

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



October - December 2019

Georgia Society Charters a New Chapter



The President's Dispatch

Fortunately, no earthquake for this quarters report. The quarter started off with the dedication of the Battle of Brier Creek mural in Sylvania, Georgia. Unfortunately the majority of the dedication ceremony put the participants in full sun on a hot day in Southeast Georgia. There was a large crowd attending the dedication and the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard had an excellent turnout. At least the beaming sun caused the politicians to make shorter remarks.

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Above: Members of the new Little River Chapter gather for a photo at their inaugural banquet. Below: Original Little River Charter. [For an interesting charter story, see the DAR page. Ed.]

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It isn't every day that a new chapter is created in the SAR. It takes dedicated members, reaching out to, as yet, unregistered potential members in a geographic area. Sometimes a few members live in the area, and travel far to be members in a distant chapter. With the help of that chapter, those members start to recruit new members. When enough members are assembled in an area, with sufficient interest and desire to form a chapter, the group submits a request to the Board of Managers. Upon satisfactory evidence presented, the membership votes to authorize a new chapter. New chapters are a great way to grow the Georgia Society at large.

The most recent addition to the Georgia Society is the Little River Chapter. Based in Thomson, Georgia, the chapter held its Charter Banquet on October 6, 2019 at the Belle Meade Country Club. Society members from around the state, as well as National Compatriots attended. There were approximately 70 present. The food and fellowship were great, and all attendees had a wonderful time. Bill Tankersley was sworn in as Founding President, as well as the other new officers of the chapter. They were presented with their charter, and a new chapter was officially established.

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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.

A New Chapter (Cont.)

It got me to thinking about the history of the Georgia Society. How did we get started? Just what is our blood line? Here is a little bit of what I found.

William LeRoy Doughtry stated that while he was stationed in Europe during World War I, he was in the company of some men from the New England area who were having a party which he was not allowed to attend. This was because it was restricted to members of the Sons of the Revolution or Sons of the American Revolution (not sure which.) Compatriot Doughtry knew that as a descendant of John Pope, a Captain in the North Carolina State Militia. He, by all consideration, was eligible and was determined to become a member as soon as he returned to Atlanta. It was under his influence that the Georgia Society was formed with sixteen charter members, and officially organized on March 15, 1921.

The date of the Atlanta Chapter Charter is not known, but it is considered to be the date of the Georgia Society Charter. It remained the only Chapter in the Georgia Society until the formation of the John Milledge Chapter in Milledgeville in the early 1930's. The Athens Chapter was organized on November 9, 1936.

At least two large, active chapters (now defunct) resided in Winder and was led by a retired Army officer, Compatriot Watson. He went to New York state, located William Few's previously unknown grave site, and got New York to transfer the remains to Augusta, GA where they are now located. The other was called the Wiregrass Chapter and was located in Homerville in southern Georgia.

The Rome Chapter was organized in 1958, and not until 1976 was the Coweta Falls Chapter chartered. The William Few Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution was organized in 1976 as well.

In 1985 the Dr. Lyman Hall Chapter arrived on the scene. 1986 saw the Marshes of Glynn Chapter and the George Walton Chapter chartered. The Abraham Baldwin Chapter was chartered in 1988.

In 1991, it was determined there was a sufficient number of members and candidates to approve the charter of the Altamaha Chapter, and the Ocmulgee Chapter. An earlier Bainbridge chapter, named after Col. John Dooly, became defunct in 1991-92

The Samuel Butts Chapter organized in 1992, but became inactive in 2009. The Piedmont Chapter was chartered in 1994, followed by the newly formed Elberton Chapter in 1995. IN 1996 the Joseph Habersham Chapter was chartered. Button Gwinnett Chapter followed in 1999, as did the LaGrange Chapter and the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.

The first year of the new millennium saw the chartering of the Valdosta Chapter, the Rome Chapter, the Captain John Collins Chapter. The Casimir Pulaski Chapter was established in 2001, with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter and the Joel Early Chapter in 2002. The Cherokee Chapter was chartered in 2005.

The Executive Committee recommended that the charters be revoked for the Samuel Butts Chapter, the Abraham Baldwin Chapter, and the William Miller Chapter due to inactivity. The revocation of the charters was approved unanimously by the voting members in 2009. Not all the news in 2009 was bad. The Georgia Society chartered the Washington-Wilkes Chapter during this time.

In 2011, the Wiregrass Chapter, the Four Rivers Patriots Chapter, and the Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter were chartered. The Robert Forsyth Chapter joined the Society in 2013, with the Brier Creek Chapter and the Mount Vernon Chapter joining in 2016. 2018 saw its new addition, the Fall Line Chapter, which brings us up to the current new chapter, The Little River Chapter.



Above: Newly Created Chapters have New offices that need Officers. Little River Chapter's first officers are sworn in by Georgia Society President Scott Collins.

Officers are (L-R) Bill Tankersley President and Registrar; Alton McCloud Vice President; Lewis Smith Treasurer and Historian; David Donehoo Chaplain; and Don Thomas Editor.

Below: Prior to swearing in the officers, a large contingent of new members were inducted.



The President's Dispatch (Cont. from page 1)

That evening I attended the Brier Creek Chapter's meeting and listened to Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer's presentation on the Battle of Oriskany in Oriskany, New York.

Two days later I participated in a Color Guard for a grave marker dedication of a member of the NSDAR who had passed away earlier in 2019 and to whom I had been named executor and trustee of several trusts. At the marker dedication I was able to announce that the NSDAR member had left a bequest, in trust, to her local NSDAR chapter in excess of \$150,000. Many times we do not consider the effects that Planned Giving can have on an organization. Planned giving can take many forms and some of the most common are bequests in your Last Will and Testament, being named as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy, or being named as a beneficiary on an IRA account or other retirement account, just to name a few types.

As a Certified Public Accountant and Registered Investment Advisor I have seen the benefits of these types of gifts over the years. Especially with IRA or retirement plans these funds can escape income taxation at both the federal and state level, if done properly. If anyone would like to discuss a Planned Gift I would be happy to talk with you or work with your financial advisors.

That evening I attended the Charter Banquet of the Little River Chapter in Thomson, GA along with President General Warren Alter (2018-2019). This was a great banquet for the 35th chapter in our state. The chapter was awarded their full size flags, table flags, SAR banner, and a framed copy of their charter. We had several members visiting from other state societies and they were impressed with what the Georgia Society did to help a new chapter get started and they wished that their society would do likewise. I would also like to thank our Board of Managers for approving the budget to accomplish this and for the help that was received from the National Society SAR George Washington Endowment Fund.

All in all, this made for a very hectic three day period but even more was to come. The next day was the South Atlantic District quarterly meeting in Spartanburg, SC. The Georgia Society SAR is part of the South Atlantic District along with North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. This year Georgia Society SAR Compatriot Allen Greenly is serving as the South Atlantic District Regional Vice-President General. All of the states were represented. The next morning was the Commemoration for the Battle of Kings Mountain. Beautiful weather and a great turn out. I have attended this event for many years and, in all but the first couple, I have been a participant in the Color Guard. This year was slightly different as the National SAR Color Guard was commanded by the Senior Adjutant Brooks Lyles, and I served in the position as his second in command as the Junior Adjutant of the National SAR Color Guard.

I was able to return to Athens for one day and then it was on to Savannah for the Battle of Savannah. The only drawback from participating in this event is the parade starts at 7:00 AM just as the sun is coming up. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard is the lead unit in the parade/march commemoration. This year we had some members in Continental Uniform on horseback as officers leading their men up the hill from the River into Savannah.

All in all I was happy to have some downtime from SAR events in order to get some tax returns and other accounting work finished at my office.

As the end of October approached I gave some chapter presentations and then we had the Fall BOM meeting. This was one of the longer BOM meetings we held this year, as many items created a lot of discussion. I am proud of the fact that our members, even though they might disagree on the issues and emotions sometimes would work to the surface, were able to conduct themselves in orderly and honorable fashion and the Georgia Society SAR Compatriots showed respect for the process.

November rolled in with a triple patriot grave marking at Oconee Hills Cemetery in Athens, Georgia. No cannon this time, but a great turn out and a good showing on the musket salute. As members of the Georgia Society SAR, I sometimes think that we take our Color Guard for granted. It is not until you go to other states that you realize the treasure we have in our state's Color Guard.

Then came Veterans Day and for the first time in many years, I missed the event that is held annually at the Oconee Veterans Park in Watkinsville, Georgia. I did attend Veteran Day events in Snellville; in Alpharetta for the Georgia Society of CPA's Fall Council; in Cornelia where I also gave the program on the Veterans of the American Revolution.

The Fort Morris "Come and Take It" Commemoration in Sunbury, Georgia was the next event on the schedule. For the first time in more than a decade this event had a heavy rain and had to be moved inside the visitors center. A local Boy Scout troop had camped out the night before in the park and one of the adult leaders had never been on a camp out when it did not rain. We all decided to give him the blame. Everyone worked together and adapted on the fly to make this event happen. The musket firing went off using the overhang around the visitors center. Another successful state event.

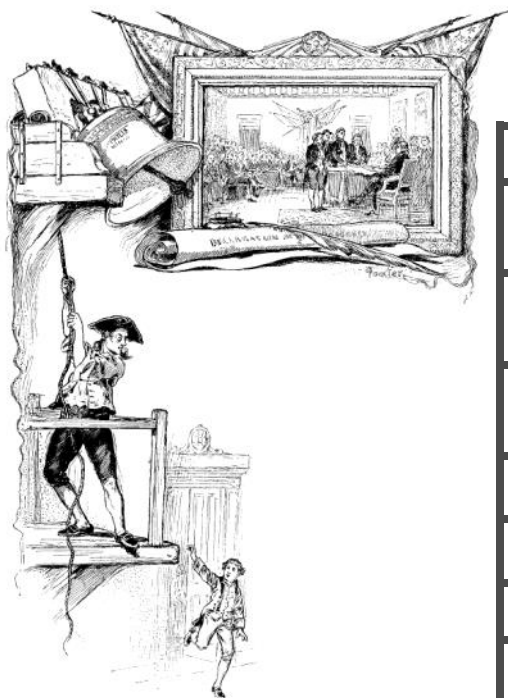
On December 7, 2019 the Commemoration of the Battle of Vann's Creek was held. The weather again threatened but cleared that morning so the event went off as scheduled. Not as large a crowd as in some past years, but our respects were paid to those patriots of the American Revolution and we enjoyed a barbeque luncheon after the program.

Outside of chapter visits, the last event for the quarter was the Wreaths Across American program. The state Color Guard participated at a program in Lawrenceville, Georgia on a cold windy morning. With the flags standing straight out for much of the program, we received questions about the Hopkinson Flag, which is the first official documented flag, and is used with the current US flag at many of our Georgia Society SAR events. We were not only there to honor our veterans but also to help educate the public.

The end of my term is quickly approaching and the main part of dues collection process is over. 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. Also, please remember to work to retain and reinstate those members that did not pay their dues by the December 31st deadline.

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

President Scott Collins



Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Annual State Conference	Lawrenceville, GA	Jan. 24-25, 2020	State
Heroes of the Hornets Nest	Elijah Clark State Park	Feb. 7, 2020	State
Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Feb. 8-9, 2020	National
Brier Creek	Sylvania, GA	Mar. 7, 2020	State
Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Mar. 28, 2020	State
Grave Dedication	Marietta, GA	Apr. 4, 2020	State
Patriots Day	St. Simons Island, GA	Apr. 18, 2020	State
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Apr. 25, 2020	State
Grave Marking	Midway, GA	Apr. 26, 2020	State
Grave Markings (2 Locations)	N. Augusta, SC Washington, GA	May 2, 2020	State
Memorial Day	Various Locations	May 25, 2020	National
July 4th	Various Locations	Jul. 4, 2020	National
National Congress	Richmond, VA	Jul. 6 - 16, 2020	National
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Jul. 25, 2020	State
Constitution Day	Augusta, GA	Sep. 17, 2020	State
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct. 24, 2020	State

130th NASSAR National Congress

**Richmond, VA.
Jul 10 – 16, 2020**

Support the 2020 National Congress

While more than half 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/>

Annual GASSAR Meeting

**Friday - Saturday, January 24 & 25,
2020**

BOM location:

**Sonesta Gwinnett Place
1775 Pleasant Hill Road
Duluth, Georgia 30096**

Board Of Managers Meetings

**Saturday, April 25, 2020
Saturday, July 25, 2020
Saturday, October 24, 2020**

BOM location:

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

Frederica Patriots Day is just around the Corner

April 19, 1775, marks a significant date in the founding of our nation – the beginning of the Revolutionary War which was once celebrated as “Patriots Day”. Three years later, April 19, 1778, three Georgia Navy galleys encountered three British ships in the Frederica River near St. Simons Island. After five hours of naval action, the Patriots captured the British ships, a victory that is a special reason to celebrate Patriots Day on St. Simons Island.

