

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



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The President's Dispatch

Greetings Compatriots,

The Georgia Society of the SAR is made up of some very significant talent and so many individuals who have been and are leaders in their fields of expertise. We have Veterans from all branches of the military. We have members who have served in various positions of Federal and State Government.

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Memorial Day at Arlington: Flags were Posted

With the Corona Virus playing havoc across the U.S., many organizations have had to rethink how they do things. The Boy and Girl Scouts, in an abundance of caution, have seen fit to call off their traditional marking of our veteran's graves with flags this year. But what about Arlington? Everyone knows Arlington is the prime focus of America honoring her dead.

"Flags - In," as it is officially called, has taken place annually since the Old Guard was designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit in 1948. Every available soldier in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment participates, placing small American flags in front of more than 228,000 headstones and at the bottom of about 7,000 niche rows in the cemetery's Columbarium Courts and Niche Wall. Each flag is inserted into the ground, exactly one boot length from the headstone's base, with the greatest of respect. If the veteran is a Medal of Honor recipient, a salute of honor is given, regardless of the rank held by the soldier presenting the flag.

At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Sentinels (who are members of the Old Guard) place flags in front of the headstones and four memorials located on Chaplains' Hill in Section 2, to honor the Unknowns.

Within four hours, more than a thousand Old Guard Soldiers will place an American flag upon every grave. All flags are removed after Memorial Day, before the cemetery opens to the public.

While the public is usually welcome to observe the Flags-In tradition, the public cannot participate in the flag placement. Because of the current situation, Arlington is closed to the public. The cemetery is open to family pass holders - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No temporary passes will be issued. Funerals will be conducted as scheduled with modified funeral operations. As always, cemetery access may not be used to visit popular sites. Everyone on the grounds is expected to wear a face covering.

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

## The President's Dispatch (Cont.)

We have clergy, teachers, professors, doctors, attorneys, engineers, accountants, first responders, industrialists, business owners, farmers, and the list goes on.

We all have that common thread of ancestors who sacrificed all to establish the United States of America. At the outbreak of the pandemic, I was a bit overwhelmed and was reminded by one of our hero Purple Heart war veterans, Compatriot Gary Hoyt, that we are all friends and allies in the SAR and that we are here to support each other in our efforts to perpetuate what our Revolutionary War Patriots established. Gary, President of the John Collins Chapter, is also the current Chairman of our Veteran's Committee, and his words to me were most helpful and certainly ring true.

All Presidents of the Georgia Society are sworn in towards the end of January and immediately thrown into the fire with State and Nationally - recognized events at Elijah Clark State Park and at Kettle Creek in Washington, GA. This year, Saturday morning started off lovely in Washington, BUT every weather outlet I could find forecasted rain to arrive at 11:00 am. I made a move at 6:15 am to relocate to a county-owned gymnasium, and everyone congratulated me on such a wise decision. Certainly, I made the decision, but it was Jay Guest, the current President of the Athens Chapter and Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, who had arranged the back-up location. Jay was my hero that day.

Then comes the pandemic. I can't begin to tell you the number of our members and chapters who have offered support. Many of you have been so very creative in your ways to keep your chapters active. And once again, I found another hero. Rick Reese, Jr., with the Piedmont Chapter, stepped up and offered his Zoom expertise to host our Spring BOM meeting.

My list of heroes grows larger by the week! I thank you all.

In January, I inherited some very worthwhile projects from my predecessors. Many of the projects may take years to come to fruition. With your help, and the assistance of those Presidents who follow, we shall be able to reap the benefits that these projects generate. Some of those projects are as follows:

Retention and involvement of current members along with adding active new members.

Continued development of our Historic Sites and Celebrations programs.

Continued emphasis on Patriot grave markings and a new emphasis on Compatriot grave markings.

Assisting our Senior Vice President in his efforts to work with the Regional Vice Presidents to help strengthen chapters all over the state.

Working to make sure that none of our youth programs and youth outreach programs are forgotten, most especially during this pandemic which called for early closure of the school year.

Catching up with our Patriot Research System data base is also important. Chapters should ask for volunteers to assist with data entry. Georgia is running far behind our fellow South Atlantic District State Societies.

There are also projects and improvements that I would like to see us achieve:

Whether Chapter or State level, there is a very real need to have a second trained person in each key position.

Scott Collins has greatly assisted me by providing scripts from past BOMs and other functions that the State President is involved with. I will do the same for our Sr. VP, David Jessel. Mentorship needs to be addressed at all levels of our Society.

At our Spring BOM, we established an Electronic Communications Committee, chaired by Rick Reese, Jr., to assist with online meetings as well as online training for officers, new members, quarterly and yearly reports, and more!

As soon as possible, I would like to see an online training program for Americanism and Stark Reports. I am positive that I am not the only member who has had difficulty filling in certain areas of those reports.

After the pandemic, I would like to see us continue to offer electronic participation at BOMs for members who can't make it to the meeting or who live several hours away. Physical presence at a BOM is always preferred, but many have difficulty attending due to illness or mobility, and we do have some chapters that are located three or more hours away.

At the Chapter level, the Electronic Communications Committee will be pleased to assist you in setting up electronic Chapter meetings. I recently attended a Chapter meeting in which members, now living in Oregon and Texas, participated. It works, and it keeps us connected!

Let us strive to increase membership in our Ladies Auxiliary. Memberships are lifetime and only a one-time payment of \$25. These Ladies assist us all year long, and we should recognize the important role that these hard-working patriots play in making our Society successful.

Increased Presentation of Flag Certificates should be easy for every one of our 35 Chapters. Compatriot Paul Prescott works tirelessly as Chairman of the Flag Respect Committee. Let us assist Paul in acknowledging those in our communities who proudly, and correctly, fly our Flag.

Let us increase membership and support for Friends of the Library. The Georgia Society once led the nation in this category and has now fallen into second place behind Tennessee. Chapters and individuals are encouraged to join, and Chapters can award



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## The President's Dispatch (Cont.)

memberships to local librarians and history teachers. Membership allows use of our Library at National Headquarters in Louisville. Dr. Hugh Rodgers is Chairman of the Library Committee, and no one would be more excited to regain our first-place status than Compatriot Rogers.

The Georgia Fellows is our version of the National Society's George Washington Endowment Fund. We need to build our membership in the Georgia Fellows. Paul Prescott has really helped grow the fund from the savings realized when purchasing items from National for our Chapters. We can't rely upon Paul being the only funding source. Since its formation, the Georgia Fellows has been instrumental in the funding of numerous discretionary projects that otherwise may not have come to fruition. Compatriot Ed Rigel, Jr. is our Georgia Fellows Committee Chairman. Contact Ed ([edrigel@gmail.com](mailto:edrigel@gmail.com)) and learn how you can join today. We are about to request assistance from both the Georgia Fellows Fund and the George Washington Endowment Fund to assist our State Society with the cost of reprinting 5,000 copies each of 8 separate historical informational brochures covering the American Revolution in the State of Georgia. Compatriot Walker Chewing was a leader in this effort a number of years ago, and since then, over 450,000 brochures have been handed out. We now need to replenish the supply. I am confident that if our Chapters and State can cover a third of the expenses, our Georgia Fellows and the GWEF will be able to cover the balance.

Next year, our Georgia Society turns 100! We need to begin planning centennial celebrations on both the Chapter and State levels. Let us make our January 2021 Annual Meeting a real kickoff for a celebratory year at all of our statewide and local celebrations and functions. Start by visiting our State website and purchasing a pin and medal set!

