.

Right: (L-R) U.S. Marshal Michael S. Yeager, Past President Tom Davis, President Gary Page, Deputy Marshal Van Grady, Ed Hooper, Emil Decker, David Johnson, and Chief Deputy Keith Booker.



Samuel Elbert



Right and Below: Meeting on June 6, 2019, the 75th Anniversary of D-Day we recognized 18 special compatriots of our Chapter. We also recognized Compatriot George Gaines who will be 100 in August! His daughter told us about his WWII service and his outstanding military career.

Left: We had a great meal and Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr. did a wonderful presentation on "George Washington, the early years!"



Washington Wilkes



Above: Washington - Wilkes Chapter, along with The Col William Few Chapter, and the Little River Chapter (in organization) sponsored the Dedication of a Grave Marker, Commemorating the Patriotic Service of Patriot Thomas Ansley on Saturday, June 1, 2019 in McDuffie County. Georgia Society President Scott Collins addresses the assembly.

Photo by Dess Smith

Right: Miss Erin McLeroy, music student at Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School, played Taps for the Thomas Ansley Grave Marking Service. Erin confided afterwards that it's a very difficult bugle call to play, but she did a beautiful job.



Wiregrass

Right: The Brier Creek Artillery and militia members of the Wiregrass, Brier Creek, Mill Creek, and Col William Few Chapters traveled to St Simons Island, GA to attend the Frederica Naval Action celebration on, Saturday, April 13, 2019. Steve Burke is next to a 12-pound Napoleon Cannon, their latest addition to their big guns.



Left: Steve Burke, accompanied by Lee Smith of Brier Creek Chapter, brought a traveling trunk presentation to the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. It has taken Compatriot Burke many years collecting replica's of what the American Soldier would have had to survive during the late 1700's."



Right: SAR Flag Chair Al Smith presents our 34th U.S. Flag Certificate to the Citizens Bank of Swainsboro's President.

Left: President Wilder Smith, Jr. presented a program on "Joseph Warren: The American Revolution's Lost Hero."

Below Left: Steve Burke presented "The Life of Washington" to Edmund Burke DAR Chapter in Waynesboro, Ga.



Center: Compatriot Ruskin Powell participates in commemorating 5 patriots buried at Midway Cemetery.

Right: Traveling Trunk at the 74th Annual Pine Tree Festival parade in Swainsboro. L - R: Ruskin Powell, Alton McCloud, Hayden McCloud, Dess Smith III, Wilder Smith.



Left: Wiregrass Chapter President H. Wilder Smith, Jr. & Thomas Miller, Chairman JROTC Awards Committee, award Cadet LTC Madison T. Murphy the JROTC Medal & Certificate.

Left Center: Cadet Alexis Gladin of Swainsboro High School JROTC program, was awarded the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate by the Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr.

[Note: The medals to Madison and Alexis are the first two JROTC Medals the Wiregrass Chapter has presented. Here's to many more. Ed.]



Right: The Wiregrass Chapter held its very first George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. This year's winner, for 2019, was Shirling Xu who received a check for \$100 Her essay will be entered into the Georgia Society contest. Second place went to Justyn Campbell who received \$75. Third place went to Eletria Biswas who received \$50. All three students attend Statesboro High School.



Left: Al Smith presented Cason DeVane, manager of Swainsboro Supply Company, our 35th U.S. Flag Certificate.



Right: Sonny hobnobbing with Ben Franklin on the streets of Philly. [Sonny's grandson was greatly impressed that they knew each other from way back... Ed.].



William Few

Center: New member Terry Lynn Brown is inducted, as well as Judson Richard Brown (no picture available).





Right: Sonny Pitman stands with Cadet Capt. Hunter Gigante, from T W Josey HS AFJROTC , awarded the SAR Societies Bronze JRROTC medal. Hunter hopes to serve in a military career.



Left: Sonny Pitman, presides over the Skinner / Carter Grave Marking Ceremony.

Below: The Skinner / Carter Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Pendleton Park drew quite a crowd on May 11.



Right: Compatriot Doug Duncan with the "Good Citizenship Medal". This is awarded for community service outside of SAR chapter functions.



Below: Col. William Few's ice cream social at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Augusta.



Right: Past NSSAR President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr. and First Lady Cilla Leed presents the 2nd quarter program, "Colonial Living History".



Valdosta



Left: Valdosta Chapter awarded the EMS Medal on June 21 to Timothy A. Brogdon, former EMS Chief at South Georgia Medical Center

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Right: George Washington Monument, Richmond, VA.





Children of the American Revolution

Below: At the Spring Basket Fling for the Philadelphia Winn DAR, Lawrenceville. Noah is the C.A.R. President of the Elisha Winn Society and brought greetings. Ann is the Regent of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and, together with the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter, supports the Elisha Winn C.A.R. Society.



Left: Members of the Youth Color Guard participated in the St. Simon's Patriot Day Celebrations.