Since the dedication ceremony of the historical marker “The Georgia Navy at Fort Frederica”, in 2005, the Georgia Society SAR has sponsored the annual Frederica Patriots Day. It has become a popular community celebration, including over one thousand attendees during last year’s parade. The GASSAR Historic Sites Committee and Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter hope you will participate in this year’s Memorial Ceremony and Parade of Patriots on Saturday, April 18th on St. Simons Island. For additional information contact Bill Ramsaur at wframsaur@aol.com.



Left: Source: Jack Coggins, *Ships and Seamen of the American Revolution*, pages 56-57.

About one year ago, Bill Ramsaur was contacted by a person who said the new owner of The Cloister is a "history buff" and wanted to feature key events and persons of Georgia History in the "famous-historic" Spanish Lounge of the recently rebuilt Cloister. He had seen our GASSAR brochure and wanted to obtain the illustration we used in the brochure. Bill had obtained permission to use it from a book which illustrated the Galleys of Benedict Arnold built for service on Lake Champlain and used in the Battle of Valcour Island on 11 October 1776.

The Continental Congress directed all the states to use the same design for their Galleys. The GA Galleys were built in 1776 & 1777.



Left: Marshes of Glynn SAR Compatriots Jimmy Boatright, Bill Ramsaur and Brent Taylor were invited to view an illustration of Revolutionary Galleys like those featured in the Frederica Naval Action.

The print (top center) is included with portraits, prints and other artifacts of Georgia History in the Spanish Lounge of The Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia. Below the Frederica Naval Action print (and one of President George Washington dancing with Caty Greene), is a large portrait reflecting a meeting of John Couper (Cannon Point Plantation owner) and Vice-President Aaron Burr who visited St. Simons Island to escape the controversy following his tragic duel with Alexander Hamilton.

General James Oglethorpe and Fort Frederica activities are featured on an opposite wall. Bill Ramsaur is proud that the owner of The Cloister was so impressed with the Frederica Naval Action that it is included in this historic setting.



Right: USS Philadelphia was sunk during the Battle of Valcour Island. In 1935, an amateur military marine archaeologist located her remains at the bottom of Lake Champlain. She is at the Smithsonian, National Museum of American History. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Philadelphia_\(1776\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Philadelphia_(1776))

130th National Congress Richmond, VA

FRIDAY, 10 JULY 2020

Executive Committee and SAR Foundation Meetings
Host Society Setup
Registration in the afternoon

SATURDAY, 11 JULY 2020

Tour 1
Tour 2
Host Society Reception

SUNDAY, 12 JULY 2020

Color Guard Breakfast
Rumbaugh Orations Contestant Breakfast
Rumbaugh Orations Eliminations
Trustee Meeting Committee Meetings
First Time Attendees Meeting
(members and spouses)
Color Guard Review
Memorial Service
First Lady's Tea
Committee Meetings
Genealogy Seminar
Rumbaugh Orations Finals

MONDAY, 13 JULY 2020

Council of State Presidents Breakfast
Opening Session of Congress
Youth Awards Luncheon
2nd Session of Congress
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Minuteman Ceremony Awards and Recognition
Ceremony

TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2020

District Breakfasts
3rd Session of Congress (nominations for office)
GWEF and VPG Luncheon
Ladies Luncheon
Historian General Symposium
Balloting
Committee Meetings
President General Banquet

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2020

Final Session of Congress
(Election and swearing in of Trustees)
Tour 1:
Installation Banquet

THURSDAY, 16 JULY 2020

Executive Committee and SAR Foundation Meetings
Tour:



Booking Link:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/49965781/owner/12987/home>

Hotel: Richmond Marriot Downtown
500 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA

Group Name: NSSAR 2020 Congress

Arrival Date: 11-Jul-2020 (Saturday)

Departure Date: 16-Jul-2020 (Thursday)

Room rates are \$165 per night with taxes.

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

If you want to register on the telephone, please call the following number 804-643-3400.



NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

2020 SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE / TRUSTEES MEETING

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Spring Leadership Conference/Trustees Meeting which will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on February 27 – 29, 2020

National committees will meet on Thursday and Friday.

It is the responsibility of each chairman to notify committee members of the time and place of their meeting. The schedule of meeting times and places will be posted on the web site. The Trustees meet on Saturday morning where reports will be presented by national officers and committee chairmen. Please note that Kelly Moore must have your written report no later than February 7, 2020. The report form can be found on the SAR website. Dinner banquets are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evening for your social pleasure.

For those interested in accommodations in the Brown Hotel, I recommend that reservations (1-502-583-1234) be scheduled immediately as the space there is limited. Other hotels, inns, and motels are available but if you plan to stay in the Brown Hotel you should identify yourself as an SAR member for a special room rate.

For additional information the office point of contact is Kelly Moore (1-502-589-1776 or 502-588-6123 or kmoore@sar.org).

Ken Goodson, President MISSAR

Andrew Jackson Bench



Above: Andrew Jackson Tomb. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Andrew_Jackson_Tomb.jpg

The Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to announce that it will host, in conjunction with Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, a celebration and unveiling of a SAR Park Bench to honor Jackson's service in the American Revolution. The dedication will be held on March 15, 2020 at 2 P.M. at the tomb of Andrew Jackson. Local DAR chapters will also co-host the event.

Andrew Jackson served as a courier at the Battle of Stono Ferry, where he was captured as a prisoner of war. His brother Hugh died at the battle. As a POW, he was slashed across the face after he refused to clean a British Officer's boots. Later his mother would die of disease while treating and caring for patriot POW's held in British prison ships in Charleston harbor.

Jackson's father died when he was just a young man, thus he became an orphan early in his life. Despite these handicaps, Jackson would become a successful lawyer, senator, general and our 7th US President.

SAR President General Jack Manning will attend the event and offer welcoming comments, as well as SAR Regional VP Allen Greenly. Speakers include Mr Howard Kittel, President and CEO of the Hermitage and Historian Mark Cheatham.

In attendance will be Tennessee SAR President David Carr, Georgia SAR President Bill Dobbs and Past President Scott Collins, plus other distinguished guests. SAR Color Guard and Militia members from Georgia, Tennessee and other surrounding states will perform at the ceremony.

We plan on honoring Andrew Jackson's service in the Revolutionary War and his lifelong devotion to the United States of America! Active participants in the event will be offered free admission, while other guests will be admitted ½ price. Normal admission is \$22, seniors 19, ages 13-18 is \$12 and kids 5-12 is \$12.

Earlier in the day, which happens to be Jackson's birthday, the Hermitage will host a grave marking and wreath laying in honor of his birthday, which you may also wish to attend. Fred Weyler, member of the Andrew Jackson Chapter in Nashville, is local coordinator for the event. John Trussell, member of the Ocmulgee Chapter in Macon and Georgia SAR Publicity Chairman, is serving as Master of Ceremonies and organizer. We look forward to seeing you at the event and please contact us if you have any questions.

Below: The Hermitage. Jim Bowen from Zhenhai, China - Andrew Jackson's Home, CC BY 2.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=12652919>



**Georgia Society
Deceased
Members
October 01, -
December 31,
2019**



Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
William Henry LOCKHART, Jr.	184740	Fall Line	05 Oct 2019
James Conn PARKER	110559	Lyman Hall	05 Oct 2019
Charles Albert MAUPIN	111925	Coweta Falls	10 Oct 2019
Elisha Mullins WHISNANT	146833	Coweta Falls	12 Oct 2019
James Quincy WHITAKER	119885	Ocmulgee	13 Oct 2019
Spencer Joe WEBB,	196957	Wiregrass	15 Oct 2019
James Richard WEBSTER,	196588	Coweta Falls	19 Oct 2019
William Roger LANE,	181314	Joel Early	16 Nov 2019
William Perry ROUNTREE,	178877	Wiregrass	19 Nov 2019
William Rayford COX, Jr.	199745	Joel Early	29 Nov 2019
George Stewart RUTLEDGE,	199396	Lyman Hall	01 Dec 2019
William Jackson CAVENDER	153274	Dalton	01 Dec 2019
Larry Vernon FLEGLE,	202109	Blue Ridge Mtns	08 Dec 2019
Roger Dale REYNOLDS,	211777	Little River	22 Dec 2019



CITY OF SYLVANIA MURAL DEDICATION



Left: Standard SAR photo opportunity in front of the mural.



Left: A pair of framed Brier Creek battle scenes were raffled off, and a pair of compatriots won them. Bet'cha can't guess who? These prints were hand framed by Dr. Al Freeland of Screven County, GA.



Above: The ceremony drew a crowd. The day was warm and the dedication of the "One Gallant Stand" mural was just one more feather in the cap for drawing attention to Georgia battlefield preservation movements.

Below: The City of Sylvania commissioned the painting on the side of one of their downtown buildings, commemorating the Battle at Brier Creek. This is obviously a very large rendering of that battle, and should draw the attention of anyone passing through Sylvania.



UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, ATLANTA GRADUATION



Center and Right: Compatriots of the Georgia Society Color Guard presented the National and State Colors at the fall graduation ceremony held at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. Rick Reese III, J. C. Hustis, and Ralph Galpin had the honors.





KINGS MOUNTAIN

Right: Vice President General of the South Atlantic District, Allen Greenly, conducts the district meeting in Spartanburg, SC the day before Kings Mountain Commemoration. Allen is a member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter, Georgia Society.



Right: At the Kings Mountain monument each year, we gather to commemorate the American victory. This year, the 239th anniversary, wreaths stretched from far left to far right across the top of the mountain. A small Honor Guard remained behind the podium after the much larger Color Guard marched in, presenting the many flags, and marched out again. Representatives from many state societies as well as other organizations, such as the AR, and The Overmountain Victory Trail Marchers attended. Georgia was well represented.



Left: Senior Adjutant Brooks Lyles of the National SAR Color Guard commanded the troops of the combined societies. Here he marched through the ranks.

Right: The many Guardsmen from the various states assemble for the epic photo opportunity after the ceremony.



Below: The combined Color Guard await and meet the smaller Honor Guard behind the large pavilion erected to fend off the rain. The rain did not come, although it rained the three previous years, as it had the year of the battle, 1780.





Left: David Jimenez, State President of the C.A.R., attended and spoke to the BOM. He was accompanied by his mother Catherine Jimenez, who is the State Senior Leader of the C.A.R.



Left: Members of the award winning Georgia State Color Guard prepare to open the Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, Georgia.



VETERANS DAY

Below: Snellville musket salute. You might say they fired a-round?





Left: Compatriots from Button Gwinnett Chapter, along with a few other chapters gathered in Snellville for the Veterans Day observance.

Multiple pictures: William Few Chapter's Veteran's Day was very special. They celebrated at the Charlie Norwood VA Hospital in Augusta. DAR members from the Augusta, College Hill, and Stallings Island DAR chapters and members of the Col. William Few Chapter were on hand to serve these very deserving veterans and their families. The estimate, including Cub Scouts, their pack leaders and students from Augusta Richmond Academy that helped to serve, is around 150 people. This may well be the largest group in the history of this event.

It's an event that continues to grow every year and one which many of the compatriots enjoyed immensely. They got to spend time visiting with our modern day heroes and thanking them for their service and sacrifice.





Above: Compatriots from Blue Ridge Mountains attended the Veterans Day Parade in Murphy, NC. As you can see, their chapter's float won Best of Parade. The total parade awards won by the chapter now total TEN.

Above: Compatriots Phil Callicutt, Steven Ford and Brent Taylor from the Marshes of Glynn attended the St. Simons Veteran Day ceremonies. The Parade kicked-off at the St. Simons Baseball fields and proceeded to the Pier in Neptune Park in front of the Casino Bandstand. The SAR Chapter was one of almost a hundred units in the parade. They carried Revolutionary flags sitting on a patriotically decorated golf cart. Thousands of people lined Mallery Street.

Right: The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard took part in a Veterans Day program at the Mt. Bethel Christian Academy at the invitation of the Lower School Principal, Lisa Kelly. The lower school includes grades K – 8.



Below: The Color Guard presented to open the program and retired the Colors to end the program. Rick Reese was asked to be a part of the Veterans Panel on stage representing the Marine Corps. to respond to questions asked by students in the audience.





Left: Saturday, 9 November – Lyman Hall Chapter supported and participated in observances conducted by Sunbury Chapter, NSDAR in Winder. The event was well attended by local citizens, American Legion and the Barrow County Fire Department. Two veterans spoke of their experiences, remembrances and lessons learned – one from the Korean War and another who serve in the European Theater.



Right: Chapter President Carter Wood directed a detail of JROTC Cadets from nearby Winder-Barrow High School in a Flag Retirement ceremony.