In July of 2022, the Georgia Society will be honored to host our National Society's Annual Congress. Savannah has been chosen as the Host City. The majority of the costs of each Congress is covered by National by way of attendance fees. However, there are functions in which each Host State is held responsible. Volunteers and their logo shirts, gift bags for each attendee and spouse, the welcome reception, and when required, local transportation for all to and from venues such as church service and grave markings are covered by our Georgia Society. Just the buses for 450 to 600 attendees can be costly. As we are each aware, our yearly dues have had an additional \$5.00 added for the past several years to help defer Congress costs. That fee will go away after the Congress but sadly, it will not have raised nearly enough to cover total Congress expenditures. We shall be selling chances for muskets, handmade knives, and other fantastic items beginning this summer. We are already selling medal and pin sets to commemorate the 2022 Annual Congress, and all you have to do is open our State website and order yours today! Dr. Ed Rigel is our medal and pin set contact, and he will be delighted to send Centennial and Congress medal sets your way. Once the pandemic is over and major companies are back to normal operations, I shall be making personal calls and visits to the owners and managers in hopes of securing additional donations for funding the Congress. I am open to all ideas and suggestions that you may have. If there is a company or individual that you know of in your community that I should meet with, I will do my best to make that happen. Our own Vice President General, Allen Greenly, is Chairman of the Georgia Congress, and we need to assist him in every way. Compatriot Richard Marsh is our Information Technology Committee Chairman. Richard maintains our State website, and he has designed and added sections for medal and pin set sales, a section on the 2022 Annual Congress, and will soon add a section picturing and describing items that one can purchase chances to win.

Compatriot Richard Marsh, as IT Chairman, is also working on a way to enable our members to pay their dues online. This is a work in progress, and we shall hear more about this at the Summer BOM on July 25th.

Check your Chapter information listed in the State Website and confirm that it is up to date. When sending personnel changes to the State Secretary and our IT Chairman, please remember to use the Change of Officer notification form located in the Sourcebook to submit the change (s).

With the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases, we all recognize that the pandemic is not over. Governor Kemp has extended separation requirements for those of us over 60 years old and just this week has been traveling the State encouraging the use of masks and common sense.

Please continue to stay safe and practice protocols. I encourage all of you to connect with your fellow members who are sheltered in place or who have difficulties getting out and about. A phone call, hand written note, or even an email, can brighten one's outlook.

**Meetings continue to be limited to 50 participants and still require separation. Because of this, our July 25th Summer BOM will be held as a Zoom meeting.**

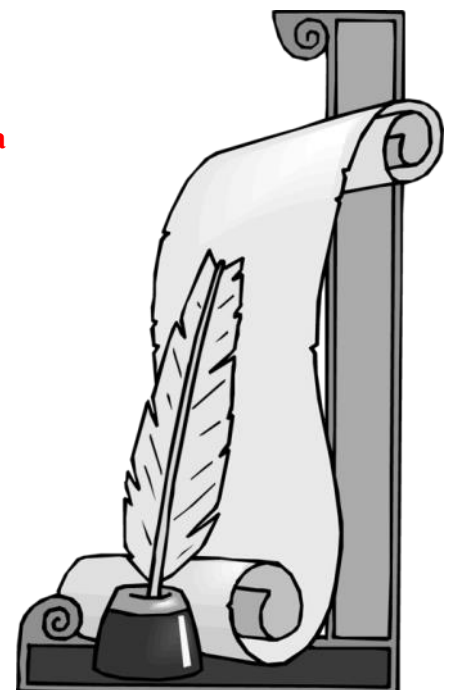
Our Spring BOM on May 30th was a successful Zoom meeting with 104 members logging in and 100 still with us at the end of the three - hour meeting. Our July 25th meeting should not be nearly as long, and I hope to see as many of you as possible online.

Formal notification of the Summer BOM will have begun the week of July 6th and will be followed with log - in instructions from Compatriot Rick Reese, Jr. who will be administering our Zoom Summer BOM.

Please take care, and remember that GOD is with us.

Patriotically Yours,

*William B. Dobbs II*





## 130th NSSAR National Congress is Cancelled

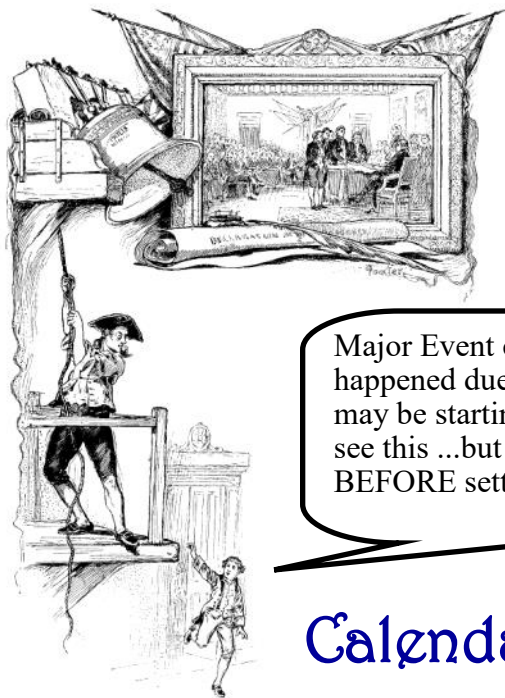
### PRESIDENT GENERAL JACK MANNINGS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Compatriots:

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly presented challenges and cancellations this year. Regretfully, the Executive Committee, pursuant to the authority granted to it by the April 17, 2020 ballot vote of the Board of Trustees, has concluded that the 2020 Annual Congress, originally scheduled for Richmond, Virginia, must be cancelled. The Executive Committee waited as long as possible to see how Virginia's, and more specifically Richmond's, reopening plans would impact the Annual Congress. The continuing restrictions enacted by governmental authorities concerning meetings, dining and travel, as well as the health and safety of our membership, has led the Executive Committee to conclude that holding the Annual Congress in Richmond is not possible. The Richmond Marriott, the designated Annual Congress hotel, has been informed that the Congress contract is terminated due to impossibility.

The Executive Committee understands many State Societies and Chapters have conducted successful meetings electronically during this pandemic. The Executive Committee fully supports these efforts and encourages other State Societies and Chapters to use alternative means to continue local recognition of our Patriot ancestors, especially as the calendar moves closer to the Fourth of July. The Executive Committee, meeting weekly since March 20, 2020, and Congress Planning Committee Chairman Paul Callanan, devoted considerable effort to researching whether a "virtual" or "Zoom" Congress would be feasible. However, Bylaw No. 17 of the Bylaws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution does not permit the National Society to hold a Congress by "alternative means." Therefore, the Executive Committee has reached the conclusion that there will be no Annual Congress held in 2020. This is not only consistent with what other similar organizations, such as the American Legion, have determined this year, but with our own precedent concerning both the 1918 and 1945 Annual Congresses.

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Major Event changes may have happened due to **Covid - 19!** Things may be starting back up by the time you see this ...but make sure of any event **BEFORE** setting out!

## Calendar of Events

### Georgia Society Embraces Online Meeting Technology

*By Rick Reese*

It has been said that "necessity is the mother of invention" and that has certainly been true during the last few months as a result of the restrictions imposed because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Piedmont Chapter was about to hold our March monthly in-person meeting when the City of Roswell closed many of their facilities, including where we hold our meetings. Therefore, we had to cancel our March meeting. As we considered our alternatives going forward, we talked about holding an online meeting as one option.

