

Newsletter of The Georgia Society



Sons of the American Revolution

The
Hornet's Nest



January 2020

Special Annual Conference Edition



The President's Farewell

The month of January 2020 was a blur. I thought the Georgia Society SAR state Presidency would just slowly wind down but that was not the case. The month started with presenting a program and installing officers at the Robert Forysth Chapter in Cumming, then to the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter in Peachtree City, then the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter in Young Harris, and finally the Captain John Collins Chapter in Marietta. I also attended the Lyman Hall Chapter meeting in Gainesville where the current President General and his predecessor was in attendance.

In addition to the above in the last three weeks I had meetings with Compatriot Bill Dobbs to work on the transition and with Compatriot Jay Guest to work on the details of the Kettle Creek events. I made time to go up to Royston

SAR Pledge

"We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

to present a traveling trunk program to 39 home schooled children and the Royston Public Library and setup a display on the Revolutionary Battles in Georgia. All while trying to get my accounting practice ready for tax season.

On one of the weekends I went up to Spartanburg, South Carolina to participate in the General Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony and ended up commanding the Color Guard at that event. The next day was the Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens which is a National Event. As the Adjutant of the National SAR Color Guard I was again in command of the Color Guard. At both of these events we had a large number of the Georgia Color Guard members in attendance and the majority of the flags carried were brought to the event by the Georgia Color Guard Commander, Compatriot Bill Palmer. *Continued on page 2*



The President's Inaugural Address

Compatriots, Greetings to You All!

I am very honored to have your trust and support to lead our Georgia Society through the year 2020.

My Father practiced Optometry for 64 years, so the number 2020 has had a significant meaning for my entire life. The two of us joined the SAR in 1996, and we had the honor to be inducted into the George Walton Chapter by the late President General James Westlake.

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

The President's Farewell (Cont.)

Again, many thanks to the Georgia members that supported me at these and other events.

Then it was finally time to head to Duluth, Georgia for the annual meeting and Winter Board of Managers meeting. But, before that could start there was the South Atlantic District (SAD) meeting to be held at the same location on Friday afternoon. The meeting was chaired by our own Compatriot Allen Greenly who is the South Atlantic Regional Vice President. The four states in this region (GA, SC, NC, and FL) all had representatives at the SAD meeting.

During all of this activity I was eternally grateful for the work of Compatriot Wayne Brown for all of the time and effort he put into the annual conference as chair of the Annual Conference Committee. All I had to do was to design and print the programs, get the scripts ready and run the Member Awards Banquet, Winter Board of Managers meeting, Annual Meeting, and the Chapter & Youth Awards Banquet. One meeting that I did not have to be responsible for was the Memorial Service which was handled by state Chaplain Compatriot D. Alan Smith. All of the other conference details was handled admirably by Compatriot Brown and his excellent helpers.

All of these events had a number of people who work behind the scenes to make them function as they do. Some of these are our wonderful Ladies and others are Compatriots who are always there to make sure the job is done, registration is handled, and the Color Guard is there when needed, etc. If I make a list of all of these individuals I will surely leave someone off but I do need to express my heartfelt thanks to and for each of you being there and caring for this organization.

After the final luncheon was over I was pleased to turn over the Georgia Society SAR Charter with the display stand and the two banners to our newly installed President Compatriot William Dobbs. Many thanks to President General Jack Manning for handling the installation ceremony. Having placed the Past President's pin on my personal neck ribbon I enjoyed the ride back to Athens.

When I went out latter to move the car and unload the vehicle it had other ideas. Once the key was turned nothing happened – it was dead as a door nail. Trying to look on the bright side it at least decided to die at home and not while Beth and I had been running all over the country side.

So my turn as President of the Georgia Society SAR is over and while there has been stressful Board of Managers meetings for the most part the members of this Society worked together, sometimes disagreeing with one another, but in the end we followed the processes set forth in our Bylaws and moved forward for the good of our society.

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The President's Inaugural Address (Cont.)

Since becoming a member of the SAR, I have had the opportunity to attend 22 years of Board of Managers meetings as either a Member-at-Large or Chapter President. I have been both amazed and proud of our Georgia Society at each July BOM. The July BOM is when our leadership has just returned from the Annual Congress and begins telling the membership just how well Georgia did at the Congress. Although much smaller in population than the heavyweight States of Texas, Florida, New York, California, and Illinois, we have always held our own. Listening to the many awards received by our State, Chapters, and individual members makes one very proud of our Georgia Society. Remember, you do not have to be a voting member of the Board of Managers to attend one of the quarterly meetings. I invite you to join us at a BOM. You will get a good overview of our activities around the State and Region.

