

Newsletter of The Georgia Society



Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



January - March 2020



The President's Dispatch

Dear Compatriot,

Welcome to the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution! Your membership in the Sons of the American Revolution not only strengthens our National Society but will play an integral part in growing your Georgia Society. We currently have 35 Chapters across this great state and a membership very close to 2000 compatriots.

As you continue your patriotic journey honoring your forefathers, who sacrificed so very much to give us this great nation, you will find that your new Chapter will provide many opportunities to grow your knowledge of American History and to serve a major role in promoting patriotism.

The Society has many school programs, JROTC and ROTC programs, Eagle Scout programs, Flag Respect programs, Veterans programs, and many others.

The Georgia Society is also well known for having one of the finest Color Guards in our nation. You may want to join this group that collectively participated in over 77 functions last year which included gave markings, parades, and attending celebratory functions such as the Fourth of July,

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What does the Society's Insignia Represent?

The SAR insignia consists of a Maltese Cross surrounded by a garland, with a relief of George Washington in a center circle.

The cross's vertical bar represents the commandment "You Shall Love Your God"; the horizontal bar represents the commandment "You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself."

The four limbs are a reminder of the four cardinal virtues;

Prudence,
Temperance,
Fortitude,
and Justice.

Its eight points represent eight spiritual injunctions:

- To have spiritual contentment
To live without malice
To weep over your sins
To humble yourself at insults
To love justice
To be merciful
To be sincere and open-hearted
To suffer persecution

Surrounding the relief of Washington in the center are the words "LIBERTAS ET PATRIA," a reminder of the United States Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

The insignia is normally worn suspended by a ribbon of blue, white and gold on the wearer's left breast. National officers and former state presidents wear the insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the Society's colors.

On other occasions a rosette in the Society's colors is worn on the wearers left lapel.



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

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Editor's Note: Several members of the Georgia Society contacted me regarding errors in our publication. I thank them all for their keen eyesight and willingness to let me know about these unfortunate blunders. Though I give the newsletter my concerted efforts, I do make mistakes and appreciate those willing to point out areas capable of improvement.

One item, however, I must bring to your attention, as it is of importance to all of us in the organization. On the front page of the recent Annual Edition, I thought it appropriate to place the **SAR PLEDGE** in a prominent position.

Two errors, not one, accompanied my decision. One is "The SAR Pledge", not "The Pledge To The SAR". I quickly corrected the error and the newsletter was reposted.

I was then informed that I was not out of the woods yet. The natural tendency of many is to voice the pledge as "We, the Descendants of the heroes....." This is incorrect. It is "**We Descendants of the heroes.....**" no *the*, no comma. **We Descendants. . .**

I hope all of us redouble our efforts to memorize, and correctly state our pledge and recessional, with a focus on accuracy as well as an understanding of the depth of meaning behind those words. [Ed.]

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Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day. On July 4th, Georgia's Color Guard participated in the opening ceremony of the Atlanta Braves game.

No individual or Chapter can do everything. Find an area that you are interested in, and try it out. I strongly believe that when we participate in one of these programs, that we receive much more personal satisfaction than the work we put in. You will make lifelong friends with your fellow members, and you will play a strong role in promoting love of country and patriotism to our youth.

Thank you for joining and serving,

William B. Dolbs II

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As the Editor of *The Hornet's Nest*, I often receive the credit for a good issue, and the blame for all that is mislabeled, misreported, or not covered. While I can accept the criticism, much of the praise goes to those who send in the photos that are used. Many times no credit is provided as to who the photographer was. Often I don't know, and have given up attempting to find out in order to give due credit. At other times, individuals like Gregory Smith, Rick Reese II & III, or Dwight Dover have taken and made available a prodigious amount of photos. Members like Bill Ramsaur and Des Smith, to name just a few, send me coverage of meetings, events and local happenings. Attempting to list all contributors is an impossible task, and I hate to miss anyone who has added to our state newsletter. To all, from the single photo shared, to the voluminous libraries made available, this publication would not exist in its present state without you. From the bottom of my heart, and on behalf of all readers of *The Hornet's Nest*, I thank you, and hope you all continue to provide this newsletter access to the great photos you capture. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



Daniel Morgan & Cowpens, SC



Above: Compatriot Dess Smith III laying the Fall Line Chapter Carnation at the General Daniel Morgan Monument in downtown Spartanburg, SC.

On January 17, 2020, members of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Spartanburg, SC to present Carnations at the General Daniel Morgan monument in downtown Spartanburg, SC. General Morgan was an American pioneer, soldier, and politician from Virginia. He was one of the most gifted battlefield tacticians of the American Revolutionary War. During the Battle of Cowpens, General Morgan's forces conducted a "double envelopment" of Col. Banastre Tarleton's force, which was almost completely eliminated, suffering almost 30% casualties and 55% of his force captured or missing. Tarleton himself, with about 200 British Troops escaped.

Below and Left: Cowpens Wreath Laying Ceremony at the National Park Monument.





Heroes of the Hornet's Nest



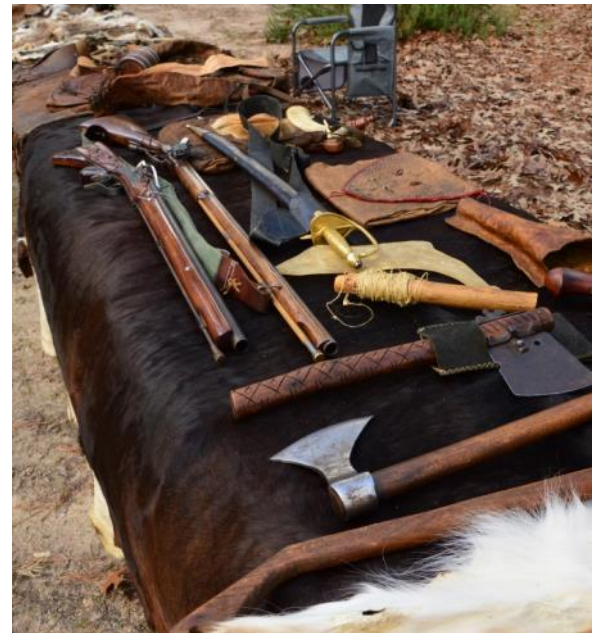
The Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Commemoration was held at Elijah Clark State Park in Lincoln County Georgia on 7 Feb.2020. Living history demonstrations, a wonderful free chili luncheon presented by the Friends of the Park, a presentation by Dr. David Noble on archeological research into the location of Dooly's Fort and finally the wreath-laying ceremony at Elijah Clarke's grave, was sponsored by multiple chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the Revolution, as well as the Friends of Elijah Clark State Park, and the Lincoln County Historical Society. There was also an impressive turnout of senior leadership of the various organizations, including representatives of US Senators David Perdue, Kelly Loeffler and US Congressman Jody Hice,

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Also attending were Lincoln County Commission Chairman Walker Norman, Lincolnton Mayor Henry Brown, National Society SAR (NSSAR) Secretary General Davis Wright, Georgia Society SAR President William Dobbs, III, Southern District NSSAR Vice President General Bobby Joe Seales, and Georgia State Society DAR First Vice Regent O.B. McCorkle. The Colonial Elijah Clarke Militia, Brier Creek Artillery and the Georgia Society SAR Combined Color Guard brought pomp and circumstance to the ceremony with canon and musket salutes and appropriate honors to the national colors. The 84 wreaths presented was a historic high for this event.





Kettle Creek

On the Square



While not as windy as the day before at the Heroes event, the gathering on the Washington square was also quite a sight. This was probably the largest contingent of muskets assembled by the Elijah Clarke Militia.

The Betsy Ross flag was raised to a tremendous salute. Then another reforming of the muster to salute the contributions of Black Americans to the cause of freedom.





The parade around the square saw many new faces marching to the drummer's beat. Cold weather clothing was worn by many, and proved to be a good option as towards the end of the day a light rain began to fall..... But not until after the reenactment behind the courthouse.





Reenactment



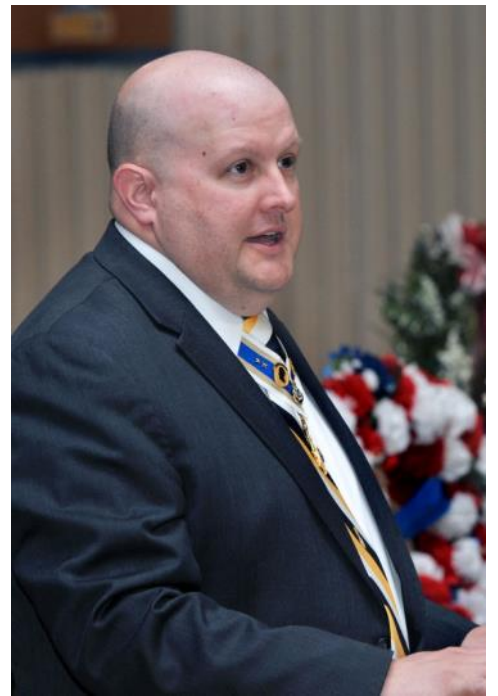
A few muskets began to have problems with the dampness of the powder, a situation often found on the battlefield. Luckily, the patriots again won the day as the Detested Colonel James Boyd (portrayed by past president Scott Collins) was slain, and the loyalist were driven from the field.



Commemoration Ceremony



Because of the increasingly poor weather conditions (snow in the northern Georgia regions, the Commemoration Ceremony was held indoors. As always, the Georgia Society stepped up and adapted to the change with little difficulty.







Spring Leadership

GA SAR Compatriot Roger Coursey, Edward Telfair Chapter, was selected at Spring Leadership for having earned the NSSAR Minuteman Award, the highest award the NSSAR can present to a Compatriot. The award is presented for long and outstanding service to the NSSAR. Compatriot Coursey surely meets those qualifications. This Medal will be presented to Bob at this years Congress.

Bob Sapp was named the Color Guardsman of the Year at Leadership. A long time member of the Georgia Color Guard, Bob has attended over 200 National events. The Gold Medal will be presented to Bob at this years Congress.



Above: Color Guard present the colors, marching into the chamber to the beat of the drum.

Left: President General Jack Manning addresses the assembled at Spring Leadership.

Below: Entertainment via the combined voices of compatriots.



Above: Members of the Georgia Society enjoy a banquet and conversation.





Right and Below: On Friday, 200 Students from Screven County 8th grade arrived at the Brier Creek Main Battlefield to be a part of a Historic Education Event.

4 groups held round robin visits to stations introducing the Battle at Brier Creek on this very site 241 years ago, a Traveling Truck presentation by Don and Pat Thomas, an encampment with black iron cookware and different weapons of the era presented by Compatriots Allen Mincey, Ruskin Powell and Tommy Christopher, followed by a 4 table display of different animal skins, weapons, and hats that were hand made, by Compatriot Steve Burke, assisted by Alton Reynolds and Don Bazemore.



The Brier Creek Militia fired flintlock rifles and the Brier Creek Artillery fired our 6 - pounder Naval Cannon in a demonstration with 2 volleys." Students and adults from the "Community Christian School" later attended the same program.



Left: The Brier Creek Artillery crew

Right: The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. held its 1st Annual Banquet on Friday night, March 6, 2020 with 68 people in attendance.



Right: Dr. John K. Derden, who spoke on "The Battle of Brier Creek: Past and Future".

Left: Preparing for the ceremony

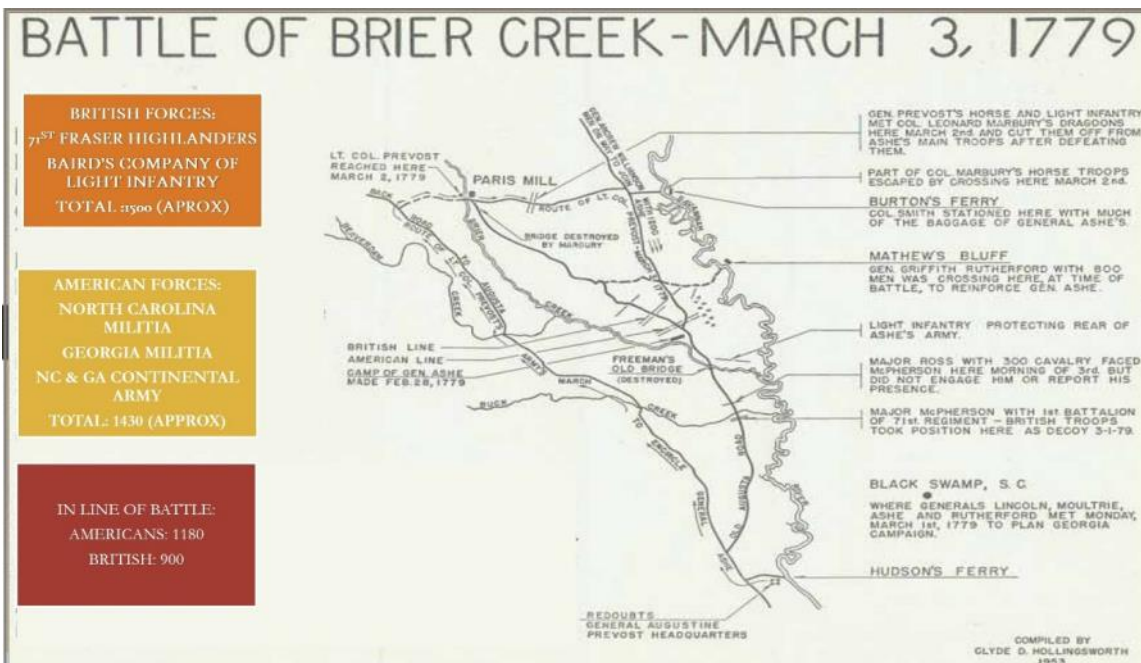




Above: A good showing of SAR members from the Georgia Society came.