After exploring and testing various software packages for online meetings, I felt Zoom was the best choice from the standpoint of creating content and relative ease for participants to connect to the meeting. So, we held our first online Zoom monthly meeting of the Piedmont Chapter on April 18th. Instead of a live speaker we showed a video of an historic Revolutionary War battle. There were a few rough spots, but we learned how to improve as a result.

Metro Regional VP Ron Redner, a Piedmont Chapter member, encouraged other chapters in his region (Mount Vernon, Robert Forsyth, Atlanta, and Button Gwinnett) to explore that technology for their own chapter meetings. I was happy to share our Piedmont experience and assist them in holding their own Zoom meetings. We also invited President Bill Dobbs to join some of these Zoom meetings.

Our next Piedmont Chapter Zoom meeting was held on May 16th with a good online turnout including President Dobbs and members from a number of other GASSAR chapters. This time we had a live speaker with Compatriot Jerry Breed talking about the Battle of Alamance in North Carolina. That battle has been called the predecessor of the Revolutionary War.

I was honored when President Dobbs asked me to host and administer the first ever Georgia Society Board of Managers online meeting using Zoom technology on May 30th, since social distancing restrictions were still in place from the Covid-19 virus.

I sent out an announcement of the plan to hold the Spring BOM as a Zoom meeting to the BOM and Color Guard distributions inviting them to sign up to attend the meeting. After several follow up

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**130th NSSAR National Congress is Cancelled P.G. Mannings' Announcement (Cont.)**

No Annual Congress means there will be no election for General Officers, Vice Presidents General, Trustees, or Alternate Trustees in 2020. Pursuant to the National Society's bylaws, the current General Officers, Vice Presidents General, Trustees, and Alternate Trustees will continue in their present positions until July 2021.

What does this mean for Districts and State Societies? As the Vice President General, Trustee and Alternate Trustee are National Society offices, the presently serving individuals will remain in office. Vacancies in these positions may be filled according to the National Society's governing documents, however, because no election will be held in 2020, any individual filling a vacancy will not be a member of the Board of Trustees unless elected to such at the July 2019 Congress.

What does this mean for General Officer candidates? As there will be no elections in 2020, all individuals wishing to run for General Office will be required to seek nomination through the normal nominating procedure. Candidates for National Office will be permitted to announce their candidacy ten days after the 2020 Annual Congress would have ended (Saturday, July 25, 2020).

What does this mean for National Committees? Committee Chairs should submit their annual report no later than July 1, 2020. The National Society will publish an electronic report book, available to all members on Share file, detailing the General Officer and Committee operations for 2019 - 2020, by the end of July 2020. Committees wishing to meet during the summer should reach out to either their General Officer liaison or the Executive Director.

What does this mean for my hotel reservation in Richmond? Congress Planning Chairman Callanan will handle canceling room reservations which are part of the SAR "block." The Richmond Marriott or the Richmond Hilton will send out a cancellation verification email on or after June 1, 2020. If you made your own reservation using Marriott BonVoy, Hilton Honors, another travel program or made reservations using a discounted rate (e.g. military, government, AAA, etc.), you must cancel your own reservation. Questions, concerns, difficulties with the hotel may be referred to Chairman Callanan ([lrcmrsc@aol.com](mailto:lrcmrsc@aol.com)) who will help work the issue.

As with all of you, Sheila and I enjoy attending the Annual Congress to see our friends, participate in the youth competitions, and enjoy the fellowship with our compatriots and family. Members of the Executive Committee feel the same. Notwithstanding, canceling the Annual Congress is the correct decision based on the factors outlined above. It is certainly my goal to continue moving the Sons of the American Revolution forward during the coming year. More details will be disseminated as they become available. I urge all trustees and alternate trustees to attend the virtual Trustees meeting scheduled for May 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Manning  
President General  
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

**Georgia Society Embraces Online Meeting Technology (Cont.)**

reminders we did end up with 104 compatriots planning to attend.

Working with President Dobbs, I developed a unique way to virtually "Present the Colors" to lead into the Pledge of Allegiance using a video clip of the flag raising and a musket salute by the Elijah Clarke Militia during the Kettle Creek celebration in Washington, GA in 2018. The Retirement of the Colors was accomplished using a video clip of lowering the historic flag at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, MD.

It was necessary to prepare slides in advance to support the topics presented by individual speakers during the meeting. That was accomplished by "screen sharing" of either the computer screen of the presenter or my own computer screen using content for their topics. Anticipating a large number of meeting participants, I opened the meeting login process an hour prior to the start of the meeting. That worked well to avoid the last minute rush to join the meeting, and also allowed time for anyone experiencing difficulties connecting to contact me for assistance. As the meeting started we had 100 compatriots participating online for the Spring BOM Meeting.

Here are a few observations from the GASSAR Spring BOM meeting:

Many more compatriots were able to attend using this meeting format than have attended the BOM in-person meetings.

We were honored to have a number of dignitaries attend including PG Warren Alter, PG Mike Tomme, VPG Mark Anthony, and Past GASSAR Presidents: James Stallings, Larry Guzy, Wayne Brown, Charlie Newcomer, Roger Coursey, Don Burdick, and Scott Collins.

The following comment was made by GASSAR Chancellor Joe Vancura: "Great work Sonny; That is wonderful seeing the personal outreach! And further, working with two very different generations! Well done. I miss seeing everyone in person, I really do. But it was awesome having a chance to see everyone online on Saturday - thanks to everyone who joined."

*[See BOM in National and State Events Section for more, including pictures. Editor]*

**First Siege of Augusta - September 18, 1780***By Sonny Pittman*

If we were time travelers, we could go back to Augusta as it existed on Sunday, September 18, 1780. Specifically, the area in and around where the Kroc Center on Broad Street sits today. The question is: would we want too?

After four days of heavy fighting, American patriot militia units seeking to gain control of Augusta have been forced to withdraw. For the victorious British soldiers, local loyalists and their Indian allies, retaliation and retribution is the order of the day.

Thirteen patriots will receive a “Georgia pardon” – death by hanging from the balcony of the “fortified stone trading house.” The wounded, left behind to the clemency of the enemy, will be turned over to the Indians to be tortured and burned alive. Such was the American Revolution as fought in Georgia’s back country – barbarous and cruel.

The First Siege of Augusta, fought in September 1780, was an ill-advised and hap-hazarded affair as so many battles are.

Provided we are no longer under COVID 19 public gathering restrictions, the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution intends to commemorate the 240th Anniversary of the First Siege of Augusta in the field behind the Kroc Center on Saturday, September 14, 2020.

The day-long event, to honor the service and sacrifice of all who fought and died, will be hosted by the eight chapters in the Georgia Society’s East Fall Line Region.

There will be an opening ceremony at 11:00 AM, followed by wreath laying and a SAR Patriot Grave Marking Dedication. Our chapter Traveling Trunk teams, in uniforms, will be set-up, so the public, especially our youth, can learn first-hand how our patriot ancestors lived and fought. A seminar on the battle will be held at 2:00 PM in the Kroc Center Auditorium. The commemoration will conclude with a reenactment of the First Siege at 4:00 PM.