Left: GA State C.A.R President and Piedmont junior member, David Jimenez , gave the Piedmont Chapter updates on the GA Society C.A.R. David gave a very informative speech, including there are 357 active C.A.R. members in Georgia. C.A.R., the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization, offers membership to anyone under the age of 22, lineally descended from someone who rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States. C.A.R. activities focus on patriotism, service, and education about our American heritage.

David is a member of the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution. C.A.R.'s stated mission is to train good citizens, develop leaders and promote love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people."



Left and Center: On June 25, Ocmulgee SAR and Lt. James Monroe DAR hosted their annual Liberty Tree Society C.A.R. meeting and pool party for 12 kids and 10 adults. Chuck Garnett presented an educational program on Lewis and Clark that was followed by a brief report on Kettle Creek Battle Site. The Ocmulgee SAR also presented the Liberty Tree C.A.R. with an SAR Flag Certificate for their outstanding efforts in displaying the U.S. flag.

Right: Members of the Sukey Hart Society, Children of the American Revolution presented the Colors for the June 15th meeting of Georgia's Women of Achievement organization at Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church in Dacula.

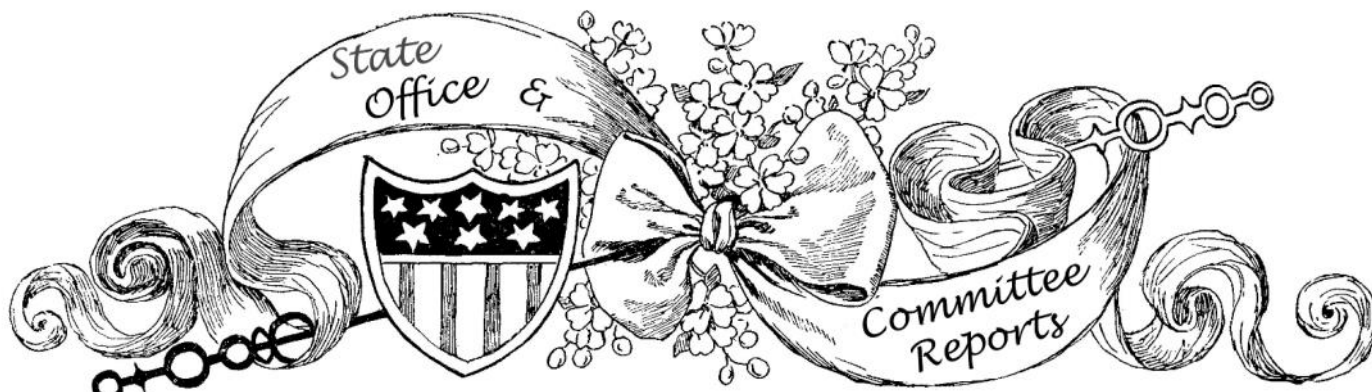
Senior President of the Society Patricia Laurie of the Sunbury Chapter, NSDAR is a member of the organization and arranged for Carter Wood of the Lyman Hall Chapter GASSAR to demonstrate and instruct in perambulations and posting of our nation's flag. Their performance was highly praised by attendees.



Right: DAR Chapters at the Dr. Lyman Hall Statue Dedication in Hall County included representatives from the Colonel William Candler, Hightower Trail, Jacob Braselton, Liberty Hill, and Sunbury Chapters.



Left: Sukey Hart DAR Chapter marked the Grave of Elizabeth Shaw Fambrough, daughter of American Revolution Patriot John Shaw, in a ceremony in Monroe.



Veterans—Bill Kabel



The GASSAR representation to Atlanta VAMC Voluntary Services was finalized at: Bill Kabel, Representative, Capt. John Collins Chapter; Walter Reed, Deputy Representative, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter; Gary Hoyt, Deputy Representative, Capt. John Collins Chapter.

A submission was made to NSSAR for the Georgia Society for "Partners in Patriotism."



**Active Membership
as of 01 Jan 2019**

1802

Additions	
New Members - Regular	97
New Members - Junior	7
Memorial Members	3
Transfers In	1
Reinstatements	26
Reinstatement-Transfers	1

Total Additions 135

Losses	
Deceased	16
Memorial Members	3
Resignations	0
Transfers Out	5

Total Losses 24

**Active Membership as of 30
June 2019**

1913

(Reported to National)

Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)

20

**Active Membership as of 30
June 2019**

1933

(Reported to BOM)

Total Increase YTD:

131

Secretary—John Flikeid



Georgia Society New Members Since April 01, 2019

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens			
10 May 2019	Curtis Harris COLLIER, III	Roswell CLAPP	Joseph Britton NEIGHBORS, III
17 May 2019	Cutler Grayson SHIVER	David PAINE	William Richard Galt, III
Atlanta			
17 May 2019	Harry Green BALANCE, Jr.	Willis BALANCE	David Andrews NOBLE
17 May 2019	Barry Neil MILLER	Lewis MILLER	David Andrews NOBLE
07 Jun 2019	Edward Moses ANDERSON, Sr.	Walter HANSON	Barrett HANSON
Blue Ridge Mtns			
28 Jun 2019	Stephen Paul WEAVER	Edmun KITTEL	Sidney DuBose TURNER
Brier Creek			
17 May 2019	Danny Joseph RYBICKI	Benjamin TAYLOR	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Button Gwinnett			
05 Apr 2019	Donald Henry MCCARTY	Jones FULLER	Harold Douglas FORD
05 Apr 2019	David Christopher MCCARTY	Jones FULLER	Harold Douglas FORD
19 Apr 2019	Raymond Francis KYLE	Absalom HARRIS	James Malcolm BURNS, Jr.
Casimir Pulaski			
11 May 2018	Franklin Dewey VEAL, Jr.	Francis VEALE	George Herman WHEELESS, II
19 Apr 2019	Gerald Eugene LYLE	Hasby LYLE	George Herman WHEELESS, II
19 Apr 2019	Gerald Shane LYLE	Hasby LYLE	George Herman WHEELESS, II
19 Apr 2019	Chandler Witt HUFFMAN	Hasby LYLE	George Herman WHEELESS, II
19 Apr 2019	Carter Lyle HUFFMAN	Hasby LYLE	George Herman WHEELESS, II
19 Apr 2019	Cooper Charles HUFFMAN	Hasby LYLE	George Herman WHEELESS, II
19 Apr 2019	Graham Macdonald LYLE	Hasby LYLE	George Herman WHEELESS, II
Coweta Falls			
05 Apr 2019	Larry Nowe PAYNE	Enos CAMPBELL	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
Edward Telfair			
12 Apr 2019	Jeff Davis THOMAS, Jr.	Elisha DYER	Roger Warren COURSEY
17 May 2019	Edward Elliott KENNEDY	John BUSH	Roger Warren COURSEY
07 Jun 2019	Carl Anthony GRIFFIN, III	John PINNELL	Roger Warren COURSEY
Fall Line			
12 Apr 2019	Charles Talmadge BARNES	John BRUTON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
12 Apr 2019	Asher Easton BARNES	John BRUTON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
07 Jun 2019	Charles Keith EVERETT	Eleazor CUMMINGS	William Howard COLBERT
07 Jun 2019	William Horace MATHIS	Joseph SESSIONS	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Joel Early			
10 May 2019	Charles Lloyd PALMER, Jr.	Kador POWELL	David Neal SPOONER
John Collins			
07 Jun 2019	William Emmett LONDON	John LONDON	Joseph Lawrence VANCURA, Jr.
07 Jun 2019	Jackson Robert LONDON	John LONDON	Joseph Lawrence VANCURA, Jr.

Georgia Society New Members Since April 01, 2019

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
John Milledge			
24 May 2019	Donald J DUNHAM	Jonathan DUNHAM	Richard Kenneth DUNHAM
28 Jun 2019	Joel Andrew STAIR	Benjamin Van Der MARK	William Glenn NEELY, III
28 Jun 2019	Terry Lee Edward STAIR	Benjamin Van De MARK	William Glenn NEELY, III
Marshes of Glynn			
17 May 2019	John Edward PFAFF, II	Robert WARREN	John Edward PFAFF
21 Jun 2019	Randall Pat NICHOLS	Robert YOUNG	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Mill Creek			
17 May 2019	Raleigh Allen THREATTE	William MANN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
07 Jun 2019	Steven Richard MORGAN	Mordecai MORGAN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Piedmont			
07 Dec 2018	William Abell Rawlings, Jr.	Samuel ABEL	
12 Apr 2019	Scott Alton HOPKINS	Abner DODGE	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
12 Apr 2019	Frank Edward Jones	William RUSSELL	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
12 Apr 2019	Edward Christopher Parker	William RUSSELL	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
12 Apr 2019	Marion Edward Parker	Walter RUSSELL	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
12 Apr 2019	Thomas Javier PARKER	William RUSSELL	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
17 May 2019	James Francis WHITE	James COOTS	Terrence James WHITE
17 May 2019	Garrett Bradley FINLEY	James FINLEY	Allen Ray FINLEY
17 May 2019	Edward Warren HAIRE	Martin DIAL	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
Valdosta			
17 May 2019	Robert Hunter PARISH, III	Jonathan WILLIAMS	Robert Hunter PARRISH, Jr.
William Few			
17 May 2019	Judson Richard BROWN	William BROWN	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
17 May 2019	Thomas Earl HOLLEY	Jordan HEATH	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
17 May 2019	Terry Lynn BROWN	William BROWN	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
07 Jun 2019	Roger Dale REYNOLDS	Hugh JOHNSTON	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
07 Jun 2019	Thomas Loyal REYNOLDS	Hugh JOHNSTON	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
07 Jun 2019	Colby Clark Reynolds	Hugh JOHNSTON	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
28 Jun 2019	Frank Lewis SMITH	Jacob BARR	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Wiregrass			
17 May 2019	Tommy Francis Grier, Jr.	John ROSSER	Homer Sylvester DURDEN, III
31 May 2019	Terry Marvin Johnson	William JOHNSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
28 Jun 2019	Bobby William STROZIER	Peter STROZIER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III

Total: 55



Bylaws—Ed Rigel Sr.