I never expected to be a part of the State Leadership, but here I am. This past July, I attended my first National Congress in Costa Mesa, California. Once again, Georgia did very well. I thought that the presenters were going to wear President Collins out calling him to the podium so frequently to accept the many awards that you Gentlemen work so hard for during the year. The Georgia Society is well respected at National thanks to your efforts!

We should not rest on our laurels. The Georgia Society needs to remain proactive, and we need to continue to grow our Society. For years, we have been on the verge of breaking the 2,000-member mark. This year, we did! However, our natural attrition combined with drops and late dues will result in our Society dropping below the 2,000 mark. Later this quarter, when reinstatements are in, we should be perilously close to the 2,000 mark, and with the number of new member applications outstanding, we should gain enough membership during 2020 to remain over 2000 members going into 2021. Achieving 2,000 members is certainly a milestone but is just a stop on our way to 3,000 members, which is totally achievable. Let us make sure that we do everything possible to keep our CAR active and growing. Our children are our future members and leaders.

A year is often not long enough to introduce and implement policies or ideas. President Collins has discussed moving our National, State, and Chapter dues date from late December to November 1st. Notices would go out in September. The move should greatly reduce our drops and annual reinstatements, and it should allow our State Secretary and the Secretaries of many Chapters to enjoy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's with their families. This change would certainly be new to Georgia, but many Societies, such as Texas, have been very successful by collecting dues earlier in the year.

All over this country, the SAR realizes that the DAR is responsible for much of our growth. Our Georgia Society currently has a yearly award for the DAR Chapter that provides us with the most candidates as well as candidates that do become members in the SAR. I will be working with our Society's DAR Liaison on introducing an additional opportunity to increase our Chapter participation with our DAR counterparts. Let us all look for ways to work closer with our DAR.

Within the Georgia Society, I would like for us to strengthen our relationship with the Ladies Auxiliary. I will be the first to raise my hand and admit fault. For 24 years, my wife has been assisting me with reports, getting ready for Chapter meetings, making Chapter wreaths, and much more. She has been in the Auxiliary, and I never acknowledged it. Gentlemen, if your wife is not currently a member of our Ladies Auxiliary, please consider honoring her service to you as well as to your Chapter by presenting her a lifetime membership. Joining the Ladies Auxiliary does not commit her to additional work over what she is most likely doing now. Chapter Presidents, if there are ladies regularly helping with setting up rooms or acting as liaisons with their DAR Groups, please consider presenting them with lifetime memberships to recognize their service. My Chapter has a member who can no longer see well enough to drive. His charming wife drives him to meetings. This is just another way of saying thank you to them for supporting your participation in the SAR. A one-time fee of \$25.00 provides a life membership in our Georgia Society's Ladies Auxiliary.

There was a Memorial Service held at our Annual Meeting to honor our Georgia Compatriots who passed away since the 2019 Annual Meeting. Gentlemen, the Georgia Society lost over 40 of our friends, mentors, and Compatriots during the past 12 months. They will be missed. The service was conducted by Chaplain D. Alan Smith, President of the William Few Chapter. Alan struck a chord with me when he touched on our Compatriots who no longer have the physical ability to attend Chapter meetings. Alan stressed that we should honor our friends who are in Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or just shut in their homes by visiting them and just spending quality time to update them on the Chapter and State activities. When I returned home from the Annual Meeting, I called one of our Chapter members and former Chapter Presidents. He was sleeping, but I was able to speak with his wife for 46 minutes. She is a DAR member and had relatives at Kings Mountain. I realized when I hung up that she may also have needed someone to converse with, and I had a warm feeling that I had done a good thing. Just as we close with "let us remember our obligations to our forefathers," let us also remember our obligations to our Compatriots who can no longer get out and about

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Georgia Presidents, current and Past, with President Generals attending the 2020 Annual Conference.



The President's Inaugural Address (Cont.)

And also to those many Veterans who served their country faithfully but who now may be feeling lonesome and forgotten.

