

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



July - September 2019



The President's Dispatch

And the ground shook. Literally!

Such was our experience, on two different nights, at the recent National SAR Congress in California. Personally, I could have done without this extra excitement but it did give everyone a great conversation starter.

The Georgia Society had a good sized delegation at Congress and came away with fourteen plus award certificates and streamers, received awards for our work with the Children of the American Revolution and also with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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July 4th A Birthday Worth Celebrating

Regarding the upcoming Declaration of Independence, John Adams wrote to Abigail,

that the 3rd of July "ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." [The date of the 4th was chosen instead.....Ed.]

He also added, "You will think me transported with Enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even although We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

Other patriots also had something to say about the 4th of July, liberty, or freedom.

"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall." – John Dickinson.

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country." – Benjamin Franklin

"Let every man do his duty, and be true to his country." – Anonymous, rallying cry, Boston Tea Party, December 16, 1773

"In every human breast, God has implanted a principle, which we call love of freedom; it is impatient of oppression and pants for deliverance." – Phillis Wheatley, in The Boston Post-Boy, 1774

"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty." – James Madison

"You cannot conquer America." – William Pitt, speech, House of Lords, November 18, 1777

"Give me liberty or give me death!" – Patrick Henry

"Let freedom never perish in your hands." - Joseph Addison

Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." – Abraham Lincoln

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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 President's Dispatch (Cont. from page 1)

We had eleven members recognized with the Liberty Medal or Oakleaf cluster if they had already earned the Liberty Medal for membership recruitment. Fourteen of our members received Certificates of Appreciation for work done at the National Level and two members received certificates for serving on the National SAR Executive Committee. With the help of our chapters, Georgia also participated in the Poster, Brochure, JROTC, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, Rumbaugh Oration, American History Teacher (High School and Middle School), etc. All of this comes about from the hard work put in by our Compatriots in their own chapters. Please consider helping your chapter with these programs or if your chapter does not participate we will be happy to assist you and your chapter in getting started with one or more of these programs.

Speaking of Chapters, the Public Service and Heroism Award was won by the Captain John Collins Chapter (streamer and check) and the Athens Chapter (streamer). The Education Outreach Streamer was won by Marshes of Glynn Chapter and the Robert Forsyth Chapter. The Marshes of Glynn Chapter also received a Honorable Mention for the Americanism Award. The Piedmont Chapter had a great night winning the Liberty Bell Americanism Award, the President General's Activities Award, and the President General's Cup for chapters in their size range.

I have to say that I was pulled out of line by TSA at the airport in California for a suspicious item in my carryon bag which turned out to be the large stack of certificates all wrapped up next to the rolled up poster. I am glad they were in a jovial mood let me board the aircraft after the search.

While attending Congress, the Classic City Rotary club called and said the upcoming speaker cancelled and could I do a program for them on the American Revolution that coming Monday. The Traveling Trunk got pulled out and I presented to fifty-four individuals with several expressing interest in SAR or DAR. That club posted pictures on their Facebook site and I got a call from another Rotary club where I did a similar presentation to forty-nine individuals. Both clubs have contacted me about doing an additional presentation. If your chapter does not have a traveling trunk please look at putting one together. There are a number of sample presentation that you can watch or get with a fellow Compatriot that does these programs. It is a great outreach and a way to get Americanism points for your chapter.

At the recent Summer BOM we covered much that was great about our Society and all of the activities that are conducted by our members. We have to remember that we also have our own personal life events that influence our actions. One of these types of items did come up at the BOM and I apologize for not realizing that it was coming in front of the BOM at that meeting. This motion was postponed until the Fall BOM. More information will be compiled and in the spirit of our Founding Fathers I trust that we will be able to work through this matter.

The summer continued with the Old Soldiers Day Parade, chapter visits, Lafayette's birthday in LaGrange Georgia which was immediately followed by the Eutaw Springs Battle Commemoration in South Carolina. Then we arrive at September 17th – Constitution Day with one program that morning in August, GA and another that afternoon in Watkinsville, GA.

This year we did have twenty-two Georgia SAR chapters represented in Augusta for Constitution Day and the five patriot grave marker dedications ceremony that followed. The Georgia Society Color Guard was well represented with flag bearers, militia rifleman, and the artillery unit.

The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard has had great publicity of its attendance at various events in print, social media, and in several cases television. Accordingly, they do become the most visible face of the SAR. They are always looking for new members. The majority of state color guard members started at the chapter level. This is just one of many ways to be active in the SAR.

Georgia had great representation at the National Society SAR Fall Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky. I greatly appreciated the amount of time and effort our members put into Leadership. Not only attending the event, but serving as committee chairs, participating in the committee meeting process (Georgia SAR members are never shy about expressing an opinion or making comments) and attendance at the Trustees meeting.

The quarter rounded out with a Compatriot grave marker dedication service and a Patriot grave marker dedication service in Elbert County. Both programs had a number of non-SAR/DAR participants with many favorable comments.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Cont.

"My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth."— Abraham Lincoln

"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation forevermore!" – Oliver Wendell Holmes, *Voyage of the Good Ship Union*, 1919

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." - George Bernard Shaw

"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness." - Woodrow Wilson

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved." – Franklin D. Roosevelt

"We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it." – William Faulkner

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." – Elmer Davis

Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom. Albert Einstein

"I believe in America because we have great dreams, and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true." – Wendell Willkie, 1940 Republican nominee for President

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." – Dwight D. Eisenhower

"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." – Harry S. Truman, Public Papers, January 8, 1947

"So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snow capped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something—for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to." – Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States

"For you have been called to live in freedom. Use your freedom to serve one another in love." - Galatians 5:13

## The President's Dispatch (Cont. from page 2)

The Fall is quickly approaching which will bring more battle commemorations and other events along with the dues collection process. Please take a look at your chapter activities and chapter reports to make sure you are on track to get everything completed for your yearend reports.

Much work is needed to be done and each of us has our own abilities so I call on all of us to take the action to support the advancement and mission of the Georgia Society SAR and yes that might mean stepping out of 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**  
**Adjutant**  
**National SAR Color Guard**

Right: George Washington Monument,  
 Richmond, VA.

## 130th National Congress

Compatriots;

The Richmond Marriott Downtown is the host hotel for the 2020 NSSAR Congress. The hotel has set up an online reservations portal that you may use to register for the event.

Primary days of the Congress are Friday, Jul 10 (Excom), Saturday, Jul 11 (Tours) Sunday, Jul 12 (Memorial and Rumbaugh), Monday Jul 13 (Opening, Youth Awards and Awards night), Tuesday Jul 14 (Sessions, Elections, PG Banquet), Wednesday Jul 15 (Closing, Tour, Installation Banquet)

A couple of things to know:

1. When you register online please put what type of room you want (King or 2 beds) in the preference line.
2. All rooms have refrigerators but no microwaves
3. You will be asked for your credit card information, it is only to hold the reservation, it will not be charged until you get to Congress.
4. Cancellation fees: none if you cancel 48 hours in advance, one night fees if you cancel within 48 hours.
5. If when you make the reservation you do not get all the nights you want, please register, then send me the reservation number and also what you need added to the registration. That way if you are trying to go outside the block so you can do some local sightseeing before or after Congress I can try to get you the SAR rate. There are no guarantees to this happening, but in the past the hotel has been very helpful when it arises.
6. If you are a Marriott Bonvoy member please make sure you enter your card number. If you are a platinum level member, you will have access to the Executive Lounge Level.
7. The cost for a room is \$165.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Valet parking is \$27 per day with unlimited in and out. There are various other parking lots nearby but do not know what they charge each day.
8. If you prefer to call in to the hotel to do your reservations the number to call is (804) 754-0007. Then once the recording is done you can press "1" to be transferred to reservations.
9. Here is the url for reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/event/49965781/owner/12987/home>
10. If you have any issues please email Paul (LTCMRSC "at" aol "dot" com) or call and leave a message and Paul will return your call when he can. (906) 273 2424 or 704-756-0363.

These rooms normally fill up fast so if you are a Georgia Compatriot please go ahead and make your reservations early. We hope to have a large number of Georgia Compatriots attending this Congress. Please keep your eyes and ears open while you observe how Congress operates. The 2022 Congress will be held in Savannah, Georgia and all observations will be helpfully in our planning for the 2022 Congress.

**K Scott Collins**  
**President**  
**Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution**



## Board Of Managers Meetings

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**  
**Winter TBA 2020**

**BOM location:**

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

## 130th NASSAR National Congress

**Richmond, VA.**  
**Jul 10 – 16, 2020**

## Support the 2020 National Congress

While more than a year away, the SAR 2020 National Congress is already in development! This event is only made possible through the support of compatriots like you, so please take a look at purchasing some exclusive merchandise, participating in our fundraising raffle, or volunteering your time.

<http://2020sarcongress.org/>



**SCAM ALERT !!**

Members throughout the Georgia Society have been receiving emails requesting help for veteran organizations. The request at first glance appears to be legitimate, for the Bot sending it out has taken information from our own website. Chapter & President's name, with similar info..... Just delete it! Don't fall for it. One way to tell it is a scam. Do you recognize the senders email address? Never should an SAR official ask you to purchase gift certificates/cards for a program without a lengthy letter outlining the Chapter or State Societies plans, timelines, contact info, etc. Always check via a different communications route, (known good email address?) phone, or in person before falling for these scams. The best thing you can do is not

reply, but simply trash it. You should get legit follow-up correspondence if it is real.

**Georgia Society  
Deceased  
Members  
July 01, -  
September 30,  
2019**



*A mistake in processing the Deceased Members Report last edition resulted in the false report of the demise of William Raper. Happily, Bill is still with us, and we regret the premature addition of his name. [Ed.]*

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Charles Tait RATCLIFFE	127746	Marshes of Glynn	09 Jul 2019
Ernest Deurell KEY, Jr.	86469	Atlanta	11 Jul 2019
Edgar Monroe BURKETT,	190729	Edward Telfair	16 Jul 2019
Lytton Glynn ACREE, III	154992	Piedmont	16 Jul 2019
Augustus Baldwin DUDLEY, Jr.	71126	Coweta Falls	11 Aug 2019
Peter Ashton LYON	111354	Atlanta	05 Sep 2019



# Happy Birthday America

## Atlanta Braves Pregame

The Award winning Georgia Society Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia was once again guests of the Atlanta Braves Baseball organization on July 4. As an integral part of the Pre-Game Show, we had to arrive early, practice, co-ordinate our timed firing, and as one would expect, perform flawlessly. There were 13 muskets, one each for the original 13 colonies, and 4 flags, The National Colors, Betsy Ross, Georgia, and the SAR flag.

[When asked for feedback from the participants, I received the following... Ed.]



SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Carter Wood: The heat, hassles and hiking was all worth it when we saw those muskets fire. It was an honor to serve with the GASSAR Color Guard.

David Wiley: As my first experience firing, it was quite exhilarating and moving to be a part of the patriotic experience on July 4th at SunTrust Park in front of 40,000 plus fans! I have no complaints other than the HEAT, but I felt the Braves treated us well and appreciated our contribution to their July 4th festivities. Hopefully we will be asked back, perhaps for the All Star game in July, 2021.

Chuck Garnett: It was the experience of a lifetime. I was very proud to represent the SAR in this tribute to my country's amazing heritage.

Jay Guest: The July 4th, 2019 firing a musket and representing the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution was a great honor and gave me a lot of pride in our organization. The Braves organization did a lot to arrange and rearrange things to accommodate us as they learned of our problems. Personally I could not handle the climb up the stairs to our seats and chose to leave, but free seats were appreciated all the same also the water and pizza provided to us for lunch. My thanks to Allen Greenly

for his arranging this and his constant e-mails.

Stallings Howell: It was an unusual honor to represent the GASSAR as a color guard at the July 4th Braves game. At a time when patriotism has taken a hit, it was great to hear the response of the crowd when the colors were displayed and to see the giant flag being presented. Hearing the 13-gun salute by the militia just added the perfect touch to an already proud moment when the eagle was soaring on the big screen and the crowd was cheering. What a wonderful moment for SAR that I will long remember.