The commemoration will be free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to bring folding chairs and ear plugs as the Georgia Society’s Color Guard, Elijah Clarke Militia and Brier Creek Artillery will be firing black powder muskets and cannons in a “safe zone” in the field.

I hope you and you family will be able to join us.

## 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Siege of Augusta



**The Kroc Center**  
**Sat., Sept. 12, 2020**  
**Augusta, GA**

**11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Fort Augusta (1737-1767, 1775-1782) - The colonial fort was established in 1737 in present day Augusta, Ga. It was active during the French & Indian War as well as in the Revolutionary War. Named after a royal Princess, it was captured by the British in 1779 and renamed Fort Cornwallis. It was successfully defended during the first siege of Augusta, but was recaptured by Patriots in 1781 at the second siege. It was ultimately abandoned as a fortification at the end of the war in 1782, and demolished in 1786.

★ Traveling Trunks ★

★ Weapon Demonstrations ★

★ Battle Seminars ★

★ SAR Patriot Grave Marking Dedication ★

A Celtic cross behind Saint Paul's Church, commemorates the site of Fort Augusta.

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## Revolutionary Soldiers buried at Arlington?

**Arlington National Cemetery's** story is well known. During the American Civil War, Union forces occupied Robert E. Lee's 1000+ acre estate directly across the Potomac River from Washington, DC and, as a form of retribution for Lee joining the Rebel cause, turned it into a cemetery. Robert E. Lee made no attempt to visit or restore his title to Arlington before his death in 1870. In April 1874, Robert E. Lee's eldest son, George Washington Custis Lee, filed suit against the United States government in a Virginia circuit court to regain his property. Lee and the federal government settled on a sale price of \$150,000 (\$4,115,893 in 2019 dollars).

All of this happened long after the American Revolution. And yet, there are Patriot Graves in Arlington. There are only eleven out of the over 400,000 graves that contain the remains of Revolutionary War veterans. While these eleven veterans are not household names today, they made significant contributions and sacrifices for independence. Over half served more than five years, which is a combat duration only exceeded by today's veterans of the twenty-first century wars in the Middle East and Afghanistan. Five of the eleven were taken prisoner and three were wounded. None of them died in battle and after the war, all created enough social standing to be to be remembered with marked gravesites.

They were moved to Arlington for various reasons, but all eleven are buried in two of the seventy burial sections within the rolling hills of Arlington. All of the eleven graves are located within four rows of a street or path.

Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the architect of Washington, DC city, is buried in a prominent place outside the front door of Arlington House overlooking the city he helped to develop. L'Enfant came to the United States from France and had a notable military record. In 1777, the Continental Congress commissioned L'Enfant a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. While at Valley Forge, L'Enfant illustrated Baron von Steuben's famous drill manual. In April 1779, L'Enfant received a promotion to Captain and served on Steuben's staff including a stint at West Point.

L'Enfant transferred to the Southern Dept. On October 9, 1779, while under the command of John Laurens, L'Enfant led a daring attempt to ignite the abatis in front of British defenses at Savannah, Georgia. Severely wounded and presumed dead, he lay at the site of the failed assault. After the battle, Patriot forces discovered that he was alive and transported him to Charleston to recover. Unfortunately, while convalescing, he became a British prisoner when Gen. Benjamin Lincoln surrendered the city. He was later exchanged for British prisoners, and was granted 300 bounty acres.

L'Enfant was awarded a commission to design the capital city, but amid controversy,

*Below: Gravesite of Charles L'Enfant.*



the commission was not completed, though much of his work was used. He stayed in America, but was unsuccessful as a commercial architect. He died in poverty and was buried in a non-descript grave on a Maryland farm.

In the early twentieth century, L'Enfant's reputation as the planner of Washington, DC was restored. By order of Congress in 1909, his remains were disinterred and brought to Arlington. During the interment ceremony, Senator Augustus Octavius Bacon placed his own Society of the Cincinnati gold medal in the grave, recognizing L'Enfant's membership in the Society. L'Enfant had designed the Society's medal.



*Above: Gravestone of John Follin*

A short walk west from the mansion leads one to Officers Section, and the site of the Lexington Minuteman Memorial and the burial plots of seven of the eleven Revolutionary War veterans.

On the left side of Humphrey's Drive, John Follin's large gravestone is an obvious mark to guide you to this stop.

Follin is the only Continental Navy sailor to be honored with burial at Arlington. After a

three-day chase, a British man-of-war captured the seventeen-year-old Follin. He was held captive in Plymouth, England and Gibraltar for three years. After the war's end Follin made his way back to Virginia where he spent the rest of his life farming. In 1911, the remains of John Follin were moved from Falls Church, Virginia to Arlington Cemetery. The most accomplished warrior among the Revolutionary veterans in Arlington is also



*Above: Gravesite of William Russell*

the last soldier re-interred there, and has the only government-issue grave marker at this stop. Col. William Russell served with distinction until the end of the war. He commanded regiments at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. After witnessing the British surrender at Yorktown, William returned home and was rewarded for his service by having Russell County, Virginia named in his honor. He is the oldest person (with regard to year-of-birth) buried at Arlington.

The remaining five soldiers at this location were reinterred to a degraded, and uncared for Presbyterian cemetery in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, DC during the time from 1892 to 1907. Two of these five Revolutionary veterans, James House and Thomas Meason, have "general" inscribed on their grave markers but neither served as a battlefield general in the Revolutionary War. In fact, they served much lower in the ranks.



A Virginian, House served as a matross (an soldier ranked below gunner) in the 1st Artillery Regiment. His brevet brigadier-general's rank was awarded in the peacetime army after the War of 1812.

*Left: Monument of James House*



Revolutionary Soldiers buried at Arlington? (Cont.)

Thomas Meason, William Ward Burrows, Caleb Swan and Joseph Carleton have well-worn, flat slab stones flush with the ground. Thomas Meason (Mason ?) served as a sergeant in Darr's Detachment of Pennsylvania troops.



Above: Gravesite of Thomas Meason, William Ward Burrows, and Caleb Swan.

Top Center: Joseph Carleton.



The most respected Post - Revolution military role was served by William Ward Burrows, who likely served during the Revolution in the South Carolina militia. The specifics of his Revolutionary War service including rank and military unit are uncertain. The best sources suggests that his duties were of a secretive nature. His war service was sufficient to be accepted into the Society of the Cincinnati. In the eyes of United States military history, Burrows became prominent when, in 1798, the administration of John Adams appointed him the first commandant of the reconstituted Marine Corps.

Caleb Swan served as a corporal in the 9th Massachusetts Regiment and an ensign in the 3rd and 8th Massachusetts Regiments from 1777 to the end of the war. He was in Valley Forge for the winter, and posted at both White Plains and West Point. Swan evidently enjoyed military life as he stayed on to serve in Jackson's Continental Regiment after the rest of the Continental Army was disbanded. In 1792, he was named a paymaster in the army and served until 1808.

Born in Belvedere, England, Joseph Carleton served as a paymaster in Pulaski's Legion during 1778 -1779. The Continental Congress elected him Secretary to the Board of Ordnance and Paymaster to the Board of War and Ordnance on October 27, 1779. During reorganization, Carleton became Secretary to the Board of War on February 1781, and served through March 1785.

Just across Humphrey Drive is the Lexington Minuteman commemorative plaque and memorial eastern hemlock tree. While not a grave, the monument was dedicated in 2000, the small, rectangular plaque bears the names of the eight minutemen who died on Lexington Green in the opening shots of the Revolutionary War.