There are many, many awards that Chapters and States can qualify for on the National level. There are two particular awards that I consider to be "low hanging fruit" that are totally obtainable and of which, we as a Society, should take advantage. That fruit is Friends of the Library memberships and Flag Certificate presentations.

With 77 Library memberships, the Tennessee Society has passed Georgia for the second straight year. We should and can do better. Each of our Chapters should have a Library membership, and we should consider a personal or family membership. Chapters should also consider awarding memberships to local Librarians as well as local History teachers. Library memberships also make great presents. With your help, the Georgia Society can take that award back.

As for Flag Certificates, we currently have 35 Chapters in our Georgia Society. Only 24 of our Chapters made Flag presentations last year. Remember, it only takes one! This is a category in which we should improve. Let us do that for the 2021 Annual Congress. Also, we now have Flag Retirement Certificates. This past year, 5 of our Chapters awarded certificates. Word is now out on the availability of these certificates, and I am sure our Chapter participation will strengthen significantly.

Again, I thank you all for your patriotism, kindness, and support to the Sons of the American Revolution and your faith in me to take the helm for 2020. I promise, with great assistance from my family, to direct my efforts in giving this tremendous and unexpected opportunity my very best.

Bill Dobbs

**President
Georgia Society**



The President's Farewell (Cont.)

The Georgia Society should be proud of all of the efforts of its members as was shown in both the Member Awards Banquet and the Chapter & Youth Awards Banquet. The Georgia Society has excellent Compatriots who strongly exemplify the words of the SAR Pledge and the SAR Recessional.

Much of my time after turning over the state President's position has been dealing with the Kettle Creek weekend which is the Georgia Society's SAR only national event. Those programs have just come off of the printer and I look forward to making sure that President Dobbs' first major event will come off as smoothly as possible.

I wish to express my thanks to the officers, committee chairs, regional vice presidents and other members of the staff for the work that they did over this past year. I will give my full support to President Dobbs and his staff during the upcoming year. I was not able to accomplish all of the items that I set out in my opening remarks after my installation but many of them were done and the others are in various stages of completion which hopefully will continue into President Dobbs' year.

Again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity and I look forward to my continuing involvement with the Georgia Society SAR, the National Society SAR, and with the Color Guard.

Scott Collins

President Georgia Society, (2019)

Registration & Education Programs



Registration, manned by Piedmont Chapter members. Next to Registration, the Ladies Auxiliary offered a fine basket of spirit warming items as a fund raising raffle.



Members of the Virginia Society were present to offer Conference goers an opportunity to sign up for the 2020 Congress, to be held in Richmond, Virginia in July.



Sue Verhoef from the Atlanta History Center, and Christopher Davidson from the Georgia Archives shared information about their respective institutions and what they can offer to the SAR.



Member Awards Banquet



After the Award Winning Georgia Society Color Guard under the leadership of Commander Bill Palmer Posted the Colors, President Scott Collins welcomed everyone to enjoy their meal and fellowship with their fellow Compatriots, spouses and guests.







Greetings were offered by 2019 - 2020 President General John T. Manning (New Hampshire SAR), and Treasurer General C. Bruce Pickette (Alabama SAR)

Greetings were also offered by President General (2016-2017) J. Michael Tomme, and President General (2018-2019) Warren M. Alter.



Following the Presidents General, were Allen Greenly, Vice President, South Atlantic District, and Melodye Brown, Georgia State Regent, DAR



Individual Medals Awarded



*Left: Martha Washington Medal
Melodye G. Brown, State Regent, Georgia Society NSDAR*



*Right: Daughters of Liberty Medal
Elizabeth "Beth" J. Collins*



*Left: SAR Medal of Appreciation
The GA Society Ladies Auxiliary:
Malone Moore—President
Nancy Burdick—1st Vice President (OLC) (Absent)
Montez Hammack—2nd Vice President (OLC)
Linda Reese—Secretary (Medal) (OLC)
Donna Loudermilk—Treasurer (Medal) (OLC) (Absent)
Linda Reed—Chaplain (OLC)
Joan Rigel—Hospitality (OLC)
Leslie Watkins—Parliamentarian (OLC) (Absent)*

Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer recognized three members for their extensive service to the Georgia Color Guard. George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, and Paul Prescott received certificates for attending 686, 391, and 562 events, respectively. [and that didn't even count this event where they attended to get their certificates... Ed.]





Eldon Evans was recognized as the Color Guardsman of the year. He received a certificate and a black feather cockade.