Above: Nothing is quite as haunting as "Amazing Grace" played by Bagpipe. The piper is Dave Crampton.

Below: A large crowd attended the program. Georgia Senator Jesse Stone, and Representative Jon G. Burns were in attendance as well as the many SAR and DAR members.



Above: Brier Creek Militia and members of the Georgia Society Elijah Clarke militia, 29 members strong, led by Compatriot Scott Collins fire their salute.

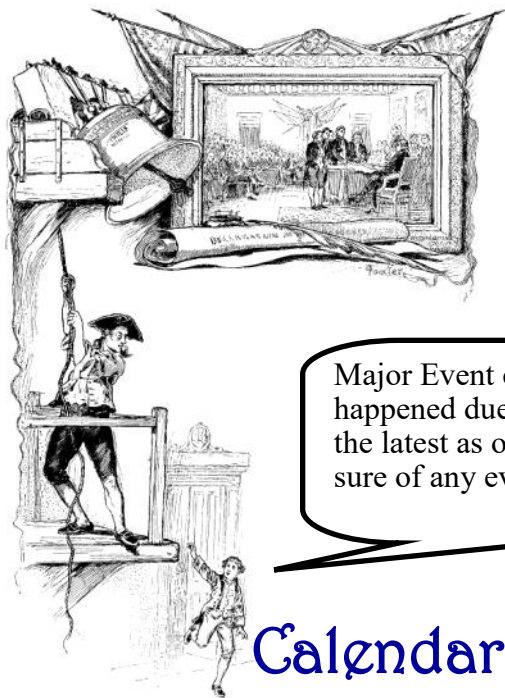
Left: Chart of the battle as researched.



Above: Brier Creek Artillery shows one cannon = lots of smoke..... Two = a complete smoke screen. Imagine all the muskets, and include a couple of batteries of guns, and the mayhem the "Fog of War" created in actual battles.

Below: Images of artifacts found during Georgia Southern archaeological digs at the site.





Major Event changes may have happened due to **Covid - 19!** Here's the latest as of press time, ...but make sure of any event **BEFORE** setting out!

Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Grave Dedication	CANCELED!	Apr. 4, 2020	State
Patriots Day	CANCELED!	Apr. 18, 2020	State
State BOM	CANCELED!	Apr. 25, 2020	State
Grave Marking	CANCELED!	Apr. 26, 2020	State
Grave Markings (2 Locations)	CANCELED!	May 2, 2020	State
Grave Marking	CANCELED!	May 9, 2020	State
Grave Marking	CANCELED!	May 16, 2020	State
Memorial Day	Various	May 25, 2020	National
State BOM	Barnesville, GA	May 30, 2020	State
Patriot Celebration	Gainesville, GA	Jun 28, 2020	State
July 4th	Various	Jul. 4, 2020	National
National Congress	Richmond, VA	Jul. 10 - 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

Not even 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/>

Key Congress Events

Those events included in your registration:

- Host Reception – Saturday evening Library of Virginia
- Rumbaugh Orations – Sunday
- Memorial Service – Sunday TBD
- First Lady's Tea – Sunday
- General Sessions (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
- Youth Luncheon – Monday
- Awards – Monday
- President General's Banquet – Tuesday
- **Balloting to elect General Officer – Wednesday**
- Installation Banquet – Wednesday

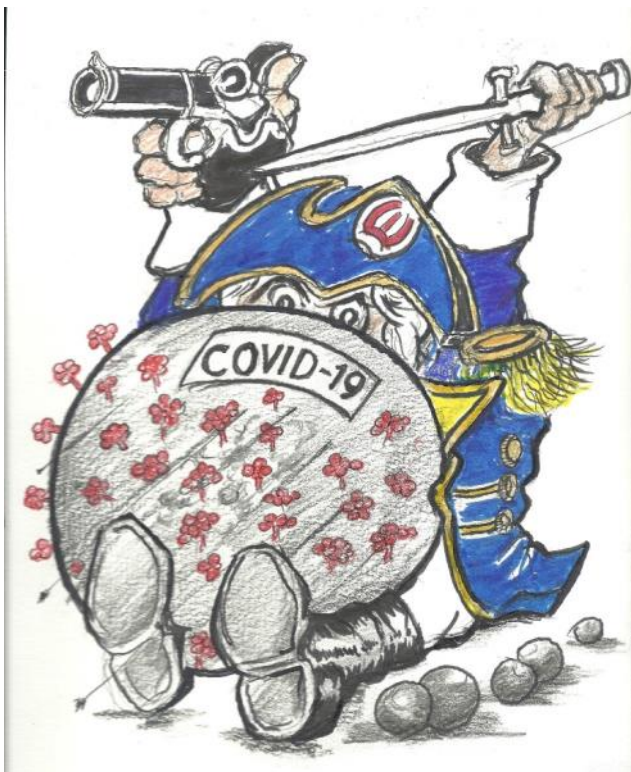
Optional Events

- Tours of James River Plantations or The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown – Saturday
- Color Guard Breakfast – Sunday
- Council of State President's Breakfast – Monday
- Select District Breakfasts – Tuesday
- North/Middle Atlantic State: Intermountain-Rocky Mountain-Western-Pacific, Southern, South Central, South Atlantic.
- **Ladies Luncheon – Tuesday**
- SAR 1000 Breakfast – Wednesday

Tours – Wednesday Virginia State Capital & Shockoe Hill Cemetery (Grave Marking)"

Andrew Jackson Bench Dedication to be rescheduled for March, 2021

Keep Yer' heads down !



Artwork by Ken Baldowski, Col. (Ret.)

Left: Ken Baldowski was born in Augusta, GA and attended Georgia Military Academy in College Park. He graduated from the University of Georgia, and was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force. He has served for more than 30 years in the Georgia National Guard with overseas tours in Bosnia and Iraq. Ken has published cartoons and caricatures for most of his career.



Board Of Managers Meetings

- Saturday, April 27, 2020
- Saturday, May 30, 2020
- Saturday, July 27, 2020
- Saturday, October 26, 2020
- Winter TBA 2021

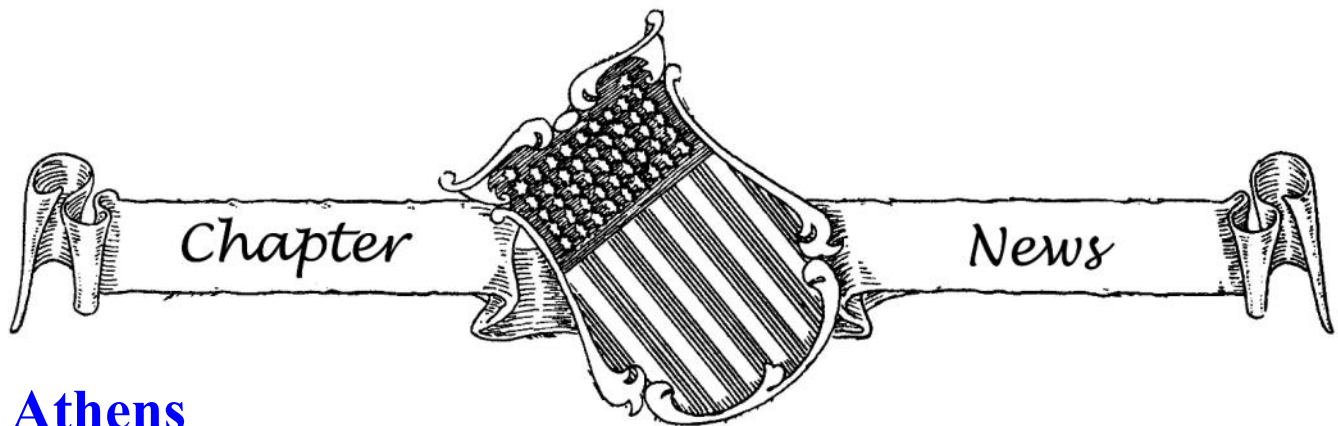
BOM location:

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



**Georgia Society Deceased Members
January 01, -
March 31, 2020**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Thomas Edward PETERS	144851	Joel Early	03 Jan 2020
William Patrick Smith III	185256	Atlanta	23 Jan 2020
Carl Latta ESPY, Jr.	189916	Mount Vernon	28 Jan 2020
Robert Milton BROWN, Jr.	214176	Altamaha	29 Jan 2020
Donald J DUNHAM,	211630	John Milledge	31 Jan 2020



Athens

Right: Athens Chapter member and former GASSAR president, Scott Collins leads the Patriot Parade around the Washington Square during the Kettle Creek weekend celebrations.

Below: : Two Life Saving Medals were awarded by President Billy Galt to (L-R) Giovanni Newsome and Anthony Jackson. The two were recognized for their life saving efforts in reviving Giovanni's father, John (center) when he hit his head on the bottom of the family pool fracturing his C3 vertebra, immediately paralyzing him. Giovanni was the first to recognize his father's distress and jumped in to help. Anthony then followed and they were both able to pull John out and began CPR. They continued CPR until he regained consciousness. John credits their actions with saving his life. John has made a full recovery following surgery. Giovanni was a 14 year old and learned CPR at George Walton Academy. Anthony is a friend and college fraternity brother of John. Giovanni is now a ninth grade student at Athens Academy in Athens.



Above: Eagle Scout Scholarship Award was handed out by the Eagle Scout Chairman Virgil Palmer. Cutler Shiver was given the award. Cutler is in a very elite group in scouting. He is one of only 271 Eagle Scouts since 1922 to earn all 137 Merit Badges. He is a senior at Oconee High School and is looking forward to college next year.





Above: New Member Rusty Horton is Inducted into the SAR by President Billy Galt and GASSAR President Bill Dobbs. Rusty was also presented with the Military Service Medal for his service from February 1968 to January 1974 honorably serving in the United States Army.



Above: Morgan County Sheriff Robert Markley received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate. Jordan Farrington received the Emergency Medical Services Medal and Certificate. Jordan is a member of the Morgan County Fire Rescue. Receiving the Fire Safety Commendation and Certificate was Robert Curry Wadsworth, also a member of the Morgan County Fire Rescue. Curry is a volunteer firefighter.



Above: Bronze Good Citizen Medals were presented to Larry Guest and Jay Guest by President Billy Galt.



Above: Installation of New Chapter Officers (L-R) Virgil Palmer, Historian; Don Burdick, Registrar; Ed Lord, Treasurer; Justin Reese, Secretary by GASSAR President Bill Dobbs.



Above: Installation of Chapter President Jay Guest by GASSAR President Bill Dobbs.



Above: DAR Chapters Appreciated (L-R) Billy Galt, Chapter President; Robin Towns, Regent Apalachee Chapter; Jane Reese, Regent Elijah Clarke Chapter; Lindsey Shiver and Ramona Lord, Members Rev John Andrew Chapter and Compatriot Jay Guest.

Atlanta

Right: Dr. Nobel welcomes new member Connor Hutchins.

Below: Atlanta Officers were sworn in by Pres. Bill Dobbs. They are: President - Gregory Smith, 1st Vice President - Barry Miller, 2nd Vice President - Charlie Newcomer, Secretary - Al Adams, Treasurer - Richard Marsh, Registrar - David Noble, Sergeant-At-Arms - Bob Campbell, Chancellor - Ed Floyd, Chaplain - John Titus, & Historian - Henry Cobb.



Below Left: John Titus received the Distinguished Service Medal.

Below Center: Ed Anderson received the War Service Medal.