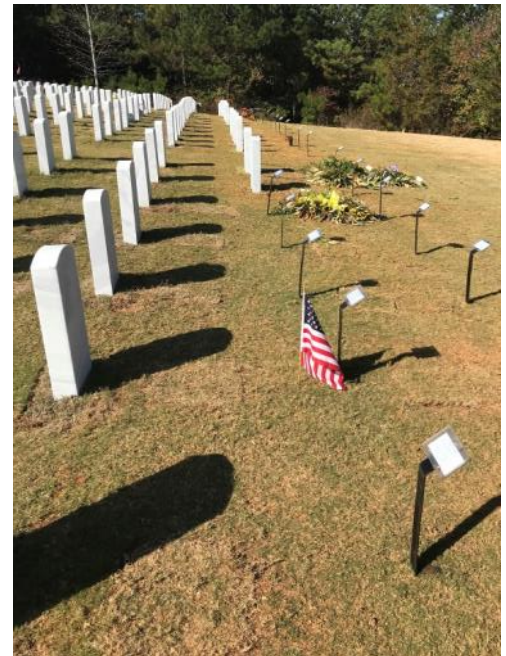
Left & Below: The Coweta Falls Chapter, along the First Hamilton Legion, participated in the Veterans Day Ceremonies in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Representing Coweta Falls were Dan McMichael, Caleb Kinard, Roy Collier, Bernie Talley, and Harry Floyd, (SAR application submitted). Representing the First Hamilton Legion were Dan Dykes and Chance Miller.





Left and Right: Compatriots from Ocmulgee Chapter divided forces and attended multiple Veterans Day events. Chuck (Left) attended the affair in Monroe County. Bill Fuqua (Right) represented the chapter at the Oconee County Veterans Day event.

Below: Compatriots from Robert Forsyth Chapter met with the Forsyth County Commissioners to read a Proclamation recognizing Veterans Day.

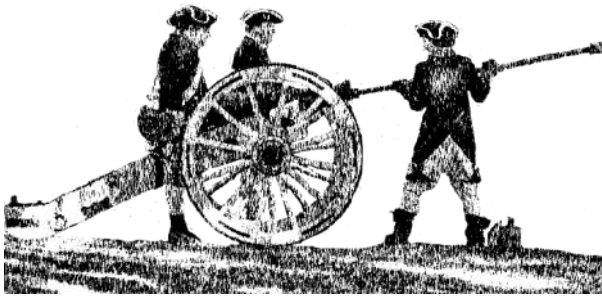


Above: Wiregrass Chaplain Emory Fennell and 4 members of the Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapters, traveled to Stillmore, GA to present the "Veterans Day" program to David Emanuel Academy. Compatriot Fennell was the featured speaker for the program who covered America's participation in wars from the American Revolution right up to the present wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Above: Steven Warren, President, Cherokee Chapter sent in this. *"Yesterday, I placed an American Flag on my father's fresh grave at the Georgia National Cemetery. My father, Master Sergeant Hadley Emerson Warren, was a 22 year US Army veteran of the Army of Occupation of Germany, Korean War and Vietnam War. He died on 22 September 2019 at the age of 89."*

[This photo brought a lump to my throat. I think it says more to me than all the parades, ceremonies, free meals, or other honors given on this day. God Bless MSG Warren. Rest in the Peace you helped bring to our nation. Ed.]

COME AND TAKE IT !



Right: The Historic Sites & Commemoration Committee of the GA Society SAR sponsored the annual "Come & Take It!" Celebration at the Fort Morris Historic Site in Liberty County. Opening remarks by Ranger Jason Baker were made inside the Visitors Center, due to the inclement weather, (first time in fourteen years).

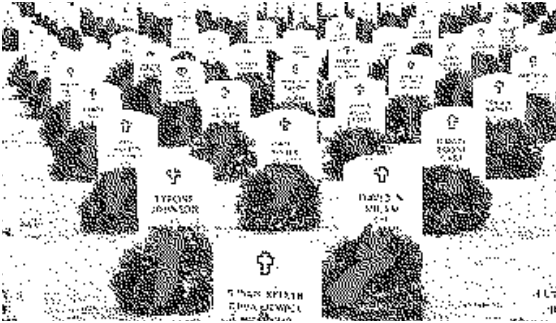


Below: SAR and C.A.R. gather for a photo op.



Left: The Elijah Clarke Militia won't let a little rain stop them from performing their duties.





WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Button Gwinnett Chapter, and other Metro Atlanta Chapters joined the Georgia Society SAR in providing the Color Guard at the Wreaths across America Ceremony, Saturday December 14, 2019 at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens



and

Mausoleum, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. On a blustery day wreaths were unboxed and carried, one at a time, to each of the veteran graves.

The Event was organized by the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on graves of our country's fallen heroes. The VFW, Boy and Girl Scouts & (C.A.R.) Children of the American Revolution also were on hand during the Ceremony.



Below: Events were held at multiple Cemeteries across Georgia. Don Loudermilk from the Robert Forsyth Chapter supported the DAR sponsored Wreath Laying at Rest Haven Cemetery, Alpharetta.



Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the *Bangor Daily News* when he won a trip to Washington D.C.; one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an especially indelible impression on him.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington, in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

Out of this, "Wreaths Across America" was born. On Dec. 14, volunteers will lay 254,000 veterans' wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery alone. Additional wreaths are laid at more than 1,600 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.



GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES



Compatriot Allen Greenly, from the Robert Forsyth Chapter, Georgia Society, travelled to Shelbyville, Delaware to honor one of his patriot ancestors, John McCabe. Allen was, in turn, honored by the city for his work in arranging the ceremony. The Robert Forsyth Chapter co-sponsored the event by providing the monument.

[I wonder what TSA thought about a traveler carrying a granite marker in his carry-on? Ed.]



Left and Right: The Athens Chapter hosted a Grave Marking Ceremony of three patriots buried in Oconee Hills Cemetery, located behind UGA's football stadium; one had obviously been there long before the other was constructed. The ceremony was held on a beautiful day, in Wingfield Chapel.



The three patriots honored were James Barrow, Rev. Hope Hull, and Charles Strong.



Left: Worth noting is the fact that descendants of all three patriots were present, and unveiled a stone similar to the ones on the three graves.

Right Center and Far Right: The Elijah Clarke Militia and Georgia Society Color Guard were up to their usual high standards in numbers and precision of drill. The Color Guard remained in position as the Militia performed Mourn Muskets.





1812 GRAVE MARKING

Right: Compatriots from the Georgia Society, SAR attended a Grave Marking Ceremony for War of 1812 patriots Benjamin Davis and William Woodward, in Dahlonega, Ga. The ceremony, and the honor for these American Veteran was conducted in a similar fashion to the American Revolution service.



Left: Compatriot Chuck Garnett also attended an 1812 Grave Marking Ceremony in Perry, Ga. Simon Bateman and John Killen, veterans of the 1812 war where honored.

Recent form changes for the Grave Marking Medal have ask for the inclusion of the patriot number. As many of us have been using a computer form, saved over several months/years to save that data, if you have the old form, you must transfer and use the new form when submitting. Below are the patriot numbers for events you may have attended held since 2018. The Patriot index on the National website is not difficult to use in order to find any others you may be missing.

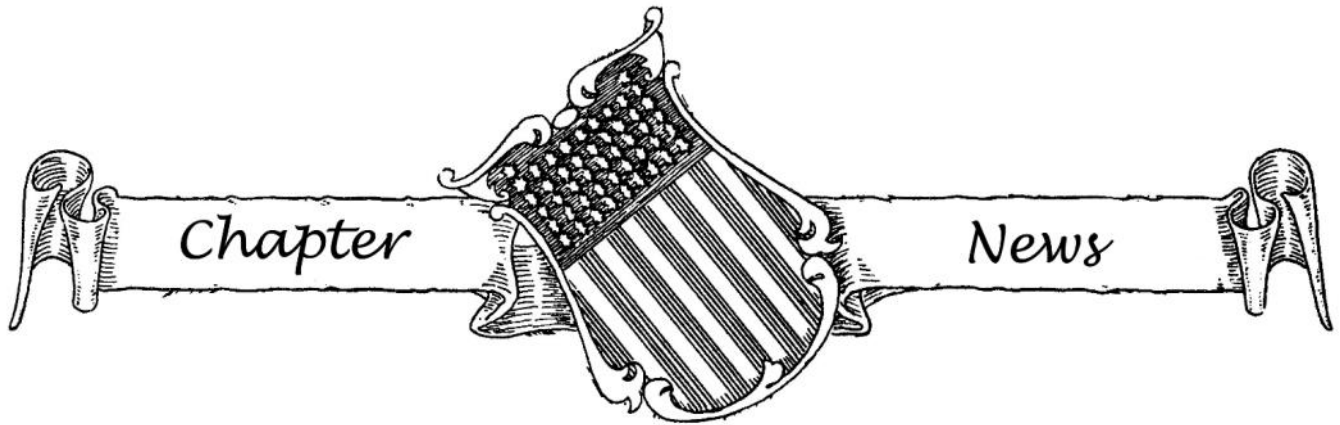
Patriot	Ceremony Date	Patriot #
Jas Akens	2/24/2018	P-101913
William Smith	2/24/2018	P-293349
Randal Robinson	2/24/2018	P-280623
Nathaniel Durkee	3/24/2018	P-151726
Absalom Hooper	4/21/2018	P-184452
Thomas Bacon	4/29/2018	P-106459
Joseph Quarterman	4/29/2018	P-274730
William Way	4/29/2018	P-314902
John Osgood	4/29/2018	P-263732
Josiah Osgood	4/29/2018	P-263748
John Calloway	5/5/2018	P-127550
Owen Fluker	5/5/2018	P-159720
Charles McCall	5/12/2018	P-245417
John Everett	5/12/2018	P-155722
Button Gwinnett	5/19/2018	P-171984
Lyman Hall	5/19/2018	P-173136
George Walton	5/19/2018	P-312975
Lewis Lafayette Lanier	11/10/2018	P-233168
William Girardeau	4/28/2019	P-166724
Robert Quarterman	4/28/2019	P-274724
Thomas Quarterman	4/28/2019	P-274726
John Stacy Jr.	4/28/2019	P-295767
Peter Winn	4/28/2019	P-322581
William Skinner	5/11/2019	P-290822
James Carter	5/11/2019	P-129556
Thomas Ansley	6/1/2019	P-104129
John Bacon	9/17/2019	P-106382
John Bedingfield	9/17/2019	P-112135
Daniel Dill	9/17/2019	P-148205
Ambrose Gordon	9/17/2019	P-168138
Alexander Lawson	9/17/2019	P-234003
George Alexander	9/28/2019	P-338374
James Barrow	11/2/2019	P-109792
Hope Hull	11/2/2019	P-187623
Charles Strong	11/2/2019	P-299608

General Society of the War of 1812

Any male person above the age of eighteen (18) years who is a lineal descendant of one who served during the War of 1812, in the army, navy, revenue-marine, or privateer service of the United States, offering proof thereof satisfactory to the State Society, to which he may make application for membership, and who is of good moral character and reputation, may become a member of the Society when approved of, by said State Society, under such regulations as it may make for passing upon applications for membership.

<https://gswar1812.org/>





Athens

Right: Georgia Society President, and Athens Chapter member Scott Collins, leads induction ceremony for the new Little River Chapter.

Below: Descendants John Barrow (R) and Andrew Taylor (L) converse and pose with the award winning GASSAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia members while attending the Oconee Hills grave marking ceremony honoring their Patriot, James Barrow.



Below: Georgia Society President Scott Collins discusses preparations with Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer at the Wreaths across America Ceremony, at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Below: The GASSAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia prepare to present the colors at Oconee Hills.



Atlanta

Below: Compatriot Bruce Maney joins Atlanta member Terry Manning at the Wreaths across America Ceremony, at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, in Lawrenceville, Georgia.



Left, Center, & Below: Terry and Bruce take individual wreaths and place them on adjacent graves. They then give honor to the sleeping veteran with a bow and tipping of their hats. Sadly, in the background, one can see the green ground cover of another, who will soon be laid to rest among their colleagues. Perhaps a wreath was reserved for them after their interment.



Blue Ridge Mountains



Left: Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter presented their Traveling Trunk program to students in Towns County Elementary School.

Right: The Trunk was also presented to students at Union County Elementary School.



Right: Veterans Day Recognition and visitation at a Union County Nursing Home.





Left: Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter awarded A Blue Star Banner and certificate to Tsali and Jacque Bentley for their son, 1st Lt. Tsali Bentley III, a graduate of the Air Force Academy.



Above Right: David Cook receives the Chapter's Meritorious Service medal.



Right: Sid Turner was awarded the Distinguished Service medal. Other awards included Jack Dugger - Silver Roger Sherman Medal, and Phil Cook - Silver good Citizenship medal.



Brier Creek

Right: Members of the Wiregrass & Brier Creek Chapters traveled to Savannah to participate in the Siege of Savannah celebration. Compatriot Dess Smith III, & "Horse of Foot" soldier Russell Dobson, SCSAR.



Above: President Lee Smith presented a program on the "Star Spangled Banner". President Lee spoke for a few minutes about the origin of our national anthem.





Left: Compatriot Adam Bazemore of Brier Creek Chapter in Screven County gave a presentation on "The Battle at Sullivan's Island". Adam gave the presentation again to the Wiregrass Chapter. Both chapters enjoyed the presentation.