Ron Redner: July 4th at the Braves Game was A LOT of FUN!

Bill Ramsaur: (absent) After seeing our GA Society Color Guard & Militia live on TV on Thursday and now viewing the video, I feel especially proud to be a part of such an outstanding organization. Congratulations to each one of you who participated in the event, and Thank You for your SAR service.

Shep Hammack: (absent) You guys looked sharp. Wish I could find a way to be at two places at once.



Above Left: Thursday, about noon the crew arrives carrying their uniforms and muskets.

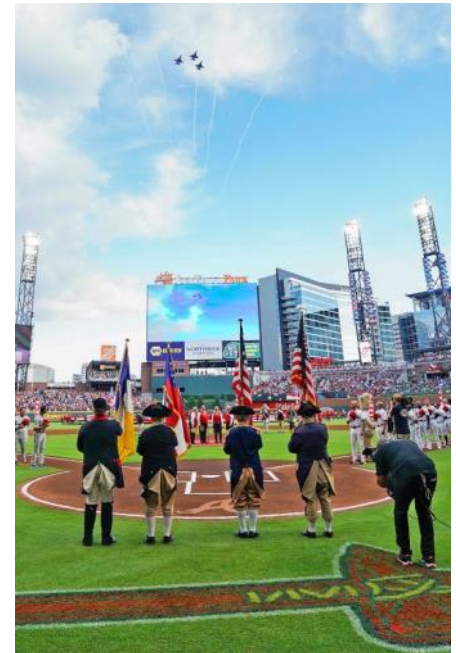
Above Right: Our Braves Liaison, Katie, discusses the days coming event with Mark Anthony. [After the game and fireworks, I happened to see Katie as she was walking away and I was tied up in traffic waiting my turn.....She was tired, but moving much, much faster than I.... Thanks Katie! You did an awesome job!



Center: Lady Liberty, the eagle flew down to the field during the Pre-game show.

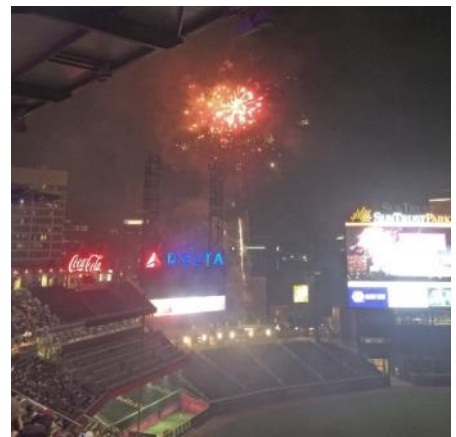
Above: The crowd numbered 40,633 officially. The crowd was jubilant, the Braves played exceptionally well, and the fireworks were also awesome.

Left: All dressed out at the Park except one who arrived in Uniform...Guess who got the full metal detector sweep, and continually set off the beep beep beep?



Center: Stallings Howell with the Georgia Flag.

Above: The Anthem ends with, "Home of the Brave" and the perfectly timed flyover, and musket salute that could not have been more precise.



Center Above and Above: Color Guard and Musket salute. Jumbo Screen doubling making it 26 gun salute??

Left: Fox Sports got a closeup of one of the militia. Skunks rule I guess.

Above: Mark Anthony with the SAR flag.

Right: Rockets red glare.





Many events happened on the 4th of July, providing opportunities all across the state and nation to participate in our country's birthday celebrations.

Left and Center: Bill Colbert and company had a great time at Meadow Garden. This DAR owned historic property was the home of George Walton, one of the three GA signers of the Declaration of Independence. The home and grounds were open for free to the public today. He shared stories of what it was like to be a militia man back then, and Pat and her Garden City Strummers dulcimer group provided music under a dogwood tree. DAR members were dressed in historic costumes and led tours of the house as well as children's mini workshops about colonial life on the grounds. George Walton even made an appearance several times and read the Declaration to visitors. We had a great turnout!



The Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter was featured in three Independence Day parades in Glynn County.

Above Right: Bill Ramsaur rode in our patriotically decorated SAR golf cart – the lead cart in the 125 cart St. Simons Village parade.



Below: Steven Ford "kicked-off" the 100 person Sea Palms parade and described Independence Day from the viewpoint of John Adams. Pete Dillon led the display of twenty-two American flags on Jekyll Island and participated in the parade. Dressed as Thomas Jefferson, Bill quoted key sentences of the Declaration of Independence.



Above: Bill Ramsaur's two grandchildren rode on the back of the golf cart- dressed in Colonial attire.

Right: Byron Tindall, Chaplain of Robert Forsyth Chapter, joins fellow member and Militiaman J.C. Hustis on stage to read the Declaration of Independence at the Jasper City 4th of July parade and festivities. A Patriotic concert in the park followed the parade.



Left: Mount Vernon Chapter participated in the Annual Dunwoody 4th of July Parade and won 2nd place for "Most Patriotic". The parade route is 2.3 miles in length along Mt. Vernon Hwy in Dunwoody, GA. Bill Floyd is on the Float.

Below: President Bill Floyd is joined by the chapter Color Guard members Tom Chrisman, Randy Pollard, and Dan Morgan, who marched at the front of the parade.



Left: Coweta Falls members attended July 4 festivities at the American Village near Montevallo, AL. Dan McMichael and his granddaughter portrayed George Washington and his step-granddaughter Nellie Custer, helping the crowd of visitors relate to the history of the time.



Below: The crowd attending the American Village that day was on the hot but happy side.







Above: Taylor Hay and Caleb Kinnard, both members of Coweta Falls help out at the American Village celebration.

## Did You Know ?

- \* Only two men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776 -- John Hancock and Charles Thompson. All the others signed later.
- \* Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on a "laptop," which was a writing desk that could fit on one's lap.
- \* The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies. The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest was Thomas Lynch, Jr (27) of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin (70) of Pennsylvania. The lead author of The Declaration, Thomas Jefferson, was 33.
- \* One out of eight signers of the Declaration of Independence were educated at Harvard (7 total).
- \* The only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.
- \* The printed version of the Declaration was called the Dunlap Broadside - 200 were made but only 27 are accounted for. One of these was found in the back of picture frame at a tag sale and sold at auction for \$8.14 million to television producer Norman Lear. It now travels the country to be displayed to the public.
- \* On July 4, 1826, America celebrated 50 years of independence as, just a few hours apart, two of its Presidents took their final breaths. At the time of his death, Thomas Jefferson was 83, while John Adams had turned 90 the year before. Though both were unwell, their deaths came as a surprise to many—particularly as they coincided with one another on this very striking date.
- \* James Monroe, another president and Founding Father also died on July 4, 1831.
- \* Eighty-five years before the Fourth of July was recognized as a federal holiday, "America's Oldest Fourth of July Celebration," occurs in the town of Bristol, Rhode Island. The town has been doing Independence Day since 1785.
- \* Massachusetts recognized the Fourth of July as an official holiday on July 3, 1781, making it the first state to do so. It wasn't until June 28, 1870 that Congress decided to start designating federal holidays, with the first four being New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This decreed that those days were holidays for federal employees. In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.
- \* The White House held its first 4th July party in 1801.
- \* In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today the population of the U.S.A. is 316 million.
- \* Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies. It has not been rung since 1846.
- \* President Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4th, 1872, putting him forever into the history books.
- \* On Independence Day, approximately 155 million hot dogs are eaten in the United States. July 4th is considered to be the biggest hot dog holiday each year.
- \* American Independence is also celebrated in Denmark each year.



The Quarterly Board of Management meeting of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution was held in Barnesville, GA at the Garden Patch Restaurant on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 10:00 am. With GASSAR President Scott Collins presiding, we had over 100 members and guests in attendance. 30 Chapters of the 35 Chapters in the Georgia Society were represented.



Many National Society Sons of the American Revolution awards were presented to Chapters and individuals that were given to the GASSAR during the July 8, 2019 NSSAR 129th Congress in Costa Mesa, California.

Center: Two members of the East Fall Line Region were awarded the NSSAR "Liberty Medal". They were Little River Chapter President/Registrar Bill Tankersley with the medal and 1 oak leaf cluster and Wiregrass Chapter Registrar Dess Smith III with the medal and 4 oak leaf clusters. The Liberty Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members.

Below: Newly created Little River Chapter is approved, while supporting members of the East Fall Line Region, whose help made the new chapter possible. The Little River Charter Banquet will be held Saturday, October 5.



Left: Earl Cagle, President of the Capt. John Collins Chapter, in recognition of the time, effort and dedication of Georgia State Color Guard Commander William "Bill" Palmer, presented a framed, limited edition painting of a group of Revolutionary War soldiers, titled "Color Guard" to Bill. The painting was donated by the John Collins Chapter and presented on behalf of the Georgia Society.



Below: Pres. Scott Collins presented a streamer and certificate for the National Liberty Bell Americanism award to Ron Redner for Piedmont Chapter for their evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles. Representative Randy Nichols also received Honorable Mention and a certificate for Marshes of Glynn .



Above: President Scott Collins and East Fall Line Region VP Sonny Pittman presented the Mill Creek Chapter Vice-President Randy Jones with their 2018 Outstanding Membership Certificate and Streamer for maintaining at least 90% of their membership as of January 1, 2019





Compatriots from across the state - representing 22 chapters (including one from South Carolina) made long drives to join the William Few Chapter in Augusta, the Constitution Day Celebration at historic Saint Paul's Church (also the site of Fort Cornwallis).



Above: The GASSAR Color Guard presented the Colors.

Left: The wreath presentations at Col William Few's grave; and, the GASSAR Patriot Grave Marker Dedication honored the service and sacrifice of Revolutionary Soldiers: John Bacon, John Bedingfield, Daniel Dill, Ambrose Gordon and Alexander Lawson.

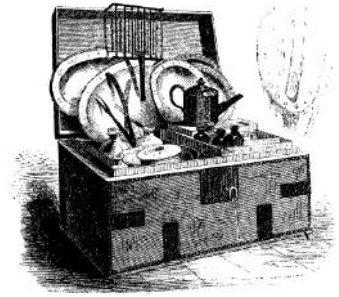


Left: The Elijah Clarke Militia was on hand to render service and salute the Revolutionary Heroes of the day.



Left: Robert Forsyth Chaplain Byron Tindall stayed closer to home and participated in the Constitution Day Celebration ceremony at the Jasper United Methodist Church. The event, sponsored by the Sequoyah Chapter, Captain James Kell Chapter and the Hightower Trail Chapter, DAR.

Right: J.C. Hustis and Emil Decker presented the Robert Forsyth Chapter's Traveling Trunk to the students of South Forsyth Middle School on Constitution Day. 8th Graders learned of the hardships and resourcefulness of our 18th century ancestors.



Left: Members of the Atlanta Chapter gathered on the grounds of Johns Homestead Park, in Tucker, GA, a local historic site, on Tuesday, September 17th. The event commemorated the date of September 17, 1787, when thirty-nine delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, signed the U.S. Constitution.

The ceremony began with the members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, followed by a reading of the Preamble to the United States Constitution. The group celebrated this important document and the freedoms it gave us, by ringing the bells at 1:00 p.m. for one full minute.

MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE BIRTHDAY



Above: Members of the Georgia Color Guard and the Elijah Clarke Militia participated in the Marquis de Lafayette Birthday Celebration in the park at LaGrange, Georgia.

Below Left: An impressive cadre of Continental uniforms were worn to the Marquis' party. I think he would have been proud.



Right: Drummer Caleb Kinard, also dressed in Continental Colors, drums the beat for the Color Guard to march.

# GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



In addition to the five patriots recognized during the Constitution Day Ceremonies at Saint Paul's Church in Augusta, two additional graves were marked during this quarter. One was a compatriot, the other a patriot. Both ceremonies were hosted by the Samuel Elbert Chapter, SAR, and the Stephen Heard Chapter, DAR.