Below Right: President Bill Dobbs received the Law Enforcement Medal.



Below Left: Ann Cobb and Claire Newcomer received Martha Washington Medals.

Below Right: Elizabeth Wysong received the Lydia Darragh medal.





Above: Compatriot Ed Anderson, right, pins the SAR Rosette to the lapel of his brother Paul Leon Anderson



Above: Atlanta Chapter Eagle Scholarship award recipient at the Court of Honor for BSA Troop 15 at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Brier Creek



Left: There's no better way to bring in the New Year than to bring 5 new members into the Brier Creek Chapter. January 2, 2020 saw L to R: Walker Ethan Quick, Cameron River Quick, Jason Dexter Quick, Logan Randall Hughes, and standing in for Danny Joseph Rybicki, his wife Jonnie Lynn. Senior Vice President Bill Dobbs swore in the new members.



Below: . Five members of the Brier Creek Chapter were presented a Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. L -R: Scotty Scott, Lee Smith, Wayne Howard, Stephen Hammond, Don Bazemore.

Below: . Georgia Society Senior Vice-President Bill Dobbs installed the 2020 Brier Creek Chapter Officers. L - R: Adam Bazemore, Wayne Howard, Stephen Hammond, President Lee Smith, Scotty Scott, Don Bazemore and Dennis Wiggins.



Above: President Lee Smith presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Compatriot Tommy Christopher, with his wife, Sherry Christopher by his side.

Below: Members of the Wiregrass and Brier Creek Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to the home of Raymond Nicholas Delaigles home on Hwy 56 north of Midville to attend the "Cannon Certification" course taught by Elaine W. Wallace, who is a certified instructor of the National Civil War Artillery Association.

There were a total of 25 students for this Certification Course. During the instruction we watched a video and received instruction on many safety rules and the correct way to fire cannons of different pounds. Then we came to the hands on phase by participating in dry fires of her cannon. We assumed and trained on the four different positions of the "gun crew" in the loading of an Artillery Gun. We learned sequences of loading such as: tend vent, worm gun, wet sponge barrel, dry sponge barrel, load round, advance the round, round in, ram round, sight the gun, clear, ready the gun, gun # ready, prepare, and fire. We also learned the correct safety procedures when a gun has a MISFIRE.

There are three level's of membership, Basic Artillery Trained (BAT), Cannoneer (C), and Gunner (G). Each level of instruction brings additional responsibilities and knowledge for safety and expertise for the activities related to and for Artillery Drilling and Firing. This safety training qualifies us for two years at which time we will have to recertify."



Cherokee

Below: Ball Ground city officials and members of the community gathered at city hall on Feb. 21 as the city planted trees to help celebrate Georgia's Arbor Day. With the assistance of the Cherokee Chapter, the city dedicate one of them as a liberty tree, symbolic of the liberty trees and liberty poles that played a role with groups like the Sons of Liberty in the years leading up to the American Revolution.



Fall Line

Right: Senior Vice President, Bill Dobbs, installs officers for Fall Line Chapter during their January meeting.



Below Left & Center: Two new inductees to the chapter were welcomed into the fold.

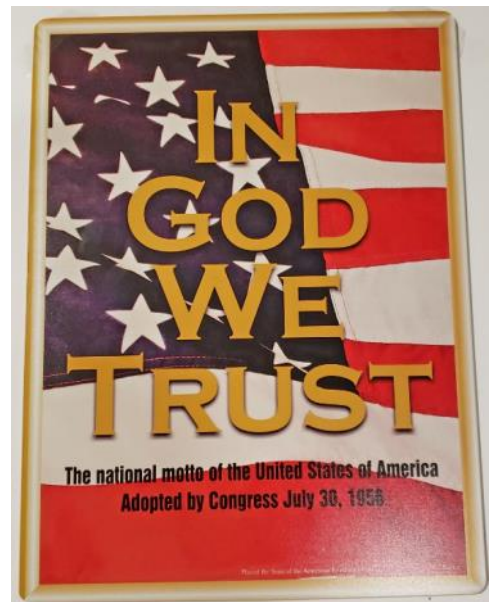
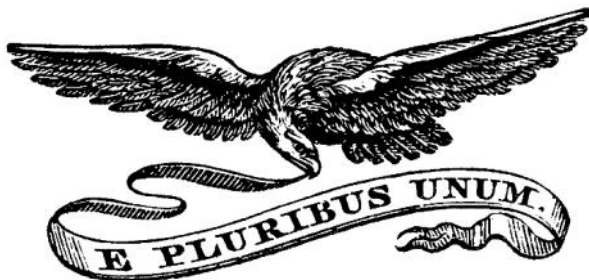




Left: Manuel Zavala and Michael Stanfill were awarded Heroism medals for their valor in rescuing a fellow cowboy during the recent bad weather. [see their story on page ### Ed.]

Four Rivers Patriots

Fours Rivers Patriots Chapter didn't give out flag certificates, but they had 300 small medal signs (16" high by 12" wide) made showing our nation's flag and motto, *In God We Trust*, and put one in EVERY school classroom in their area.



John Milledge

Left: The John Milledge Chapter in Milledgeville, Georgia had a special program on February 19 at Allen's Market. New President Jim Poyner was inducted.



Right: Bob Wilson, retired history Professor who spoke on Paul Revere's midnight ride, made famous by Henry Wadsworth's 1860 poem on the subject. This story proves that a good story is better than the truth!



The chapter meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Allen's Market, at the corner of Wayne and

McIntosh Streets in Milledgeville at noon.

The chapter has an active Boy Scout and ROTC awards program and plans to do more SAR membership recruiting in the future."

Joseph Habersham

Left: President David Masters and Secretary Ron Hill presented the Distinguished Service Medal and Citation to Lynwood Gary "Lyn" Cash for his ten years of service as Chapter Education Chairman.



Other chapter awards: SAR War Service Certificate to Frank Sanders Keener, Jr.; SAR War Service Certificate to Curtis Sylvester Martin, Jr.; SAR War Service Certificate to James R. Patton; SAR Military Service Certificate to William J. Dover.



Right: Northeast Ga Area V.P. Justin Reese visited the Joseph Habersham Chapter to swear in Chapter Officers for the Year 2020. (L - R) Steven Memory, Kenneth Duckett, David Masters, Lynwood Cash, V.P. Justin Reese, Ronald Hill, William Raper, Larry Whitfield



I first became interested in Challenge coins way back at my Murphy, NC 50th High School reunion I did for all the surviving classmates. Then when we formed the Northeast Georgia Veterans Society, I am Secretary....I did a really nice coin and later a lapel pin....

So after my 19 years with Joseph Habersham Chapter and going on 86, I thought it appropriate to do this for our great chapter. (See Below)



Should anyone be interested I will gladly furnish the contact address and cost....all made in China but the company is just outside of Hong Kong and they do outstanding work... Ron Hill sautee2127@outlook.com



Above and Right: Compatriot Ronald G. Hill, Sr., presented to President David Masters, his personally designed and commissioned 2 inch bronze challenge coin as a gift to the Chapter and members. The certificate reads, "To further promote unity and lasting bonds between Chapter members and friends and supporters of the Chapter, I hereby present these original, specially designed challenge coins to the Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. These first original coins will be included in the Chapter's Historical displays and records located in the William H. Raper Heritage Room, Clarkesville - Habersham County Library, Clarkesville, Georgia."



Right: The Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recently presented Robert “Bob” Harkins, Jr. the Gold Star Banner and citation.

“For the contributions and sacrifice of his son Sergeant Jason Robert Harkins, United States Army, who lost his life in the roadside bomb attack during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007 while defending our Nation and the freedom of oppressed people. Sargent Harkins’ dedicated service and selfless sacrifice bring great honor to his county and his family”.

Sgt. Jason R. Harkins was recently inducted posthumously into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame. He is credited with saving fellow squad members during an ambush outside Baqubah, Iraq. Several soldiers were wounded by a barrage of enemy fire from multiple directions while securing a route through a build-up area to an overnight watch positions. Once reinforcements made the enemy break contact, Sgt. Harkins – despite his own head wound – organized a medical evacuation extraction that safely transported each casualty. He was later awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for his heroism.

Sgt. Harkins and members of his unit were killed in a roadside bomb explosion two months later in the same Middle East theater. Jason’s valor in a close combat situation saved his fellow platoon members from enemy small arms fire and possible death or injury, his bravery earned him a Silver Star medal and the eternal respect and admiration of all veterans. Jason Harkins’ sacrifice and service to his country will always be honored and remembered. Additionally, The United States Congress designated the Cleveland Post Office “Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building.”



Little River

Right: R. A. Dudley Nurseries, Inc in Thomson, received a U S Flag Certificate from the Little River Chapter. Left to right are Al Dudley, President William Tankersley, and Bennett Dudley.

Below: Bill Hopkins (far right), who is our Eagle Scout Chairman and Scoutmaster of Troop 125 in Thomson, presented SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to brothers Hayden Thomas McCord (far left) and Christopher Addison McCord (2nd from right). Joining them was Lucas Walker Hopkins (2nd from left), who received his certificate at our November chapter meeting. Congratulations to our three Eagle Scouts and Scoutmaster Hopkins for a job well done !





Left: Chapter members Jack Roth and Lewis Smith are enjoying a trip to Florida visiting the location near Port Canaveral where the last Naval Battle of the American Revolution was fought. They were accompanied by their wives, Edith and JoAnn, who are members of the Captain John Wilson Chapter NSDAR in Thomson.

Below: This spring, like many other chapters, Little River may not be able to present the SAR JROTC medals and certificates in person. This chapter serves Thomson, Harlem, and Grovetown High Schools. This certificate and medal will go to Cadet PO3 James Ingram at Thomson High. The Naval JROTC unit at Thomson will also receive a SAR US Flag Certificate from us for their daily display and care of the US Flag in front of the school.

[Don't simply postpone or stop your recognition programs. Find alternate ways to honor those deserving individuals and organizations. The current situation may even provide new opportunities to respond with more recognition of deserving honorees. Ed]



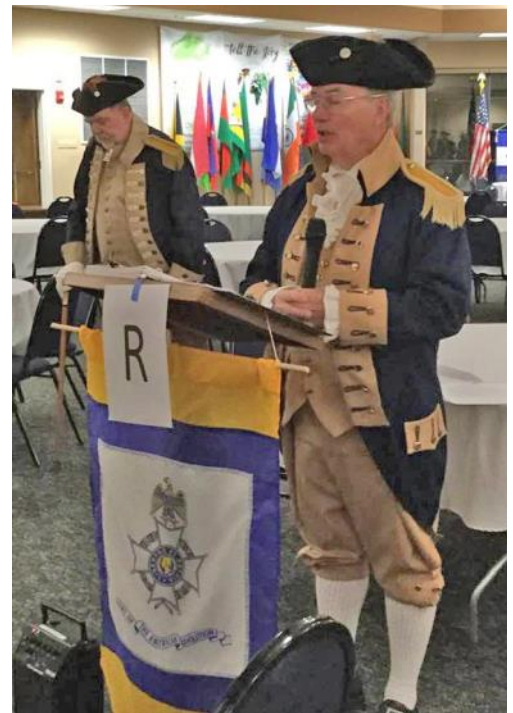
Lyman Hall



Left: NSSAR President General Jack Manning inducted Jodi and his son Craig at the Lyman Hall Chapter meeting on January 23, 2020. Their Patriot was Reuben Butler who served at the Battle of Yorktown. This induction now makes six members of the Butler family who are or were members of SAR.

Right: Carter Wood not only puts Compatriot Ed Rigel to sleep, while on his feet, but manages to put himself to sleep as well. *[just kidding... Ed]*.

Lyman Hall BOM provided the letter of our alphabet that seems to have evaded PG Manning's elocution. *[guess you needed to be there... Ed]*



Left: Lyman Hall Chapter Color Guard members welcomed then applicant Jody Butler and his wife Juli at the annual combined meeting with Col William Candler Chapter, NSDAR at Chattahoochee Country Club. Joe was another DAR referral applicant. *Photos courtesy of Helen Powell.*



Left: NSSAR President General Jack Manning presented a very informative and entertaining story about his 8th - great grandfather from years before the Revolution including being held in the Tower of London through his service during the war.



Right: Lyman Hall Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to the Flowery Branch Bojangles restaurant in recognition of that location's proper display of the US flag. Area Manager Mike McMullen received the certificate from Compatriot Carter Wood. Hall County Sheriff Deputy Sgt Turner was on hand for the presentation.



Above, Left & Right: Members of the GA Society SAR, C.A.R. and others came to Gainesville, GA to help celebrate George Washington's birthday.