Above Right: SAR Chapter Presidents may present one Chapter Distinguished Service Award and Medal each year of his term of office to a compatriot in recognition for that compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter. The Brier Creek Chapter has named this award after Screven County's Medal of Honor winner John R. McKinney. The recipient of this Year's (2019) John R. McKinney Brier Creek Chapter Distinguished Service Medal is our Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore. Compatriot Don has been a very active member and serves as the Sgt-at-Arms for the South Georgia Militia, responsible for the Color Guard Flags at each event.

Button Gwinnett

Right: Button Gwinnett member John Hyatt and Steve Burke from the Wiregrass Chapter seem to be having a good time at the Battle of Camden Re-enactment in SC. The original battle was not so cheerful for American patriots.



Left: Bill Palmer and Bruce Maney join up with President Scott Collins and Terry Manning at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Right: Bruce Maney talks with a Scout leader at the event. The VFW, Boy and Girl Scouts & Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) were also on hand during the Ceremony.



Coweta Falls



Left: The Traveling Trunk, accompanied by President Danny Ginter, makes appearances in many schools. This photo is from River Road Elementary in Columbus.



Right: Johnson Elementary School also received a visit.



Right: Gentian Elementary School teachers seem as interested as the students.

Left: Just look at the faces of these River Road students. Completely enthralled, attentive and engaged. THIS is the epitome of why we do what we do with our collective sets of Traveling Trunks throughout the Georgia Society.

[If your Chapter doesn't have a Traveling Trunk, consider acquiring one. It's not hard to fill, and there's a lot of help out there to get you started. Just ask. Ed.]



Below: In addition to Veterans Day activities, November 16 - 17 provided an opportunity for the Coweta Falls Chapter of the SAR, along with First Hamilton Legion, to participate in the American Frontier Days Fall Encampment at FDR State Park in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Representing Coweta Falls were Dan McMichael, Roy Collier, Bernie Talley, Harry Floyd, and Taylor Hay. Frontier Days provides a chance to meet a trapper, talk to a soldier and throw a tomahawk. Everyday living skills were displayed from local historians. Visitors walked through time from the mid 1700's to the late 1800's. Military might was displayed through musket and swivel cannon fire.





Below: Robert Moore was presented a Certificate and Medal of Distinguished Service at the Chapter Christmas party.



Far Left: A Flag Certificate is presented to Assistant Police Chief Gil Slouchick (Columbus Police Department)

Left: This is one king the Coweta Falls Chapter doesn't mind hanging around. A Flag Certificate is presented to Burger King Assistant Operations Manager Donna Evans. Thank you for proudly displaying Old Glory!



Left: President Danny Ginter presented Mansfield Bias, Jr. with his Membership Certificate.

Below: Mike Tomme and Dan Ginter welcomed our new member, Homer Willis, with his wife.



Below and Right: Singers from Columbus State University provided pre-dinner entertainment. Party guests enjoyed a great meal, fellowship, entertainment, and an inspiring program by P.G. Mike Tomme (2016).



Fall Line

Right: Compatriot LTC (ret) Emory Allen Burton, history professor at Augusta State University lives in Washington, GA. Compatriot Burton's presentation was on the "U.S. Constitution".



Left: The program for the evening was given by Don Betts, who is a member of the "Revolutionary War Veterans Association" and lives in Ailey, GA. Don is part of the Applesseed Marksmanship (2 day) project that teaches young people and adults the importance of handling firearms, rifles, in a safe way. Besides firing approximately 500 rounds, the participant is taught colonial history.



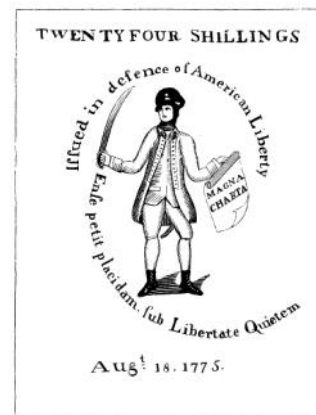
There will be a weekend marksmanship project soon in Macon, GA. The cost to adults is \$60.00 which includes great meals. For more information and registration, go to the Applesseed website. <https://applesseedinfo.org/>

Four Rivers Patriots

Right: Chapter President Matt Oxley's wife took this photo of the Four Rivers Patriots meeting. The group is 21 members strong. East Fall Line Region representative Sonny Pittman provided the program.



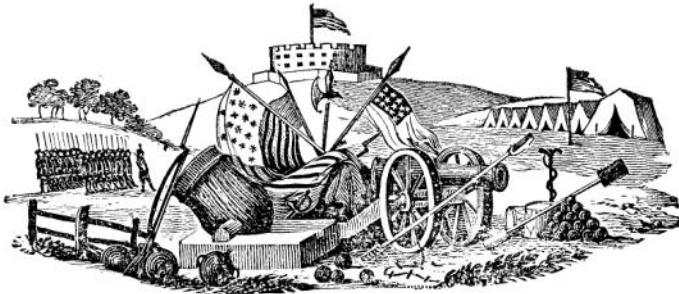
Below: Compatriot Wilder presented the Four Rivers Chapter their 2018 GASSAR Membership Streamer for retaining at least 90% of their 2018 membership for 2019.



REVERSE OF A MASSACHUSETTS TREASURY NOTE

Joseph Habersham

Right: President David Masters of the Joseph Habersham Chapter surprised Compatriot Ron Hill with presentation of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Certificate's of Patriotism as a member of the "Korean Service Veterans Corps" and "Vietnam War Veterans Corps". The certificates were signed by John T. Manning, President General.



Left: Patriot Lynwood Cash, Education Chairman of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, taught members who wished to participate, how to fire the Cannon. He covered safety procedures, and other cannon techniques and they fired three charges. The cannon was located in the open field next door to Crossroads Cafe.

The six-pound Revolutionary War field artillery piece was researched and built by Dess Oliver at the industrial arts building at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School with assistance from Compatriots Lyn Cash, Mark and Cody Coleman. The cannon is an authentic reproduction in every detail. It was completed in June 2014. The cannon is displayed and fired at every possible opportunity. Lyn has displayed and fired the cannon at numerous locations throughout Northeast Georgia.

If you are interested in learning more, or want the cannon to visit your event, contact the Joseph Habersham Chapter for more info.





Left: Joseph Habersham Chapter awarded David Farmer the "Fire Safety Commendation Medal". David is employed full-time as Director of Transportation for Jackson County School System, but began his volunteer Service with Banks County Fire & EMS in 2014. He recently earned Fire-fighter I and First Responder certifications.



Right: Todd Lunsford was awarded the "EMS Commendation Medal" for what he says is, "just doing my job". Todd goes above and beyond, spending hours off-shift checking on people, both patients and co-workers, helping patients get resources they desperately need and following up on those resources to make sure the ball is rolling forward.

Little River



Below: Little River officers are sworn in at their Inaugural Banquet.

Left: President General Warren Alter (2018-2019), a Compatriot from Arizona and Georgia Duel Member, addressed the assembled.

Below: Bill Tankersley and his wife, Kimberley are seated at the High Table. Soon Bill will take on the job as The Little River Chapter's first President.



Left: After 12 years of scouting, Member Lucas Hopkins earned his Eagle Scout rank.



Center: Compatriot Don Thomas represented the Little River Chapter where he presented the Chapter wreath and paid his respect to the Patriots at the Athens Chapter Grave Marking Service at Oconee Hills Cemetery.

Right: Little River Compatriot Glenn Yarborough Jr. was recognized for 60 years of service to the Sons of the American Revolution. A retired US Army Col. and Vietnam Vet., he was a student at the Citadel in Charleston, SC when he joined in 1956.

BE IT REMEMBERED!
 THAT on the 17th of October, 1781, Lieutenant-General Earl
 CORNWALLIS, with above Five thousand British Troops, sur-
 rendered themselves Prisoners of War to his Excellency Gen. GEORGE
 WASHINGTON, Commander in Chief of the allied Forces of
 France and America.
 LAUS DEO!



Lyman Hall

Right: Monday, 11 November – Lyman Hall Chapter President Carter Wood was the guest speaker at Mundy Mill Elementary School in Oakwood, GA. The ceremony included Gainesville High School's NJROTC Drill Team, the school chorus, several dozen Veterans as invited guests and Mr. Sammy Smith – member of the Board of Education. Compatriot Wood spoke to the assembly of over 600 students on the meaning, opportunities and rewards of military service.



Left: Thursday, 21 November – Carter Wood of the Lyman Hall Chapter performed his 'The Flags They Flew' presentation at Walker Park Elementary School's LEAP program with over a hundred students and parents in the monthly after school event. He explained the differences between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. A display of several dozen history flags aided the discussion of each holiday's origins and original names.



Right: Tuesday, 26 November – Carter Wood spoke with two fourth grade classes at Lakeview Academy to describe life on the Colonial frontier and the vital role militia played in the American Revolution. Students handled safe and durable items from the Lyman Hall Traveling Trunk to learn and 'get a feel' of the service and sacrifice of America's first military veterans.

Marquis de Lafayette

Right: James Kelly Dickson, new member, is welcomed by Don Bulloch and David Jessel.



Marshes of Glynn



Above: The Marshes of Glynn Chapter presented the Flag Retirement Certificate to The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 9, for its retirement of American flags. Mr. Michael Johns accepted the certificate on behalf of the squadron, which was presented by compatriot J. Steven Hinson.



Right: The Marshes of Glynn Chapter presented the Service to Veterans Award to (starting from the right) Shandra Kendall, Karen Munson, Beth Davis, Carroll Williams, and Jo Mason for their active support of the Honor Flights, which flies local veterans from World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War to Washington to visit their respective war memorials. Flanking the award recipients are compatriot Bernie Williams (R) and Phil Callicutt (L)

Right: Compatriot Steven Hinson was recognized as the Glynn County Veteran of the Year by the Golden Isles Veterans Council during the Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. His nomination was co-sponsored by the Brunswick American Legion Post 9 and the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter to recognize his outstanding support of local Veterans and Veteran activities as well as his personal military service.



Right: The Chapter welcomed four new members at the November meeting. Starting from the right, are President Phil Callicutt, and new members Rob Kraich, Teeple Hill, Teeple Hill Jr., and David Humphrey. Congratulations!



Below: The Chapter received two certificates and a streamer from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The streamer was for the President General's Education Outreach "New Program" Initiative and the two certificates were for participation in the Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America activities. Brent Taylor holds the Wreaths Across America Certificate, Jimmy Boatright holds the Partners in Patriotism Certificate, and Steven Ford holds the President General's Education Outreach Streamer, with Jack Godfrey.



Above: The Sons of the American Revolution - Marshes of Glynn Chapter presented the Law Enforcement Medal to Deputy Sheriff Randall Lacey on 10 October. "Sergeant Lacey" has been the face of the Glynn County Police for more than 25 years in the St. Simons Pier Village, where he has assisted the SAR during Patriots Day Parades and Musket Salutes. He is now Deputy Sheriff teaching a safety program in the Glynn County public schools. Pictured from the left is Phil Callicutt, Deputy Randall Lacey and Sheriff E. Neal Jump.



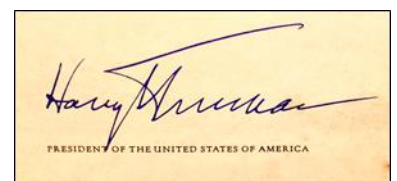
Mill Creek



Right: Hu Daughtry shared his family Christmas story at the December Mill Creek meeting. The picture is his Uncle Walter Daughtry who died in Korea, his Purple Heart, the citation for it, with the Harry Truman signature. "Do we honor all veterans?" Hu asked. When given the choice to choose duty, honor and country and go off to frozen wastelands far from home far from your Christmas family, what great courage must be summoned? The Korean War is known as America's "Forgotten War." It was given that name because it began soon after World War II and began without having a direct, immediate impact on the U.S.



Left: President Thomas Miller and his daughter Lauren. Thomas will be stepping down from the office, and is looking to helping the next president have a successful year. There has been many program and procedural improvements implemented by Compatriot Miller and Mill Creek thanks him for his service.



Mount Vernon

Left: David Jimenez, State President of the C.A.R., visited the Mount Vernon Chapter meeting in November. He was accompanied by his mother Catherine Jimenez, who is the State Senior Leader of the C.A.R. David gave an inspiring speech about the C.A.R. and it's association with the SAR.



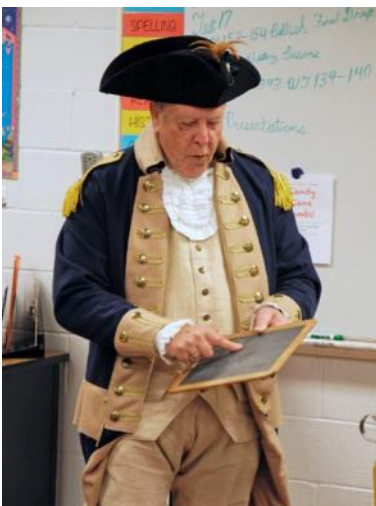
Below: David Jimenez was presented with a donation check for \$100 from President William (Bill) Floyd and the Mt. Vernon Chapter.