Patriot Grave Marking Medals

- Scott Collins -- Medal & 3 OLC*
- Eldon Evans – OLC*
- Billy Galt – Medal*
- Jay Guest -- OLC*
- Sonny Pittman – Medal*
- Don Thomas __ OLC (Absent)*





PG Robert B. Vance, Sr. Membership Trophy

*Dess Smith with 37 New Members
Wiregrass Chapter*

(Accepting for Dess Smith (absent), Sonny Pittman and Steve Burke)



Silver Roger Sherman Medals

- Ronald L. Beale ???(Absent)*
- William B. Dobbs II*
- Jack P. Dugger*
- Richard P. Marsh (Absent)*
- Virgil Wirick Palmer (Absent)*
- Cleonard George Otis "Sonny" Pittman, Jr (Absent)*
- Justin M. Reese, III*
- Ed Rigel, Jr*
- William J. Tankersley (Absent)*

Silver Roger Sherman Medals OLC

- William R. Coffeen (Absent)*
- Robert A. Vinyard (Absent)*



**Silver Good
Citizenship Medal**

- Dorothy "Dee" Camerio*
- Hugh I. Rodgers*
- Wayne C. Cartledge*





Meritorious Service Medal

Homer S. "Chip" Durden



Distinguished Service Medal

William "Bill" Harrison Palmer



Lydia Darragh Medal

Elizabeth "Beth" J. Collins

Patriot Medal

The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a State Society to an individual. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award.

State societies with over 1000 members may present one medal for each 500 members each calendar year. Georgia awarded four Patriot Medals.

Below: Georgia Society custom is for all former winners to line up, and new recipients of the Medal walk the line to receive congratulations from their peers.





Patriot Medal
Steven Earl Burke
Wiregrass Chapter



Patriot Medal
Joseph Daniel McMichael
Coweta Falls Chapter





Patriot Medal

*Cleonard George Otis "Sonny" Pittman, Jr
Colonel William Few Chapter*



General Douglas MacArthur's image is on the Patriot Medal.

Patriot Medal

*Edward Paul Rigel, Jr
Robert Forsyth Chapter*





Memorial Service



Centennial Ballroom is filled to overflowing by Compatriots and guest on Saturday morning for the Memorial Service.

State Chaplain D. Alan Smith officiates at the memorial service.

The service's purpose is to recognize, honor, and memorialize those members of the Georgia Society who have passed away during the previous year.





As each deceased Compatriot's name and Chapter are read by Secretary John Flikeid, the bell is rung one time. It rang 42 times this year.



This service is also the time when the Chaplain of the Year is recognized. This year's winner was Richard Hoibraten of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.

D. Alan Smith is stepping down as State Chaplain. Thank you for your service to the Georgia Society Alan.





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

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
James Stewart THOMASON	190266	Marshes of Glynn	04 Jan 2019
Douglas Theodore STEPHENS	171309	Atlanta	21 Jan 2019
Donald Paul EAST	150408	Ocmulgee	05 Feb 2019
Lawrence Robert BENNETT, Jr.	138528	Altamaha	10 Feb 2019
Robert "Bob" Durham McCLESKEY	153579	Mount Vernon	13 Feb 2019
Edgar Black STERRETT, Jr.	138697	Button Gwinnett	16 Feb 2019
Charles Currence PARKER	110560	Rome	11 Mar 2019
James Hugh PARKS III	154707	John Collins	11 Mar 2019
Robert Howard CLAXTON	157854	Casimir Pulaski	13 Mar 2019
Fred DELOACH Jr.	162305	Valdosta	23 Mar 2019
Thomas Talmage SKELTON	160038	Joseph Habersham	02 Apr 2019
Frederick MacGregor CAMPBELL Jr	161967	Edward Telfair	04 Apr 2019
Gary Randall SMITH,	192909	Atlanta	16 Apr 2019
Scott Askew RAY	96686	Piedmont	04 May 2019
Rex L ABERNATHY,	176677	Rome	08 May 2019
Jeff Davis THOMAS, Jr.	211261	Edward Telfair	13 May 2019
Martin Luther BRIDGES,	179256	Wiregrass	27 May 2019
Leman Lewis HUTCHINSON, Sr.	184571	Marshes of Glynn	20 Jun 2019
Donald Glen MERRITT	147660	Piedmont	21 Jun 2019
Robert Martin WYLIE	172343	Marquis de Lafayette	29 Jun 2019
Charles Tait RATCLIFFE	127746	Marshes of Glynn	09 Jul 2019
Ernest Deurell KEY, Jr.	86469	Atlanta	11 Jul 2019
Edgar Monroe BURKETT,	190729	Edward Telfair	16 Jul 2019
Lytton Glynn ACREE, III	154992	Piedmont	16 Jul 2019
Richard Allen LENHART	170411	Ocmulgee	01 Aug 2019
Augustus Baldwin DUDLEY, Jr.	71126	Coweta Falls	11 Aug 2019
Peter Ashton LYON	111354	Atlanta	05 Sep 2019
Marshall Pemberton ALEXANDER	201450	Mount Vernon	20 Sep 2019
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