Below: Lexington Minuteman Memorial.



John Green was a colonel in the 1st Virginia Regiment. Green was wounded at Mamaroneck, NY, and fought at Brandywine and Monmouth. Given his effective battlefield leadership, Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Greene ordered John Green's unit held in reserve to cover the retreat at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Green chaffed at this assignment, but it demonstrated the confidence Maj. Gen. Greene had in his military leadership and prowess.

In 1935, Green's remains were transported from his home at Liberty Hall in Culpeper County, VA, to Arlington.



Above: Gravestone of John Green



Revolutionary Soldiers buried at Arlington? (Cont.)

At the end of Humphrey's Drive, turn right on Meigs Drive. Commissioned as 2nd lieutenant in the Maryland and Virginia Rifle Regiment in July 1776, James McCubbin Lingan fought in the Battle of Long Island. Wounded and taken prisoner at the November 16, 1776 surrender of Fort Mifflin, he spent three and one half years on the infamous prison hulk Jersey and on parole on Long Island. Upon exchange Lingan received a promotion to captain in Rawling's Additional Continental Regiment. He retired on January 1, 1781.

After the Revolution, Lingan is noted for defending freedom of speech and freedom of the press during the War of 1812. A Baltimore mob outraged by anti-war editorials attacked the offices of the *Federal Republican* and *Commercial Gazette*. To protect free speech and the right of dissent, Lingan openly defied the mob, which beat him to death. Initially buried in a private cemetery in Washington, DC, Lingan's remains were moved to Arlington Cemetery in 1908.



Above: Gravesite of Hugh Auld

in obtaining employment in a Baltimore shipyard and then aided his escape.

In 2009, a special Arlington ceremony bestowed military honors on Oscar Marion, an African American Patriot. Marion, the personal slave of the famous "Swamp Fox" Francis Marion, fought in the Revolution alongside his master. (*The character Occam in the movie The Patriot is fashioned after Oscar.*) Oscar's remains are likely buried on a South Carolina plantation; the Arlington ceremony partially recognizes the contributions of African Americans in the fight for our nation's independence.



Above: Gravestone of James McCubbin Lingan



Georgia Society  
Deceased Members  
April 01, - June 30, 2020

Back on Meigs Drive, turn right on Sheridan Drive (at the Tanner Amphitheater). At the first bend in the path is the grave of Hugh Auld who in 1935 was re-interred in Arlington from a family plot in Claybourne, Maryland. The most interesting thing about Auld's life is that his brother owned Frederick Douglass. Douglass was lent to Hugh as a house slave. Eventually, Hugh Auld assisted Douglass

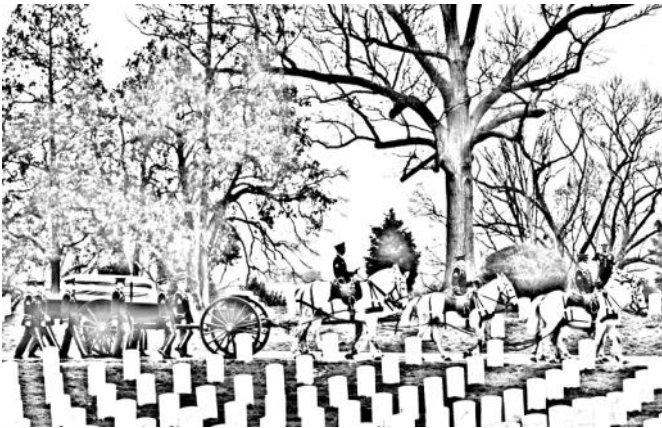
Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
James Newby BUTTERWORTH	126399	Lyman Hall	28 Mar. 2020
Leslie Lamar WILKES, Jr.	130878	Edward Telfair	04 Apr 2020
Mallory George LAWRENCE	144943	Coweta Falls	21 Apr 2020
Brazle Hubert CLAXTON	145506	Altamaha	26 Apr 2020
Hugh Will BARROW	134490	Casimir Pulaski	06 May 2020
William Oscar BRAZIL	160303	Blue Ridge Mtns	14 Jun 2020
Hall Alexander MARTIN	150960	Lyman Hall	20 Jun 2020





The Oconee County Memorial Foundation held its annual Memorial Day Observance without the usual crowds due to the pandemic restrictions imposed. Instead of canceling, like so many other events, they chose to limit participation, and do a virtual program instead. The Georgia Society Color Guard was represented by a smaller contingent, but they provided appropriate honors, representing us all. In attendance were Commander Bill Palmer, Scott Collins, Jay Guest, Bill Fuqua, and Eldon Evans.

**MEMORIAL DAY**



L - R Compatriots Jay Guest, Bill Palmer, SGM (Ret) Mark Saxon, Scott Collins, Bill Fuqua and Eldon Evans

**REMEMBER – HONOR**





## Memorial Day - May 25, 2020 - Coweta Falls Chapter

*Danny Ginter*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all anticipated events were placed on hold. Memorial Day is a very special day for those of us who have served in the military and lost fellow soldiers, airman, sailors, Marines, or Coast Guard. I just could not let this special day go by when there are other ways we could still be safe and comply with the safety guidelines. I started thinking the plan out about two weeks before Memorial Day. I presented it to the Coweta Falls BOM and they approved the plan.

I called on Brandy Blakley who works at the Parkhill cemetery and told her of my plan. She had to make sure that the plan kept people 6 feet apart and no more than 10 in a group. She said Parkhill would provide tents in the event of rain for the singers and color guard, 3 microphones and a sound system. Brandy made sure we would not be interfering with any burials. Once the cemetery coordination was approved, I asked a friend if she and her two friends would sing the National anthem and two other patriot songs. Janet Maple, Jan Hyatt, and Connie Ussery all agreed and started practicing A Cappello. Now that this portion was being worked upon, I notified organizations to see if they wanted to place their wreath by the memorial and participate in the convoy of vehicles. I sent the agenda of events to all and reminded them the day before.

I notified the two TV stations in town and gave them a copy of the agenda. Both showed up and we were on the news that evening.

One member, Russell Ward, videotaped and edited the whole event. He later posted it to YouTube and we shared the video with all our friends and with the State BOM. We managed to stay within safety guidelines by having spectators remain in their vehicles or stand beside them. Each of our participants were at least 6 feet away. I presented Certificate of Appreciation to the three singers and Parkhill staff. I also presented a Flag certificate to Parkhill staff.

### WHO:

Coweta Falls, SAR; Parkhill Cemetery; Oglethorpe Chapter, DAR; George Walton Chapter, DAR; Daughters of Colonial America; United States Daughters of 1812; Lucy Spell Raiford Society, Children of the American Revolution; Chapter 7 Disabled American Veterans.

### WHAT:

Organizations will participate in a ceremony honoring our veterans.

### WHERE:

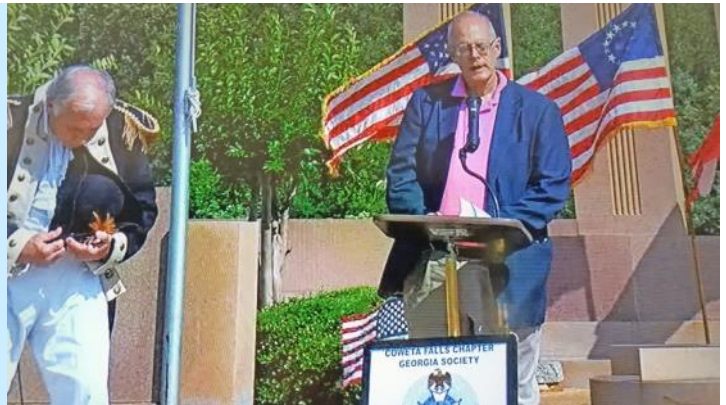
Ceremony will take place at the Parkhill cemetery on Macon Road in Columbus, GA.