Below Left: Compatriot Jack Bozeman, a highly regarded Methodist minister, and avid historian was a major player in the Samuel Elbert Chapter for many years. Through his efforts along with others, Kettle Creek, Vann's Creek, and other Georgia observances were started. Jack became the Georgia State President 1995 - 1996. His legacy as an active historian included helping found the Samuel Elbert Chapter while serving as Chapter President from 1996-1998. As Chapter President, he looked for and found the Kettle Creek Battle site in Wilkes County. He led the way for the first annual ceremony of the Kettle Creek Battlefield Annual Ceremony with the Samuel Elbert Chapter supplying leadership for this event.

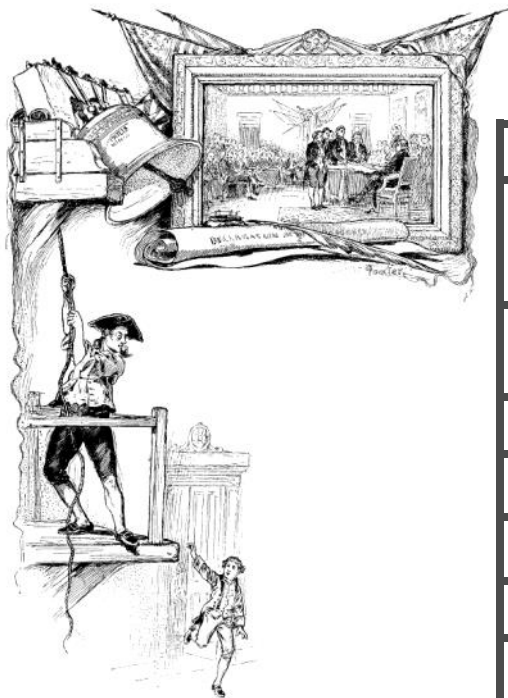
Right: Militia performs Mourn Muskets at Jack's ceremony.



Right: As so many patriot graves are, the George Alexander and Mary Aiken Alexander graves were out near the old homesite, now at the edge of the road in a pasture. Well preserved and now honored, these patriots rest, forgotten save for family, a few curious passers by, the current land holders, and of course the SAR and DAR.



Left: Family members, many from South Carolina, gather to attend and honor their patriot ancestor.



## Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Little River Chapter Charter Banquet	Thompson, GA	Oct. 5, 2019	State
South Atlantic District Meeting	Spartanburg, SC	Oct. 6, 2019	National
Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Oct. 7, 2019	National
Siege of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Oct. 9, 2019	State
Fort Daniel Faire	Fort Daniel, SC	Oct. 19, 2019	State
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct. 26, 2019	State
Patriot Grave Marking	Athens, GA	Nov. 2, 2019	State
Veterans Day Program	Various locations	Nov. 9-11, 2019	National (1 event), State
Veterans Day Program	Snellville, GA	Nov. 9, 2019	State
Veterans Day Program	Watkinsville, GA	Nov. 11, 2019	State
Fort Morris	Midway, GA	Nov. 16, 2019	State
Vann's Creek	Elberton, GA	Dec. 7, 2019	State
State BOM	TBD	Jan. 25, 2020	State
Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Feb. 8-9, 2020	State
Grave Marking	Marietta, GA	Apr. 4, 2020	State
Grave Marking	TBD	May 2, 2020	State

*Compatriots,*

*Many of us have supported the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc. and we now have the second Battlefield Association formed in Georgia to protect a Revolutionary War Battlefield.*

*Several years ago the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution formed a Special Committee to look at the preservation efforts around the Brier Creek Battlefield. Out of this effort the idea of an independent non-profit was formed and this ultimately lead to the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc.*

*Since the idea of this non-profit was the result of the a Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Special Committee we include this information to our membership.*

*K Scott Collins, President  
Georgia Society SAR*

### *Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc.*

#### *Why You Should Join..*

The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. will preserve the land and battleground and educate the public about what happened there and why it matters. Membership will provide events and programs which highlight the value of this heritage and its role in establishing liberty.

#### *The Mission of the Association...*

The mission of the Association is to present and interpret the history and culture of the area as it is reflected in its heritage of significant Revolutionary period sites and resources by encouraging the permanent preservation of the site of the Brier Creek Battle, its natural history and related resources.

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The Athens Chapter  
 Georgia Society  
 Sons of the American Revolution

Requests the honor of your presence  
 At the dedication of SAR Grave Markers  
 Commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldiers

James Barrow, Rev. Hope Hull, Charles Strong

Saturday November 2, 2019 2:00 P.M.

Oconee Hill Cemetery, 297 Cemetery Street  
 (Off East Campus Drive near UGA Football Stadium)  
 Athens, Georgia 30605



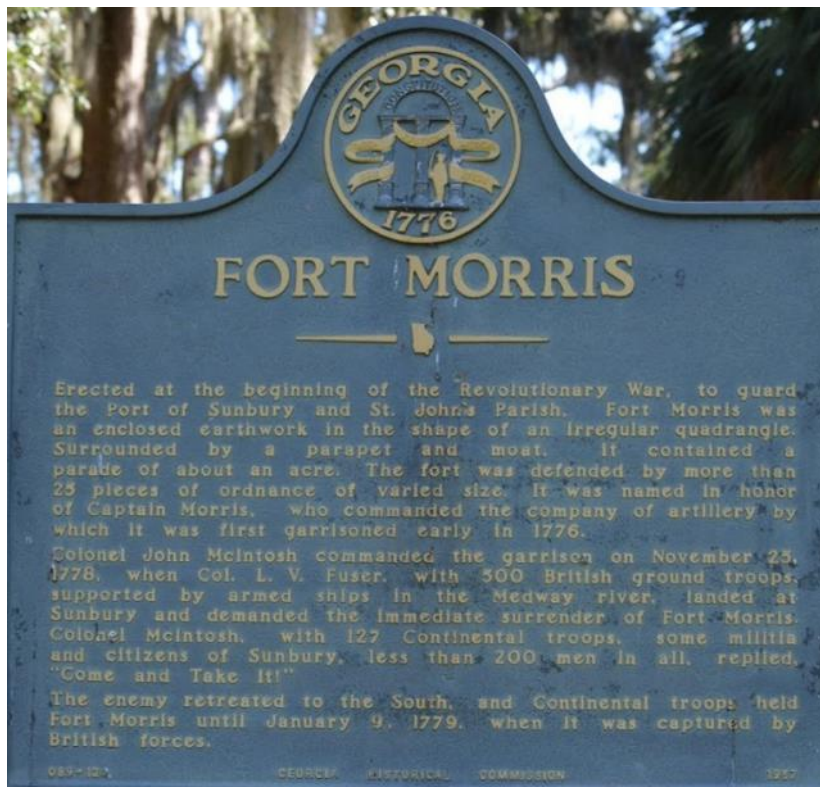
## **“Come & Take It!” Celebration at Ft. Morris on Saturday, Nov. 16th**

Over 240 years ago Colonel John McIntosh made his defiant reply, “Come and Take It!” to a British demand to surrender Fort Morris. Georgia’s ONLY Revolutionary Historic Site with extensive earthworks still stands as a testament to the will and fortitude the Patriots exhibited during the American Revolution.

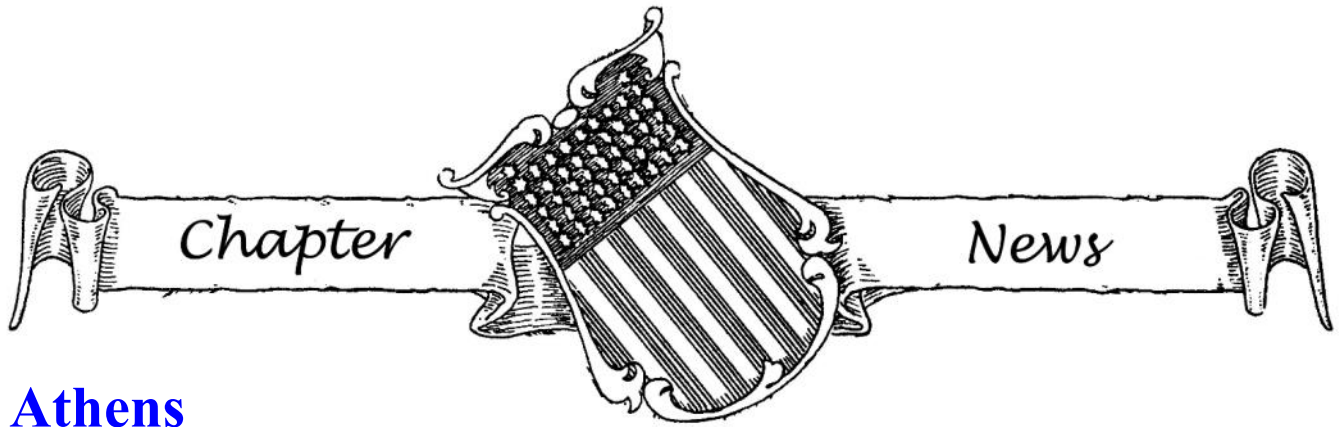
The Historic Sites & Commemoration Committee of the GA Society SAR encourage you to participate in the Memorial Ceremony, beginning at 10:00am on Saturday, November 16th at the Fort Morris Historic Site in Liberty County.

The program will feature members of the GA Society C.A.R., SAR Continental Color Guards, Elijah Clarke & Wiregrass Militia and re-enactors from the Second Company Georgia Artillery. Send request for Wreath Presentation to wframsaur@aol.com, and flag streamers will be presented to each represented C.A.R., DAR & SAR Chapter.

A hospitality get-together at the Richmond Hill Holiday Inn Express, sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter, is scheduled for 5:00pm Friday evening, November 15, prior to dinner at nearby Love’s Seafood Restaurant. After the Memorial Ceremony on Saturday, lunch will be available at the Sunbury Crab Company on the Medway River.



*Duty, simply put, is what we “ought” to do in any given situation. Children have a duty to their parents just as parents have a duty to their children. Teachers have a duty to their students. Those in the military have a duty to their country. Duty, according to Webster, is defined as obligatory conduct, service, or functions that arise from one’s position in life. In our position as members of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to whom do we have a duty, and what is that duty? What is it that we ought to do to fulfil that duty?*



## Athens



Left: The new Flag Retirement Certificate was presented, August 6, 2019, to American Legion Post 109, Commander Bobby Bowen, Hartwell, GA. By Donald Burdick.

Right: Compatriot and Elijah Clarke Militia member Donald Burdick renders honor to Compatriot Jack Bozeman during the grave marking ceremony in Elbert County.



Lower Left: Atlanta Chapter SAR, DAR Liaison Jim Freeman attended the grave marking of a distinguished Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter, charter member Ruth Wages Strickland, on June 1st in Lawrenceville. The Strickland family has supported the children of Tamassee DAR School for over 30 years, through their contribution of time, resources and service.

## Atlanta



Above: The Atlanta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution honored Dee Camerio of Lilburn with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Award. The Medal was presented in recognition for her service for military veterans and their families. As a Veteran's Administration accredited claims agent, she has voluntarily helped over 200 veteran families with claims for VA benefits. Jim Freeman, president of the Atlanta Chapter SAR made the presentation.



Left: Compatriot Charlie Newcomer, 2nd Vice-President of Atlanta Chapter, traveled to Augusta and performed the wreath laying, representing Atlanta Chapter at the grave site of Patriot Colonel William Few.

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Activities this quarter:  
Sid Turner, Jack Dugger, and Paul Danner participated in the 4th of July Parade in Demorest, GA

Sid Turner, Paul Danner, David Cook and Jared Ogden participated in a Flag retirement with Boy Scouts, at First United Methodist Church, Blairsville

And also, at the First Methodist Church, Sid Turner, David Cook and Jared Ogden Participated in the Festivities surrounding the July 4 fireworks show at Meeks Park

Jared Ogden, Sid Turner and David Cook attended the Quarterly GASSAR meeting in Barnesville, GA

Sid Turner and Jared Ogden Presented the Traveling Trunk to Blue Ridge Elementary School 4th-graders

Sid Turner and Jared Ogden presented a Flag Certificate to the Blue Ridge Elementary School for properly displaying the United States flag.