Below: Compatriot Thomas (Tom) Pye III and David have something in common. Tom spoke about his tenure as Georgia State President of the C.A.R. (1965 - 66)



Left: Cherokee Christian School in Cherokee County graciously welcomed the Mount Vernon Chapter and its Traveling Trunk program. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Crowell and her students enjoyed the presentation by Chapter members Shep Hammack and Bill Floyd, with members John Bivins and Chuck Rann attending.



Left: Bill Floyd demonstrates how Colonial iPads work (Slate colored model).



Right: Shep Hammack explains that coins made of precious metal were limited in number, so change was made by literally cutting them into smaller pieces.

Ocmulgee

Below: Ocmulgee members participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fort Hawkins near Macon, Ga.



Above: Compatriot John Trussell at The Hermitage, home of President and American Revolution Hero Andrew Jackson with Dueling re-enactors. John recently published an article in *The SAR Magazine* about Dueling in Colonial America. Jackson participated in several duels, one ball was removed from his shoulder, but a second hit remained next to his heart, and was buried with him.

Piedmont

Below Left: Piedmont Color Guard present the colors for the Veterans Day assembly at Mt. Bethel Christian Academy.



Above: City of Milton awarded individual copies of their Veterans Day Proclamation to each member of the Chapter attending.



Above: The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors recently to the Roswell Ramblers Organization. The group is comprised of over 50, who are interested in developing recreational programs and activities for their mutual benefit. The meeting had over 300 attendees.

Robert Forsyth



Right: J.C. Hustis, Allen Greenly, and Emil Decker brought the Traveling Trunk to the Cub Scouts meeting at the Bethelview Methodist Church. The scouts were attentive, and well behaved.



Left: As a reward for their behavior, (and because we often cannot fire our muskets at schools) we took them out back to demonstrate musket firing. Since the sun was set, the "fire-works" were spectacular. Even shooting blanks is dangerous. Always, safety first.

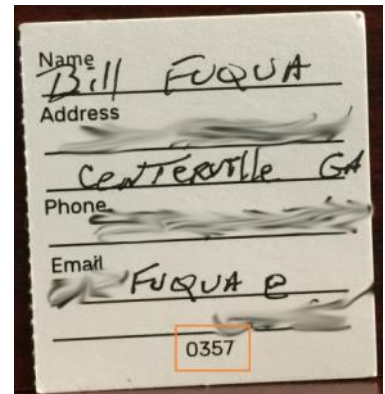
Right: Lee C. Dunn, author, introduced us to her book, "John Fletcher Hanson – How One Man Changed the Face of the South". Fascinating history of the Father of Georgia Tech, and so much more.



Left: J.C. Hustis was in attendance for the Wreaths Across America event at that cold, windy graveyard. Warmly dressed, he didn't mind the minor discomfort as he paid his respects to our honored dead.



Below: Thanks to all who participated in the Robert Forsyth Musket Raffle. The winning ticket, #0357 was purchased by Bill Fuqua, member of the Ocmulgee Chapter.



William Few



Above: Veteran's Day celebration at the Uptown VA for service members on this very special day. William Few cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for some 150-175 Veterans, who were able to join us (in ward rotations) in the hospital's second floor gym, and shuttled food to other Veterans in restricted wards, who were not able to enjoy the patriotic music and attention.



Above: D. Alan Smith, GASSAR Chaplain and 2020 Col. William Few President-Elect was the program presenter, with a talk on "Theology and the American Revolution."



Above: The Col. William Few Chapter, met for its annual Christmas meeting and new officer elections for 2020.



Left: Bill Dobbs, GASSAR Senior Vice President and 2020 President-Elect was on hand to bring greetings and to assist in the festivities.

Right: New compatriots James Charles Courson, Alexander Griffin Lawson, Michael Vinton Wiltse and Richard Clarke Wiltse were inducted.



Left: New 2020 officers were sworn in by GASSAR Senior Vice President Bill Dobbs.



Other awards presented during the program included: the chapter's Meritorious Service Award to past president and forty-year SAR Compatriot Albert Beveridge; the NSSAR Liberty Medal (third award) to past chapter president Bill Colbert; and two approved NSSAR Supplemental Applications to Compatriot Jerry Brigham for verifying his ancestry to Patriots Thomas Watkins and George Robison.

Wiregrass

Right: Compatriots Steve Burke and Wilder Smith, Jr. traveled 60 miles to Worthen, GA to present their program, "Life During Colonial Times in the Backcountry," to the Jared Irwin Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.



Above: Ed De Vos, a decorated military officer and author of several books on the American Revolution, is from South Carolina. His presentation was on the "Battle at Kings Mountain".



Left: Compatriots Steve Burke and Wilder Smith, Jr. traveled to Metter, Ga. to present their "Life During Colonial Times in the Backcountry" to the Metter Rotary Club.

Below Left: Steve Burke attended the Camden Battlefield event for the first time. Historic Camden is excited to announce that they have recently assumed ownership of 476 acres of new land in the area of the Battlefield of Camden. This newly purchased part of the battlefield goes along with the already owned 107 acres to give them 583 acres."



Right: The 39th Annual Patriot Colby Smith Reunion was held October 12, 2019 at the Bethany Baptist Church in Washington County, just outside of Harrison. President Dess Smith III presided, with 33 descendants in attendance for the covered dish lunch. Compatriot Steve Burke gave a program on how American Revolutionary War Patriots survived and what materials they used to keep themselves fed, warm and protected.





Above Left: Wiregrass December meeting was well attended. Above Right: President Wilder Smith awarded the "Fred Darwin Womack Wiregrass Chapter Distinguished Service Award for 2019". President Fred was our Organizing and Charter President and served us well, and our Chapter decided to name our Annual Chapter Distinguished Service Award after Fred. The recipient of this Year's (2019) Fred Darwin Womack Wiregrass Chapter Distinguished Service Medal is Dr. John Kenneth Derden. Dr. Derden has presented numerous programs on the Revolutionary War to SAR Chapters in the East Fall Line Region. He also lent his expertise in helping to establish The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. (L to R) Judy Womack, Dr. John Derden, and Wilder Smith, Jr.

C.A.R.

Children of the American Revolution



Right: Scout and William Daniel Society C.A.R. member, Bill Kilgore played Taps for the 3 patriot grave marking ceremony at Oconee Hills Cemetery in Athens.



Above: Noah Tindall, President of Elizah Winn C.A.R. Society and Member of Button Gwinnett Chapter plays TAPS at the Wreaths across America Ceremony, December 14, at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, in Lawrenceville, GA.





Right Above and Below: DAR members from Augusta, College Hill, and Stallings Island DAR chapters worked with members of the Col. William Few Chapter to provide a special meal for veterans at the Charlie Norwood VA Hospital in Augusta.



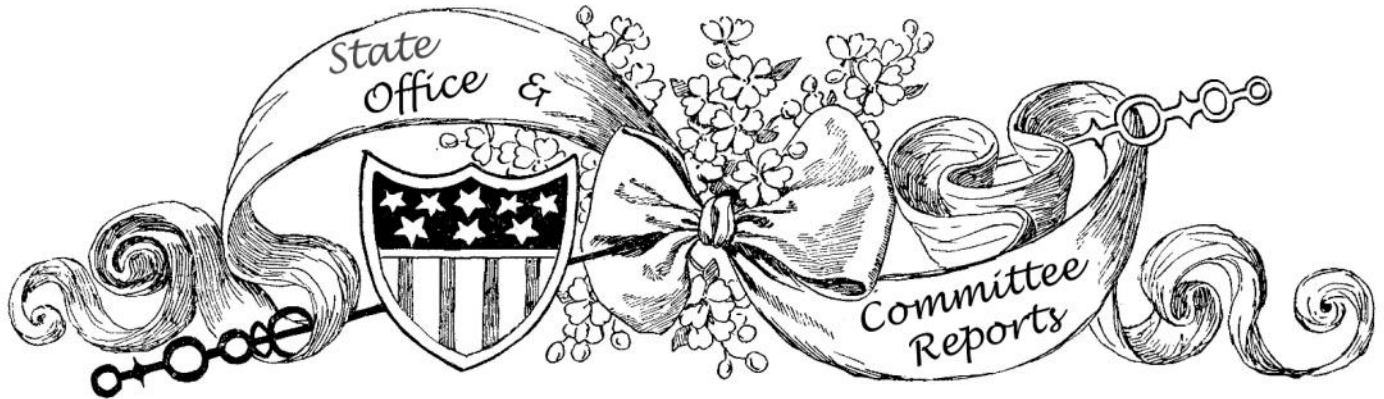
Left: While at an estate sale, William Few President, Sonny Pitman was with his wife Sue and one of their daughters, Amy. Both are Daughters in the Augusta NSDAR Chapter, and were shocked and pleasantly surprised when they discovered their chapter's charter - issued in 1892 - at the sale. They also purchased several other items that once belonged to their chapter. Who says you can't find treasure anymore?



Above: Ladies from multiple DAR Chapters attended the "Come And Take It" event at Fort Morris.



Right: Ladies from the Patriots of Liberty DAR Chapter participated in placing flags for Veterans Day at Pineview Cemetery, Alpharetta. Robert Forsyth member, Don Loudermilk supported the DAR in their service.



Secretary - John Flikeid



New Members



Georgia Society New Members Since October 01, 2019

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Altamaha			
06 Dec 2019	William Hamilton BENNETT	Matthew SINGLETON	Jason Ronald DEAL
Athens			
20 Dec 2019	Rusty Ray HORTON	Nathan BOWLES	Robert Alwyn SAPP
Atlanta			
04 Oct 2019	John Parham RABUN, Jr.	Francis FONTAINE	David Andrews NOBLE
01 Nov 2019	Michael Edward HUTCKINS	Jesse VAWTER	David Andrews NOBLE
01 Nov 2019	Connor Michael HUTCKINS	Jesse VAWTER	David Andrews NOBLE
Brier Creek			
18 Oct 2019	Walker Ethan QUICK	Jordan HEATH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
18 Oct 2019	Cameron River QUICK	Jordan HEATH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
18 Oct 2019	Jason Dexter QUICK	Jordan HEATH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Button Gwinnett			
01 Nov 2019	Thomas Eugene HOPKINS, Jr.	Ichabod CHURCHILL	Harold Douglas FORD
Casimir Pulaski			
22 Nov 2019	Richard D'Armour WHITTEN, Jr.	Elisha HEARNE	Richard D'Armour WHITTEN, Sr.
Cherokee			
06 Dec 2019	Kevin Michael KAREL	William PIKE	Kevin Leo KAREL

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Coweta Falls			
04 Oct 2019	Homer Floyd WILLIS, III	Joel WILLIS	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
22 Nov 2019	Joseph Francis OELGOETZ, III	Nicholas GRAFFIUS	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
22 Nov 2019	Ruseell Eugene WARD	William WARD	David Edward FOX
31 Dec 2019	David Anthony BILL	Daniel BOONE	Joseph Daniel McMICHAEL
Edward Telfair			
18 Oct 2019	Lawrence Newbon WESTER	John ECKLES	Roger Warren COURSEY
18 Oct 2019	Charles Wesley WILLIAMS	Frederick WILLIAMS	Roger Warren COURSEY
22 Nov 2019	Richard Willis SOWLE	John GREEN	Roger Warren COURSEY
Fall Line			
04 Oct 2019	Charles Steven WRIGHT	William MCMICHAEL	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
04 Oct 2019	William Thomas BRANTLEY	Colesby SMITH	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
18 Oct 2019	Christopher Justin TANNER	James GILMORE	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
22 Nov 2019	Thomas Clark ROGERS, IV	James GILMORE	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
Four Rivers Patriots			
22 Nov 2019	Jonathan Wayne BARNARD	Austin STONE	Edward Dean MILLS, Sr.
Joel Early			
13 Dec 2019	William Kent SANDEERS	John SHEFFIELD	Perry Stephen PEACE
John Collins			
11 Oct 2019	Bryan Hayden BROWNLOW	William EDMONDSON	Earl Levaughn CAGLE, Sr.
01 Nov 2019	Matthew Doran BURTON	James ADAIR	William Newton FLOYD, Jr.
01 Nov 2019	Luke Doran BURTON	James ADAIR	William Newton FLOYD, Jr.
01 Nov 2019	Philip Paul SOLIDA	Nicholas SALLADA	Randall Brian HUBER
01 Nov 2019	William Robert BURTON	James ADAIR	William Newton FLOYD, Jr.
06 Dec 2019	Thomas Marshall STEWART, Jr.	James ROSS	Randall Brian HUBER
13 Dec 2019	William Thomas BOYD	Benjamin HAMILTON	Randall Brian HUBER
Jos. Habersham			
17 Oct 2019	Ronald Guy HILL, Jr.	Adam COOPER	William Hughes RAPER
25 Oct 2019	Chandler Evan HILL	Adam COOPER	William Hughes RAPER
13 Dec 2019	William Newton TURK, Jr.	William TURK	William Hughes RAPER
13 Dec 2019	William Newton TURK	William TURK	William Hughes RAPER
Little River			
01 Nov 2019	Dobbie Edward LAMBERT	Mark SHUMATE	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
01 Nov 2019	Erasmus Eggleston GRIFFIN, III	Benjamin FORDHAM	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
22 Nov 2019	Steven Lee SMITH	John OGLETREE	James David DONEHOO
Lyman Hall			
04 Oct 2019	John Lamar SORRELLS	Hawkins BULLOCK	Thomas Austin CHAMBERLAIN
31 Dec 2019	Stephen Craig BUTLER	Rueben BUTLER	Carter J. WOOD
31 Dec 2019	Joe Whitfield BUTLER	Rueben BUTLER	Carter J. WOOD
Marquis de Lafayette			
22 Nov 2019	Larry Aden MOORE	Josiah MOORE	David George JESSEL
Marshes of Glynn			
04 Oct 2019	Robert William KRIACH	William COAS	Peter Matthew DILLON
04 Oct 2019	David Alan HUMPHREY	Jeremiah COMPTON	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
01 Nov 2019	Christopher Teeple HILL	John GRAYSON	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
01 Nov 2019	Christopher Teeple HILL, Jr.	Spence GRAYSON	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
22 Nov 2019	Robert Lee STROUD	John BROCKMAN	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
22 Nov 2019	Henry Thomas STROUD, Jr.	John BROCKMAN	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
22 Nov 2019	Alonso Thomas SANCHEZ	John BROCKMAN	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
13 Dec 2019	Martin Douglas MOORE	John POSTON	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
13 Dec 2019	William Thomas ANSLEY	Richard RIVERS	James Hall BOATRIGHT, III
31 Dec 2019	Bradley Winfield BARKER	Christopher MERCER	Terry Winfield BARKER
Mount Vernon			
01 Nov 2019	Durwood Thomas PYE	Jones PEARSON	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
06 Dec 2019	Richard Paul KEIM, Jr.	Alexander DUVAL	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK

Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Ocmulgee			
01 Nov 2019	Scotty Sauls DUMAS	David DUMAS	Charles Neal GARNETT
13 Dec 2019	Joseph David DYES	Olver MORTON	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
Piedmont			
17 Oct 2019	Matthew David PALM	Gideon RAMSDELL	Transfer
17 Oct 2019	Jeffrey Alan PALM, II	Gideon RAMSDELL	Transfer
22 Nov 2019	James Eric THOMPSON	James THOMPSON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
22 Nov 2019	James Clayton HARRIS	James MILWEE	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
22 Nov 2019	Connor Alan HOLLENBECK	Clement CORBIN	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
22 Nov 2019	Ryan Wayne HOLLENBECK	Clement CORBIN	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
22 Nov 2019	Nathan Andrew POTTEIGER	James THOMPSON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
22 Nov 2019	James Charles THOMPSON	James THOMPSON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
22 Nov 2019	James Barger THOMPSON	James THOMPSON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
Robert Forsyth			
11 Oct 2019	James Evan THOMPSON, IV	Austin MUSICK	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
11 Oct 2019	Donald Jason THOMPSON	George MUSICK	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
25 Oct 2019	Alex Ray MORRIS	Elias ALFRED	Christopher Michael RUSSO
22 Nov 2019	Charles Patrick WARREN	Jeremiah NICHOLS	William Allen GREENLY
22 Nov 2019	Austin Tyler WARREN	Jeremiah NICHOLS	William Allen GREENLY
Rome			
22 Nov 2019	Harry Logan BOSS, III	John FUNDERBURGH	William Spencer HOUSTON
22 Nov 2019	Briggs Thomas DAANE	John FUNDERBURGH	William Spencer HOUSTON
Samuel Elbert			
08 Jun 2018	Douglas Anthony PERKINS	Nathaniel PERKINS	
15 Nov 2019	George Dennis BELLEW	John DUNCAN	James Larry WILSON
William Few			
01 Nov 2019	James Charles COURSON	Moses HARRIS	Philip Joseph RHODES
01 Nov 2019	Alexander Griffith LAWSON	John BRUTON	Philip Joseph RHODES
Wiregrass			
01 Nov 2019	George Russell LANE	Abraham LANE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
01 Nov 2019	David Tyler LANE	Abraham LANE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
01 Nov 2019	David Adam LANE	Abraham LANE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
01 Nov 2019	Eli Russell LANE	Abraham LANE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III

Total: 80

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2019	1802	Losses	Q4
	Q4	Deceased	38
Additions		Memorial Members	3
New Members - Regular	218	Resignations	0
New Members - Junior	28	Transfers Out	6
Memorial Members	3	Total Losses	47
Transfers In	4	Active Membership as of 31 Dec 2020	2065
Reinstatements	56	Reported to National	
Reinstatement-Transfers	1	Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	20
Total Additions	310	Active Membership as of 31 December 2020	2085
		Reported to BOM	
		Total Increase YTD:	283

Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley



The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal

is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics, certified Emergency Medical Technicians, and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond which is normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once, and no Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.



2019 GASSAR Public Service & Heroism Medal Presentations

Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
				
Athens	Athens	Athens		Athens
Atlanta				
Blue Ridge Mountains (4)	Blue Ridge Mountains (4)	Blue Ridge Mountains (4)		
	Cpt. John Collins	Cpt. John Collins		
	Joseph Habersham	Joseph Habersham		
Lyman Hall				
				Marquis de Lafayette (2)
Marshes Of Glynn	Marshes Of Glynn		Marshes Of Glynn	Marshes Of Glynn
Ocmulgee				
Robert Forsyth (3)				
		Valdosta		





Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

The fourth quarter 2019 statistics are as follows:

101 applications processed

71 applications approved by NSSAR (70.3%)

3 applications pending by State Registrar (3%)

2 Memorial Applications processed. None approved as of this date



Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

59 Applications were received during the 4th Quarter. All have been reviewed and forwarded to GASSAR.

Applications by Chapter:

Atlanta: 5 Regular.

Athens: 4 Regular

Blue Ridge Mtns: 1 Regular

Button Gwinnett: 1 Regular, 3 Supplemental

Capt. John Collins: 9 Regular, 2 Supplemental

Coweta Falls: 4 Regular, 1 Junior

Dalton: 1 Regular

Joseph Habersham: 2 Regular, 2 Junior

Lyman Hall: 4 Regular

Mt. Vernon: 2 Supplemental

Marquis de Lafayette: 4 Regular

Piedmont: 2 Regular, 1 Supplemental

Robert Forsyth: 5 Regular 2 Supplemental

Rome: 3 Regular

Washington-Wilkes: 1 Regular

At the end of the 4th Quarter 184 applications were submitted; 106 (58%) have been approved; 2 pending at NSSAR; 1 application withdrawn.



Historian - David Ludley

Activities of the past quarter:

The History of Georgia Society for the year 2019 is being completed and will be sent to the webmaster for publication.

Additional items have been added to the Digital Catalog and placed in storage at the Atlanta History Center, Kenan Research Center.

The flash drive catalog has been updated. A broad index of Items archived at the Kenan Center is included in this Digital Catalog.

Suggested Guidelines to Help Local Chapter Historians to Do Their Jobs:

Some Chapters store their "Histories" in photo scrapbooks in which they display and label photographs, newspaper articles, cd compilations, and other documentation.

Along with this, it is helpful to catalog photographs of these items digitally on a flash drive.

Some Chapters store their "Histories" on their own Chapter Websites, accessible to all members. They may put these Chapter Histories into annual narrative or story form, or by displaying relevant documents, on this Chapter Website.

As State Historian, I personally maintain a digital catalog of documents on a USB Flash Drive. Within the digital catalog, I have various categories of file folders, in which I store photos of the state documents, which I then archive at the Atlanta History Center.

For individual questions and advice, please feel free to call me at 770/633-6565 or email me at davidludley@clayton.edu.



Color Guard - Bill Palmer

Year to Date: 120 (5 Rookies) members participating in 61 National and State events. A total of 498 Color Guard participants so far.

This Quarter's Participation: During the 4th quarter the Georgia Color Guard participated in a mural dedication, University of Phoenix Graduation, Little River Chapter Charter Banquet, Kings Mountain, Siege of Savannah, State BOM, Patriot Grave Markings, multiple Veterans Day Programs, Fort Morris, Vann's Creek, and multiple Wreaths Across America Programs.

Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell



Publicity Report Fall 2019

The fall quarter of 2019 was very active and we were well represented in the SAR magazine. We had several chapters represented and thanks to those who sent in information for the magazine or to the Hornets Nest. This writer completed a story on "Duelling in Colonial America" that covered an important topic during the formation of our country and I hope you enjoyed the article. I encourage you to write articles for the Magazine on topics that deal with the American Revolution. If you want to bounce some ideas around, give me a Call.

While at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville, researching the dueling story, we

visited the tomb area and noticed the only presence SAR had there was a very small bronze grave marker which could easily be missed. I thought we in SAR could do more to recognize this outstanding American President who was the last President to serve in the American Revolution. That gave rise to the idea of a SAR park bench, which both Georgia and Tennessee SAR have given strong support! Many thanks for your words of encouragement and financial support! The park bench will be located very close to Jackson's tomb and will draw renewed attention to Jackson's Revolutionary war service and to the SAR. It may also help our SAR membership recruitment efforts!

We are planning a large celebration and dedication of the SAR park bench on Jackson's birthday, which is Sunday March 15th at 2 pm. Color guard members and other participants will be given free admission and other visitors will be admitted at 1/2 price. SAR National President Jack Manning will be in attendance to offer welcoming comments and several other local historical and SAR officers will be on hand to give comments. We will have many SAR Color Guard members in attendance to perform, along with cannon firing and musical entertainment.

In other news, I represented the Georgia SAR, giving welcoming comments to about 300 guests and veterans at the "Wreathes Across America" program at Andersonville National Cemetery on December 14th. This solemn place has a special place in my heart as my mother took me there when I was a toddler and I've been involved in several historical projects there over the years. As an amateur archaeologist, I have assisted the National Park Service in locating the officers quarters at the prison, as well as one of the hospital sites and guard barracks. I encourage our SAR members to become involved in the "Wreathes Across America" program in your local area.

During the "Wreathes Across America" program, I met a local bugler who told me about a group he belongs to, "Buglers Across America". Put this term into Google and go to their website to request a local bugler to perform at your grave markings or other events. It's a free service we all could use.

In other activity, I spoke to two large Sunday classes on middle Georgia natural history (See saveoakywoods.com) and touched on preserving personal family history through the SAR. Another talk to the same class was "Amazing Facts about George Washington that you never Knew!" Many Veterans were present in the group and several expressed interest in joining the SAR.

As the Georgia SAR prepares to host the 2022 National SAR conference, don't forget to sign up as a volunteer! We need you to step up to make the 2022 SAR conference the best ever! Contact Allen Greenly or Mike Tomme for assignments. I am researching facts surrounding George Washington's visit to Savannah in May 1791 and hope to have a painting on his arrival into Savannah done to commemorate the event and renew local interest in both the American Revolution and our upcoming SAR conference.

Remember, "think nationally, but act locally!" If you have any noteworthy activity in your chapter, don't forget to call your local newspaper to cover it. Consider inviting a local reporter to your meetings; feed them and you'll get good coverage and help in member recruitment efforts! If my office can help you in any way, email or call me!

Medals & Awards - Wayne Brown



Since the Annual Conference in January, 2019, this committee has recommended as of this date the following medals for approval by the Executive Committee.

Number of Medals	Type of Medal
2	Daughters of Liberty Medals
6	Silver Good Citizenship Medals
1	State Meritorious Medal
1	Silver Roger Sherman Medal
9	Grave Marking Medals

Endowment Trust Fund - Scott Collins



At the October 2019 meeting of the Trustees, a request was approved for \$1,000.00 be paid to the Friends of Elijah Clark State Park to be used towards a ground penetrating radar study or similar activities related to the location of "Dooley's Fort". This matter was sent to the BOM at their October 2019 meeting and was approved. Check was disbursed on December 18, 2019.

Value & Types of Investment Instruments at End of Reporting Period

Ending Franklin Income Mutual Fund Balance	December 31, 2019	\$80,480.44
Ending Money Market Fund	December 31, 2019	\$ 4.10
Total Value		\$80,484.54

ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

JROTC Enhanced Program Chapter OC Packages deadline was Friday Dec 6, 2019. JROTC Units' OC must meet the same criteria as for the Bronze ROTC Medal, plus write an original 500 - 700 word Essay "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States."

The GASSAR OC Packages have been judged and the winner and runner-up along with all Chapter OC's are listed below. C/1LT Dodd will be recognized at the Georgia Society SAR 2020 Annual Awards Luncheon on Saturday January 25, 2020. The winner is awarded a cash award of \$550.00 while the runner-up C/Capt Crews receives a cash award of \$400.00. The GASSAR Outstanding Cadet (OC) represents the Georgia Society in the National Competition. The top five OC's in the NSSAR Contest receive cash awards with the winner receiving \$5,000.00 and up to \$1,500.00 in travel expenses to the NSSAR National Congress in Richmond, VA to receive the award from the President General.