### WHEN:

Ceremony will begin at 10:00 AM on May 25, 2020.

### WHY:

Ceremony is a strong reminder that our ancestors and veterans have given of their lives to build a nation of free people.



### AGENDA:

*9:00 AM - Organizations bring wreaths to the Veterans Memorial to be displayed by the color guard. Parkhill representatives erect tents near the memorial in event of inclement weather. Set up PA system. Color Guard assemble at the Veterans Memorial. Bugler will also assemble if available.*

*9:15 AM - Chaplain and singers assemble at the Veterans Memorial.*

*9:30 AM - Spectators arrive at Parkhill cemetery and follow instructions to line up in a convoy fashion.*

*10:00 AM - Convoy through the cemetery to the Veterans Memorial. Vehicles parked facing the Memorial side-by-side. American flags are encouraged. Occupants must remain in their vehicle OR MAY STAND BY THEIR VEHICLE.*

*10:30 AM - Opening remarks by SAR President followed by a prayer by the SAR Chaplain.*

*10:40 AM - Ladies sing three Patriotic songs. Spectators are encouraged to sing along from their vehicles.*

*10:45 AM - Color Guard fires salute.*

*11:00 AM - Taps is played.*

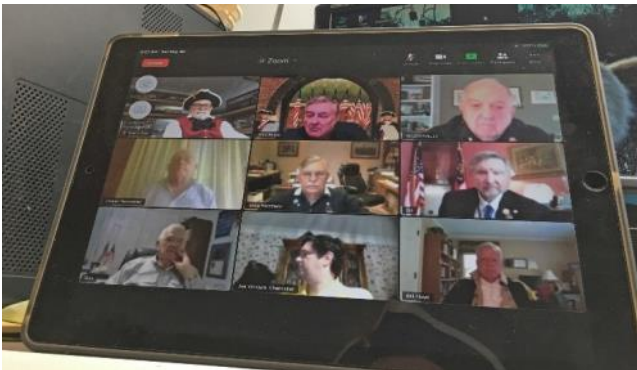
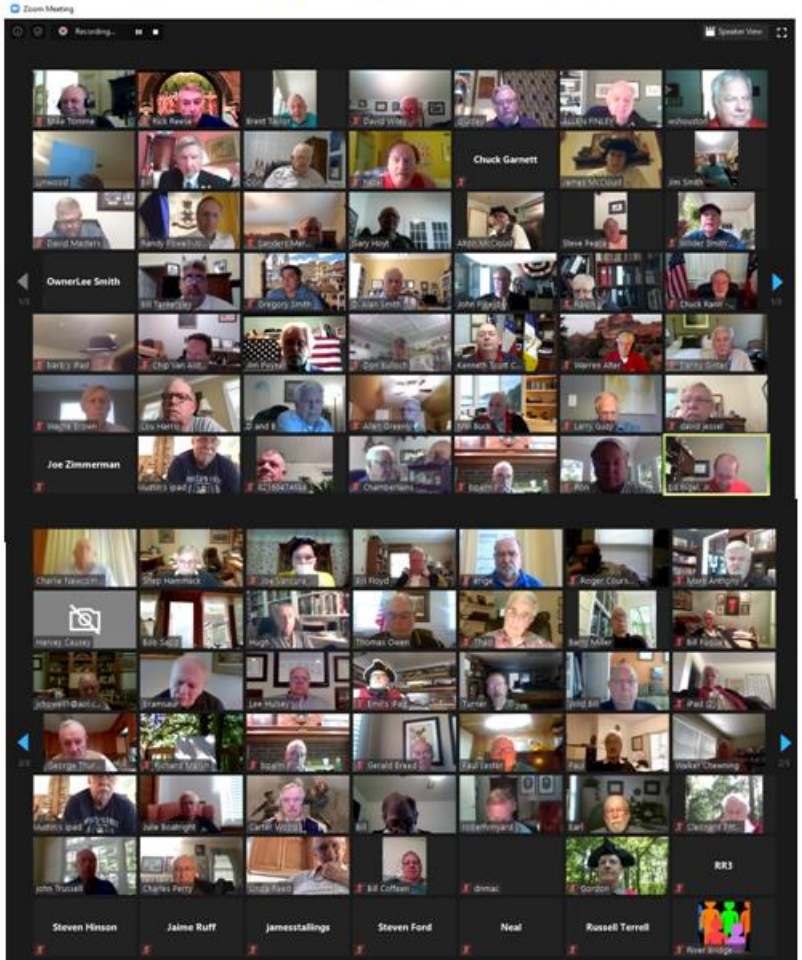
*11:05 AM - Vehicle convoy exits.*





With the virus raging across the world, and concern for our aging membership at a high level, the BOM was postponed, and then held virtually. This was a first for Georgia, and for many other Societies as alternatives were sought to get around limited physical meetings. The first digital BOM delivered via ZOOM would not have been possible without the diligent work of Rick Reese, Bill Dobbs, and many others involved in making it happen. A hearty thanks to all involved, but especially these gentlemen. 100 members were in attendance, and if you missed it you can check out the video at: <https://youtu.be/f-kaYOi0PHQ>

## GASSAR Spring BOM 05-30-2020



ZOOM meetings allow for iPad, phone, computer, telegraph, Pony Express, and even semaphore connections. Well, .....at times it seemed that way, but all-in-all, things went very smoothly for our first time ever holding a virtual meeting.

Alton McCloud, V.P. from Little River, along with his grandson, a junior member attended the digital meeting. Members were invited to dress in uniform, and receive credit for a state meeting with respect to Color Guard points.



Goethe facing a grave monument, cut paper, 1780





Regional VP, East Fall Line Sonny Pittman attended the meeting with his grandson Zander, a junior Compatriot in the Col William Few Chapter.

Bill Fuqua from the Ocmulgee Chapter also attended in uniform.



### FLAG RETIREMENT & FLAGPOLE DEDICATION



Every Year, the Piedmont and Robert Forsyth Chapters hold a joint event to retire flags they collected throughout the year. Annually thousands of flags are collected from bins at local Home Depot stores, and taken to Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming, Ga. for proper and respectful disposal. The event is held around Flag Day, but with modifications to accommodate the funeral home's business. This year, after dutiful consideration, the event was scheduled, with proper safety factors of masks, distancing, and the ability to attend via Zoom.

Georgia Color Guard gathered, prepared, and gave honor to the flags to be retired. Members of the Georgia Society from as far as Augusta came north to participate in the ceremony.