Marshes of Glynn

Below: Here are the Youth Contest award winners at the Jan. meeting of the SAR - Marshes of Glynn Chapter. From the left: Seren Thomas-Jackson - third place, George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest; Cason Cavalier - second place, George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest; LT Hannah Holliman - JROTC Outstanding Cadet; Virginia Anne Tennant - first place, George S. And Stella M. Knight Essay Contest; Phil Callicutt - Chapter President; Charles Donald Williams - winner, Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award; Alonso Thomas Sanchez - runner-up, Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award. Congratulations to all!



Below: Volunteer Fire Chief Joe Combs received the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Fire Safety Commendation Medal at the Marshes of Glynn Jan. Chapter meeting. After Chapter President Phil Callicutt presented the medal to him, Chief Combs discussed the role and importance of volunteer fire fighters in the county and the nation.



Above: Staff Sergeant Walt Peters, USA (Ret.) was honored at the Marshes of Glynn Chapter meeting on 9 Jan. Compatriot Herbert Hucks presented him with the SAR Certificate for U. S. Flag Display. Staff Sergeant Peters developed and has been disseminating the Tactile Braille American Flag. On the flag is the Pledge of Allegiance in Braille and as well as printed letters. After receiving the certificate, he explained how and why he created the flag. Then, Compatriot Jimmy Boatright presented Staff Sergeant Peters with the Patriot Plaque for his 20 years of military service, including deployment during the Vietnam War.



Right: Eagle Scout Charles Donald Williams received the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award at the Jan. meeting of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter meeting. R. Victor Williams and Vicki Williams received Certificates of Commendation for their support of the Eagle Scout contest.



Left: Virginia Anne Tennant was the SAR Marshes of Glynn Chapter winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.

Below: LT Hannah Holliman received the JROTC Outstanding Cadet award from the Marshes of Glynn Chapter at the Jan. meeting. Compatriot Jack Godfrey presented the award on behalf of the chapter. LT Holliman's mother, Sylvia Jackson, pinned on her ribbon. LCDR Michael Rickett also received a Certificate of Commendation for his support of the JROTC Outstanding Cadet program.



Below Left & Right: St. Marys Masonic Lodge annual George Washington Memorial Reenactment. When George Washington died, the news of his death did not reach the residents of St. Marys, Georgia for more than thirty days. Citizens felt compelled to hold a Memorial Ceremony in his honor in 1800. Feb. 8th, the St. Marys Masonic Lodge sponsored the annual commemoration of the original ceremony and Harry Lewis and Herb Hucks represented our Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter.



Right: The SAR Marshes of Glynn Chapter meeting on 12 February was very well attended. At the meeting, the family of World War II veteran Wallace Spencer was presented with a plaque in honor of his Naval service in the Pacific Ocean.



Right: President Phil Callicutt, new member Brad Baker, new member Marty Moore, and Registrar J. Steven Hinson. Brad and Marty were inducted at the Feb. meeting.

Below: Marshes of Glynn Chapter meeting on 12 March, three new members were inducted. R - L: Alonso Thomas Sanchez, Robert Lee Stroud, Henry Thomas Stroud, Jr.



Below Center & Right: Historian and author Daniel McDonald Johnson presented "This Cursed War: Lachlan McIntosh in the American Revolution"



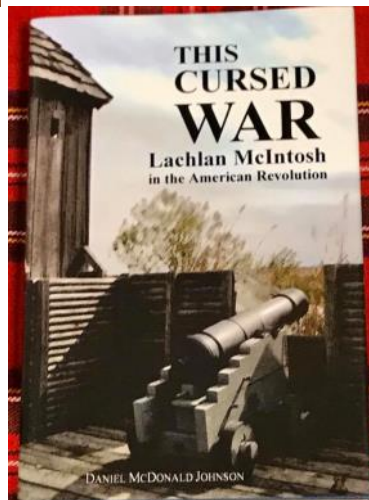
Mill Creek



Above: For the second year in a row, Thomas Miller, a U.S. History teacher at Statesboro High School, has been chosen as the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Winner for the State of Georgia by the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Miller goes above and beyond in his teaching of the American Revolution. He has had two students from his classroom to win locally and qualify for the state level in the Sons of the American Revolution's George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, and was instrumental in bringing the Sons of the American Revolution's JROTC Cadet Award to Statesboro High School, Southeast Bulloch High School, and Metter High School, as well as having the SAR's ROTC Award presented at Georgia Southern University.

Center: Daniel McDonald Johnson presented his "Band of Brothers," comparing Daniel Morgan's exhortation to his troops at Cowpens to the Band of Brothers speech in Shakespeare's Henry V. It was very well received.



Right: Randy took his grandson Makaio, (his mother is Indonesian/Hawaiian), to Washington Georgia to view the SAR reenactment there. Naturally, he enjoyed it but it was cold!

Makaio's great-grandfather was a linguist at the University of Singapore and was recruited by the Navy to work with the Navajo code talker program. Randy said, "We never would have known this if I hadn't asked the questions and learned the genealogical research skills we learn as members of the Sons of the American Revolution."



Mount Vernon



Above: Mount Vernon Chapter welcomed new member Zachary Cone, who's paperwork was approved months ago, but was finally able to attend a meeting and received his SAR rosette.



Above: The guest speaker for the January meeting was Martin Howley, who spoke about the Battle of Cowpens. That battle resulted in a major routing of the British and turned the American Revolution into the favor of the Patriots.

Martin was accompanied by his wife Crystal. Martin had a 26 year career in the US Army, and became a regional expert in the Middle East and Africa. Martin's life long love of US History was developed while growing up close to Philadelphia and being surrounded by scenes reminding him of the roots of our nation. He first became involved with the Battle of Cowpens as an Armored Cavalry Lieutenant at Ft. Knox. He was assigned to develop a briefing for this key Revolutionary War battle and its after effects.

Center: Shep Hammack acquired two more approved supplemental patriots. The Supplementals were presented by Chapter Genealogist and Registrar Tom Chrisman.



Left: Chuck Rann, inducted as 2020 Mount Vernon President, is congratulated by outgoing President Bill Floyd.



Above: Peggy Galt, wife of compatriot John Galt was awarded the Martha Washington medal by President Bill Floyd for great service the Chapter, and for her hard work in coordinating special events, such as the Annual Banquet and the Fourth of July picnic.



Center: Carey Floyd, wife of Compatriot and Chapter President Bill Floyd was awarded the Lydia Darragh Medal for her support.



Above: Installation of 2020 Chapter Officers by GASSAR President Bill Dobbs. The Officers were sworn in first, then VP Chuck Rann was sworn in as 2020 President of the Chapter.

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

Additional Awards: • President William N. Floyd was presented his George Washington Endowment Fund Certificate and Pin by Past SAR President General Larry Guzy.

• John Galt was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for all his help with special event coordination and for his service as Chaplain by President Bill Floyd.

• Past Chapter President James T. McDonald was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Shep Hammack for his work as Chapter President (2018).

• Chapter Vice President, Recording Secretary and Webmaster Charles R. Rann was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Shep Hammack for service.

• Chapter President William N. Floyd was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as President of the Chapter.

• Past Chapter President and current Historian E. Shepard Hammack was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Shep was the founder of the Chapter and Served as a two term President.

[The chapter calls him, "Our George Washington." Ed]

Below: Annual Banquet was well attended.



Above: The guest speaker for the March meeting was Compatriot Rick Reese Jr. His Topic: The Restoration of the Brockett Home, that is the reconstruction of his patriots cabin in Tennessee. His patriot - William Ebenezer Brockett's home was completely disassembled and moved, then rebuilt in a new location. Rick was contacted by a builder named Jeff Page because he had read online about patriot Brockett in the Piedmont Chapters publication - *The Piedmont Piper*. He was doing research on the original owner of the cabin and saw the 'My Patriot' article by Rick. Page was contracted by a land owner to find a vintage cabin and reconstruct it on her property near Mt. Juliet, TN. The finished rebuilt log home was a one room cabin with a loft, a small fireplace and a cooking fireplace with an oven on either end.

Left: The March meeting had a good attendance.



Robert Forsyth

Above: Allen Greenly, Gary Page, John Flikeid, Chip Van Alstyne, & Emil Decker (photographer) attended the Georgia Society Annual conference, where they gave the Raffle winner, Bill Fuqua, his marvelous new toy.

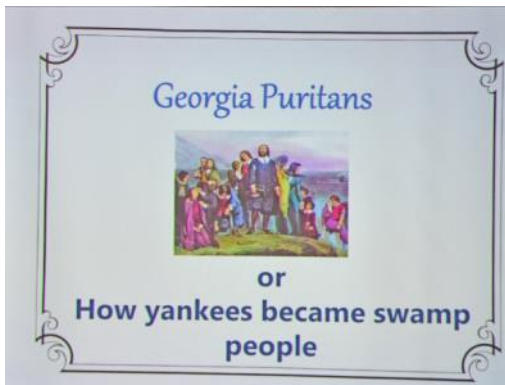


Below: 2020 Officers of the Robert Forsyth Chapter. (L-R) Emil Decker, Editor; Allen Greenly, Chancellor, Tom Slaughter, Sergeant of Arms; Byron Tindall, Chaplain; Chris Russo, Registrar; Charles Meagher, Genealogist; John Flikeid, Historian; David Johnson, Treasurer; Gary Page, Vice President. & interim Secretary.

Above: President Gary Page awarded the Lydia Darrow award to Angie Page, his chief supporter and wife.



Left: There was a flurry of email discussions prior to the January event with members trying to decide whether to wear their uniform or simply a suit and tie. In the middle of the discussion, Ed Rigel Jr. stated he was not going to wear any pants. Digitally “Raised eyebrows “ were answered as, upon arriving, we saw he was wearing his kilt.



Center and Right: Officiating at the January meeting swearing in, and presenting the program was GA State President, Scott Collins.





Left: J.C. Hustis attended the George Washington Birthday Party held in Gainesville, GA.



Right: Deputy Jeffrey Folk received a Law Enforcement Medal during the March Forsyth County Board of Commissioner's meeting.

Below and Center: Compatriots Emil Decker and J.C. Hustis take a small amount of time to pose during their "world tour" presenting the Robert Forsyth Traveling Trunk. They made stops at Shiloh Point Elementary and North Forsyth Middle Schools.



Below: Vice Pres. Gary Page awards J.C. Hustis the Chapter Distinguished Service Award. At the last chapter meeting before the shelter in place orders, J.C. was also given his Rookie of the Year award from the GASSAR Color Guard.

William Few

If you and your chapter would like to make a financial donation to help sponsor the new Siege of Augusta event, please send your check to:

John T. Garcia
 Attorney at Law
 205N Belair Rd
 Evans, GA 30809

Please make out your sponsorship check to the Col William Few SAR Chapter and write Sieges of Augusta in the "for" section, so John, our Col. William Few Chapter Treasurer, can place it in the designated account. When you mail John your sponsorship donation, please send me an email letting me know how you would like your name(s) shown in the September program, such as, Sonny & Sue Pittman or Wiregrass Chapter.

We look forward to holding the inaugural 240th First Siege of Augusta Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 12, 2020 beginning at 11:00 AM. I will make a short presentation about the new annual event during the "new business" portion of our Spring BOM meeting in Barnesville on May 30th.

Please pass this email along to DAR Chapters in your area.

Warm Regards, Sonny Pittman,





Above and Below: Major General (Ret.) Perry McCoy Smith, Jr.



Perry McCoy Smith Jr. A modern-day Patriot leading by example.

Sonny Pitman

I'm sure you have Compatriots like Perry Smith in your Georgia Society chapters. Men you immediately sense are "special," who will have your back when the bad guys are around; and, who, although now retired, can still run rings around the rest of us, whose posture is ramrod straight, quiet as a church mouse, prefer to remain in the thick of things and who continue to lead by personal example.

One of our modern-day heroes living in Augusta – cut from the same cloth as so many of our patriot ancestors – is Perry McCoy Smith, Jr. It's an honor to have Compatriot Perry in the Col William Few Chapter in Augusta. To sit next to and chat with Perry and his lady Conner, you would never know they are an extraordinary couple.

Perry is a teacher, speaker, TV and radio commentator and best-selling author. A retired major general, he served for 30 years in the U. S. Air Force. During his long and distinguished career, Perry flew 180 combat missions over North Vietnam and Laos during the Vietnam War, commanded a F-15 fighter wing, provided leadership to 4,000 airmen, served as the top Air Force planner and as the commandant of the National War College.

A graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, he later earned his Ph.D. in International Relations from Columbia University. His dissertation earned the Helen Dwight Reid award from the American Political Science Association. At West Point, he played on the varsity lacrosse team - earning All American honors (second team) his senior year.

Perry's published books include *Rules and Tools for Leaders*, *Assignment Pentagon*, and *Courage, Compassion, Marine: The Unique Story of Jimmie Dyess*. The latter book is a biography of the only person to have earned America's two highest awards for heroism, the Medal of Honor and the Carnegie Medal.

In 2011, The General Perry Smith Parkway near the Augusta Regional Airport was dedicated in his honor. In 1959, Smith married the talented Connor Cleckley Dyess, the daughter of Marine Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie Dyess. Connor was eight years old when her father was killed in the Marshall Islands in February 1944. The Smiths have two children, McCoy and Serena, and four grandchildren, Dyess, Porter, Perry IV and Jacob.

Despite his many accomplishments, it's what Perry, with Conner's wholehearted love and support, does in his so-called "retirement" that impresses me. He works tirelessly supporting and raising money to help our veterans and wounded warriors. That, Gentlemen, is called selfless service and carrying on in the finest traditions of our nation's military. We, in the SAR, are lucky to have Perry Smith as a fellow compatriot - one of many good men who are, in their own way, extraordinary.

If you get a chance, drop him a line. General Smith's email address is genpsmith@aol.com and his web site is genpsmith.com

Wiregrass

Right: Senior Vice-President Bill Dobbs traveled 130 miles from his hometown of Covington, GA to install our 2020 Officers. The 2020 Officers are: President Wilder Smith, Jr., Vice President Steve Burke, Secretary/Treasurer Chip Durden, Registrar Dess Smith III, Chaplain Emory Fennell, Historian Ruskin Powell, Sgt-at-Arms George King, and Parliamentarian Julian Sconyers. Seven Members of the Wiregrass Chapter received Bronze Roger Sherman Medals as well for their two years of service as officers.





Above: Skunk Brigade members Joined with friends at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Service.



Left: Wiregrass Chapter members Alton Reynolds and Steve Burke enjoy a great meal at the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association on Friday night, February 7th in Washington, GA.



Left: Compatriot Steve Burke harvesting on Hwy 17 on the way back home, some "road kill" to make some skunk hats. Somebody has got to do it.

[True confession time. I personally picked up a choice specimen wearing rubber gloves and triple wrapped him in plastic trash bags to bring to Steve on Sat. morning. Even tied up in 3 layers, and placed in a plastic container in my trunk, I could smell that rascal for days after. Notice Steve wears no insulating gloves or mask. Ed.]





Children of the American Revolution



Above, Right and Below: Members of the C.A.R. Societies across Georgia participated in the Kettle Creek Commemoration service, by placing 13 flags, one for each colony.



Below: Abbot Plank is a member of the Sukey Hart Society, C.A.R. and is an applicant for Junior Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. Abbott assisted in the presentation of colors to open the meeting by following Roscoe McMillan and Mark Anthony.



Left: Children of the American Revolution, Elisha Winn Society, participated in the George Washington Birthday observance in Gainesville, Ga.





Right: DAR members attended the Elijah Clarke ceremony at Elijah Clark State Park. As you can see, they were better prepared for the cold temperature and wind than many of the men.



Left: Georgia State Society, NSDAR First Vice Regent O.B. McCorkle brings greetings the crowd at Elijah Clark State Park.

Right: Atlanta Chapter DAR was one of the many at Kettle Creek. Elizabeth Wysong joins GASSAR President Bill Dobbs for a photo.



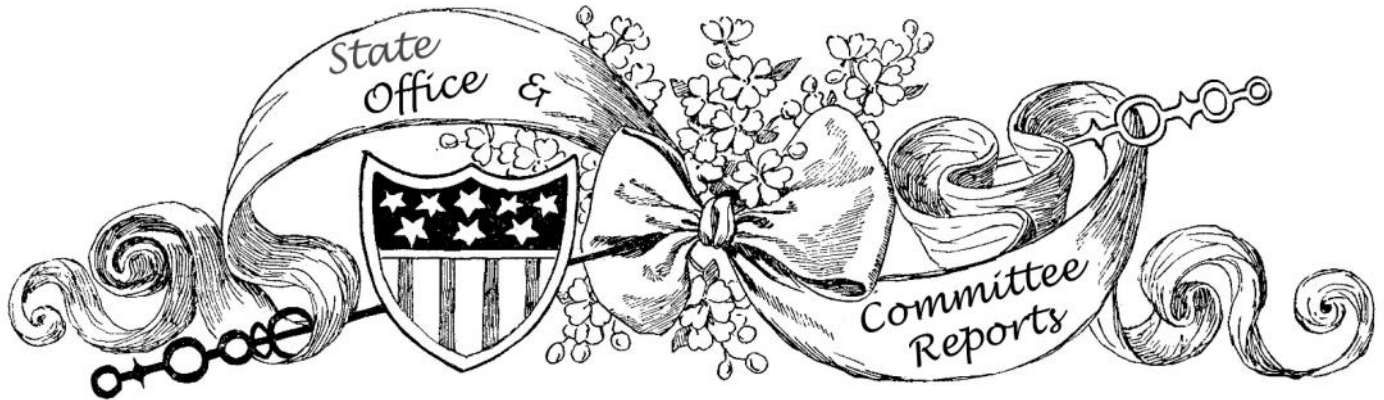
Above: Even with the weather driving us indoors, the Kettle Creek Commemoration Service was well attended by the DAR.



Below: Col William Candler chapter members hear PG Manning's inspiring story of "What if they had a Revolution and No One Came" at the January 23, 2020 Lyman Hall Chapter meeting in Gainesville. L to R: Joan Rigel, Penny Walker, Joyce Martin, & Helen Powell.



Left: More attendees at Kettle Creek.



Georgia Society New Members Since January 01, 2020

Secretary - John Flikeid

New Members



Registered New Member Patriot Sponsor

Altamaha

08 Jan 2020	Robert Milton BROWN, Jr.	Nicholas PRISTER	Jason Ronald DEAL
14 Feb 2020	Jacob Alexander WILLIAMSON	Mark PHILLIPS	John David WILLIAMSON
06 Mar 2020	Gaither Pierson DICK, III	Joseph PRIOR	Jason Ronald DEAL
06 Mar 2020	Albert Joseph WALKER	Nathan SWEET	Jason Ronald DEAL
06 Mar 2020	James Rucker DICK	Joseph PRIOR	Jason Ronald DEAL
06 Mar 2020	Jonathan William DICK	Joseph PRIOR	Jason Ronald DEAL
06 Mar 2020	Clayton Beauman DICK	Joseph PRIOR	Jason Ronald DEAL

	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Athens				
	14 Feb 2020	Edwin Wayne DIXSON	John MIDDLEBROOK	Robert Alvyn SAPP
	14 Feb 2020	Joseph Raymond TOMS	Adam WAYLAND	Robert Alvyn SAPP
Atlanta				
	07 Feb 2020	Paul Leon ANDERSON	Walter HANSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	07 Feb 2020	Melvin RHODES	Walter HANSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	06 Mar 2020	Stephen Douglas SCHRODER, II	Michael CROSE	Stephen Douglas SCHROEDER
	06 Mar 2020	Korey Matthew SCHROEDER	Michael CROSE	Stephen Douglas SCHROEDER
Button Gwinnett				
	06 Mar 2020	Richard Ivan CURTIS	James BOATRRIGHT	Harold Douglas FORD
Coweta Falls				
	06 Mar 2020	Harry Cline FLOYD, Jr.	John DEVANE	Joseph Daniel McMICHAEL
	06 Mar 2020	Charles Hilborn RODGERS	John ROUTON	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	06 Mar 2020	John William WHITE	Nathaniel HOWELL	William Valentine PRUITT, III
Dalton				
	24 Jan 2020	Matthew Albert WINTER	Matthias EDER	Larry Eugene WINTER
	06 Mar 2020	David Alexander WHITE	Hayward PEIRCE	Robert Eldon WOODARD
Edward Telfair				
	24 Jan 2019	Richard Jacob RINGLE	Mathias RINGLE	Roger Warren COURSEY
	24 Jan 2020	Richard Cobey RINGLE	Mathias RINGLE	Roger Warren COURSEY
	31 Jan 2020	Chad Allen ARNETT	Edmond WOOD JR	Roger Warren COURSEY
	13 Mar 2020	Michael Elton QUARTERMAN	James SCREVEN	Roger Warren COURSEY
	13 Mar 2020	Ewell Ewell BYRD, JR	Lewis LANIER	Roger Warren COURSEY
Fall Line				
	13 Mar 2020	Michael Shaun VEAL	Nathan VEALE	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
Joel Early				
	31 Jan 2020	William Chase CANNON	Drury ROBERTS	Perry Stephen PEACE
John Collins				
	14 Feb 2020	Preston Ryan PIKE	William CAGE	Randall Brian HUBER
	14 Feb 2020	James Richard BAKER	Alexander INGRAM	Randall Brian HUBER
	06 Mar 2020	Gerald Reese COLGLAZIER	Christian BRANAMAN	Randall Brian HUBER
	06 Mar 2020	Christian Murry SHEPHERD	Abner HAMMOND	Randall Brian HUBER
	13 Mar 2020	David Hauser MCKASKILL	John SUMMERS	Randall Brian HUBER
	13 Mar 2020	George Turney MCKASKILL	John SUMMERS	Randall Brian HUBER
	13 Mar 2020	John Walter MCKASKILL	John SUMMERS	Randall Brian HUBER
	13 Mar 2020	Robert Charles KENNEDY	James LYON	Randall Brian HUBER
	13 Mar 2020	William Summers MCKASKILL	John SUMMERS	Randall Brian HUBER
Jos. Habersham				
	06 Mar 2020	Edwin Patton HENDRICKS, Jr	Clifton BOWEN	William Hughes RAPER
	06 Mar 2020	Peter Joseph GORDAY	Jonathan HARMON	William Hughes RAPER
	13 Mar 2020	Connor Zane STEWART	Job SOSEBEE	William Hughes RAPER
	13 Mar 2020	William Briggs STEWART	Job SOSEBEE	William Hughes RAPER
Little River				
	24 Jan 2020	John Herman ROTH, III	John GOVE	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	13 Mar 2020	James Mason DAVIS	John WEBB	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	13 Mar 2020	Jeffrey Mason DAVIS	John WEBB	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Lyman Hall				
	14 Feb 2020	Paul Dulin SPENCER	William PERKINS	Carter J. WOOD
	14 Feb 2020	Edward Clinton SPENCER, Jr.	William PERKINS	Carter J. WOOD
Marquis de Lafayette				
	06 Mar 2020	Jesse Arthur STEWARD	Matthew STEWARD	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
	06 Mar 2020	Joshua Talmadge STEWARD	Matthew STEWARD	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
	06 Mar 2020	William Park MCKIBBEN	John MCMULLEN	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
	06 Mar 2020	Arthur Talmadge STEWARD, III	Matthew STEWARD	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
Marshes of Glynn				
	14 Feb 2020	Cleve Randall CARTER	John LEE	James Hall BOATRRIGHT, III
Mill Creek				
	06 Mar 2020	Garrett Robert DARSEY	William WARTHEN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Ocmulgee				
	14 Feb 2020	Clarence Jacob RAEI	Antonio ARMENTA	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
	13 Mar 2020	William Jackson FUQUA, III	Philip CONDIT	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.