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

1ST - Joseph Habersham Chapter – C/1LT Hannah Ireland Dodd AJROTC Stephens County High School

2ND - Altamaha Chapter - C/Capt Erika Faith Crews AFJROTC Brantley County High School

3RD - Ocmulgee Chapter – C/Maj Dalvin Christopher Woods AFJROTC Warner Robins High School

Piedmont Chapter – C/CPT Samuel Navarro AJROTC Centennial High School

Marquis de Lafayette Chapter – C/Maj Elliot J. Ewen AFJROTC Sandy Creek High School

Marshes of Glynn Chapter – C/1LT Hannah Holliman NJROTC Brunswick High School

Notes: 6 OC's Nominated – 3 were Male Cadets and 3 were Female Cadets. 2 Cadets came from Army JROTC Units; 1 Cadet from Navy; 3 Cadets from Air Force

15 Silver ROTC Medals for twelve Georgia Universities will be presented in 2020 to outstanding cadets/midshipmen selected by the ROTC Program. Medal Packages will be forwarded to ROTC Units starting in January 2020.

Patriot Graves - Sonny Pittman

Fourth Quarter, 2019, Patriot Grave Markings Held:

The Athens Chapter honored the service and sacrifice of Revolutionary War Soldiers James Barrow, Rev. Hope Hull and Charles Strong with a Patriot Grave Marker Dedication held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Oconee Hill Cemetery in Athens, Georgia.

Please submit GASSAR Graves Registry information, forms and photos to Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr., Graves Registrar, and the Patriot Graves Committee Chairman, Sonny Pittman in a timely manner.

Library - Hugh Rogers

Georgia Society memberships in the FOL as of 31 Dec 1919:

14 Chapters; 1 Georgia Society; 46 Compatriots, Spouses, Friends; 60 Total

The Library Committee would like to recognize President Scott Collins for becoming a Life Member of Friends of the Library. Thank you President Collins for achieving this goal.

At the end of the 4th Quarter, 13 of the Georgia Society's 35 chapters support FOL:

Athens Chapter Atlanta Chapter Cherokee Chapter Coweta Falls Chapter

Edward Telfair Chapter Robert Forsyth George Walton Chapter Samuel Elbert Chapter Lyman Hall Chapter Valdosta Chapter Marshes of Glynn Chapter William Few Chapter Ocmulgee Chapter and Wiregrass Chapter .

Thanks to chapter presidents and compatriots who support the Library's mission. We urge more chapters to participate. The Georgia Society still has the second largest number of Friends of the Library in the NSSAR but the Tennessee Society has pulled ahead of us with 77 members. Let's get back to our lead spot in 2020.

Membership in the Friends of the Library is available for \$25.00 annually for chapters and compatriots. Membership forms can be found on line at the NSSAR website.

Nominating Committee - Donald Burdick

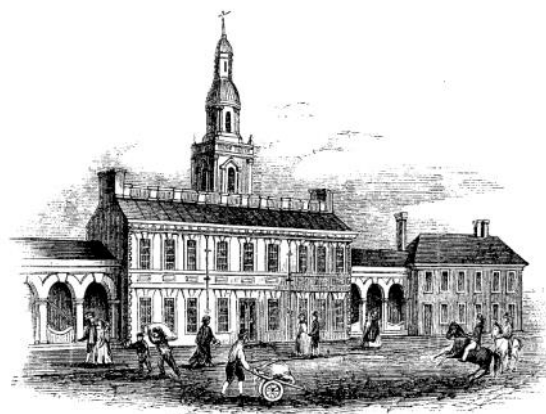


2020 Final Report of the Nominating Committee GASSAR
The GASSAR Nominating Committee endorses the following for State Office for 2020. The committee members are, Wayne Brown, Roger Coursey, Allen Greenly, Robert Moore, Tom Owen, Bobby Shaw, Dess Smith and PG Mike Tomme. I serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. I would like to thank each member for serving and voting on this slate of Officers. As Chairman, I did not vote.

President— Bill Dobbs, George Walton Chapter

Sr. Vice President— David Jessel, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter

VP Central Fall Line—John Trussell, Ocmulgee Chapter
VP East Fall Line—Sonny Pittman, William Few Chapter
VP Metro—Ron Redner, Piedmont Chapter
VP Northeast—Justin Reese, Athens Chapter
VP North Central—Sid Turner, Blue Ridge Mtns. Chapter
VP Northwest—Terry Gibbs, Capt. John Collins Chapter
VP Southeast—Robert Vinyard, Edward Telfair Chapter
VP East—Garvin Aycock, Washington Wilkes Chapter
VP Southwest—Clint Smith, Joel Early Chapter
VP West—Dan McMichael, Coweta Falls Chapter
Recording Secretary—Ed Rigel, Jr., Robert Forsyth Chapter
State Registrar North—Don Bulloch—Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
State Registrar South—Steve Hinson—Marshes of Glynn Chapter
State Secretary—John Flikeid, Robert Forsyth Chapter
State Treasurer—Shep Hammack, Mount Vernon Chapter
Chancellor—Joe Vancura, Capt. John Collins Chapter
Chaplain—D. Alan Smith, William Few Chapter (*Declined after being nominated*)
Genealogist—Paul Lester, Ed. Telfair Chapter
Editor—Emil Decker, Robert Forsyth Chapter
Historian—David Ludley, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Sergeant-at-Arms—Jack Dugger, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
BOM At Large 2023— Robert Cruthirds, Ocmulgee Chapter
BOM At Large 2023—Steven Warren, Cherokee Chapter
BOM At Large 2022—William J. Tankersley, William Few Chapter
BOM At Large 2022—Richard D'Armour Whitten, Sr., Casimir Pulaski Chapter
BOM At Large 2021—Leland Hulsey, John Collins Chapter
BOM At Large 2021—Christopher Chapman, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter



INDEPENDENCE HALL (STATE HOUSE),
PHILADELPHIA, 1774

National Trustee – *Trustees are elected at the 2020 Congress in Virginia. The candidates are: for Trustee - Scott Collins, Athens Chapter, and for Alt. Trustee - Major General Donald Burdick, Athens Chapter.*

As of December 26, 2019 deadline, the Chairman of the Executive Committee has not been notified of any nominees that wish to run from the floor against someone nominated by the Nominating Committee as shown in their report.

Since the position of Chaplain became vacant after the Nominating Committee submitted their report, then a compatriot in good standing can be nominated from the floor as late as the Annual meeting on January 25, 2020.

There has been one nomination submitted to the Executive Committee for the position of Chaplain on behalf of Compatriot Rev William "Bill" Floyd, Jr. of the Mount Vernon Chapter.



Knight Essay - Terry Gibbs

The GASSAR Knight Essay competition for the academic school year 2019-2020 ended on December 31, 2019 and judging was completed on January 4, 2020. Four Georgia Society chapters participated in the contest this academic year. Chapters submitting winning essays were: Ocmulgee Chapter, Samuel Elbert Chapter, Joseph Habersham Chapter, and Marshes of Glynn Chapter.

There were a total of ten individual essays submitted at the Georgia Society Chapter Level. Each Chapter's winning essay was submitted for judging at the Georgia Society level on December 15, 2019. Only the Essay Body and the Bibliography of each essay was provided to the judges. The Title Page and Biography Page were withheld so that each essay was judged solely on the merit

of the composition. This minimized any perception of bias. The Georgia Society winner will receive the Georgia Society Knight Essay Medal and \$550 cash scholarship award at the Youth Awards luncheon at the Georgia Society Annual Meeting on January 25, 2020. A \$400.00 cash scholarship will be awarded for the runner-up. The Georgia Society winner's essay will be entered into the National Society Contest. The winners at the National Society will be awarded \$5,000.00 for First Place, \$2,500.00 for Second Place and \$1,000.00 for Third Place.

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



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

Year End Education Committee Awards for 2019:

Chapter Education Outreach Streamer Award

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

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter – Programs to 2195 students and teachers (+12000 in two parades)
 Button Gwinnett Chapter – Programs to 2170 students and teachers

Casimir Pulaski Chapter – Programs to 4108 students and adults
 Marshes of Glynn Chapter – Programs to 5013 students, teachers, and other adults.
 Lyman Hall Chapter – Programs to 6554 students, teachers, and other adults.
 Coweta Falls Chapter – Programs to 1040 students and teachers
 Robert Forsyth Chapter – Programs to 1121 students and teachers
 Col Wm. Few Chapter – Programs to 1002 students and teachers

Best Chapter Education Outreach Award

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

Winner: Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Narrative: This Chapter performed 49 programs for 5,013 attendees with eight SAR & five DAR performers. This included 30 School Programs for 2,865 Students & Teachers and 19 Adult & Family Programs for 2,148 adults and children. The Chapter participated in both Youth Contests sponsored by the GASSAR Education Committee – the Elementary School Poster and Middle School Brochure. This compares with our 2018 results of 49 programs for 4,248 attendees and participation in both Youth Contests.

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

Dr. Lyman Hall Most Improved Chapter Education Outreach Award:

Contest Description: *This award goes to the chapter that has shown the most improvement in their GASSAR Education Outreach program during the current year from the previous year. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a recommendation at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the level of improvement from the previous year. Thus, a description of the prior year activity as well as the current year is necessary.*

Winner: Lyman Hall Chapter

Narrative: In 2019 this Chapter conducted education outreach programs for 6554 students, teachers, and other adult audiences, compared to 2018 with education outreach programs for 5422 students, teachers, and other adult audiences Awards: A certificate and a \$200 cash prize to the chapter for use in improvements in its outreach program will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner. Only ONE (1) Chapter will be recognized as THE Most Improved.

John Dooly Education Outreach Award:

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

Winner: Eldon Evans

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

John Dooly Award Narrative: Compatriot Eldon Evans in calendar year 2019 took on the responsibility to restart the Button Gwinnett Chapter Educational Outreach Traveling Trunk school program effort that had basically halted in 2017. Compatriot Eldon completed presentation training, scheduling and coordination of the Chapter's complete Traveling Trunk effort in 2019. He coordinated with schools, teachers, administrators, regarding preparation for programs. His presentation hours and travel time collectively exceeded hundreds of volunteer hours in 2019. The significant contribution of Compatriot Evans to restart the Chapter's Traveling Trunk youth education outreach program resulted in a 2019 grand total of 34 school presentations to 2170 students, teachers and attendees. This was the result of the personal educational leadership of Compatriot Eldon Evans. It is because of his outstanding educational leadership that the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR proudly submits this Compatriot for consideration.

Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award:

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

Winner: NONE SUBMITTED

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

Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award:

Contest Description: *The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the American Revolution era from 1750 to 1800, to apply for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The award is open to all teachers at the elementary, middle school or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution. While the preliminary rounds of the award program begin at the local chapter level, teachers may eventually advance to the state and national levels.*

Candidates Selected for submission to NSSAR:

1. High School Teacher

- a. Michael Thomas Miller – *Submitted by the Mill Creek Chapter*
- b. Statesboro High School

2. Middle School Teacher

- a. Joan Ergle – *Submitted by the Piedmont Chapter*
- b. Fellowship Christian School

Awards: The award winners at the High School or Middle School level will receive a professional educational opportunity at a national seminar and bring back to their classroom and students a heightened level of creativity and enthusiasm for the American Revolutionary era.



Joseph S. Rumbaugh Contest - George Wheelless

The stated purposes of the Rumbaugh Orations Contest are: (1) to bring American History to the high school student and focus on events of today, (2) to draw an intelligent relationship between the past and the present, (3) to clearly demonstrate freedom of opportunity as a basic right of our national heritage, (4) to place a positive emphasis on the plans of our founding fathers, (5) to emphasize justice under law in the free society, and (6) to illustrate how the Revolutionary War influenced our freedom of expression.

The Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Contest was held on 27 April in Barnesville, GA. There were five contestants competing at the State Level. The winner of the 2019 Georgia Society Rumbaugh Orations Contest was Mattilyn Winburn, 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 Rumbaugh Orations Contest provides \$500 to the winner and up to \$1,000 towards expenses to our National Congress) and a \$400 prize to the Runner-Up. The State Orations Medal comes out of the Orations budget.

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.



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 still 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.





Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

The Eagle Recognition committee has had another successful year. There were at least 171 Eagle Scout recognition certificates issued throughout Georgia based upon chapter annual reports to date. Many were delivered personally and often in uniform during Eagle Courts of Honor. Piedmont chapter once again issued the most certificates at 92. We had 9 chapters submit entries for our annual Eagle Scout Scholarship competition. The following chapters submitted their best candidates: Athens, Atlanta, Cherokee, Edward Telfair, John Milledge, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Piedmont and Rome. After careful scrutiny by our three judges from non-participating chapters (Chuck Olsen, Ed Rigel Jr. & Bill Coffeen) they chose Cutler Shiver sponsored by the Athens chapter as our 2019 GASSAR winner and Garrett Stigall, sponsored by the Edward Telfair chapter, as runner-up. Cutler Shiver will be recognized with a \$500

scholarship check and trophy at our Georgia Society's annual chapter and youth awards luncheon on January 25. His application will be forwarded to National to be judged in the NSSAR competition. Our Georgia Society runner-up will receive a scholarship check for \$400 from our committee. I personally applaud all those who participated. The State level competition continues to be fierce. National scholarship awards for 2019 will be \$10,000 for 1st, \$6,000 for 2nd and \$4,000 for 3rd. We'll keep the Georgia Society apprised of those results.