Sid Turner and Jared Ogden Presented to the 4th grade teachers at Union and Towns County, Blue Ridge, East Fannin and West Fannin Elementary schools' information about our traveling trunk presentation and information of the SAR Poster contest.

Speaker's bureau David Cook and Jared Ogden gave talk to adults at Young Harris concerning the origin of the Constitution.

## Blue Ridge Mountains

Below: The Constitution Day event in Augusta was attended by Sid Turner, Jack Dugger and David Cook. The event also included a Grave Marking ceremony for five patriots buried in or near Saint Paul's Church.



Right: Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, and GASSAR Sergeant of Arms, Jack Dugger in the militia line at the Constitution Day event in Augusta, Ga.



## Brier Creek



Left: Compatriot Adam Bazemore presented "The Battle at Sullivan's Island". This American Revolutionary War battle was fought on June 28, 1776, just 7 days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. It is also sometimes referred to as the "First Siege of Charleston". Colonel William Moultrie and his 2nd South Carolina Regiment arrived on Sullivan's Island in March 1776, to begin defense of the entrance to the Charleston Harbor. They immediately began construction of a fortress built out of palmetto logs to defend the island and the harbor. Captain Peter Horry of the Patriot naval detachment described the site as "an immense pen 500 feet long, 10 feet high and 16 feet wide, filled with sand to stop the cannon shot". The front and rear walls had 31 cannon, ranging from 9- and 12-pounders to a few British 18-pounders and French 26-pounders. Colonel William Moultrie's forces numbered 435. The British fleet was composed of nine "man-of-war" ships totaling 300 cannon. The British army forces, commanded by General Henry Clinton, consisted of 7 Regiments of Foot. Colonel Moultrie was successful in the defense of Fort Moultrie and the city of Charleston. British casualties were: 63 killed and 142 wounded. American casualties were: 12 killed and 25 wounded. This was the first major victory of American Forces over the British Army and Navy.

Right: Five members of the Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapter traveled to the Town of New Ebenezer in Effingham County beside the Savannah River to set up a display of Revolutionary War artifacts and period weapons of war. President Lee Smith and Sgt-at-arms Don Bazemore of the Brier Creek Chapter are pictured with their Wiregrass compatriots.



Left: Members of the Wiregrass and Brier Creek Chapters traveled to Augusta in September to attend the Constitution Week Event and the American Revolutionary War Patriot Grave markings. L to R: Woody Woodard, Wilder Smith, Jr., Steve Burke, Lee Smith, Don Bazemore and 3 of Wilder's grandchildren. Dess Smith took the photo.

Right: A 13" Bowie Knife, with an Elk Antler handle, hand forged by Compatriot Emory Fennell. Compatriot Fennell donated the \$700 knife with stand to help the Brier Creek Chapter raise money for events they hold during the year. The lucky winner was Compatriot Don Bazemore.



## Button Gwinnett

Right: Eldon Evans participated in the recent patriot grave marking for George Alexander. Here he presents the Button Gwinnett Chapter wreath.



Left: New Color Guard member, Warren Haire affixes his feather cockade to his hat. Warren attended his first two state events earning his cockade, symbolizing his membership in the prestigious guard.

*[His musket fire was crisp, coordinated, and right on target. ... Ed.]*

Right: One of the Color Guard Commander's favorite duties has to be issuing a feather cockade to a new member of the Color Guard and the Elijah Clarke Militia. To earn this recognition, one must dress out in uniform and participate in a state or national event. Let's help Bill by doing our part to encourage more members to suit up and participate.



## Cherokee

Right: Kevin Karel from the Cherokee Chapter presented their LEEP Liberty Tree program for the September meeting of the Robert Forsyth Chapter.

*[Planting Liberty Trees for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution is endorsed by National. Ed]*

Far Right: By John Cassell - [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:P109\\_The\\_Colonists\\_Under\\_Liberty\\_Tree.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:P109_The_Colonists_Under_Liberty_Tree.jpg), Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=61468325>

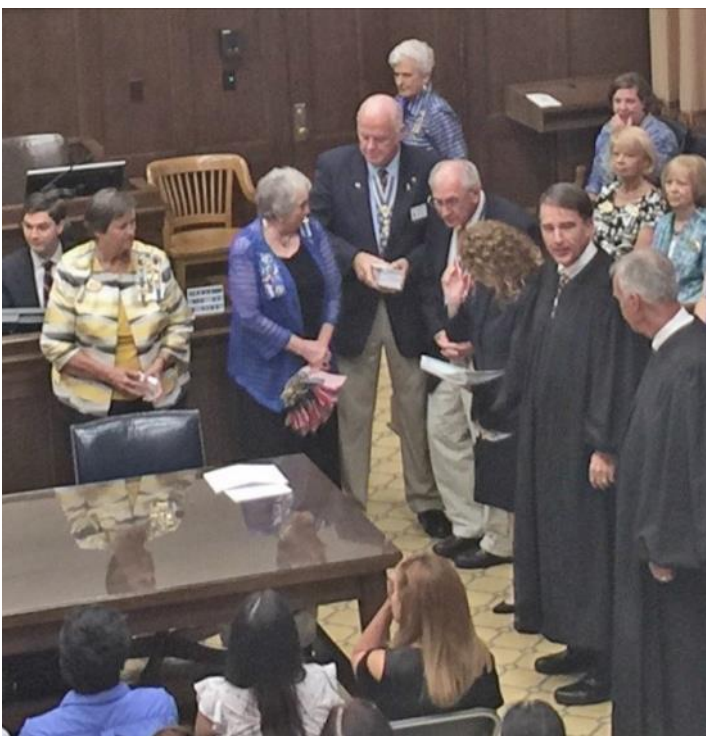


# Coweta Falls

Right: Levi Fish and Charles Gilliam receiving their Eagle Scout Certificates from Danny Ginter.

Below Left: The Honorable Clay D. Land, Chief U.S. District Judge United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia and member of Coweta Falls Chapter, conducts and welcomes new citizens at a recent Naturalization Ceremony. Other members were on hand to welcome our new citizens.

Below Right: Larry Ginter presents the Traveling Trunk to students of North Columbus Elementary School



Left: Coweta Falls Chapter received Television coverage of the Samuel Cooper Cemetery Flag Ceremony on July 24, 2019. Vandals Stole the flag and broke the pulley used to hoist them. A fireman hook-and-ladder team fixed the system and the new flag was ceremoniously run up the flagpole.



Left: Caleb Kinarad received his oath and membership Certificate by Georgia Society State President Scott Collins.

Above: Coweta Falls had 5 members participate in the Lafayette's Alliance Wreath Laying Ceremony in LaGrange on Friday Sept 6th 2019. Color Guard, Musket & Swivel Gun Firing!



President Danny Ginter welcomes our newest Compatriot, Larry Nowe Payne of Cataula, Georgia.

## Fall Line

Left: Traveling George Washington presenter Steve Burkes entertained and educated the members of the Fall Line Chapter in July.



Right: President Sanders Mercer welcomes newest member, Keith Everett into the chapter.

Below: Dr. John Derden of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro presented a program titled "The 1783 Treaty of Paris". It was an International perspective on the American Revolutionary War. Compatriot Derden is retired from East Georgia State College where he taught history.



## Joseph Habersham

Right: Joseph Habersham Chapter Honor Guard and The Traveling Trunk Goes to Lavonia

On 14 September 2019 Lynwood (Lyn) Cash and David Grist of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, took their 'traveling trunk' to Lavonia, Georgia and gave an educational presentation at the train depot. They had been invited by Polly Earle of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). The presentation was attended by members of the UDC, the DAR and several school children.

The 'traveling trunk' contains many replicas of objects in use during the colonial era in America. Items include foodstuffs, cooking and eating utensils, weapons, clothing, bear grease, toys and herbal remedies. Lyn and David, in period costumes, described life in colonial America and interacted with the audience. Lyn was dressed as a frontiersman and David was dressed as a Boston merchant. They were assisted by two other gentlemen of the Joseph Habersham Chapter. Larry Whitfield was dressed as a high ranking officer in the Continental Army. Rodney Coleman was dressed as an artillery officer.



The presentation was done in two parts. First, Lyn and David used items from the trunk as visual aids to their description of life in the Colonial America. Second, the presenters gave a synopsis of the history of the founding of the United States of America and a description of its government. At the end of the program Lyn and David passed out copies of the US Constitution to the attendees and encouraged them to read and study it.

Lyn estimates that he and David have given close to 300 presentations to schools and other organizations since he and David teamed up about nine years ago. Most of the presentations have been in northeast Georgia. Two presentations were done in western North Carolina and several were done in a DeKalb County, Georgia school near Atlanta.

The presentation in Lavonia was enthusiastically received. Lyn and David have a relaxed, free flowing style of presentation with audience participation.

Joseph Habersham also handed out 45 Flag Certificates during this quarter.

## Little River

Below: Little River wasted no time in celebrating their chapter's creation. Their August meeting featured Steve Burkes and "The making of clothing" during the 18th century.







Left: Don Thomas presented the Little River wreath and salutes one of our patriots during the recent grave marking ceremony in Elbert County.



Right: At the July BOM, Future founding President William Tankersley presents to the board the request for the official establishment of a new chapter, to be called Little River.

## Lyman Hall

Right: Lyman Hall Chapter was proud to recognize Compatriot Hall Martin with his twenty year membership certificate and pin at their August 22nd meeting. Hall joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 1999 and since then has faithfully served the Chapter and the Georgia Society as the Chapter's Genealogist, Registrar and President. He is a decorated member of the Color Guard.



Above: Carter Wood never misses an opportunity to share the contents of the Lyman Hall Travelling Trunk with kids. He recently travelled to the Arts in the Park Event at Hurricane Shoals in Jackson County. Carter finds that participation in local events also leads to more school invites.

## Marquis de Lafayette

Right: Eagle Scout Grant Fouts, McIntosh High, is commended by Compatriot Marc Potinger.

Below: SAR Life Saving Medals are presented to Deputies Stacy Beckom and Charlie Hill.  
L-R: Major Mark Fenniger, President Don Bulloch, Deputy Stacy Beckom, Deputy Charlie Hill and Sheriff Lenn Wood



## Mill Creek

### Don't bring a Knife to a Gun fight

Compatriot Wider Smith of the Brier Creek Chapter presented the "Battle of Widow Moore's Creek Bridge" at our August meeting. It was fought near Wilmington, North Carolina, on February 27, 1776. The victory of the patriot American North Carolina Revolutionary forces over Southern Loyalists helped build political support for the revolution and increased recruitment of additional soldiers. Wilder presented maps of the encampments and how the bridge shaped the coming battle which gave a real sense of what it was like to be there - because he was! Wilder visited the national Park and from his "boots on the ground" was able to provide his personal perspective. Once the bridge was identified as the avenue of attack the patriots snuck onto it at night and greased it down with tallow or beef fat. Now for me, a guy who loves hamburgers and the 3 Stooges the imagery of what happens is priceless! The Scottish highlanders with their kilts and their favorite weapon of choice, broadswords in hand led the charge. Of course the slaughter that ensued is not funny. The patriots had two cannons along with muskets. One was nicknamed "Mother Covington" and a smaller one was named "Daughter Covington." That was the last time broadswords were used in battle.



Left: Mill Creek President Randy Jones welcomes two new members, Allen Threatte and Steve Morgan



# Marshes of Glynn



Left: Induction of four new members, (left to right, between Registrar Steven Hinson & President, Phil Callicutt) Bernie Williams (Patriot John Paul Rushing SC), Jake Pfaff II (Patriot Robert Warren VA), Randy Nichols (Robert Young), Dr. Peter Martin (Patriot John Winn GA)



Right: Steven Hinson received the Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster for his support of new SAR applications – twenty-seven to date.