	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
Piedmont	17 Jan 2020 06 Mar 2020	Alvin O BENTON, Jr. Ronald Clinton WINDSOR	Abner SEELEY Arthur DAVIS	Craig Scott BENTON James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
Robert Forsyth	06 Mar 2020 06 Mar 2020 06 Mar 2020 13 Mar 2020 13 Mar 2020	Michael R SHORE Craig Loring STETSON Patrick Michael SHORE Stephen MacConnell KING Roger Steuart KING	Philip LONGSTRETH Benjamin STETSON Philip LONGSTRETH Robert YOUNG Robert YOUNG	Christopher Michael RUSSO Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER Christopher Michael RUSSO Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
Valdosta	06 Mar 2020	Alvin Clifton WARD	William WARD	Michael Maxwell BLACK
Wash-Wilkes	06 Mar 2020	Thomas Howard MANSFIELD	Peter STROZIER	Thomas Milne OWEN
William Few	13 Mar 2020	Dennis Allen GILREATH	Peter LIVENGOOD	Philip Joseph RHODES
Wiregrass	10 Jan 2020	Terry Alton REYNOLDS	Francis FLANDERS	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III

Total: 63

	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Membership Commentary
Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2019	1802	1855	
Additions			Unfortunately, we also saw a very large number of DROPS. In fact, the net new members (207), almost matches our drops (removing reinstatements), essentially washing out our growth. It's very disappointing to see the tremendous efforts we have all put forth to recruit, research (genealogy), and submit to the registration process, only to result almost a 1:1 ratio of net new to dropped members. That number equates to 11% of our membership turning over. Imagine, if those 201 members had been retained, we would, as a state society, have been well above the 2,000-member mark! Once again, I ask the Chapter Presidents, and Regional Vice Presidents the single question: Why? Not for the first time I'm sure, but it's time we ask the difficult questions, and understand where we have "opportunity" to add value to our membership, and understand why folks are not returning. I am challenging each chapter: I would like to drop that loss rate to half that for 2020. Let me know how I can help. I am happy to assemble and deliver a retention workshop, either at your chapter in person, or remotely. Let me know! Additions in 2019: Plus: New Regular Members: 207 Plus: New Jr Members 34 Plus : New Memorial Members: 3 Plus : Transfer In: 4 Plus : Reinstatements: 53 Plus : Reinstatements-Transfers: 4 Total Additions: 305
New Members - Regular	52	63	
New Members - Junior	0	0	
Memorial Members	0	2	
Transfers In	0	0	
Reinstatements	0	12	
Reinstatement-Transfers	0	0	
Total Additions	52	77	
Losses			
Deceased	5	4	
Memorial Members	0	3	
Resignations	0	0	
Transfers Out	0	2	
Total Losses	5	9	
Active Membership as of 31 Dec 2019	1849	1923	
Reported to National			
Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	20	21	
Active Membership as of 31 December 2019	1869	1944	
Reported to BOM			
Total Increase YTD:		89	

Losses in 2019:
 Less : Deceased: 39
 Less : Deceased Memorial: 3
 Less : Resignations: 1
 Less : Transfers Out: 8
 Less : Dropped: 201
 Total Losses: 252

Membership Gain / Loss: +53

Drops

Two ways to look at this issue, is to look at WHO is dropping, how long they've been involved in SAR, and why they've dropped. Just like in business, when we lose a great employee, are we conducting exit interviews? If not, perhaps we should. We should be particularly interested in the programs at the chapters, meeting frequency, and other factors to address the issue. Have we built a RELATIONSHIP with that member? Do they feel engaged?

In further analyzing the drops, one view to consider is how long those dropped members have been in SAR? I.E., are they "certificate wall hanger" members who join for one year, and leave?

Also, is it merely a timing issue, where members are not renewing on time, and are reinstated somewhere in the coming year?

Based on the first question above, how long these members have been in SAR, surprisingly, it appears that the answer is, more than a year. And if we can get them past the 8-year mark, they tend to stay in SAR.



Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

First Quarter Report 2020

Forty-three (43) applications have been received since December 29, 2019. Thirty-nine applications have been processed and forwarded. Due to the Corona Virus all applications are on hold at NSSAR for an indefinite period. There will be no updates on applications already in the system during this time. Chapters can still send their applications to Registrar North, but processing will be held until the crisis has ended.



Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

Status of applications received as of March 31, 2020 is as follows:

Membership Applications received for review this Quarter:	26
Supplement Application received for review this Quarter:	7
Total Application Mailed:	26

Applications held by Registrar- South for additional Information: 2

COROD-19 has held up the processing of the application. We will not know the status of the Application until NASSAR reopens. I will assume that the processing times on the applications will be delayed, at least by a month, as to the volume that NSSAR will have received.



IT - Richard Marsh

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

Revolutionary War Graves - Sonny Pittman



First Quarter, 2020, Patriot Grave Markings Held: None Reported.

Rapid spread of the coronavirus pandemic and stay-at-home orders have resulted in cancellations and postponements. This is expected to continue into the Second Quarter, 2020.

The Patriot Graves Committee is indebted to the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, Elijah Clarke Militia Units and the Brier Creek Artillery for their volunteer participation in our Patriot and Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremonies.

Library - Hugh Rogers



Because of the CORVID-19 virus and the temporary closure of the SAR Library, Louisville, KY membership figures for the whole quarter are unavailable. As of Feb. 29, FOL membership follows.

Georgia Society: 1

Georgia Chapters: 15

Athens, Atlanta, Cherokee, Coweta Falls, Edward Telfair, George Walton, Lyman Hall, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Ocmulgee, Robert Forsyth, Samuel Elbert, Valdosta, William Few, and Wiregrass Chapters.

Compatriots: 44 TOTAL: 60

(Those who entered new or renewal memberships after mid-February may not be listed.)

Chapters as well as compatriots and friends are encouraged to maintain membership. At the National level, Tennessee Society still is ahead of the Georgia Society in FOL memberships. Let's get the Georgia Society back into the national lead spot in 2020.

President's Report - Bill Dobbs II



Jan 02 Inducted 5 new members and installed the 2020 officers for the Brier Creek Chapter In Sylvania, GA

Jan 07 Attended George Walton Chapter meeting in Monroe

Jan 08 Attended the ExCom meeting in Athens

Jan 09 Installed the 2020 officers for the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro, GA

Jan 14 Installed Fall Line Chapter officers in Sandersville

Jan 17 Presented Carnation at base of the General Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony held At Morgan Square in Spartanburg

Jan 18 Participated at wreath laying ceremony at the US Monument at the Cowpens National Battlefield in Chesnee, SC and marched to the Washington Light Infantry Monument with National SAR Wreath Laying

Jan 24-25 Attended Georgia Society BOM and Annual Meeting

Feb 04 Installed New Officers for the George Walton Chapter in Monroe

Feb 07 Attended Heroes of the Hornet's Nest at Elijah Clarke State Park

Feb 07 Attended Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Dinner in Washington, GA

Feb 08 Attended the Revolutionary War Days functions and Parade in downtown Washington on Saturday morning followed by the indoor celebration of the Kettle Creek Battle due to inclement weather. *(After the celebration, I took Secretary General Davis Wright out to War Hill so that he could see the actual venue.)*

Feb 09 Attended the Revolutionary Era Church Service and reception at the Episcopal Church in Washington, GA

Feb 15 Installed Officers at the Ocmulgee Chapter Annual Dinner in Macon, GA

Feb 16 Sunday evening conference call with 2022 Congress Committee

Feb 17 Installed Officers and Inducted new members at the Athens Chapter Annual Meeting held at 9 Oaks in Monroe, GA

Feb 20 Installed Officers for the Piedmont Chapter in Roswell, GA

Feb 22 Installed Officers for the Atlanta Chapter Lunch meeting at the Capital City Club

Feb 22 Installed Officers for the Mt Vernon Chapter at their annual meeting dinner

Feb 27 Attended the Georgia Dinner in Louisville, KY the evening prior to the Spring SAR Workshop

Feb 28 Attended Spring SAR Workshop

Feb 29 Attended Spring SAR Workshop

Mar 01 Attended Workshop Prayer Service before departing Louisville, KY

Mar 03 Attended George Walton Chapter meeting in Monroe. Installed Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms and provided program on "George Washington, the Farmer"

Mar 06 Attended the Brier Creek Battlefield Association Dinner in Sylvania







Mar 07 Attended the Brier Creek Battlefield Celebration and Wreath Laying at the Battlefield in Screven County

Mar 22 Sunday evening conference call with 2022 Congress Committee

Mar 29 South Atlantic District President's Conference Call with VPG SA District Allen Greenly

Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley



Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
					
Athens	Robert Markley	Robert C. Wadsworth	Jordan Farrington		Giovanni Newsome, Anthony Jackson
Atlanta	William B. Dobbs II				
Coweta Falls	Arthur L. Smith III, Julia Slater				
Fall Line					Manuel Zavala, Michael Stanfill
Marquis de Lafayette					Dustin Arrington, Debbie Dollar, Jessica Kessinger, Chris Stapler
Ocmulgee	Thomas Wilson				
Robert Forsyth	Jeffrey Folk				

The Life Saving Commendation Medal



The Life Saving Medal is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, however, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization's valor and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer actually saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel.

Article contributed by Sandy Mercer and Neal Spooner

The Joel Early and Fall Line Chapters recognized Manuel Zavala and Michael Stanfill for heroism in saving the life of Darrell Bruce during the recent heavy rains. On the evening of February 13, 2020, a neighbor called Greenhaven Cattle Farm notifying them that cattle were out of the property. A plan was set in motion the next morning.

The recent rains had swollen the streams and creeks and made them look like rivers. The cowboys at Greenhaven were instructed to get the cattle back onto the property. They had ridden their horses through the wooded area along Brewton Creek before, but today would be different. The small stream was near 800 feet wide and a raging torrent of water. It was necessary for the three men to cross the stream to and after riding into the water, the familiar landmarks were not in sight. The lead horse stopped and refused to continue moving. The second move passed, not knowing that the water was much deeper just inches in front of them. As the second horse passed the first, the horse and rider disappeared into the water.

Being in a steady rain that day, the cowboys wore rain suits. After falling into the water, the suit began to fill with water and the horse and rider were swept away in an instant. The shocked cowboys realized the problem and created a solution in the blink of an eye. One of the cowboys tied two ropes together and threw it into the rushing water to the cowboy who was desperately holding on to the branches of a tree. When the ropes came to him, he tied the rope around his body and was pulled to safety from what would have been a watery grave.

Meanwhile, the third was concentrating on saving the horse. He was able to go down stream to a point where he could help the horse escape the raging creek. The water was very cold and their truck, with dry clothes, was thirty minutes away. Everyone worked quickly to get the cowboy to safety, and warm him up, as his body temperature had dropped to the point that his complexion was blue. Hypothermia was scary to think about, but everyone was thankful he was alive.

Not realizing that the land had washed away in the creek almost cost the life of Darrell Bruce, and his rescue endangered the lives of two others. These men, Manuel Zavala and Michael Stanfill, did not have time to talk about a rescue plan, or hesitate fearing their own life. All that mattered was saving Darrell, and doing it immediately.

Historian - David Ludley



The History of the Georgia Society for the year 2019 was completed and was sent to the Hornet's Nest Editor, the Manager of The Sourcebook, and the webmaster for publication, as well as to the GASSAR President and all BOM members.

Additional items have been photographed, digitalized, and added to the Digital Catalog. However, the Atlanta History Center, Kenan Research Center closed down due to the National Emergency of the Coronavirus Pandemic, so these items could not yet be delivered and stored there. This will be done when the Atlanta History Center reopens.

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

I suggested, contacted, and connected former president Wayne Brown up with Sue VerHoef, Director of Oral History and Genealogy at the Atlanta History Center, so he could commission her to hold a keynote workshop at the Annual GASSAR Conference on January 24, 2020. She spoke on DNA and genealogy.

My wife and I attended the Spring 2020 Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, from February 27th to March 1st, and I fully participated in the meetings and other activities of the Conference.

I sent out suggested bullet-point Guidelines to help local Chapter Historians in doing their job.

Rumbaugh Oration - George Wheelless



If your chapter has conducted, or will conduct, an Orations contest let me know ASAP. The traditional deadline for me to receive the entry packet from chapters has been April 9th, with the State Society contest being held following the April BOM meeting. Since the April BOM meeting has been moved to May, I am extending the deadline for me to receive entry packets to April 20th. I will announce later the site and date of the Georgia Society finals. Depending on circumstances, it could be after the May 30th BOM meeting or at another site on a different date. I will keep everyone posted.



Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

Compatriots- As this report finds us all hunkered down, awaiting the Coronavirus to subside, we are reminded that man has endured many crises of this nature through time. The most devastating was the “Black Death” or Bubonic Plague that hit Europe from 1347 to 1351. It killed an estimated 75-200 million people. It started in Asia and spread on rats infected with disease carrying fleas that hitched a ride on Genoese merchant ships that traveled the world. If you are reading this today it is because your ancestor survived the Black Death.