2nd Quarter Activity:

The Committee is working to identify inconsistencies and contradictions in the Bylaws and will present suggestions for improvement to the Fall BOM meeting.

Source Book—Ed Rigel Sr.

Follows is a list of SourceBook sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 2nd Quarter 2019:

- 12.01.1 NSSAR Genealogy Policies 10 Oct 2018
- 12.01.4 SAR Application Worksheet
- 12.09.2F SAR Form to Obtain Record Copies
- 22.1 GA SAR Conflict of Interest Policy
- 22.1F GA SAR Conflict of Interest Statement
- 22.2 GA SAR Records Retention-Destruction Policy
- 22.3 GA SAR Whistle Blower Policy

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



Education Outreach—Rick Reese, Jr.

Here are the results of the GASSAR Brochure and Poster Contest Judging:

State Education Judging Committee included Terry Gibbs, State Knight Essay Contest Chairman; Bill Palmer, State Color Guard Commander and Bruce Maney, member of the State Education Committee. *None of these judges had their Chapter submit a brochure or poster to be judged in the 2019 contest.*

2019 Brochure Contest Winners are:

First Place: Zak C. Thomas sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter – award is \$150

Second Place: Kalynn M. Cason sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter – award is \$100

(Only two Chapters submitted a brochure for judging.)

2019 Poster Contest Winners are:

First Place: Aidan Borja sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter – award is \$100

Second Place: Alexis McRae sponsored by the Coweta Falls Chapter – award is \$75

Third Place: Izzie Jabaley sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter – award is \$50

Fourth Place: Oliver Van Boxel sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter – award is \$30

Fifth Place: Madeline Flournoy sponsored by the Cherokee Chapter – award is \$25

(Six posters were submitted for judging. The Lyman Hall Chapter poster submission accumulated the least number of points by the judging panel.)



ROTC/JROTC—David Jessel

All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should encourage their Units to participate in the Enhance JROTC (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2019-2020. The time to contact the JROTC Unit's SMI is right after school starts in late August or early September. Every SMI in your AO should know the name of the JROTC POC within your chapter. You may want to walk the SMI through the OC Nomination process. Chapter OC Packages need to be sent by the 1st weekend in December 2019. If I can assist you in this regard, please contact me. In Aug/Sep, I will again disseminate guidance and directions on submitting a strong OC Nomination Package. **Please consider the Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program to be totally separate programs.**

14 Silver ROTC Medal Packages were presented to ROTC cadets at 11 Georgia Universities.

Chapter Presidents or their representative from ten GASSAR Chapters present these Medals on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. Recipients are selected by the ROTC Staff at the University. There is no reason for any chapter to expend funds on a Silver ROTC Medal, as this is a function of the GASSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee. Medal Packages are mailed directly to the University POC (Point Of Contact). Chapters presenting Silver ROTC Medals should report this activity on Form 10.06.0F Chapter Report to BOM and PG/Americanism Report.

Graves—Sonny Pittman



The Joel Early Chapter honored the service and sacrifice of Private Joseph Anderson (RS) with a Patriot Grave Marker Dedication 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 jointly sponsored Patriot Grave Marker Dedications for Private William Girardeau (RS), Private Robert Quarterman (RS), Private Thomas Quarterman (RS), Private John Stacy (RS) and Private Peter Winn (RS) on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm in the Midway Church Cemetery in Midway, Georgia.

The Brier Creek, Col William Few and Wiregrass Chapters jointly sponsored Patriot Grave

Marker Dedications for Major James Carter and Major William Skinner III held on Saturday, May 11 at 11 am in the Bugg Family cemetery located in Pendleton King Park in Augusta, Georgia. The GASSAR Patriot Grave Marker for Major Skinner has been placed at his grave in the Skinner Family Cemetery located on Skinner Mill Road in Augusta.

The Washington-Wilkes and Col William Few Chapters jointly sponsored a Patriot Grave Marker Dedication for Private Thomas Ansley (RS) on Saturday, June 1 at 1:30 pm in the Ansley Cemetery in Thomson, Georgia. Following the dedication, a reception for guests was held in the historic Rock House, the oldest stone residence in Georgia, built by Patriot Ansley in 1785.

Please submit GASSAR Graves Registry information, forms and photos to Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr., Graves Registrar, and myself 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.

Public Service & Heroism—William Tankersley



NSSAR Public Service & Heroism Chairman Wayne Brown has informed me concerning the President General's Award for chapters & state societies which presented PS&H Commendations that the following will be published in the PS&H Booklet at 2019 Congress:

The Athens Chapter issued commendations in Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, EMS and Life Saving. Therefore, they qualify for the President General's Streamer.