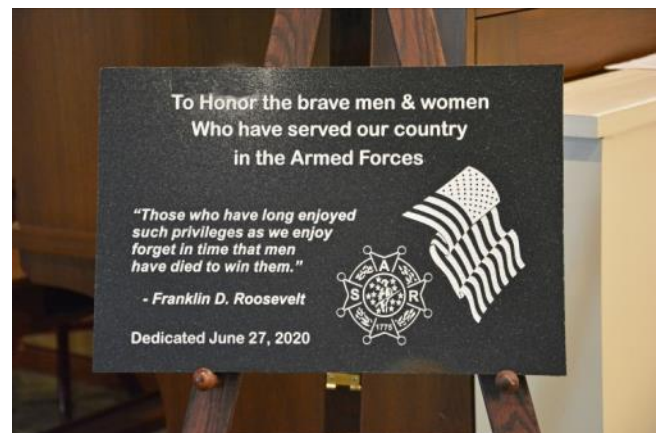
Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer salutes as the Colors are presented.

Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Slaughter from Robert Forsyth Chapter invited the members of the DAR present to assist in an inspection of the flags assembled for retirement. A few flags were presented to represent the large number of flags collected.

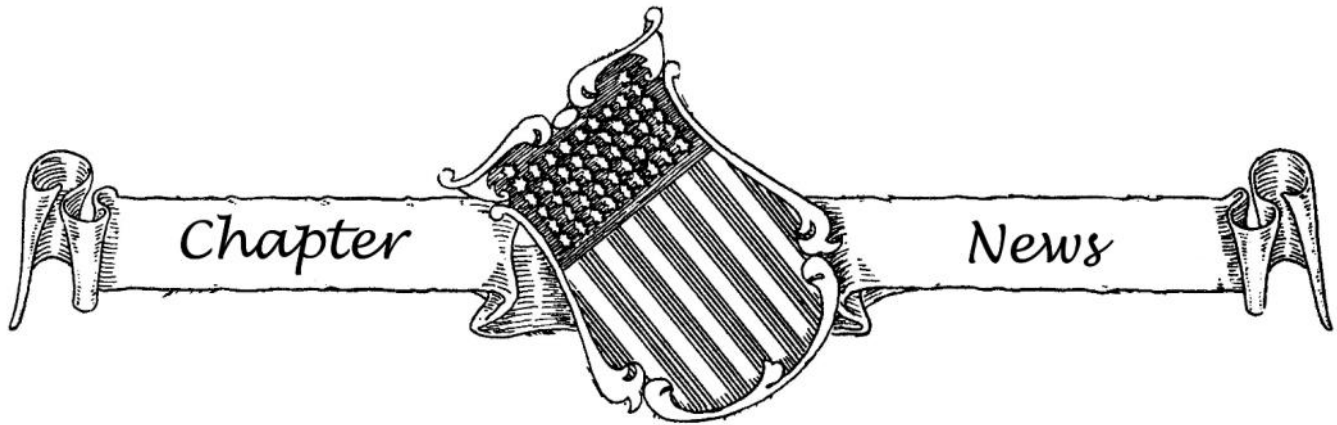
Georgia State Society President Bill Dobbs participated in the program.



After the flag retirement, Elizabeth Mitchell, Ingram Funeral Home Representative unveiled the Commemorative Stone that will be placed near the Flag Pole, which was then dedicated to the honor of those who have served.







## Athens

Joe Neighbors presented the SAR Silver ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Travis Everage at the UGA AFROTC Spring Awards Ceremony in April.



Athens member Scott Collins attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony in Cumming, GA, safely carrying the Georgia state flag for the Color Guard.

## Brier Creek

USS STARK (FFG-31) Memorial Service, May 17, 2020 at the "Martin Farm, Waynesboro, Georgia". 3-3 lb. Mortar's, 1-6 lb. Naval Cannon, 1-6 lb. wheel mounted Cannon, 1-10 lb. wheel mounted Cannon and 1-12 lb. Napoleon Cannon.





## Button Gwinnett

Button Gwinnett Chapter presented an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Award to Sarah Leigh Curlee, a resident of Lilburn and nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. President Melvin Buck made the award. Curlee volunteered for a four-week medical tour in New York City. Sarah, a graduate of Shorter University with BSN and RN degrees, made the decision to travel to one of the hardest hit COVID-19 areas in the country where infection rates were high and supplies of personal protection equipment (PPE) were limited.



## Coweta Falls



Coweta Falls President Danny Ginter, the chapter's Color Guard, to include drummer Caleb Kinard, refused to let Covid - 19 keep them down, and organized a meaningful, thoughtfully organized "Socially-Distanced" Memorial Day Service at the Parkhill Cemetery.





# Little River

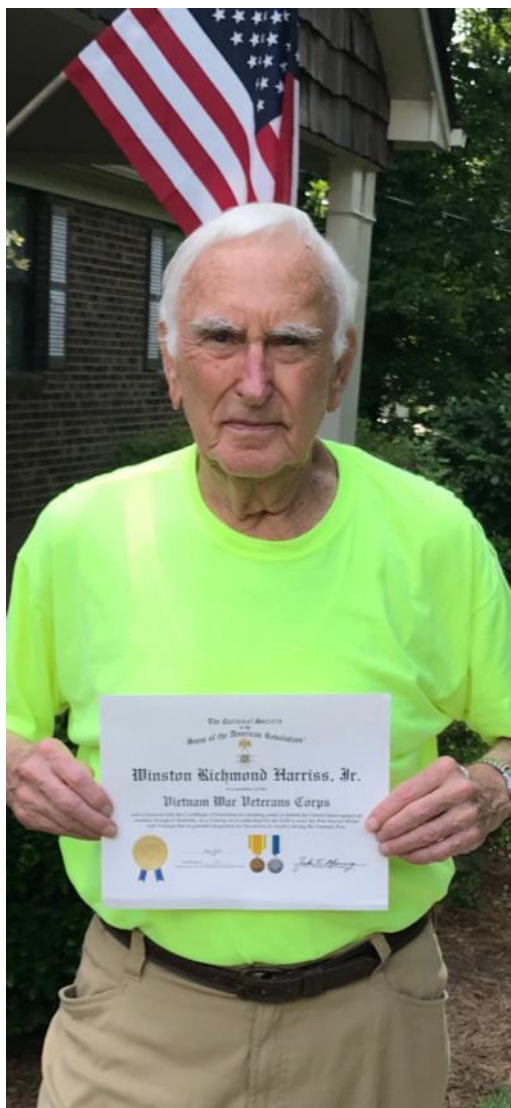


Congratulations to our Little River Chapter SAR Historian and Treasurer Lewis Smith for his recognition by the Captain John Wilson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. A US flag was raised at the DAR Continental Congress in his honor.

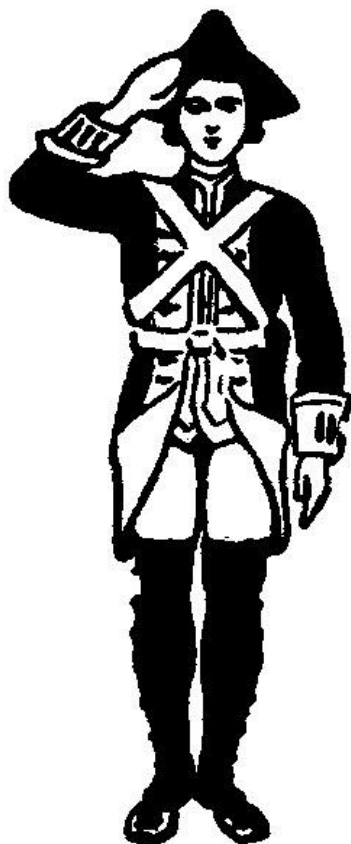
The following Little River Chapter compatriots have been added to the NSSAR Combined Veterans Multi-Service Corps Roster and will be presented with Certificates of Patriotism:

Jack Cheatham (Military Service); David Donehoo (Military Service); Gary Edwards (Southwest Asia); Richmond Harriss (Vietnam); Terry Johnson (Military Service); Dobbie Lambert (Military Service); David Moore (Military Service); James Newsome (Korea, Vietnam, and Special Operations); Lewis Smith (Korea and Vietnam); Bobby Strozier (Korea); Jay Wilson (Vietnam); Jim Wilson (Vietnam); and Frank Yarborough (Military Service).