Left: Famous persons remain after the Memorial Service for the next session, the BOM meeting.

Right: Former Pres. Gen., current Pres. Gen., and Tres. Gen. NSSAR attended the BOM and gave greetings.



Left: PG John T. Manning receives donation check, and informed the attendees that he would apply it towards the Liberty Tree Fund.

Right: J. Michael Tomme brought news of the website updates.

Below: Treasurer General C. Bruce Pickette brings greetings to the crowd.





Above: Americanism Committee Chairman, Gary Page addressed the needs and value of keeping good records for Chapters and timely submissions with regard to the Americanism Report.



Above: Virgil Wirick Palmer received his Silver Roger Sherman medal from the previous night.

Below: Information was shared about changes to the 8th grade Georgia curriculum regarding removal of several items the SAR should object to. Investigation and correspondence with your local state representatives was encouraged.



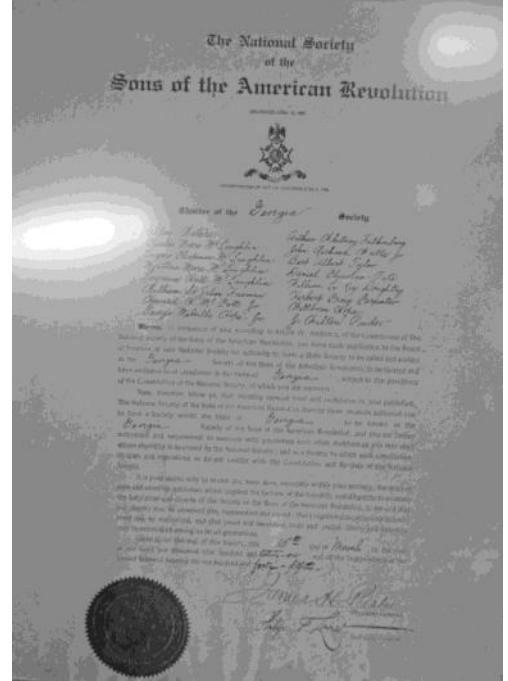
Below: Ocmulgee Chapter member, Bill Fuqua was presented with his new Brown Bess musket. Members of the Robert Forsyth Chapter gathered around Bill to make the transfer. Bill bought the winning ticket from a fund raiser held by the Robert Forsyth Chapter. This is the third raffie of its kind for the chapter.



Chapter & Youth Awards Banquet



Above: Proof that even Jay Guest cleans up nice.



Right: The date on the Georgia Society Charter, is March 15, 1921

Right: A table full of streamers and awards are set up prior to the Chapter and Youth Awards Program.

Below: Dr. Ed Rigel Sr. awaits the start of the program as well.









Youth Awards



*Above: SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation
David Jimenez, President of the Georgia Society C.A.R.*



*Above: SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation
Catherine Collingwood Jimenez State Senior Leader,
Georgia Society C.A.R.*



Left: Eagle Scout Award

Cutler Shiver

The winner of the 2019 Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest receives a \$550 cash award and a trophy. The winner is also entered in the National Society's Eagle Scout competition.

Right & Below: **JROTC Award--Outstanding Cadet**

Hannah Ireland Dodd

The winner will receive a check for \$550 and a medal. In addition, winner is entered in the National Society competition.



Above & Left: **Knight Essay Contest**

Stephanie Pierson

The winner will receive a \$550 cash prize and a certificate. In addition, the winner is entered in the National Society Knight Essay competition.