Left: Chapter members with the NSSAR Liberty Bell Americanism Award, and President General's Educational Outreach Streamer for "new program initiative."



Right: A program entitled, "Three Signers and Nancy Hart." was recently presented for Eight Graders at Needwood Middle School in Brunswick. The performers in the photo are Colonel George Walton (Bill Ramsaur), Doctor Lyman Hall (Jimmy Boatright), Nancy Hart (Kathy Trackwell) and Button Gwinnett (Steven Ford). The students loved when Kathy Trackwell, a member of the Brunswick DAR Chapter, said, "Shooting is too good for those Tories, hang 'em."

Below Left: Recently four of our members presented a program- "Georgians in the Revolution" to almost eight hundred eight-grade students at Middle Schools in Kingsland and St. Mary. Included in the photo are (left to right): Steven Ford (Button Gwinnett), Brent Taylor (Royal Governor James Wright), Bill Ramsaur (Colonel Samuel Elbert) and Jimmy Boatright (Dr. Lyman Hall).

Below Right: The Duel between Button Gwinnett and Lachlan McIntosh is always the highlight of the presentation. Steven Ford selects students to perform as the duelists and seconds, and the remaining student serve on the Jury at McIntosh's Trial. Included in the photo are the two performers lined up back-to-back with Steven Ford giving instructions.





Above: Marshes of Glynn Chapter Color Guard Presentation of Colors at the September meeting.



Above: Descendants of Midway Patriots joined Bill Ramsaur in the photo, (left to right) Sue Ashmore, Dr. Peter Martin, Tricia McVeigh, George Barnhill, Stacy Ashmore Cole, Michael Quarterman and David Kelsey. The objective of the Midway Patriots Project is to document the American Revolutionary service of Colonial members of the Midway Society. See website for details: <http://www.themidwaymuseum.org/midway-patriots-project/>

## Mount Vernon



Above: The Mount Vernon Chapter presented a Certificate of Commendation to Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of The Flag of the United States of America. The flags are raised and lowered each day by the security team since they are not lit during the night.



Secretary David Wellons was present and coordinated the ceremony. Other chapter members present were President Bill Floyd, past President Shep Hammack, David Wiley and Chuck Rann. The ceremony was held in the church lobby due to inclement weather.



Left: Chapter President Rev. Bill Floyd receives his Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizing his outstanding service to the Community.



Left: During the July GASSAR BOM meeting that was held in Barnesville, GA on the 27th of July, Mount Vernon's own Shep Hammack received two (2) National Awards: Shep received a Liberty Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster. This was for being a "First Line Signer" on his second - 10 membership applications to the SAR. He received the Liberty Medal in 2014 for his first 10. Shep also received a Certificate of Appreciation for service in 2018-2019 as Vice Chairman of the National DAR Liaison Committee.

Three Below: The Annual July Picnic was held again at the cabin at Lost Corners Preserve on Saturday night, July 20th. Members and wives spent the beginning of the evening in the front room visiting and relaxing. President Jim McDonald (2018) returned for the evening and received his President's lanyard with the past-President's medal.



## Piedmont

Right: Piedmont member and long term Georgia Color Guardsman Col. George Thurmond, retired, presents the National Colors at the Compatriot Jack Bozeman grave marking ceremony.

Below: At the summer BOM, Piedmont Chapter President Ron Redner received the President General's Cup award, representing the National award for a chapter representing the most complete program of activities.



# Robert Forsyth

## Daive Pedersoli Brown Bess 2nd Model Short Land Musket Raffle



Above and Center: The men and their lovely ladies gathered for the annual Robert Forsyth Summer picnic.



Once again, Robert Forsyth Chapter is raising operating funds by raffling off a Daive Pedersoli Brown Bess 2nd Model Short Land Musket. A \$1200 value for the price of a \$20 ticket. Only 1, of the limited 500 tickets to be sold, will win..... Will it be you? Don't delay. Drawing to be held Dec. 12, 2019 See any Robert Forsyth member for tickets and details.

**DONATION:**  
**\$20 OR 3/\$50**

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Left: GASSAR Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer entertained and informed the chapter at a recent meeting. His presentation was on the Battle of Oriskany.



Above: New member Jerry Hamilton is sworn in by President Gary Page.

# William Few

Right: The September Quarterly dinner meeting of the Col William Few Chapter heard a moving presentation by past chapter President Ed Presnell about a modern day Patriot titled, "Finding Daddy." Ed talked about his family's trip to Europe to retrace his father's landing at Normandy during D-Day and movements through France and into Germany during World War II.



Below: Pictures are Ed's father, 30th INF, Omaha Beach. Picture of Ed and sisters, standing on the exact same place their father stood in the photo with the Russian soldiers on 8 May 1945, V-E Day.



Below Right: William Few hosted the Constitution Day festivities and grave marking at Saint Paul's Church. Militia receive their instructions for the day.

Below Left: Photo opportunities in Saint Paul's churchyard.





Left: GASSAR Color Guard present the Colors inside the historic Saint Paul's church at the opening of the day's ceremony.

Below: President Wilder Smith, Jr., Vice-President Steve Burke and Chaplain Emory Fennell of the Wiregrass Chapter manned four tables of artifacts and period weapons of war at Town of New Ebenezer in Effingham County beside the Savannah River. They explained how the items were used by the Patriots.

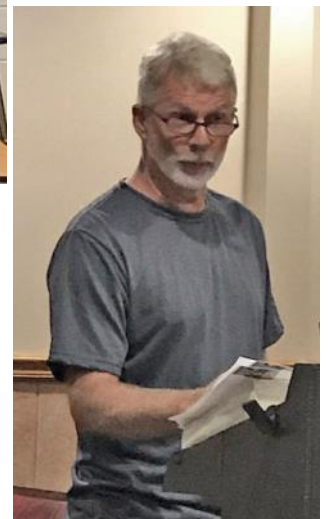


## Wiregrass

Below: Compatriot Steve Burke traveled to Statesboro High School to present his American Revolutionary War program to five 11th grade history Classes. Compatriot Burke shared his knowledge of Colonial America, included showing various animal skins, techniques for how Native Americans and Frontiersmen would have skinned the animals and used the furs for trade and clothing. He also brought various axes and tools used in Colonial America and discussed how they were made and their use. Perhaps the highlight of the day for students was getting the opportunity to try on some of the hats and clothing that were made by Compatriot Burke."



Right: Pastor Edward Conway, member of the Long Branch Church of God in Jenkins County, GA. presented his program on "Religion during the American Revolution" at the September Wiregrass Chapter meeting.







Children of the American Revolution



Right: J.C. Hustis of the Robert Forsyth Chapter joined the ladies from the Sequoyah Chapter of the DAR in Jasper's 4th of July Parade.

Below: Shep Hammack and his fellow compatriot, Bill Floyd, did an outstanding job of presenting the Traveling Trunk to campers attending the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia, Atlanta Town Committee's Patriots Camp at the Atlanta Preservation Center in Grant Park.



The campers were very engaged and raised the important question of where and how did the Patriots go to the bathroom. Shep explained that at Valley Forge, Baron Friedrich von Steuben, was brought in by George Washington to train the Continental Army and he showed them to set up latrines downhill and away from the camp. This question was a first for Shep and he addressed this very important issue wonderfully!



Right: The Mount Vernon Chapter participated in The Annual Dunwoody 4th of July Parade. Mount Vernon shares the float with the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR. (L to R) Wes Hills, Courtney Keel and daughter, Michael Jaccopo, Mary Ashley Jaccopo, Rapley Hills, Graham Hills, Lisa Melenzyer, Lee Hills.

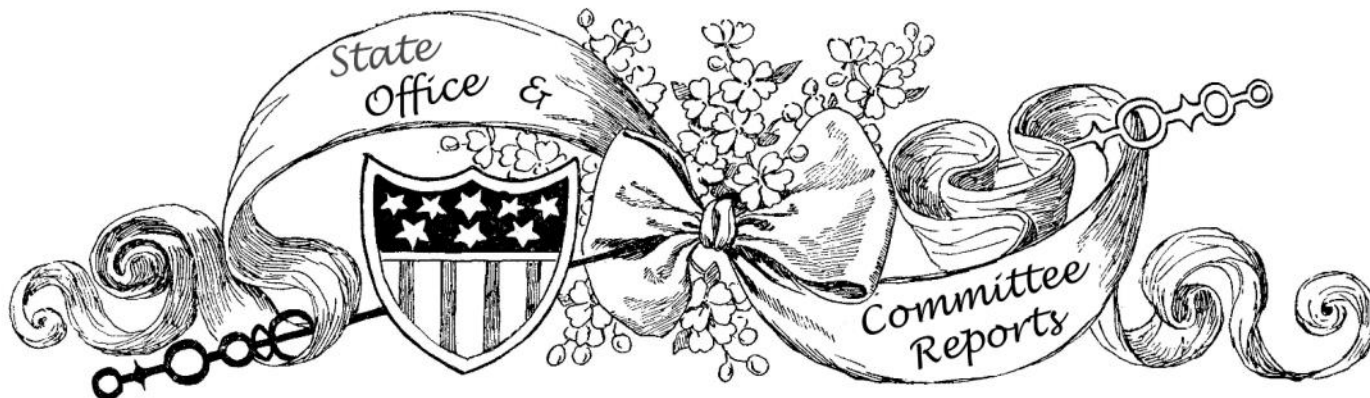


Below: Augusta Chapter, DAR Regent Susan Burgess. at the St. Paul's Church Constitution Day Event.

Sonny Pitman's wife, Sue Pittman, made the banner for their chapter's 125 anniversary.



Right: DAR members from multiple Chapters attended the patriot grave marking of George Alexander, hosted by the Stephen Heard Chapter, DAR and the Samuel Elbert Chapter, SAR.



Secretary - John Flikeid



# New Members



## Georgia Society New Members Since July 01, 2019

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
<b>Athens</b>			
26 Jul 2019	Larry Neil HENDERSON	Charles MASSIE	Robert Allyn SAPP
26 Jul 2019	Cambden Neil HENDERSON	Charles MASSIE	Robert Allyn SAPP
26 Jul 2019	Corey Brock HENDERSON	Charles MASSIE	Robert Allyn SAPP
26 Jul 2019	Codey Brett HENDERSON	Charles MASSIE	Robert Allyn SAPP
26 Jul 2019	Colin Reed HENDERSON	Charles MASSIE	Robert Allyn SAPP
13 Sep 2019	William Joel McRAY	Charles HARDMAN	Joseph Britton NEIGHBORS, III
<b>Atlanta</b>			
26 Jul 2019	Preston Lawrence POLUN	Bernard HUNTZINGER	Joseph Lawrence VANCURA, Jr.
16 Aug 2019	Timothy Charles NEWMYER	Peter NEWMYER	David Andrews NOBLE
16 Aug 2019	Julius Wayne DUDLEY, PhD	Walter HANSON	Barrett HANSON
16 Aug 2019	Howard Clinton SWEET, III	Ebenezer ADAMS	David Andrews NOBLE
30 Aug 2019	William Bryan JOHNSON	Moses SPENCER	David Andrews NOBLE
30 Aug 2019	Gavin Charles JOHNSON	Moses SPENCER	David Andrews NOBLE
<b>Brier Creek</b>			
20 Sep 2019	Logan Randall HUGHES	Hezekiah HOWARD	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>			
16 Aug 2019	Dale Roger BISHOP	John BISHOP	Harold Douglas FORD
16 Aug 2019	Sean Philip FRITCHEY	John PEARSON	Harold Douglas FORD
20 Sep 2019	Randall Emmett TINDALL	John FUTCHER	Harold Douglas FORD
20 Sep 2019	Noah Andrew TINDALL	John FUTCHER	Harold Douglas FORD
<b>Coweta Falls</b>			
05 Jul 2019	Caleb Isaac KINARD	William BRAND	David Edward FOX
30 Aug 2019	Mansfield BIAS, Jr.	Jacob SCHELL	Lenis Caswell TARPLEY
<b>Edward Telfair</b>			
13 Sep 2019	Jeffrey Steven LOOMIS	John FRANKLIN	David Andrews NOBLE