The Captain John Collins Chapter issued commendations in all 5 areas and qualify for the President General's Streamer plus \$50.

Because of the presentations made by these two chapters, the Georgia Society issued Commendations in all 5 areas and will qualify for the President General's Streamer plus \$50 at the upcoming congress this month.



2019 GASSAR Public Service & Heroism Medal Presentations

Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
				
Athens	Athens	Athens		Athens
	Cpt. John Collins	Cpt. John Collins		
Lyman Hall				
				Marquis de Lafayette (2)
				Marshes Of Glynn
Robert Forsyth (3)				
		Valdosta		



[The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal](#)

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.

Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include but not limited to peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously. An individual may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Cont.

The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year.

Historian—David Ludley

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.

At the April 27th GASSAR Board of Managers meeting, I made two motions which were approved by the BOM membership, regarding the State Historian position, in the first, as well as other state offices, in the second.

Georgia Registrar North—Don Bulloch

Total applications received were (63) sixty three of which all have been reviewed. Sixty three have been forwarded to GASSAR Secretary. One is pended for form update.

Applications Reviewed;(63) 100% Applications Forward to GASSAR Secretary: (62) 99 %

Applications Submitted by Chapter:

Athens: (1) Junior, (6) Regular
 Atlanta: (9) Regular, (2) Supplemental, (1) Junior
 Blue Ridge Mtns: (1) Regular
 Button Gwinnett (3) Regular, (3) Supplemental, (1) Junior
 Captain John Collins: (5) Regular (2) Junior (2) Supplemental
 Casimir Pulaski (1) Regular
 Cherokee (1) Supplemental
 Coweta Falls: (1) Junior, (1) Regular
 John Milledge: (1) Regular
 LaGrange (5) Regular
 Marquis de Lafayette: (1) Regular
 Mt. Vernon: (2) Supplemental
 Piedmont: (3) Regular (2) Junior (4) Supplemental
 Robert Forsyth: (2) Regular

Georgia Registrar South—Steve Henson

The second quarter 2019 statistics are as follows:

100 % applications reviewed (35) 87 % applications sent to NSSAR (14)
 58 % applications approved b NSSAR (19)
 16 % applications pended by State Registrar (3)

Applications Submitted to date:

Brier Creek: (1) Regular (1) - Junior
 Col. William Few: (11) Regular (1) Junior
 Edward Telfair: (1) Regular
 Fall Line: (5) Regular (2) Junior
 John Milledge: (2) Regular
 Little River: (2) Regular
 Marshes of Glynn: (2) Regular (1) Junior
 Mill Creek: (1) Regular
 Ocmulgee: (1) Regular
 Valdosta: (2) Regular
 Wiregrass: (5) Regular

Medals—Wayne Brown

For the 2nd Quarter, this committee has recommended the following awards for approval by the Executive Committee which were approved.

Medal	Chapter	Recipient
Silver Good Citizenship	Mount Vernon	Bill Floyd



Public Relations / Publicity—John Trussell

We had an active second quarter of 2019 in the Publicity Committee, as listed below.

1) The SAR magazine had several news items from Georgia Chapters and Georgia was well represented. Look on pages 26-27 for the Georgia section. Thanks to everyone who sent in information!

I encourage all Georgia SAR members and leaders to forward any noteworthy news and photos from your chapters and I will review and then forward on to the SAR National Magazine. I just submitted an article to SAR Magazine entitled, "Dueling in Colonial America" that hopefully will be in the next issue of SAR Magazine. I'm also working on another story entitled, "*The Curious Tale of Button Gwinnett*". [See Side Bar [Ed.]

If you want to write a story for the SAR Magazine, I encourage you to give it a try! For info, all contributions to the magazine are voluntary and there is no pay involved, but you'll contribute to the knowledge about our dedicated revolutionary ancestors!

For the Ga Society "Hornet's Nest" Newsletter, please forward your news directly to Emil Decker at eldecker@weegrr.space. The Hornet's Nest is a great permanent record of state-wide SAR activities, so get those entries into Emil as soon as possible!

Emil also makes SAR grave markers for SAR grave marking ceremonies, so if you need a small granite marker, send Emil an email at the address above. He makes an excellent marker at low cost as an important service to our society and fellow SAR members.

Emil and I are working on adding a new SAR park bench to the area near the tomb of Andrew Jackson at the Hermitage in Nashville, Tennessee. The SAR has one old small marker there that is easily missed by visitors and we want to improve SAR's recognition of Andrew Jackson, while raising the profile of the SAR. The Hermitage gets half a million visitors a year, so this is a great opportunity to make the SAR more visible. I am discussing sharing the cost of the bench (\$800 - \$1,500) with Georgia SAR, Tennessee SAR and National SAR and thus far, all responses have been positive. I got a positive response of support from President General Warren Alter, which was greatly appreciated, so we are working to get this done in the near future. The staff at the Hermitage is very supportive of the project and I have been in close contact with them for several months.