Our colonial era ancestors also endured mass outbreaks of disease. Only two years after George Washington's tour of the USA in 1791, the country was hit by a widespread yellow fever epidemic in 1793. It spread across the country at various times and hit Savannah in 1820, where 700 people died. Doctors did not recognize that it was spread by mosquitoes. An excellent story on yellow

fever is in this month's magazine, “All Things Liberty”, which is a free online magazine dealing with Revolutionary war era topics. Read the story and sign up for the magazine at <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/03/the-yellow-fever-outbreak-of-1793-nine-observations-and-lessons/>

There has been a lot going on in SAR publicity, and for this writer, I was strongly focused on the SAR Park bench dedication that was to occur on March 15, 2020 at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville. First, a major tornado hit Nashville and it leveled the house of my Nashville co-host Fred Weyler, a tough ex- marine. He survived with broken bones , but is recuperating at the home of his daughter. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Next came the coronavirus which, at the last minute, led the management of the Hermitage to postpone all major activities, including our SAR park bench dedication. The good news is that the SAR park bench has been installed only a few feet from Jackson's tomb and will get a lot of attention from visitors to the site. Hopefully it will raise the SAR profile among the many thousands who visit the site each year, aid SAR in membership recruitment and honor a great American President. Jackson was the last president to serve in the American revolution and the only president who was a prisoner of war. Special thanks to Emil Decker who helped me with the original design of the bench, and to the Georgia SAR leaders (Scott Collins, Bill Dodds, Bill Palmer, Allen Greenly, George Thurmond, Don Burdick, Ed Rigel and the Georgia Fellows who supported the project. Also thanks to SAR President Jack Manning, who planned to attend the event, and many others! But we are not Done yet! Like Ol' Hickory himself, we plan on being tough and resilient, and hope to reschedule the event, probably during Jackson's birthday celebration on March 15, 2021.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this year's Kettle Creek event, but heard it was another excellent celebration due to the hard work of President Dobbs, Charlie Newcomer, David Noble, Bill Palmer and many others.

The commemoration at Brier Creek was probably the best ever! As a new member of the Brier Creek Battlefield Association, I attended the Friday night dinner which featured excellent food and fellowship, along with a great presentation by Dr McNutt from Georgia Southern University. If you are not a member of the Brier Creek battlefield Association, please consider joining! Dues start at only 25.00. Thanks to Tommy Christopher, Stephen Hammond, Sonny Pittman, Dess Smith, Lee Smith and Dr John Derden for their strong leadership of the group. Several hundred kids showed up on Friday to see black pot cooking lessons and live firing demonstrations by Steve Burke and the SAR Militia. There were over 50 wreath presentations on Saturday March 7 and we had several opportunities to get some great photos (Thanks to Bill Colbert) that you will see in the Hornet's Nest and SAR Magazine.

Dr John Derden has given us permission to use his excellent speech, given at Brier Creek on Saturday March 7, for education and publicity, thus you will see in the Hornet's Nest, SAR Magazine and on our Georgia SAR website. Thanks to Richard Marsh for his efforts to provide great information on the website- AND don't forget to send him, and Emil Decker, timely news from your chapter.

Here's another thought to consider. Attracting new members and then getting them over the qualifications bar can be very challenging. Too often we have gotten men to our meetings only to lose them because they find the search for a qualified ancestor too difficult for their limited computer and research skills. Perhaps the DAR can be of help in this regard. They have state research teams that take referrals from national headquarters that are NOT working with a local chapter. Every man has a mother and perhaps a daughter that qualifies for DAR membership. This gives us another opportunity to work together for mutual gain. Consider this course of action for some applicants. Once we get a potential member, we can refer his mother or daughter to DAR national headquarters for DAR membership, if they are willing to participate. Tracking down a potential ancestor line would gain both groups new members and be a win- win situation.

The SAR applicant and local chapter would still need to work on getting documents for the last three generations, but this is a process that could improve our approval percentages. Let's try this in some cases and see if we can get positive results? I'm sharing this for your consideration. Here's another membership consideration. Recently, the DAR has said that they have admitted more than one million members since 1890. Their present membership is 185,000. How many members has the SAR admitted since our founding? Are we approaching a milestone worth celebrating?

Veterans - Bill Kabel



On February 19, I attended the Annual Joint Review at the Atlanta VAMC for the purpose of reviewing our SAR support of the VA. Each year the VA reviews the service organizations that work to support the VA. The Society once again received an “Excellent” review from the Voluntary Services Committee of the VA. The only request was for additional support for more volunteer hours, as the number of hours were less in 2019 than in 2018. Monetary donations and other non-monetary donations continued to be high. I might point out here that the VA can always use new socks and underwear (*all sizes – both men and women.*) Personal care items, are also needed: deodorant, tooth brushes & tooth paste, shampoo, body lotion, and non-alcoholic mouthwash are some of the items that are not funded by the government and are provided to patients and homeless veterans. Overall, we can be proud that we are doing our part to serve and support veterans, but there can be improvement.

The SAR has an effective tool to determine chapter and society overall effectiveness of their Veterans programs - the USS Stark Memorial Program. Georgia Society has long excelled in its effort to serve and support veterans, as evidenced by the consistently strong showing of its Stark Report each year. 2019 was another year in which Georgia displayed its strong commitment to serving veterans. More Georgia chapters submitted Stark Reports than in 2018, or perhaps, ever for that matter, and Georgia finished second (*once again we finished behind Kentucky – a perennial winner*) in its membership size category (*over 1,000 members*) nationally.

The following chapters placed in the Top 10 of all chapters nationally, in their respective membership-size groupings: Athens, Atlanta, Blue Ridge Mountains, Captain John Collins, Casmir Pulaski, Coweta Falls, Joseph Habersham, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Ocmulgee, and Piedmont.

Many Thanks to those chapters for their outstanding effort to serve our veterans, and to all the chapters that have ongoing veteran programs, and took the time and effort to make a Stark submission. National results were communicated at the recent Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville. Unfortunately, not every chapter that submitted a report was listed in the final results. However, their Stark scores were included in the report that was submitted for the state. It appears that some reports that were submitted electronically and received by the State Veterans Chairman, were not received at NSSAR. Thus, it will be important to remember to request a “read receipt” from the National Chairman when making next year’s submissions to the NSSAR Veterans Chairman to be sure the same doesn’t happen again.

Despite my review and confirmation, there were some discrepancies in the scores submitted, and what was reflected in the results distributed at Leadership. I will doublecheck the numbers to try to determine the cause and get with the NSSAR Veterans Chairman to resolve the issue before next year. The discrepancies I noted made no difference for recognition of chapters or societies.

I’ve said often that it’s too bad the Stark Report is looked upon as a competition, or contest, rather than a concentrated effort to help others. Unfortunately, giving is looked upon by some as a “points-generating” activity so a chapter can beat the one up the road, or the thought, “If I donate enough 3-cent combs I can qualify for the Service to Veterans Medal faster.”

This is the last report I’ll be submitting. After long and prayerful thought, I’ve decided to step down as the Georgia Veterans Chairman. I’ve had the honor and privilege of serving the Georgia Society in that role for eight years. It was a most difficult decision, for I know you’re aware of my passion for serving veterans. I thank each of the eight State Presidents who placed their trust and confidence in me to serve them, the Society, and veterans. Together, we accomplished a lot – twice being named the leading society for our Stark results, and receiving letters of appreciation from the Executive Director of Wreaths Across America for our support of that wonderful activity. I take great pride in knowing that I was helpful to some degree in serving those who gave of themselves to serve us, and that I am the only active Society member to wear the General William C. Westmoreland medal

After my stroke in 2016 it has been difficult for me to sit at this computer and take the time required to do the job as well as I would like. After spending many (too many) hours on this year’s Stark Report, and having to ask my wife or son to help me from this chair after sitting in it for too long, I decided I need to concentrate on my rehabilitation. My left hand is still partially paralyzed, so it’s difficult trying to type everything with just one hand. Plus, it takes much longer than one might think, and I make too many errors. I am making steady progress with my therapy, and I’m getting better and better, and stronger each day. I’m confident, as are my therapists, that it won’t be long before I’ll be back to where I was before the stroke, and with the blessing and support of future Georgia Presidents, be able to assume my chairmanship again with renewed enthusiasm and vigor.

In the meantime, I’ll continue to coordinate the Wreaths Across America program for the Society while, doing research to write more of my historical/patriotic presentations as a member of the Speakers Bureau, and I’ll be helping my replacement, Gary Hoyt, with the duties of being Veterans Chairman to effect a smooth transition. Hopefully, he’ll retire from it after one year so I can get back in the saddle again. Compatriot Hoyt and I have worked well together on other matters, and I know Georgia will not falter any in its efforts to serve veterans.

I wish each of you the very best for continued success May the Light from Above look over us and guide us on our journeys. It’s been a fabulous eight years. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Kabel, 2019 Veterans Chairman

[“On behalf of all of us in the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, I say thank you Bill. And God speed your rehabilitation.” Ed.]



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

Given the current situation with the Covid-19 virus, the resulting closure of the elementary and middle schools, and our current limitations on meetings I have a proposed an alternative method for judging the Brochure and Poster Contest chapter entries.

1. Based on the annual chapter reports to the BOM for 2019 I show the following chapters indicating participation in the Brochure Contest:

- 2.
- a. Marshes of Glynn
- b. Piedmont

2. Based on the same annual reports I show the following chapters indicating participation in the

Poster Contest:

a. Blue Ridge Mountains b. Cherokee c. Coweta Falls d. Lyman Hall e. Marshes of Glynn f. Piedmont g. Samuel Elbert

3. Each of these chapters indicated above made or will make the selection of their chapter's winner for the Brochure and Poster to be entered into the judging at the GASSAR level.

4. Based on that fact that our GASSAR BOM meeting, when we would normally be judging the Brochures and Posters, has been postponed until May 30, 2020 I am proposing an alternative method of judging these contests in order to be able to advise the appropriate winners and schools of the GASSAR winners.

A. Brochure Contest chapter submissions for GASSAR judging:

- i. Scan your chapter's winning brochure so that it becomes two 8-1/2" x 11" sheets in a PDF format.
- ii. Email the scanned brochure PDF to me RickReese68@att.net
- iii. GASSAR judges will be picked to review the submitted brochure PDF's and arrive at the winners (1st and 2nd place, or more if other chapters have entries).

b. Poster Contest chapter submissions for GASSAR judging:

- i. Take a clear digital photograph of the full front of your chapter's winning poster.
- ii. Email the digital picture of your chapter's to me RickReese68@att.net
- iii. The same GASSAR judges will review the submitted poster pictures and arrive at the winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place).

5. Current status of the contest entries:

a. Brochure Contest

- i. One chapter has submitted their brochure entry.
- ii. One chapter is working on submitting their brochure entry.

b. Poster Contest

- i. Five chapters have submitted their poster contest entry as a digital image.
- ii. Two chapters are working on submitting their poster contest entries. When all entries in both contests have been received, a panel of impartial judges will be selected and asked to review and assign the winners as follows:

Brochure Contest
First Place
Second Place

Poster Contest
First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Fourth Place
Fifth Place

I appreciate the participation and cooperation of the chapters involved in these programs.



Genealogist - Paul Lester

The first quarter of the year as the State Genealogist has been, and, is a learning process. It can be a hard job, and, since I am new as to how the system works overall, it has been challenging for me. I can tell you, I have a long way to go. But, I will stick it out and see what I can do to learn as much as I can. And, maybe along the way I can help someone. I have been fortunate to have people I can call on. I personally want to thank them for working with me during this process.

During the Quarter, I have fielded 2 request. Both are still being worked on, and hopefully they will be resolved to the satisfaction of the person making the request. The present health problem is presenting some road blocks, but, we will continue to move ahead as we can.

You may reach me at the following: Tel: 912-856-4437 email: lester1914@aol.com

National Trustee - Donald Burdick

Trustee Report from Spring Leadership Conference, Louisville, KY, Feb.29, 2020



PG Manning reported that \$26,000 in gifts and \$9,000 in pledges were received.

“Destination Bermuda.” PG Manning mentioned the Trip to Bermuda, May 13-18, 2010 to commemorate the 245th anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot. He encouraged all Compatriots to consider attending. (Information for this trip can be found on p.6 of the Winter issue of the SAR Magazine).

Former PG Tomme mentioned that the new SAR Website design is about complete, with roll out expected this summer. When chapter and State officers change, National needs to be notified so

these officers can be given access to the new data base.

Mike Pitzar, SAR Chief Technology Director, said State Secretaries will get permission to access information they need.

LTC (Ret) Paul Callanan discussed the 13th Annual Congress, July 11-15, 2020 in Richmond, VA. The Marriott Downtown Hotel is filled up. If you plan to attend and have not made hotel reservations, contact [Paul at lcmrsc@aol.com](mailto:Paul@lcmrsc@aol.com), Tel: 906-237-2424. Congress Information can be found in the winter issue of The SAR Magazine, p. 8. NSSAR Congress Registration is to open mid-May.

Treasurer General, Bruce Pickett said that the Audit Committee's preliminary report for the NSSAR and the Foundation has been completed satisfactorily.

Secretary General Davis Wright offered that the Color Guard Safety Policy was approved and can be found in the CG handbook and online. Also, there was concern by Hillsdale College of NSSAR's use of Hillsdale's curriculum and materials. The ExCom will seek a satisfactory solution to this. The ExCom also approved the Gold C.A.R. medal and approved a Gold Good Citizen Medal for PG Manning.