Chapter Awards



Left: Americanism Committee Awards

*The chapter with the most Americanism points:
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter - 17,632 points*

*The chapter with the most President General points:
Athens Chapter - 12,562 points*

*Right: Americanism Chapters of Excellence
(5,000 points+)*

- Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter*
- Button Gwinnett Chapter*
- Casimir Pulaski Chapter*
- Lyman Hall Chapter*
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter*
- Piedmont Chapter*
- Robert Forsyth Chapter*
- Wiregrass Chapter*



Left: Americanism Chapters of Distinction:

- Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter*
- George Walton Chapter*
- Joel Early Chapter*
- Joseph Habersham Chapter*
- Lyman Hall Chapter*
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter*
- Ocmulgee Chapter*
- Piedmont Chapter*
- Robert Forsyth Chapter*
- Wiregrass Chapter*

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

- Athens Chapter*
- Atlanta Chapter*
- Button Gwinnett Chapter*
- Lyman Hall Chapter*
- Piedmont Chapter*



Left: President General Chapter of Distinction

- Athens Chapter*
- Blue Ridge Mtns. Chapter*
- Edward Telfair Chapter*
- Fall Line Chapter*
- Capt. John Collins Chapter*
- Lyman Hall Chapter*
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter*
- Ocmulgee Chapter*

Right: Education Outreach Streamer and Certificate

- Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter – Programs to 2195 students and teachers*
- 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 William Few Chapter – Programs to 1002 students and teachers*

These 8 chapters, combined, made presentations to 23,203 students and adults during 2019.





Left: Best Education Outreach Program Award

Marshes of Glynn Chapter

This award goes to the chapter with the best overall youth and adult education out-reach program in the calendar year. They will receive a Certificate and a check for \$200.

Right: Dr. Lyman Hall Most Improved Chapter Education Outreach Award

Lyman Hall Chapter

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. A certificate and a \$200 cash prize is awarded.



Left: John Dooly Education Outreach Award

Eldon Evans

The John Dooly Education Outreach Award was initiated to recognize an SAR member that has made significant contributions to education outreach as it relates to the American Revolution in conjunction with the goals and objectives of the SAR.

This year's winner is a member of our Button Gwinnett Chapter who nominated him for this award. He will receive a check for \$200, a plague, and a Certificate.





Left: *Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award*

Candidates Selected for submission to NSSAR:

- 1. High School Teacher:**
Michael Thomas Miller of Statesboro High School
 – Submitted by the Mill Creek Chapter
- 2. Middle School Teacher:**
Joan Ergle of Fellowship Christian School
 – Submitted by the Piedmont Chapter

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.

Right: Flag Certificate Award

Joseph Habersham Chapter

They presented 70 Flag Certificates and set a new Georgia SAR record!

Below: Distinguished Chapter

This award is presented to chapters who respond affirmatively in at least 9 of the 10 programs in the contest year. The award is presented to a chapter for meeting the goals and objectives of the Georgia Society in such programs as membership recruitment and retention, chapter reporting, Flag respect, BOM attendance, scheduling regular meetings, community involvement, and youth program activity. This year's winners are:

- Athens*
- Atlanta*
- Blue Ridge Mountains*
- Brier Creek*
- Button Gwinnett*
- Captain John Collins*
- Casimir Pulaski*
- Cherokee*
- Col William Few*
- Edward Telfair*
- Fall Line*
- George Walton*
- Joseph Habersham*
- Lyman Hall*
- Marquis de Lafayette*

- Marshes of Glynn*
- Ocmulgee*
- Piedmont*
- Robert Forsyth*
- Wiregrass*





Above: **Red C.A.R. Liaison Streamer Award**

Ocmulgee Chapter
 Button Gwinnett Chapter
 Coweta Falls Chapter

Right: **C.A.R. Distinguished Liaison Award**

Ocmulgee Chapter

They receive a certificate and a check for \$100.



Below: **Membership Committee Awards**

Any chapter with more than 10 members must have a 90% renewal of its membership and submit its yearly dues to the Society Secretary by the deadline. Qualifying chapters will be recognized with a Membership Award Streamer.”