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
<b>Fall Line</b>			
16 Aug 2019	Roy Charles PETERSON, IV	Joseph REESE	SandersGarner MERCER, Jr.
16 Aug 2019	James Lee WILCOX, IV	Joseph REESE	SandersGarner MERCER, Jr.
06 Sep 2019	Caleb Hutchinson BROOKER	Nathan MOTT	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
06 Sep 2019	Cannon Thomas BROOKER	Nathan MOTT	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
07 Sep 2019	David Hutchinson BROOKER	Nathan MOTT	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
13 Sep 2019	Michael Allen FRANKLIN	Colesby SMITH	SandersGarner MERCER, Jr.
<b>John Collins</b>			
19 Jul 2019	Thomas Devon UPTON	James ROSS	RandallBrian HUBER
16 Aug 2019	Glenn Lewis FARNSWORTH	John PRIOR	EugeniusSheppard HAMMACK
16 Aug 2019	Victor Katsumi HIGGINS	Peter EMERY	RandallBrian HUBER
16 Aug 2019	Daniel Gregory KING	Thomas ALDRICH	RandallBrian HUBER
16 Aug 2019	Brett Talmadge NASH	John PRIOR	EugeniusSheppard HAMMACK
30 Aug 2019	Harry Louis HOLLINGSWORTH	Jacob FROST	RandallBrian HUBER
20 Sep 2019	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.	Edward EDELEN	RandallBrian HUBER
<b>LaGrange</b>			
16 Aug 2019	Hal Maley DAVIDSON	John DAVIDSON	Forrest Clark JOHNSON, III
16 Aug 2019	James Russell DAVIDSON	John DAVIDSON	Forrest Clark JOHNSON, III
30 Aug 2019	Alexander O'Neal HUGHES	Ralph DAVIS	Forrest Clark JOHNSON, III
30 Aug 2019	Thomas Bowden GORE	James PITTMAN	Forrest Clark JOHNSON, III
30 Aug 2019	Anthony O'Neal HUGHES	Ralph DAVIS	Forrest Clark JOHNSON, III
<b>Little River</b>			
16 Aug 2019	Glenn Alan WILSON	John WILSON	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
16 Aug 2019	William Frank HOPKINS, III	Nathan SMITH	AltonOneal MCCLLOUD
16 Aug 2019	James Edgar WILSON, III	John WILSON	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
16 Aug 2019	John Watson WILSON, Jr.	John WILSON	DeSaussureDugas SMITH, III
<b>Lyman Hall</b>			
20 Sep 2019	Daniel Scott THOMPSON	Thomas THOMPSON	CarterJ. WOOD
20 Sep 2019	Alonzo David THOMPSON	Thomas THOMPSON	CarterJ. WOOD
20 Sep 2019	Alan David THOMPSON	Thomas THOMPSON	CarterJ. WOOD
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>			
05 Jul 2019	Kelly James DICKINSON	John DICKINSON	MichaelChristopher SANDERSON
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>			
26 Jul 2019	Peter Winn MARTIN	John WINN	William Foye RAMSAUR
13 Sep 2019	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS	John RUSHING	JamesSteven HINSON, Sr.
<b>Piedmont</b>			
26 Jul 2019	Derek Michael SARGENT	Ephram SARGENT	JamesMalcolm RUFF, Jr.
26 Jul 2019	Robert Tunan REDNER	Gideon RAMSDELL	Ronald Willard REDNER
29 Jul 2019	Addison Jeffrey PALM	Gideon RAMSDELL	Ronald Willard REDNER
20 Sep 2019	Tyler Patrick BAKER	Jacob SNYDER	JamesMalcolm RUFF, Jr.
27 Sep 2019	Jacob Charles PALM	Gideon RAMSDELL	Ronald Willard REDNER
<b>Robert Forsyth</b>			
16 Aug 2019	Jerry Glenn HAMILTON	William PACE	ChristopherMichael RUSSO
<b>Samuel Elbert</b>			
20 Sep 2019	Thomas Dean DIXON	Thomas MAXWELL	James Larry WILSON
<b>Valdosta</b>			
05 Jul 2019	William Howard LeFEVRE	Michael RUDISILL	Michael Maxwell BLACK
<b>William Few</b>			
20 Sep 2019	Michael Vinton WILTSE	William SIMMS	PhilipJoseph RHODES
20 Sep 2019	Richard Clark WILTSE	William SIMMS	PhilipJoseph RHODES
20 Sep 2019	Paul Christopher BROCK	William SIMMS	PhilipJoseph RHODES

**Total: 59****Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2019****1802**

Additions	Losses	Active Membership as of 30 September 2019	Active Membership as of 30 September 2019
New Members - Regular 143	Deceased 23		
New Members - Junior 21	Memorial Members 3		
Memorial Members 3	Resignations 0	<b>1968</b>	<b>1988</b>
Transfers In 1	Transfers Out 5	(Reported to National)	(Reported to BOM)
Reinstatements 28			
Reinstatement-Transfers 1	<b>Total Losses 31</b>	Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	<b>Total Increase YTD:</b>
<b>Total Additions 197</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>186</b>



### Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

The third quarter 2019 statistics are as follows:  
 100 % applications reviewed (75)  
 100 % applications sent to NSSAR (75)  
 55 % applications approved b NSSAR (41)  
 0 % applications pending by State Registrar (0)  
 5% Applications pending by NSSAR (2)

#### Applications Submitted to date:

Brier Creek: 3 – Reg 2 – Junior

Fall Line: 7– Reg 2 – Junior

Joel Early: 2 – Reg

Mill Creek: 1 – Reg

Wiregrass: 10 – Reg 3 – Supp 1 – Junior

Col. William Few: 14 – Reg 1 – Supp 1 – Junior Edward Telfair: 4 – Reg

Four River Patriots: 1 – Reg

John Milledge: 1 – Reg 1 – Supp

Little River: 4 – Reg

Marshes of Glynn: 8 – Reg 1 – Supp 2 – Junior

Ocmulgee: 4 – Reg 1 – Supp

Valdosta: 2 – Reg

**Below is a list of items to look at before submitting your applications. These are items that I have found so far or NSSAR has found.**

- Use the Correct SAR Acid Free Paper
- If you find mistakes, reprint.
- Don't forget Signatures for New Applicants, Sponsor and Co-Sponsor.
- GASSAR Reg – South – Don't forget to sign (Note to self)
- SAR will not accept a "Chapter Copy" of a DAR RC. It must be the one on the DAR GRS Site. We just need the last 4 pages of the application, not the cover page. It will cost \$10.
- If you can't read the documents, then more than likely we can't either, or blurred photos and really small documents. If it is a full page and is hard to read, please enlarge that section on the back.
- Don't over prove.
- When you mail the package to me, Please do- not make it "signature required". That will delay the processing, because if I'm not home then I have to go to the Post Office to retrieve, and that requires me to get a driver to take me downtown.
- GASSAR Reg – South – Don't forget send the check with the application. (Note to self)
- Look over the Application Preparation Manual, Page 9, for the Date Abbreviations and place format. City / County / State
- Do not use the term "Unknown", "Unk" or "N/A". Leave it blank.
- Do not use ( ).
- Put the applicants information on the back. Patriot/App last name/Chapter/GASSAR.
- Do not use a felt tip pen. This has a possibility of the ink running.
- I will try to fix any application that I can without sending it back to you, but sometimes it is just too much. Thanks to the registrars who have had to translate some documents before sending.



### Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

Registrar North 3rd Quarter Report: Applications received as of October 1, 2019 total 126 (124 have been forwarded to the State Secretary)  
 Fifty-Four (54) applications have been approved by NSSAR.  
 Seven (7) applications were pending by NSSAR.

#### Applications Submitted to date by Chapter:

Cherokee: Reg – 1, Supp – 7

John Milledge: Reg – 1 (South Region)

Marquis de Lafayette: Reg – 2

Robert Forsyth: Reg – 4, Junior – 2, Supp – 3

Athens: Reg – 6, Junior – 1, Supp -1

Blue Ridge Mts: - Reg – 2

Capt. John Collins: Reg – 14, Junior – 2, Supp – 4

Coweta Falls: Reg – 4, Junior – 1, Supp -1

Lagrange: Reg – 4

Mount Vernon: Reg -3, Supp – 8

Rome: Reg – 2

Atlanta: Reg – 12, Junior – 1, Supp -3

Button Gwinnett: Reg – 4, Junior -1, Supp -5

Casimir Pulaski: Reg -- 1

Joseph Habersham: Reg – 2

Lyman Hall: Reg 4

Piedmont: Reg – 11, Junior -4, Supp – 5

Samuel Elbert: Regular – 2

### 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: 9,907 as of September 2019**

**New Georgia Fellows: John Trussell** – Compatriot Trussell is a member of the Ocmulgee Chapter and serves as Chairman of the Georgia Society Publicity Committee.

#### Third Quarter Fund Activity:

-The Georgia Fellows Board voted to allocate \$400 to co-sponsor an SAR-donated bench at President Andrew Jackson's Hermitage Museum.

-Compatriot Allen Greenly's term as Board Member will conclude at the end of the 2019-2020 term. An election will be held during Q4 to select a Board Member to serve a three-year term.





### Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

#### **NSSAR Contest Results at Congress**

##### **NSSAR Brochure Contest**

The Georgia State winning brochure by Zac C. Thomas, from the Piedmont Chapter, did not place in the brochure contest NSSAR judging at Congress in July.

##### **NSSAR Poster Contest**

The Georgia State winning poster by Aidan Borja, from the Piedmont Chapter, was disqualified in the national judging because his first name was shown in the lower right hand corner on the front of his poster. All student information may only be shown on the back of the poster.

#### **Brochure theme:**

Select: One of the Nation's Five Foundational Documents:

The student should research one of these five foundational documents in the American Revolutionary War:

1. Articles of Confederation
2. Declaration of Independence
3. Constitution
4. Federalist Papers
5. Bill of Rights

Find information on-line, or in a library. (Do not just cut & paste!)

For complete rules and guidelines for Brochure preparation, please see the attached documents:

["Brochure Contest Rules at a glance..."](#)

["SAR Brochure Contest Sample Brochure 2019-2020"](#)

#### **GASSAR 2019-2020 Poster Contest Guidelines**

The guidelines for the Poster Contest are set by the NSSAR, but the specific topics are determined at the state level by the GASSAR Education Committee. Consistent with the stated permanent themes of the SAR for this contest, "Revolutionary War Events" in school years ending in an odd number will be the general topic. The specific options for topic selection for the GASSAR poster contest will be one of these:

1. One of the Revolutionary War Battles in GA listed below\*

\*Battle of Kettle Creek, \*Battle of Brier Creek, \*Siege of Savannah, \*The Battle of Yorktown

For complete rules and guidelines for Poster preparation, please visit the website for the document:

["SAR Georgia Society Elementary School Poster Contest Guidelines"](#)

#### **GASSAR Education Outreach at a Glance:**

**Based on 3rd Quarter reports received so far here is the number of chapters participating in:**

**Poster Contest = 5**

**Brochure Contest = 2**

**Knight Essay Contest = 3**

**Eagle Scout Recognition = 10**

**JROTC Recognition = 15**

**Rumbaugh Oration Contest = 6**

**American History Teacher Contest = 1**

**Chapters making Traveling Trunk Presentations = 12**

#### **Advice for getting schools in your area to participate in these SAR Programs**

Chapters having success in getting school participation indicate the benefit of personal contact with either school principals or teachers of 4th or 8th grade classes.

If your chapter has a Traveling Trunk program, promote the poster and brochure contests when you are discussing or conducting traveling trunk presentations.