We had no chapter submissions for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. This award is given to a compatriot who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to scouting over the years.

We had a successful year, but we can do better. There are 10 Boy Scout Councils serving the needs of young men throughout Georgia. The Georgia Society SAR has 35 chapters covering most of the state. We have 26 chapters (74%) that have formal Eagle Scout recognition programs with chairmen serving. This includes our newest chapter, Little River. Way to go Bill Tankersley! I want to especially thank all those at the chapter level who support these recognition programs. I've personally seen the positive impact that our recognition programs play in the lives of these young men. It takes time to develop a working relationship with BSA Council/District volunteer and professional Scouters, but the results can be very gratifying.

Our committee encourages all chapters to participate in this recognition program and we'll provide support and direction to help you start and grow.



Membership Directory - Mark Anthony

Progress Statistics

As of 31 December 2019: A total of 6,995 men have had a membership number issued to them (*note: 101 state membership numbers were never issued or cancelled prior to September 1988 and 3 compatriots have had 2 numbers issued to them*). The first 1,128 compatriots have been reviewed and indexed (16.13%) – this represents all members approved prior to 13 March 1972 which includes all applications available online through digital images on Ancestry.com. A total of 316 compatriot names are missing (4.52%) the remaining 5,548 compatriot names have been entered (79.31%)

Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter:

95.48% of the total membership since 1921 has been identified and entered into the database.

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:

Identify additional committee members and brief them on review process. Review at least an additional 1,200 application papers during the 2020 Spring Leadership – this would mean all applications through 31 October 1991 (33.3% of total membership) will have been reviewed and 72 of the 316 missing names identified.



Flag Respect - Paul Prescott

I am pleased to announce that the Georgia Society SAR will again receive the ADM William Furlong Award for 2019 at the NSSAR annual meeting. There were 24 chapters presenting Flag Certificates. A total of 173 Flag Certificates were presented by GASSAR. One chapter, and I will let them be announced at the GASSAR annual meeting, set a new GASSAR record with the presentation of 70 Flag Certificates.

There were only 5 chapters that presented a Flag Retirement Certificate. Therefore, we will not qualify for this award since 50% of the chapters are required to present a Flag Retirement Certificate to qualify. However, for the first year of the contest, I think that we did quite well. Likely candidates are the Boy Scouts, American Legion, SAR Chapters, etc.

Getting a head start on 2020, I will have Flag Certificates, Flag Retirement Certificates, and presentation folders at the sign-in desk at the GASSAR annual meeting.

Thanks for all of your work in presenting certificates honoring our great flag.



Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.

At its July meeting the GA SAR approved the concept of submitting to the NSSAR Annual Congress a National Bylaw Amendment proposal that would prevent frivolous and repeatedly proposed and defeated amendments to the National Bylaws. I have worked closely with the Chairman of the National Bylaws Committee to formulate a bylaws amendment proposal for presentation to Congress in July 2020. The proposal was approved by the GA SAR BOM at the October meeting and forwarded to the NSSAR Secretary General, National Executive Director, and National Bylaws Committee and confirmation of receipt was received.

Source Book - Ed Rigel Sr.

4th Quarter Activity:

Following is a list of Source Book sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 4th Quarter 2019:

04 6 1 Chapters and Regions Oct 2019
 16 0 4F Patriot Medal Recommendation Form
 23 5 3 Roster of Georgia Fellows 2019-09-30
 27 5 1 SAR Brochure Contest Sample Brochure 2019-2020
 27 5 0 SAR Brochure Contest Rules at a Glance + Panels 2019-2020
 27 4 0 GASSAR Poster Contest Rules 2019-2020
 27 4 1 Entry Form for Back of Poster

The following changes were submitted in 2019 but not entered until Jan 2020:

17 13 Education Committee Contests and Awards 12-19-2019
 17 11F PG Westlake Communications Award Form
 17 01 2019 Georgia Americanism Addendum

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.



Chancellor - Joseph Vancura, Jr.

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

Implemented the NSSAR Chancellor's Information Exchange google group.
 Answered miscellaneous house-keeping questions.



2022 Congress - Allen Greenly

Committee Objectives:

The objectives of the 2022 Congress Planning Committee are to coordinate the planning and execution of the 2022 National SAR Congress to be held in Savannah, GA from July 8, 2022 to July 15, 2022. The committee is responsible for the following functions:

1. Credentials – verify the credentials of all delegates
2. Registration – verify the registration of all Congress participants
3. Congress Bags and gifts – purchase and distribute a Congress bag to all Congress participants
4. VIP Protocol, PG and First Ladies Gifts (Incoming and Outgoing)
5. Decorations and Flowers
6. Music and Entertainment
7. Publicity
8. Website Coordination
9. Day Captains – helping Congress attendees with directions to meetings, events, etc.
10. Bus Captains for off-site events
11. Tours – there will be a minimum of 2 tours, one long tour (whole day) and one or more short tours (1/2 day)

The Georgia Society, through the 2022 Congress Planning Committee is responsible for underwriting the cost of the following:

Volunteer Dinner – expect approximately 100 attendees

Host Reception – expect 500 – 600 attendees

Publicity

Congress Bags and Gifts (National will supplement a portion of the this cost on a per bag basis - \$7.50/bag)

(Cont.)

Decorations and Flowers
 PG and First Ladies (Incoming and Outgoing) gifts
 Other misc. expenses
 Congress Volunteer shirts

Website Information:

The 2022 Congress website will be a part of the GASSAR website. This site is now under construction.

Background Statistics:

We expect this to be a well-attended Congress. There are several factors that will contribute to the attendance.

The city of Savannah – will make a great event area with lots of things for the attendees to do before and after the Congress. Proximity to the states with the largest SAR memberships, GA, SC, NC, VA, MD, DE, NJ, FL AL, MS, TN, KY all are in driving range. One of the tours will include 5 Patriot Grave Markings – good for those attendees from states that do not have any Patriot graves.

We will have a better idea of attendance after the Richmond, VA Congress this July.

Budget Data

The Committee has not completed a final budget. The costs will be covered by the following fund raising efforts.

\$5.00 per member dues increase for 4 years, 2019 – 2022. If the Society maintains 2,000 members average, this will fund approximately \$40,000
 Corporate Sponsorships – Target is \$20,000
 Sale of Congress medals – Target is \$25,000
 Raffles – Target is \$10,000

Funding to date:

2018 dues	\$8,440
2019 New Memberships	\$1,345
2019 dues (to date) \$8,115	
Medal Sales	\$5,388
Total	\$23,288
Medal Costs	\$ 9,358
Funds Available	\$13,930

Highlights of the Recent Quarter:

Over the past quarter, the committee has filled the Subcommittee chairman of all the committees with the exception of Communications/Transportation.

The committee has approved the all day tour. This tour will leave from the hotel and travel by bus to Ft. Morris. At Ft. Morris, it is planned that the “Come and Take It” reenactment will take place. We are also working on musket and cannon firing. The busses will then take the participants to Midway Church where there will be a tour of the church and museum. The participants will be served a box lunch. After lunch, they will go across the street where they will participate in 5 Patriot grave markings. We are also working on a monument with a plaque for the approximately 125 Patriot soldiers buried in the cemetery, most in unmarked graves.

The Committee has also been working on the website.

Plans for the next Quarter:

Launch the 2022 Congress website
 Identify items to be purchased and/or gifted which the committee can raffle to raise funds
 Begin to flush out a budget.

[Georgia Fellows Board Chair - Edward P. Rigel, Jr](#)

Fund Balance: \$ 10,307.99 as of 31 December 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.

Fourth Quarter Fund Activity:

Paul Prescott donated \$800 that he received as a discount for purchasing merchandise from National.

An election was held to fill the Board seat currently held by Allen Greenly, whose term expires at the end of the 2017-2019 term. William J. “Bill” Tankersley of the Little River Chapter was



elected and will serve for the 2020-2022 term. The Chairman wishes to offer his deep appreciation to Compatriot Greenly for his service to the Board.



DAR Liaison - Shep Hammack

ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

National SAR

The State of Georgia had 114 DAR Finder Forms submitted during 2019. This was an increase of 17 over 2018 which was stood at 97. Let me commend all Georgia chapters for a "job well done". This put the Georgia DAR in 2nd place to only Texas in this competition. Remember; be sure to submit a DAR Referral Form if you are assisted in any manner by a DAR member in the recruitment of new SAR members.

The National DAR Liaison committee continues to promote the expansion of the Georgia DAR

Referral Award program to other states.

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

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

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

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

Liaison with Georgia DAR Society

A BIG Thank You needs to go out to all the DAR Ladies who assisted in forming our latest chapter in Thompson, the Little River Chapter.

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

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

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

Compatriot Shep Hammack attended the Martha Stewart Bulloch Christmas party on Dec 8th.

Compatriot Bob Sapp continues to work with DAR Chapters to help establish a new SAR Chapter in Winder.

Compatriot Carter Wood worked with four different DAR chapters giving Traveling Trunk and other presentation to schools, 21 in total.

Lyman Hall presented a Martha Washington Medal and Cert to Penny Walker, Regent Col. Wm. Candler Chapter at the joint DAR/SAR Christmas luncheon

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

Plans For the Next Quarter

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

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

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

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

Currently we have several visits to DAR chapters scheduled.



Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey

The Patriot Committee would like to thank those who submitted nominations for the Patriot Medal for 2019. The Committee has made its selections and the results will be revealed at the Annual Banquet on Friday night. A full report of the results will be submitted after the Annual Meeting has concluded.



IT - Richard Marsh

The website continues to have little to no input from officers, committee chairs and chapters resulting in pages having no or outdated information. Most of the Committees still have submitted no content and therefore have no page on the site while other pages remain several years out of date. 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.

The core website to support the upcoming 2022 NSSAR Congress being held in Savannah, GA has been completed and currently awaits final input from the Congress Committee and testing of the e-commerce functions. This section will provide attendees with information regarding the Congress, lodging and the Savannah area at large. Also, an e-commerce page is being developed to allow online sales of GASSAR and Congress items such as medals and lapel pins.

Editor - Emil Decker

Suggestions for the coming year:

Send submissions. Send them early as opposed to late. Send "Special Interest" articles. Did I mention submitting?

Send lots of info and photos (I would prefer to have to pick among the masses, as opposed to having nothing to use.)

Someone takes photos at most events. Can't take them yourself because you are participating? Give someone who is photographing the event your phone/e-mail address. Many are happy to share their photos.

Send the best quality photo you can. Sometimes the photo is simply not usable, even after I "shop" it. (that is why I ask for more images to choose from)

Send it sooner. This helps you from forgetting, and gives me more time to fiddle with it to get the best fit for the newsletter.

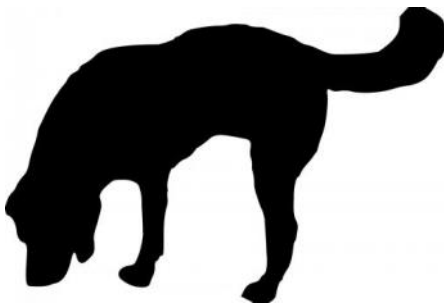
If you have noticed, I like the "hidden story" behind many of the photos or event submissions I receive. If there is a nugget there, I will try to dig it out. If you see one, point it out.

Submissions are sorted and used in various categories such as National & State Events, DAR & C.A.R., Chapter News, and Committee Reports. I try to use submissions across all of these, generally in a priority as indicated. More submissions mean possibly more coverage for your chapter throughout the newsletter. When I get one, or none.... well, that is why many chapters are not properly represented.

Regional Vice Presidents can assist by encouraging their regional chapters to submit. (I know of one VP who made me aware of a chapter's activities, and a good article was never written due to the chapter never responding to an inquiry for more data.)

Committee Reports are always last-minute items. When at all conceivable, write and submit as early as possible. I edit for the newsletter, and as such not all the report may appear. Super late reports more than likely won't appear at all.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Editor. I hope you have enjoyed my efforts, and together we will continue to document the activities of our great state's Society and Chapters.



Cadaver Sniffing Dogs?

A dog recently discovered body parts of a person from 670 AD in the middle of an oyster bed. Really? There are 483 compounds that make up human scent and the dogs' job is to provide a possible area of where human remains could conceivably be present. They actually can smell human remains, from long ago.

What does this mean for the SAR? No one knows exactly how many graves are in the Ansley Family Cemetery on Rock House Road, where we recently held a grave marking ceremony for Thomas Ansley. The dogs locate possible sites, where ground penetrating radar can then be used to determine if a grave had indeed been dug in that location. Dogs were instrumental in locating bodies at War Hill, the Kettle Creek battle site, and now at Ansley Cemetery.

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