- Altamaha
- Athens
- Atlanta
- Blue Ridge Mtns
- Button Gwinnett
- Casimir Pulaski
- Cherokee
- Coweta Falls
- Dalton
- Edward Telfair
- Four Rivers Patriots
- George Walton
- Joel Early
- John Collins
- John Milledge
- Jos. Habersham
- LaGrange
- Little River
- Lyman Hall
- Marquis de Lafayette
- Mill Creek
- Mount Vernon
- Ocmulgee
- Patrick Carr Rangers
- Piedmont
- Robert Forsyth
- Samuel Elbert
- Wash-Wilkes
- William Few
- Wiregrass





Left: Revolutionary War Patriot Graves Committee Awards

14 Georgia Society chapters honored 18 Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Georgia with SAR Patriot Grave Marking Dedications.

Each Chapter who sponsored or co-sponsored a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony will be awarded a Certificate along with a Gold Star for five Patriot graves marked and a White Star for one Patriot grave marked.

Athens Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star and 3 White Stars.

Brier Creek Chapter is awarded 2 Gold Stars.

Captain John Collins Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star.

Col William Few Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star and 3 White Stars.

Fall Line Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star.

Four Rivers Patriots Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star.

Joel Early Chapter is awarded 1 White Star.

Little River Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star.

Marshes of Glynn Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star.

Mill Creek Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star.

Robert Forsyth Chapter is awarded 1 Gold Star.

Samuel Elbert Chapter is awarded 1 White Star.

Washington Wilkes Chapter is awarded 1 White Star.

Wiregrass Chapter is awarded 2 Gold Stars and 2 White Stars.



Above: Compatriot Graves Committee Awards

In 2019, 1 Chapter honored 1 Georgia Society Compatriot for his long and dedicated SAR service with a Compatriot Grave Marking Dedication.

Samuel Elbert Chapter is awarded 1 White Star.

Right: James R. Westlake Communications Awards

Newsletter:

Piedmont Chapter

*Newsletter: The Piedmont Piper
Editor: Frederic M. Reese, III*

Website:

Piedmont Chapter

*Website: piedmontchapter.org
Webmaster: Frederic M. Reese, II*



Right: BG Robert L. Scott, Jr.
Veterans Awards

Winner of Chapters 1-24 Members:

Little River

Winner of Chapters 25-49 Members:

Casimir Pulaski

Winner of Chapters 50-99 Members:

Marshes of Glynn

Winner of Chapters 100+ Members:

Coweta Falls



2020 Officer Installation





Gifts for Past President Scott and his wife, Beth.





Closing Remarks by the new Georgia Society President, Bill Dobbs.

Mark Anthony won the Ladies Auxiliary Prize basket.



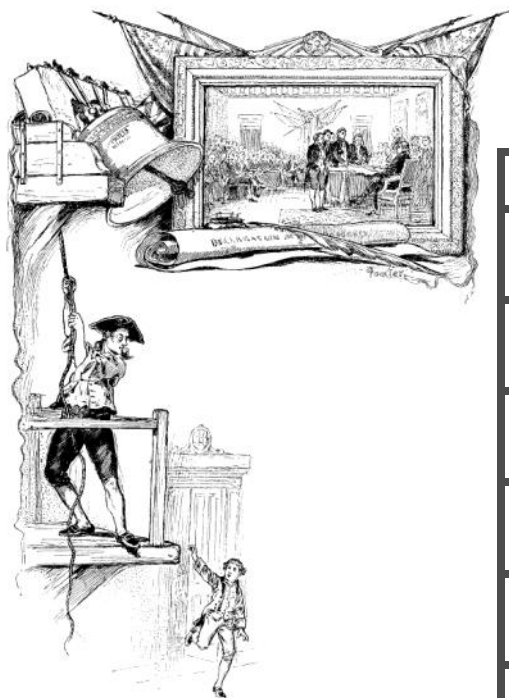


The Colors are retired as we come to the end of the evening's celebration.



New Georgia Society Chaplain, William (Bill) N. Floyd, Jr. of Mount Vernon Chapter gives the Benediction to end another exquisite Georgia Annual Conference.

Calendar of Events



Fellow Georgia Compatriots - You are invited to a birthday celebration and grave marking ceremony for Andrew Jackson, set for noon local time at The Hermitage, outside of Nashville, TN on March 15, 2020. Members of our Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, led by Bill Palmer, have been invited to attend the noon event, as well as the park bench dedication at 2 pm. Come help represent Georgia and the bench we helped sponsor.

Event	Location	Date	Status
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
Andrew Jackson Bench Dedication	Nashville, TN	Mar. 15, 2020	National
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
Grave Marking	Dawsonville, GA	May 16, 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