Wherever possible make personal contact with school personnel instead of just emailing the contest details.

We are the ambassadors and the face of the SAR to the elementary and middle schools. The more we have to offer to them at no cost to the school, the better we will be received.

If your chapter has a particularly successful approach in getting schools to participate, please feel free to share your ideas with the other chapters.

### GA SAR Commemorative Medal Sales - Ed Rigel Sr.



The GA SAR Commemorative Medals, 2021 "100 Year Anniversary Centennial" Medal and the Medal for the 2022 NSSAR "132nd Congress" to be hosted by the GA SAR in Savannah, are available for sale. The Centennial Medal set is \$35. The lapel pin is \$15.

The Congress set costs the same. (Note: Congress Lapel will be available, but is currently backordered.)

(Cash gladly accepted. Checks should be made payable to GA SAR. Credit cards accepted with additional service charge.)

HODARs (Husbands of Daughters of the American Revolution) take heed. Daughters prize wearing SAR medals. Not only are the medals engaging when worn, they come at no cost to them. Make sure to include them and any other family members when you order.



Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley

No change since last quarter. Compatriots, if I am missing any presentations on the report, please inform me so that I may add them.



**The Fire Safety Commendation Medal**






is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and services that have evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal,



which is protecting human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once.

Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

**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		

Source Book - Ed Rigel Sr.

3rd Quarter Activity: Follows is a list of Source Book sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 2nd Quarter 2019:

- 03 2 1 Georgia Society Committee Descriptions
- 11 5F Application for Transfer Form 0919
- 16 0 4 Patriot Medal Criteria
- 22 1 GASSAR Conflict of Interest Policy
- 22 1F GASSAR Conflict of Interest Statement
- 22 2 GASSAR Records Retention Destruction Policy
- 22 3 GASSAR Whistle Blower Policy
- 23 5 3 Roster of Georgia Fellows 2019-09-30

Section 27.5.2 was deleted

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





## ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

To All GASSAR Chapters that support AFJROTC Units:

Many AFJROTC Units voiced concern that a number of previous national awards/ribbons (including the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal & Certificate) had been deleted from the cadet ribbon chart last year. The SAR Bronze ROTC Medal was authorized for presentation, but the medal and ribbon could not be worn on the cadet uniform.

That has changed and the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal has been re-authorized for AFJROTC Units for 2019-2020. I appreciate your patience and continuous liaison with AFJROTC Units during the past year. I believe that all AFJROTC Units have been advised of this change; however, it would

be good for you to reiterate this change with SMI's when you contact them this fall and give them the name of your JROTC POC within the chapter.

All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should encourage their Units to participate in the Enhance JROTC (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2019-2020. Every SMI in your AO should know the name of the POC within your chapter to contact about JROTC matters. Chapter OC Nomination Packages need to be sent to me by the **1st weekend in December 2019**. A Chapter Outstanding Cadet Medal may be purchased at the NSSAR Store for \$45.00 #0265. By separate email to BOM, specific instructions for nominating a Chapter OC have been disseminated. If I can assist you in this regard, please contact me. The Enhanced Program Chapter Outstanding Cadet (OC) should not be presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal after having already received the JROTC Chapter Award.

The Georgia Society SAR supports three DOD (overseas) JROTC Units (Kadena HS Okinawa, Shape HS Belgium, and Vicenza HS Italy). SAR Bronze ROTC Medal Packages will be mailed under cover letter to these Units in 1st Quarter of 2020.

### **NOTE From The Editor:**

*Often, great scholarships and awards pass by deserving candidates simply because word of these opportunities never reach them. You can help spread the word. ROTC Cadets may find the following interesting. If your chapter supports these programs, pass the info along.*

### University North Georgia

North Georgia Military Scholarships pay for tuition, fees, room, meals, and books for eight semesters. It is for students who enroll in ROTC through the Corps of Cadets at UNG, serve in the Georgia Army National Guard, and who are Georgia residents. (It is not necessary to be in the Guard to apply for the scholarship.) Upon graduating from UNG, recipients become lieutenants in the Georgia Army National Guard and earn about \$8,000/year for two weeks of annual training, and one weekend of training per month.

Application process is open now. Please send this message to high school seniors, their parents, high school counselors, other influencers you may know, and post to your social media.

In addition to the scholarship, recipients receive weekend drill pay, annual training pay, Army ROTC stipend (if commissioning), and most receive Montgomery GI Bill benefits. Recipients are not deployable while enrolled at UNG.

About 150 current UNG cadets are receiving scholarship benefits, earning their bachelor's degrees, participating in a world-class leadership development program, and will serve our State and our Nation as leaders in the Army National Guard.

The Army National Guard's state activities are well-known: it responds to battle fires or helps communities deal with floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, snowstorms, civil unrest, or other emergency situations. If federalized, Guard units answer to the Combatant Commander of the theatre in which they are operating and, ultimately, to the President. Guard soldiers make a difference.

For more information, contact the Office of Cadet Admissions on the Dahlonega Campus at [cadetrecruiting@ung.edu](mailto:cadetrecruiting@ung.edu) or go to the Cadet Admissions web site. <https://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/index.php>





### Patriot Graves - Sonny Pittman



As of the end of the Third Quarter, 2019, Fourteen Georgia Society chapters have conducted fifteen SAR Patriot Grave Marker Dedications honoring the service and sacrifice of Revolutionary War soldiers.

#### **Third Quarter, 2019, Patriot Grave Markings Held:**

The Brier Creek, Col William Few, Fall Line, Four Rivers, Little River, Mill Creek, and Wiregrass Chapters jointly sponsored Patriot Grave Marker Dedications honoring the service and sacrifice of Captain John Bacon (RS), Private John Bedingfield (RS), Private Daniel Dill (RS), Colonel Ambrose Gordon (RS), and Private Alexander Lawson (RS) on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 11:00 am in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia.

The Samuel Elbert Chapter honored the service and sacrifice of Private George Alexander (RS) with a Patriot Grave Marker Dedication held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Alexander Family Cemetery in Elbert County, Georgia.

#### **Third Quarter, 2019, Compatriot Grave Marking Held:**

The Samuel Elbert Chapter honored the long and faithful SAR service of Compatriot Rev. Jack Bozeman with a Compatriot Grave Marker Dedication held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 11:00 am in Elmhurst Cemetery in Elberton, Georgia. Compatriot Bozeman was a charter member of the Samuel Elbert Chapter; past President of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (1995-96); and one of the organizers of the annual Battle of Kettle Creek Celebration.

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



### Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.

At the July BOM meeting, a motion was approved to submit a National Bylaws Amendment that would put a stop to the frivolous repeatedly proposed Amendments that have been nearly unanimously defeated on the floor of Annual Congress. The GA SAR Bylaws Committee was charged with formulating a proposed amendment and bring it to the Oct. GA SAR BOM meeting for approval prior to submission to the National Bylaws Committee, etc. Several drafts were submitted to the NSSAR Bylaws Committee Chairman for consideration, and the final draft that I am asking GA SAR to approve for submittal to National will be presented at the next BOM.

### Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell



Georgia SAR was well represented in the last issue of SAR Magazine and thanks to everyone who sent me information and photos. Special thanks to Dess Smith and Sonny Pittman who routinely do a great job in documenting and informing members of activities in their areas.

We are still on track to dedicate a new SAR park bench at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville on March 15, 2020 at 2 pm. SAR President General Jack T Manning has indicated that he plans to attend the event. I am hopeful that the Georgia SAR will be well represented and all members are invited to attend. Georgia and Tennessee are the principal sponsors of the project with support from the George Washington Endowment fund. More information will be available by the Dec. Bom report, but please mark your calendar to attend!

I'm working on another project that I'm sure you will find interesting. Do you know that there is no drawing or painting of George Washington while he was in Savannah during his national 1791 tour? I'm trying to rectify that situation, if possible. I sent a well known Savannah artist, Preston Russell, an email (*excerpt below*) that explains the project. I'll keep you informed as this project develops.

*The Georgia SAR will be hosting the National Sar conference in Savannah, Ga, in July 2022. With your permission, I would like to use your drawing of Lafayette waving to the troops in Savannah during his visit in 1825 in our welcome packet for members. You have already allowed us to use this drawing in our online educational power point, "The Revolutionary War in the South" that is available on our Georgia website for which we are very thankful!*

*For our 2022 conference, I think it would be very appropriate and educational to have a drawing / painting of George Washington's arrival in Savannah in May 1791. Would you be interested in performing this artwork? I'm not aware of any similar artwork with this theme and I believe it's long overdue! There is a painting of Washington's arrival in Charleston, by the famous artist John Trumbull, and I have been granted permission to use a picture of that painting by the director of the Old British Museum. But on second thought, Savannah needs it's own painting!*



### Library - Hugh Rogers

Georgia Society memberships in FOL as of 30 September 2019:

16 Chapters; 1 Georgia Society SAR; 1 Georgia Society NSDAR (courtesy of Brenda Davison Jessel); 53 Compatriots, Spouses, Friends; **71 Total** Friends of the Library

The Georgia Society has the second largest number of Friends of the Library in the NSSAR. Our closest competitor, the Tennessee Society, pulled ahead during this quarter. Let's get back to our lead spot before the end of 2019. Thanks to Georgia Society officers, chapter presidents, and compatriots who support this activity.

At the end of the Third quarter, 16 of the Georgia Society's 35 chapters support FOL: 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, Wiregrass. THANKS!

Chapters with a 31 Oct renewal date are: Athens, Atlanta, Captain John Collins, Cherokee, and Piedmont. Your timely renewal is appreciated.

Support of the NSSAR Library through membership in Friends of the Library (FOL) is available for \$25 annually for chapters and individuals. Membership forms can be found on line at the NSSAR web site and as an attachment to this report. Thanks again for your support.



### Medals & Awards - Wayne Brown

This committee shall recommend awards requiring State approval and those generally made at the State level for approval by the Executive Committee except as otherwise outlined in the Bylaws. The committee may originate nominations as well as receive nominations from any member and shall ensure that justifications for all awards meet National and State requirements. The committee shall provide instruction on the proper wearing of medals and insignia, coordinate the presentation of awards for the annual conference, encourage submission of nominations for National awards, and monitor and encourage award programs at the chapter level.

For the 3rd Quarter, this committee has recommended the following awards for approval by the Executive Committee which were approved: Daughters of Liberty Medal, September 16, 2019.



### IT - Richard Marsh

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

Efforts have begun to build a section of the website to support the upcoming 2022 NSSAR Congress that will be held in Savannah, GA. This section will provide attendees with information regarding the Congress, lodging and information regarding the Savannah area. Also, an e-commerce page is being developed to allow online sales of GASSAR and Congress items such as medals and lapel pins.



### Historian - David Ludley

Activities of the past quarter include: Have begun efforts to analyze the work of local Chapter Historians, in order to create helpful bullet-point Guidelines and to assist local Chapter Historians in doing their jobs. Researched, printed out, collated, and collected several items of importance to the archiving of historical GASSAR materials. Added many additional items to the Digital Catalog and placed in storage at the Atlanta History Center, Kenan Research Center. Updated the flash drive catalog. A broad index of Items archived at the Kenan Center is included in this Digital Catalog.



### Chancellor - Joseph Vancura, Jr.

**In the third quarter of this year, I addressed the following matter(s):**

1. Request for advisory opinion regarding distribution of funds from the Endowment Trust Fund.
2. Completion of draft chapter level by-laws, now available upon request.

### National Trustee - Donald Burdick



#### Trustee Report from Fall Leadership Conference, Louisville, KY, Sept. 31, 2019

President General John T. Manning called for gifts. Among gifts presented: GA SAR President Scott Collins presented donations of \$2000 for the Liberty Tree program, \$1000 for life membership in the Friends of the Library, and \$500 for the Eagle Scouts. Former Georgia State President Bob Sapp presented a \$350 donation from the Piedmont Chapter for the 1776 Fund.