Andrew Jackson was the last U.S. President to serve in the American Revolution, acting as a courier in the Battle of Stono Ferry. His brother died in the battle and he was taken prisoner. While a prisoner, he refused to polish a British officer's boots and got a slash across his face. His mother helped care for American troops being held in a Charleston prison. Unfortunately, she got sick and died in the effort. Jackson and his family paid a high price while fighting for American freedom!

The SAR National Conference is being hosted by Georgia SAR in Savannah in July 2022. If you want to get involved, now is the time to volunteer!! For more information and inquire about volunteer opportunities, contact Allen Greenly at wagreenly@gmail.com. I'll be heading up the Publicity Committee for the 2022 conference and if you want to help out with that committee, please give me an email or call at 478-957-7411.

The Brunswick news did an excellent article on the Patriots Day festivities held on April 13, 2019. copy and paste this link in your browser to read the story.

https://thebrunswicknews.com/news/local_news/old-guard-keep-patriots-day-alive-for-youth/article_16e53572-acaf-5009-a1a4-abdc5d17f9c8.html

If I can help you with any publicity effort involving Georgia SAR, please contact me by email or call at 478-957-7411

The Curious Tale of Button Gwinnett

John Trussell

I was motivated to do this story because a few weeks ago I was riding in a boat along St Catherines Island, off the Georgia coast, when my host and friend Bill Eberlein, said, "Hey, look over to the left and you'll see the back of the what the locals call the "Button Gwinnett house".

That got me thinking, "did Button Gwinnett really ever live in that house?". I won't spoil the story now, but there is a lot of misinformation about Button Gwinnett and I'll explore many of the intriguing facts about his life in the story. If you want to contribute to this story, please let me know.

I also have an interesting connection to this story. My distant cousin, Hugh McCall, (1767-1824) was Georgia's first historian and is buried only a few feet away from Button Gwinnett in Colonial Cemetery. Hugh McCall is the son of James McCall, one of the heroes of Cowpens and is listed on the battle monument.

My SAR ancestor is Charles McCall, brother of James McCall, which I discovered in my early research to join SAR. Never know what your research will turn up! Hugh McCall wrote about Button Gwinnett in a book he wrote while in a wheelchair. He was the Chief Jailer at the Savannah City Jail.

I intend to write a story on Hugh McCall sometime in the future. If you want to write a story in the SAR Magazine, I encourage you to give it a try! For info, all contributions to the magazine are voluntary and there is no pay involved, but you'll contribute to the increase of knowledge about our dedicated revolutionary ancestors!

Color Guard—Bill Palmer



Year to Date: 119 (5 Rookies) members participating in 31 National and State events. A total of 223 Color Guard participants so far.

Membership: The Color Guard has added 5 members to the Color Guard/Militia, as first time participants to its roll in 2019.

This Quarter's Participation: The number of members participating continues to be very good. During the 2nd quarter the Georgia Color Guard was very active. We participated at the following events: Lyman Hall Statue Dedication; Frederica Days; State BOM; 5 Patriot Grave Markings; and multiple Memorial Day Programs to name a few. Great quarter.

Library—Hugh Rogers

Georgia Society memberships in FOL as of 30 June 2019:

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

75 Total Friends of the Library

The Georgia Society maintains its leading position in the NSSAR among state societies although we have a close challenger in the Tennessee Society. On the downside, 18 of our 33 chapters are not members and only about 3.8% of Georgia compatriots are Friends of the Library. Thanks to our state officers, chapter presidents and compatriots who support this work.

Georgia 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 and compatriot membership is vital to holding our lead in the NSSAR and strengthening the Library. Membership in Friends of the Library (FOL) is available for \$25.00 annually for chapters and individuals.

Chaplain—D. Allen Smith

As State Chaplain, I appreciate the rapid reporting of compatriot deaths. For some new secretaries and chapter presidents there may be a disconnect with how to contact me. Unfortunately the website contact does not appear to allow the attachment of the form 10.04f. The form includes all of the contact information that I need to support the family. So, I need the secretaries or presidents to use the form, which is found in the Source Book under Resources and then the 10.04f obituary report form. While I appreciate the actual newspaper obituary, it not necessary to include it. The best email address is Das1842@icloud.com.

Eagle Scout—William Coffeen

Our committee has received 21 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date which is considerably lower than last year at this time. The lower numbers seem to reflect that fewer inquiries are coming from National and more inquiries are coming directly to chapters. The chair passes these requests on to chapters who have active Eagle Scout programs or the chair fulfills the request himself if no chapter support presently exists. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to set up a recognition program please contact me at billcoffeen@gmail.com or call: 770-757-8147.