SG Wright announced that that the Florida 2023 Congress Medal, the 2024 Pennsylvania Congress Medal, and the Arizona 125th Anniversary Medal were approved by the ExCom.

SG Wright also reported that the ExCom proposed increasing Application Fees for selected application categories as current fees do not cover the cost of processing applications. For example, the current fee for processing a new member's Regular Application is \$80 while the actual cost is around \$107. The last fee increase was in 2012. The proposal only effects fees, not dues. Any fee increase would only become effective upon approval of the Delegates and after adjournment of the 2020 Congress.

The SG said that the NSSAR shipping containers for the California Congress were damaged by the shipping company. The ExCom recommended the Trustees decline to bring legal action against the shipping company's insurance carrier for denial of the claim for \$3,000 against the companies involved to recover the cost of the damage. The ExCom believed the cost of the lawsuit would not be justified for the amount involved.

The recent SAR Logo Contest has resulted in hundreds of submissions and the Branding and Engagement Committee, chaired by Allen Greenly, has narrowed the choice to ten (10) designs. The ExCom has referred these designs back to committee for the final top selections will be presented to delegates at the Richmond Congress.

The ExCom then recommended approval of funding \$390,000 for each step of Phase 2, (Steps 3A & 3B), for the Solid Light contract on the SAR Education Center and Museum.

The Nominating Committee presented their report for 2020-2021. Among all nominations, Secretary General Davis Lee Wright was nominated for President General and Treasurer General C. Bruce Pickett was nominated for Secretary General. Election of all nominees will occur at the July Congress.

The National Bylaws, Rules & Resolutions Committee brought up an amendment to Bylaw 35 proposed by the Georgia Society but after discussion it was not endorsed. This amendment will be brought up again at the 2020 National Congress.

PG Manning requested through the Chancellor General that the Bylaws Committee review the District Bylaws to determine if there are any conflicts with the National Bylaws. Compatriot Joe Vancura is a member of the ad hoc subcommittee assigned to this task and reports that an answer will be given to PG Manning soon.

The Veterans Committee is emphasizing increased participation in the USS Stark Memorial Report. In 2019, 95 chapters participated, an increase of 60 over 2018. In 2019, the Georgia Society led all reporting states with 22 Georgia Chapters or 57.9% submitting reports. Increased participation is also being sought for the William C. Moreland Award. Only 8 nominees were received in 2019. Tony Vets (Louisiana SAR) who contributed much to Veteran's Services is the recipient of this award for 2019.

The Historic sites and Celebrations Committee approved the following battlefields as National Historic Sites (Events): Battle of Brooklyn (NY); Battle of Trenton (NJ); Battle of Chestnut Neck (NJ); and Battle of Thomas Creek (FL).



Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

Our committee has received 11 requests for letters of commendation quarter-to-date which is less than we normally receive at this time. I believe this reflects the fact that there are fewer inquiries coming through our national office, more inquiries to local chapters and the Covid-19 pandemic. We list all chapters with active Eagle recognition programs on the Georgia SAR website. We periodically update the list but please check it for accuracy. If there are still errors or missing information please let me know as soon as possible. We will continue to update the website as needed. Please note that many, but not all BSA Councils throughout the State are willing to share information about their newly minted Eagle Scouts. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to contact your local Council please call me at 770-419-2549.

The Georgia Society can approve up to four compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. This is an award for any SAR member who has distinguished himself over the years serving the Scouting program. So I remind all chapters to consider a chapter member who you think deserves such recognition and forward the application to me. Congratulations to David Thompson who was recently approved to be the first in 2020 to receive the Burt award at our Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville. You may download the application from the National website (or contact me directly) and forward it along with a check for \$20 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

The John Collins chapter (*including your Georgia Society Eagle chair*) represented the SAR at the Atlanta Area Council's annual University of Scouting program for training adult leaders. We handed out literature about our youth recognition programs and talked to many of the over 400 men and women in attendance on February 29.

Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs and we'll provide support and direction to help you grow. As a reminder, the Georgia Society deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2020. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me by email to billcoffeen@gmail.com.



2022 Congress - Allen Greenly

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

Fund raising projects have been discussed and a raffle for a black powder rifle donated by Dr. Ed Rigel will begin at Congress.

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

The plans for the next quarter are accomplish the following:

- Launch the 2022 Congress website (Almost complete)
- Identify items to be purchased and/or gifted which the committee can raffle to raise funds
- Begin to flesh out a budget.



Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.

1st Quarter Activity:

At the request of Compatriots Allen Greenly and Robert Sapp respectively, the committee composed Amendments to Bylaws Article No. III, Section 2, a. (2) (Greenly) to allow any Past State President on the Nominating Committee to serve as Committee Chairman; By-Laws Article No. IV, Section 3. Regional Vice Presidents (Sapp) to require all Regional Vice Presidents to be a member of a Chapter in that Region.

These proposals are being referred to the Executive Committee for Comment prior to being submitted to the BOM at its next meetings.

Source Book - Ed Rigel Sr.

1st Quarter Activity: SourceBook sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 1st Quarter 2020:

8.8 Order of Precedent Heritage Societies
12 06 1 GA North and South Registrar Areas
12.01.1 NSSAR Genealogy Policy Manual Jan 2020 Rev
12.01.2 NSSAR Application Prep Manual Oct 2018

12.06F Chapter TRANSMITTAL for Applications and Supplements Feb 2020
16.0.1.1 Recipients--Patriot Medal
15.7.2 Senior ROTC Units in Georgia



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 by January 4, 2020. There were five Georgia Society chapters that participated in the contest this academic year. Chapters submitting winning essays were: Ocmulgee, Samuel Elbert, Joseph Habersham and Marshes of Glynn.

The Georgia Society SAR winner for this school year was Stephanie Pierson, a 12th grade Mount de Sales Academy honor student from Macon, Georgia. Stephanie's essay was titled "Immigrant Contributions in the American Revolution". Stephanie was sponsored by the Ocmulgee Chapter. Sarah was awarded a medal, a cash scholarship of \$550 and a recognition certificate.

The National Society Knight Essay Chairman has been notified of our winner and the Georgia Society winning essay has been forwarded to him. We are now waiting for the announcement of the winning essay. The winners at the National level will be awarded \$5,000.00 for First Place, \$2,500 for Second Place and \$1000 for Third Place. The National winners will officially be announced at the 2020 National Congress this summer in Richmond, Virginia.

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

The 2020-2021 Knight Essay Contest commences this calendar year with the beginning of school in August of 2020. Contestants enter the contest through the nearest SAR Chapter. The deadline for entries at the Chapter Level is December 1, 2020. A reminder to that effect will be sent to BOM email distribution system at that time. In the meantime, the summer is an excellent time for prospective contestants to begin their research for their essays.

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



ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

This BOM Report should be passed to the Chapter ROTC/JROTC Committee Chair (POC) for future reference. The time frame for distributing SAR Silver ROTC Medals to Georgia Universities and SAR Bronze ROTC Medals to High School JROTC Units throughout Georgia is normally late March, April, and May. With the shut-down of schools because of COVID-19, presentation are not possible. If the Chapter POC has contacted the JROTC Unit at a given school, mail them the JROTC Medal Package and allow the school to decide how they will present medal. Unless a wavier comes from NSSAR, a Chapter **cannot** count the awarding of our medal on the PG/Americanism Report unless a member from the Chapter makes the presentation!

Georgia Society Outstanding Cadet 2019-2020, C/1LT Hannah Ireland Dodd AJROTC Stephens Co. High School Currahee Warrior Battalion sponsored by the Joseph Habersham Chapter

GASSAR is representing the Georgia Society in the NSSAR Competition. Cadet Dodd received a \$550 cash award from the GASSAR.

The ROTC/JROTC Committee does not maintain a list of JROTC Units supported by a given chapter. New JROTC Unit are assigned to a local chapter for support. Inquires about the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal are referred to the President of the chapter assigned to support the JROTC Unit. Liaison between the chapter representative and the JROTC Unit should have already occurred.

Georgia Fellows Board Chair - Edward P. Rigel, Jr

Fund Balance: \$ 9,607.99 as of 31 March 2020

New Georgia Fellows:

Ronald Guy Hill, Sr. – Compatriot Guy is a member of the Joseph Habersham Chapter.

Kenneth "Chip" Van Alstyne – Compatriot Van Alstyne is a member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter and currently serves as President.

Larry Whitfield – Compatriot Whitfield is Past President of the Joseph Habersham Chapter.



Fund Activity: First Quarter:

The Board voted to fund \$100 for a banjo player at the Andrew Jackson Bench Dedication Ceremony at The Hermitage.

Compatriots Robert Moore of the Coweta Falls Chapter and Sonny Pittman of the William Few Chapter received stipends for new uniform/militia outfit purchases.

NOTE:

There remains a standing approval for A \$200 stipend towards the purchase of a Continental Line uniform or Militia outfit.

Membership Directory - Mark Anthony



Progress Statistics As of 31 March 2020:

A total of 7,025 compatriots have had a membership number issued to them (note: 103 state membership numbers were never issued or cancelled prior to September 1988 and 3 compatriots have had 2 numbers issued to them) the first 1,425 compatriots have been reviewed and indexed (20.34%) – this represents all members approved prior to 23 November 1976 an additional 200 compatriots are awaiting to reviewed and indexed (23.2%) representing all members approved prior to 29 January 1982 and which would cover the initial 60 years of the Georgia SAR a total of 316 compatriot names are missing (4.5%) the remaining 5,084 compatriot names have been entered (72.4%).

Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter

95.5% 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.



Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey

On 24 January, 2020, at the GASSAR Annual Banquet, we again awarded four (4) Patriot Medals. This year recipients that were selected and received the Patriot Medal were: Steven Earl Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter; Joseph Daniel McMichael of the Coweta Falls Chapter; Cleonard George Otis "Sonny" Pittman, Jr of the Colonel William Few Chapter; and Edward Paul Rigel, Jr of the Robert Forsyth Chapter.

Please start thinking of those compatriots who should be submitted for consideration for the medal for the upcoming year, and start gathering the information needed. Please read the NSSAR Handbook and the GASSAR Sourcebook for the rules and guidelines. Also, please use the new Patriot Medal form that is in the GASSAR Sourcebook. If you need extra pages, please use Microsoft Word. You must email to the Chairman of the Patriot Medal Committee the Patriot

Medal form and your extra pages of documentation.

I encourage anyone who submits applications to give much thought to those being submitted. REMEMBER, those compatriots being submitted much represent long, faithful and outstanding service to the state and/or chapter. Work at National does not count for receiving the Patriot Medal. Document all service at the state and chapter level well, and include any volunteer or other service that would be appropriate for consideration. The deadline for submitting a candidate for the Patriot Medal is 31 October 2020. Their application form and supporting documentation must be "emailed" to the Patriot Medal Committee Chairman on or before 31 October 2020. Before you submit someone, please read the rules and guidelines for submittal.

The Patriot Medals will be awarded at the Friday night Banquet at the Annual Meeting of GASSAR in January of 2021.

Editor - Emil Decker



The Annual Conference Edition of The Hornet's Nest was published and delivered within an appropriate timeline. I believed at the time, that a separate issue would not only highlight the value of this event as a standalone edition, but take the pressure off the rest of the 1st quarter publication. I of course, did not expect the impact of the current problem plaguing our nation.

I have noticed that in spite of the impact the virus has had on events scheduled, that many chapters are finding ways to continue to take care of business. While staying safe and avoiding large group meetings, there are ways we can continue to keep the SAR organization moving forward. This year's total numbers in many categories will be diminished. We can battle those numbers by looking for alternative ways to continue, and make news happen.

Schools are impacted, but ROTC awards could continue to be researched/ presented via electronic or telephonic communications with the instructors of their respective programs. The same goes for many of our citizenship awards.

Keep your eyes open for opportunities to recognize individuals that are on the front line of this battle. Are awards and recognition for their efforts warranted? Most assuredly. Often these are given by a representative of the chapter, and not the entire group. Could there be alternative arraignments made for presentations?

We don't need to simply stop our efforts during this time, only make minor adjustments. There are going to be opportunities above our standard expectations, if we only take advantage of them. And of course, from my own personal desires, I think we can still make sure the *editor of the newsletter* receives updates, photos, and good articles to document these actions, as well as take the space of the cancelled events that would normally fill our pages.

Let's use the opportunities presented to us to show the rest of the Nation's SAR Chapters and societies hat the Georgia Society knows how to handle a crisis, and put a good face on our activities.