Additional information about the Trustee meeting during Leadership was emailed to the BOM List and can be obtained upon request.

### Eagle Scout - William Coffeen



Our committee has received 5 additional requests for recognition certificates, 26 year-to-date. The number of these requests to my attention continue to lag last year to date, but the number of requests to participate in our King scholarship program continues to rise which is encouraging. Many of our chapters have a direct link to their BSA Councils and Districts and so correspondence to the Georgia Society chair is not required. The chair continues to pass on recognition and scholarship competition requests to all 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](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com) or call me at 770-419-2549. **If you have photographs of Eagle recognition presentations you've conducted I'd like to add that to our page on our Georgia Society website.** The Georgia Society can approve up to **three** compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. No applications have been submitted

year to date. I encourage all other chapters to submit an application to me for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition. If you find it difficult to find the application, I'll be glad to send it to you. Then forward it along with a check for \$20 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152. Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs. We'll provide support and direction to help your program grow. **Please be aware that our annual State scholarship monetary award is now \$550** so I encourage all chapters to make the necessary changes to your correspondence or other marketing material.

If your chapter recognizes Eagle Scouts but doesn't have an appointed Chair, please let me know to whom I can forward recognition requests.

As a reminder, the GASSAR college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is **December 31, 2019**. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me preferably by email at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com) or 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152. It is essential that all 2019 applicants use the current application available on the National website. If you run into difficulties tracking it down please contact me. I'll forward it to you.



### Veterans - Bill Kabel

#### I personally attended the following events:

July 4: Attended the Marietta "Salute to Independence" parade as an observer, not a participant.  
 August 22 I presented "The Story of the Purple Heart" at the Lyman Hall SAR Chapter meeting, Gainesville, GA.  
 September 7: As a guest lecturer for the Barrington Hall Lecture Series, I gave a reenactment of John Adams and the July 1, 1776, speech he gave to the Continental Congress before it voted for

independence. Afterwards, I discussed John Adams: his life, his personality, his presidency, and his animosities with his fellow founding fathers.

September 17: I gave my presentation of "We the People;" the story of the writing of the U.S. Constitution, at Marriott's Surfwatch Resort on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to help commemorate their observance of Constitution Day/Week.

#### Representing GASSAR and the Veteran's committee:

July 27: The funeral service for World War II veteran Joseph M. Fisher, Muncie, Indiana. I was also an Honorary Pallbearer.

August 4: Attended the quarterly VAVS meeting at the Atlanta VAMC.

August 9: Attended the funeral service for World War II veteran, and SAR compatriot, Glynn Acree, Roswell, GA.

### Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey



It is time to submit nomination forms for those compatriots who should be considered for the Patriot Medal. You should prepare the documentation and gather the information needed to complete the nomination form for the Patriot Medal.

Please read the NSSAR Handbook for the rules and guidelines. Also please use the Patriot Medal nomination form that is on the NSSAR website (I am also attaching a copy of the form). If you need extra pages for documentation, please use Microsoft Word.

You must email the Patriot Medal nomination form and any extra pages of documentation to me at [captrog2000@yahoo.com](mailto:captrog2000@yahoo.com). The deadline to have the forms submitted by email to me is 31 October 2019. The Patriot Medals will be awarded at the 2020 Annual Meeting in January.



**Color Guard - Bill Palmer**

**Color Guard Staff:** Bill Palmer (Commander). Allen Greenly (Deputy Commander – Northern Division), Jimmy Boatright (Deputy Commander – Southern Division), Sid Turner (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Northern Division), Steve Burke (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Southern Division), Ed Rigel, Jr. (Adjutant), Ed Rigel, Sr. (Immediate Past Commander and Advisor)

**Year to Date:** 120 (5 Rookies) members participating in 46 National and State events. A total of 317 Color Guard participants so far.

**This Quarter's Participation:** During the 3rd quarter the Georgia Color Guard was very active. We participated at the following events: July 4th Braves pregame show, Tomochichi DAR Chapter 110th Anniversary, Old Soldiers Day Parade, Marquis de Lafayette Birthday, State DAR Convention, Battle of Eutaw Springs, Vigil at Washington's Tomb, Constitution Day, Patriot Grave Markings, and Compatriot Grave Marking. Great quarter.



**Treasurer - Shep Hammack**

<b>DESCRIPTION OF CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>	<b>30-Sep-19</b>
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>		22,638.34
<b>Checking/Market Investment Accounts</b>		70,867.80
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>		93,506.14
<b><u>OTHER ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY</u></b>		11,387.09



**Flag Respect - Paul Prescott**

I have gleaned the Flag Certificate presentations from the Chapter Quarterly Reports. While I have not received all the reports, I can say that the Georgia Society does **NOT** qualify for the ADM Furlong Award yet this year. Only 15 chapters have reported that they presented at least one Flag Certificate. We need 19 chapters to present a certificate to qualify. Surely, at least four chapters can find a worthy recipient of the coveted SAR Flag Certificate.

The following, according to the quarterly reports, have presented at least one Flag Certificate: Altamaha, Athens, Atlanta, Blue Ridge Mountains, Fall Line, George Walton, Joseph Habersham, Lyman Hall, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Mount Vernon, Piedmont, Samuel Elbert, William Few, and Wiregrass.

I plan to have Flag Retirement Certificates, Flag Certificates, and Presentation Folders at the next Board of Managers Meeting.



**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 Sep 30, 2019	78,424.61
Ending Money Market Fund Sep 30, 2019	793.97
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>79,218.58</b>



**Joseph S. Rumbaugh Contest - George Wheelless**

The winner of the 2019 Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Contest was Mattilyn Winburn. She sponsored by the Joel Early Chapter. Mattie traveled to the 2018 National Congress in California. She gave a good performance but was not selected as a Finalist.

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.



### C.A.R. Liaison - Robert Moore

This Liaison has attended C.A.R. events including State Workshop at Warner Robins, and the Lucy Spell Raiford Society Membership Meeting at the National Infantry Museum. I continue to encourage involvement between SAR and C.A.R.

The Georgia State President of the Children of the American Revolution, David Jimenez, along with Catherine Jimenez, Georgia State Senior President, will be in attendance at the BOM Saturday, October 26, 2019. Please bring \$10 to purchase a State Project Pin. Proceeds go towards the National Infantry Museum's Education Department in Columbus, GA.



### Membership Directory - Mark Anthony

Mark C Anthony, Chairman

Remaining members TBD with anticipated representation for each region

#### **Committee Objective:**

To produce a new Georgia SAR Membership Directory for the centennial of the society with pertinent genealogical data for each compatriot with respect to existing privacy concerns.

#### **Web Site Information:**

Committee members will access a master database through Google Docs to complete the work.

#### **Progress Statistics: As of 30 September 2019:**

A total of 6,920 men have had a membership number issued to them (*note: 101 state membership numbers were never issued or cancelled prior to September 1988*)

The first 1,125 compatriots (*versus 750 at last report*) have been reviewed and indexed (*16.26%*)

All compatriots have been entered (*versus 5,427 at last report*)

#### **Budget Data:**

No budget has been approved for this project at this time. It is anticipated that a budget request will be made to fund initial publication costs closer to the actual publication of the book.

#### **Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter:**

Every member of the Georgia SAR since chartering in 1921 have been entered into the working spreadsheet (6,920 compatriots)

Continued review of initial data entry to fill in missing genealogical data

1,000 names were sent to a volunteer for genealogical review

#### **Plans for the Next Quarter:**

Convert existing Excel Database Spread Sheet into a Google Document

Begin to identify additional committee members and brief them on review process



### 2022 Congress - Allen Greenly

The committee has decided on one of the tours that will be offered to Congress attendees. That tour will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022. This tour will go to Fort Morris, then to the Midway Church and graveyard. A box lunch will be served and after the lunch, we will mark 5 graves. This will allow compatriots from the mid-west and west to participate in Patriot Grave markings and give them credit towards their Patriot Grave Marking medal.

Congress medals, the 2021 anniversary medal and Congress lapel pins were sold at the National Congress in California and at the July BOM meeting. Medal sales and related expenses will be reported on the December report.

The Committee requested that we discuss with the State Treasures a way to have the 2022

Congress revenue and expenses broken out in the State Budget as a separate category. This breakout should include the net cash available for the committee to spend.

The 2022 Congress website has been started. It is hoped that it will be launched by the end of this year. Please contact Gary Page if you would like to help with the collection of content for the website, photos, maps, etc.

Shirts and the accompanying logo have been started. George Thurmond and his committee members are making progress on the logo design, shirt colors, and what will be embroidered on the shirts.

Fund raising has now begun at the corporate level. The committee is making good progress, but there is a lot of work yet to be done.

### Knight Essay - Terry Gibbs



The Knight Essay Contest began with the beginning of the school year. The deadline date for students to submit their essays to a chapter for entry into the contest is December 1, 2019. Chapters then must select their chapter winner and submit that entry to the Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest Chairman by December 15, 2019 for entry into the Georgia Society Contest.

Submit GASSAR Chapter winners' essays and applications in separate documents to: [terrygibbs237@gmail.com](mailto:terrygibbs237@gmail.com) by December 15, 2019. The GASSAR Knight Essay Chairman will then select a panel of judges to review the essays and grade them using a standardized grading sheet. The essay with the most points will be declared the winning essay to represent the Georgia Society in the national contest.

The Knight Essay contest winner for the Georgia Society will be awarded a \$550 Cash Scholarship at the Annual Meeting in January. The runner up or second place essay winner will be awarded a \$400 Cash Scholarship.

Submit any questions regarding the contest to me at [terrygibbs237@gmail.com](mailto:terrygibbs237@gmail.com)

### Historic Sites & Celebrations - Jay Guest



The Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee encourage you to participate in the Fort Morris - Sunbury Memorial Ceremony, beginning at 10:00am on Saturday, November 16th at the Fort Morris Historic Site in Liberty County.

Georgia and Florida SAR Continental Color Guards and Colonel Elijah Clarke & Brier Creek Militia will be joined by Revolutionary War re-enactors from the Second Company Georgia Artillery. The cannons are loud - so we need additional Muskets and Flag Bearers!

This year's program will focus on the treatment of the Patriots who were captured at Fort Morris and Savannah. Speakers will describe the British actions to parole, imprison and/or exchange the captured Patriots. Examples of individual Patriots will reflect the conditions at Sunbury and on the British prison ship, Nancy, in the Savannah Harbor.

The Ceremony will include participation by members of the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution. Fort Morris Ceremony flag streamers will be presented to each represented C.A.R., DAR & SAR Chapter or other Heritage Societies.

### Editor - Emil Decker



2nd Quarter newsletter was posted on the website August 7, 2019. Only 38 days after the quarter ended....

Timeliness is the biggest issue I face. Waiting until the last week to create the entire edition is not possible. Takes too long. Steady work during the quarter is better. Each issue takes approximately 100 hours (a lot of time creating one edition at the computer). Late arriving info delays publication. Please send correspondence as early as possible.

To all who share pictures, anecdotes, and stories, I say, "Thank you." To those who have not yet shared, we look forward to the day.

Achieving timely postings is my goal. Late reports may not make the next issue, and be deferred to the following quarter. My intention is to have the newsletter posted online by the date of the next BOM. Hoping everyone becomes a part of The Hornet's Nest team: submitting timely, reading voraciously, and sharing generously "your" State newsletter.

### WHY THE SNAKE?

Social media in the 18th century? Everyone knows the power of memes today, stating an argument and influence others' views. But the tactic of using an image to persuade goes back a long way. Political cartoons of the time are well worth the effort to find and enjoy. One "memester" of the period was Benjamin Franklin who, in 1754, published a cartoon, "Join or Die," depicting a snake severed into pieces that symbolized the American colonies.

Yes, ...first published in 1754, long before the revolution. And note: Georgia was not included. Intrigued now?

Catch the next edition of *The Hornets Nest* for this and other exciting news from the Georgia Society, American Sons of the Revolution.