The Georgia Society can approve up to four compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. No applications have been submitted year to date. Therefore, I encourage all chapters to submit an application to me for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition. You may download the application from the National website or contact me. Once completed, forward the application accompanied by a check to the SAR for \$20 and send it to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs and we'll provide support and direction to help you grow your program. To my knowledge the following chapters (24% of all State chapters) **do not** presently have a chairman for Eagle Scout Recognition:

- Blue Ridge Mountains
- Brier Creek
- Fall Line
- Four Rivers Patriot
- George Walton
- John Milledge
- LaGrange
- Patrick Carr Rangers
- Rome
- Washington-Wilkes

If I am in error please contact me by phone so I can update my records.

As a reminder, the GASSAR college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2019. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152 or preferably by email at billcoffeen@gmail.com. It is essential that all 2019 applicants use the updated application documents now available on our National website.

Note:

Thanks to Richard Marsh, Atlanta chapter and IT chair, our Eagle Scout Scholarship page on our Georgia Society website remains current to the best of our knowledge. Under the Youth Programs link it provides general information about our local, State and National college scholarship program and specific contact information broken out by BSA Council & District, Georgia County and SAR chapter. Please forward to me any photos of Eagle Courts of Honor, etc. your chapter may participate in and I'll get them posted on our Georgia website.

Flag Respect—Paul Prescott

While I have not received all reports, I can say that while one more chapter, over last quarter, has reported giving a Flag Certificate, we are still not qualified to receive recognition from NSSAR. We need 50% plus one of our chapters to present a Flag Certificate for recognition. On the positive side, the Joseph Habersham Chapter and the Marshes of Glynn Chapter are actively presenting certificates with a total between the two of 41 certificates. Good work compatriots!

NSSAR has approved the Flag Retirement Certificate. GASSAR can also receive NSSAR recognition under the same rules as the ADM Furlong Award for Flag Certificates, 50% plus one of GASSAR chapters must present at least one Flag Retirement Certificate. I only know of two that have been presented. Ideal candidates for a certificate would be Boy and Girl Scouts, the American Legion, other veteran groups, SAR Chapters, DAR Chapters, and any other patriotically minded organization. I know that we are well into the year, but let's see how many we can present this year.

Treasurer—Shep HammackOTHER ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY

Petty Cash for BOM meetings (Prescott)	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	
Color Guard Equipment (Rigel)	\$6,475.51
Sound System (Rigel)	\$754.09
Projector (Burdick)	\$540.59
Laser Printer (Flikeid)	\$268.00
Event Signs (Palmer/Owen)	\$390.08
Traveling Tent #1 & Equipment (Chewning)	\$1,717.59
Traveling Tent #2 & Equipment (Boatright)	\$409.70
Chaplaincy Corps	\$181.14
PG Robt B Vance Membership Trophy	\$300.00
TOTAL PURCHASE VALUE OF	\$11,086.70

Georgia Society Sons of the American RevolutionFinancial Status Summary 28-Jun-19 Certificates of Deposit

BB&T Bank (Marietta)	
CD#1 @ 0.93 (Gen. Fund)	\$15,467.66
BB&T Bank (Marietta)	
CD#2 @ 0.98% (JRW History Fund)	\$7,099.35
Total All CDs =	\$22,567.01

Checking/Market Investment AccountsBranch Banking and Trust CompanySpecial Use Funds in Checking Account

Georgia Fellows Fund	\$9,232.99
Centennial Medal Project 2021 (\$100/year thru 2021)	\$2,000.00
Education Committee	\$1,607.51
2022 Congress	\$1,905.00
ETF (\$1 from dues)	\$0.00
Color Guard Fund	\$375.00
C.A.R. Fund	\$79.00
Veterans Fund	\$1,072.00
NSSAR Dues & Fees on Hand	\$350.00
Checking Acct. - Budget Management	\$51,155.95
Total Checking Account =	<u>\$67,777.45</u>

TOTAL CASH ASSETS**\$90,344.46**DAR Liaison—Shep Hammack

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

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

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

Visits to Georgia Society DAR Chapters were:

Compatriot Carter Wood did the following with the DAR: Program Speaker at Jacob Braselton Chapter, Lydia Darragh medal presentation at Jacob Braselton, classroom presentations with a DAR partner from Jacob Braselton, Program Speaker at Arbor Terrace assisted living facility with the Regent of Sunbury Chapter, Event promotion at Arbor Terrace with representatives of Jacob Braselton Chapter, Presented Flag Day program at Arbor Terrace assisted living facility in Dacula with four members of the Jacob Braselton Chapter. Assisted members of the Sunbury Chapter with their support of the 'Georgia's Women of Achievement event in Dacula. Participated in the Jacob Braselton Chapter's annual commemoration of their namesake's birthday at his grave in Jackson County. 'Flag Day' presentation as the program element for Sunbury Chapter. Compatriots Bob Sapp and Carter Wood continue to work with DAR Chapters to help establish a new SAR Chapter in Winder.

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

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 outdated or no 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.

Georgia Fellows Board Chair—Edward P. Rigel, Jr

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

Fund Balance: \$ 8,953.99 as of 30 June 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. Dr. David A. Ludley – Compatriot Ludley is a member of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter and serves as Georgia Society Historian.

Second Quarter Fund Activity:

-Paul Prescott donated \$139 that he received as a discount for purchasing merchandise from National.

-The Patriot Graves Committee was funded \$240 to purchase 8 sets of the 2 volume Georgia Patriot Grave location books to be distributed to new Chapters during their Chartering Banquets.

-John Flikeid of the Robert Forsyth Chapter received \$200 as a stipend for purchasing a Militia outfit and participating with the State Color Guard.

There is presently a standing approval for a \$200 stipend 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.

**C.A.R. Liaison—Robert Moore**

The month of April started with the presentation of two checks to the National Society Children of the American Revolution from Georgia State SAR. One was for the National Project and one was for being a patron of the National Convention. This SAR/C.A.R. Liaison attended the 124th National Convention of the Children of the American Revolution in Arlington, VA. While there, he was proud to see Georgia SAR member, David Graham, Coweta Falls Chapter, preside as National President of the C.A.R. Mackie Storage of Virginia was elected National President, 2018-2019 and was installed on the grounds of Mount Vernon overlooking the graves of Martha and George Washington and the Potomac River.

In June, the SE Regional Meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, College Park. National Members traveled from across the country to discuss the National Program and Contests for the

year. The National Project for 2018-2019, Foundations of Freedom, has two parts, to raise funds for a replica of the Washington Family desk to be placed at the boyhood home of George Washington, Ferry Farm and to highlight leadership development opportunities the National Society Children of the American Revolution offers. David Jimenez, State President of GA and youth member of GA SAR, also announced his project with the National Infantry Museum Education Department. Special thanks to the Georgia State SAR, Earl and Marquerite Cagle and the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter SAR for being Patrons of this event.

In closing, this liaison would like to thank Past President General Warren Alter for all of his great support of Georgia C.A.R. this past year.

Rumbaugh Orations - George Wheelless**Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter:**

The Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Contest was held on 27 April in Barnesville, GA. There were five contestants competing at the State Level. Mattiynn Winburn was the winner.

Plans for the Next Quarter:

Chapters should begin to make contacts with local schools when they resume in the Fall and advertise this contest.

State and National Competitions:

The deadline for Orations entries to be submitted to the Rumbaugh Chairman is 09 April 2020. The date and site of the 2020 Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Finals is tentatively set for the last Saturday in April in Barnesville, GA.



2022 Congress—Allen Greenly

The 2022 Congress Planning Committee met on April 29 via teleconference and on June 2 via teleconference.

Committees that will report to Vice Chairman Roger Coursey are:

- Color Guard
- Congress Medals – sales, purchasing and fulfillment
- Credentials
- Communications/Transportation
- VIP Protocol, PG & 1st Ladies Gifts (incoming and outgoing)
- Registration
- Volunteer and Host Reception

Committees that will report to Vice Chairman Terry Gibbs are:

- Congress Bags & Gifts for Registrants
- Chaplain
- Day Captains
- Decorations and Flowers
- Fund Raising
- Ladies Auxiliary
- Ladies Hospitality Designated Assistant
- Music & Entertainment
- Publicity
- Tours Volunteer Shirts and Shirts logo
- Web Site Coordinator



A list of potential chairman for each sub-committee was discussed. The following individuals have volunteered for committee chairman.

- Color Guard - Bill Palmer
- Credentials - K. Scott Collins
- VIP Protocol, PG & 1st Ladies Gifts (incoming and outgoing) - Edward P. Rigel, Sr.
- Registration - Joe Vancura
- Volunteer Dinner & Host Reception - John Flikeid
- Chaplain - D. Alan Smith
- Day Captains - Bill Tankersley
- Fund Raising - Bill Dobbs
- Publicity - John Trussell
- Tours - Carter J. Wood
- Web Site Coordinator - Gary Page

- Congress Bags & Gift's for Registrants - Wayne Brown
- Volunteer Shirts Logo - George Thurmond
- Ladies Auxiliary –
- Ladies Hospitality Designated Assistant -
- Music and Entertainment -
- Congress Medals -
- Decorations and Flowers -
- Communications/Transportation -

Above: Haitian Volunteer Monument, Savannah, GA. One of many monuments, historic sites, and touring opportunities available in Savannah.

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Georgia has a wonderful opportunity for you to help make a lasting impression on our fellow compatriots across the U.S. and around the world. Please consider how you can participate in the 2022 National Congress to be held in Savannah.



GA Endowment Trust Fund—Scott Collins

Value & Types of Investment Instruments at Beginning of Year

Franklin Income Mutual Fund Balance January 1, 2019	70,217.04
Money Market Fund January 1, 2019	792.13
Total Account Balance	71,009.17
Ending Franklin Income Mutual Fund Balance June 30, 2019	78,182.72
Ending Money Market Fund June 30, 2019	793.47
Total Value	78,976.19