Thank you to our compatriot veterans for your service to our great nation !!



In our chapter, we are blessed to have so many U.S. Military Veterans. I'd like to tell you about one of our members who is a veteran and isn't able to attend our meetings, because he lives in North Carolina. His name is W. Richmond Harriss, Jr., and he is the uncle of our chapter member David Harriss. Compatriot Harriss served his country faithfully as a pilot in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Here is a picture of him holding his National Society SAR Certificate of Patriotism recognizing him as a Vietnam Veteran. Thank you Compatriot Harriss for your service to our great nation !



## Lyman Hall

Sometimes the 'Traveling Trunk' is in a classroom. On other occasions with a large group the school gym works just fine too. Most often we set up in the Media Center. We don't call it the 'Library' anymore for two reasons. That facility has so much more than just printed material and because it is available and accessed by every student in the school, it actually is the center of school.

On a visit to Chestnut Mountain Elementary in Hall County, just before every school was shut down, and, incidentally, used the media resources for distance learning, the Lyman Hall Trunk was displayed on two large tables in the Media Center which at that school is along the front of the building, next to the Parent Pick-up lane. A Dad coming to get his fourth grade daughter was intrigued by what he saw through the front window and came in to see what was going on. That led to his being recruited by the Lyman Hall team. He was sworn in as a militiaman and outfitted with some of the Chapter's gear.

This good sport was a hit with the students and made a lasting impression for their learning.

*[The hands-on interaction with students {and parents} of the Society's traveling trunks is why every chapter should consider one if they don't have one now. It truly is the best way to reach out and connect with the next generations. Editor]*



Compatriot Carter Wood and DAR Jacob Braselton Chapter Regent Mary Lou Goehring have made hundreds of presentations over the years, using the Lyman Hall 'Traveling Trunk' to tell of Georgia's founding, life on the Colonial frontier, Georgia's role in the American Revolution and accomplishments of significant Georgia Patriots. Students passing around a few items that were both safe and durable reinforced their learning.

The school day started with Mary Lou and Carter participating in morning announcements and Pledge of Allegiance on the school's CCTV system so more than just the 106 fourth graders saw them. The invitation to this school was arranged by DAR Sunbury Chapter's Regent Susan Gwaltney.

Sadly, a planned return to the school for other presentations was curtailed. The Lyman Hall team expects to visit again next fall.





This Memorial Day flag display Was the best Carter Wood could do under 'Stay at Home' directive this year. Note that he added the new US Space Force flag to the collection.

**Lyman Hall Pays Tribute to One of Their Own**

*by Dr. Ed Rigel Sr.*

**Hall Martin, Sr. (1936 - 2020)**

Hall was a President of the Lyman Hall Chapter before becoming Registrar and then Genealogist. He assisted countless members with their applications to the SAR. He honored the Chapter and State by serving as Chairman of the Knight Essay Committee. Hall was a member of the GA SAR Color Guard earning the Bronze, Silver and Von Steuben Medals.

It was just a few months ago that he proudly signed as first line sponsor for two of his grandsons' applications.

Hall was a veteran of the US Navy serving as a pilot of the F-8 Crusader, a carrier based fighter. He went on to a long and distinguished career as a pilot with Delta Airlines. Compatriot Martin was a good man and will be missed by his many friends.

*Hall Martin Sr. is seen here, pinning a SAR Rosette onto the lapel of a newly inducted member.*



**Mount Vernon**

Mount Vernon held their May meeting in virtual mode, but that didn't mean they were taking it easy. Hard work on the part of Rick Reese and the membership ensured the meeting was successful. Sharing a video presentation was probably easier than setting up a computer, projector, screen and speakers in a meeting hall.











After the guest speaker, President Dobbs conducted the induction ceremony for two new members to the SAR. Richard Lee McCrary was approved through his patriot Elijah Smith and Benjamin Hamilton McDonald was approved through his patriot Joseph Carroll.

## Ocmulgee

Bill Fuqua attended the Oconee County Veterans Memorial Day event as one of the few on site personnel for the Virtual Broadcast from Watkinsville, GA.



Chuck Garnett and World War II veteran, Sam Studstill (age 95) proudly wear their uniforms at the Monroe County Courthouse Veteran's Memorial Monument.



# Piedmont

Right: The Chief of Volunteer services at the Atlanta Regional VA Medical Center said "Thanks to the Piedmont SAR Chapter for coming to the relief of the medical staff of the hospital by providing meals..... It was greatly appreciated"

A thank you from the hospital staff and pictures of the employees receiving meals was sent to the chapter. The chapter made many essential workers very happy.

In the Month of May, Piedmont, provided 500 meals to the healthcare workers of the hospital.



Right: Piedmont Chapter member Rick Reese stays active during the COVID Crisis by attending events and providing a connection for others to attend virtually through ZOOM. Thanks for your service and support Rick !



Right: President Al Finley describes just what a flag is, while participating during the recent Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Left: The Piedmont Chapter provides financial support to the Ladies of the Martha Stewart Bullock Chapter, NSDAR. Mary Williams, Regent receiving.





## Robert Forsyth

Like most everyone else, Robert Forsyth held virtual meetings instead of in-person gatherings.



So how did you spend your down time? If you are an artist, maybe this is one way. You saw an example of chapter member Ken Baldowski's caricatures in the previous *Hornet's Nest*. Ken comes by his talents honestly. Ken Baldowski was born in Augusta, GA and attended Georgia Military Academy in College Park (now Woodward Academy). He later attended the University of Georgia, graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Journalism. He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force where he attended pilot training and received a Master Degree from the U.S. Air Force Air War College and later Air Command and Staff College. He was employed by The Coca-Cola Company for 12-years, Lockheed-Georgia before Georgia's Adjutant General appointed him as the Director of Public Affairs for the Georgia Department of Defense. 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. Ken moved to Cumming, GA in 2016 with his wife. He has three grandsons with another on the way.

Ken's father might be a familiar name if you were ever a subscriber to the Atlanta Constitution. Clifford "Baldy" Baldowski, was the editorial cartoonist with the Atlanta Constitution for more than 30 years.



Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer was one of the first victims of "caricaturization". *[is that even a word?]* If you have a notable Georgia Society member who needs the treatment, send me a good photo and I will see if we can get Ken to do a number on them.

GASSAR Secretary and Robert Forsyth member John Flikeid collects flags from the Recycling/Retirement Bin at the Cumming Home Depot. Between the Cumming and Dawsonville stores, around 2000 flags each year are honorably collected and retired at a chapter ceremony each spring. Partnering with Piedmont, who also maintains bins in their area, and the Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming, the flags are honored, retired, and burned in accordance with official flag tradition.





Chapter President Chip Van Alstyne presided over the Flag Retirement. Compatriot Emil Decker presented a history of flagpoles as the Chapter dedicated the Flagpole outside the Chapel at Ingram Funeral Home.

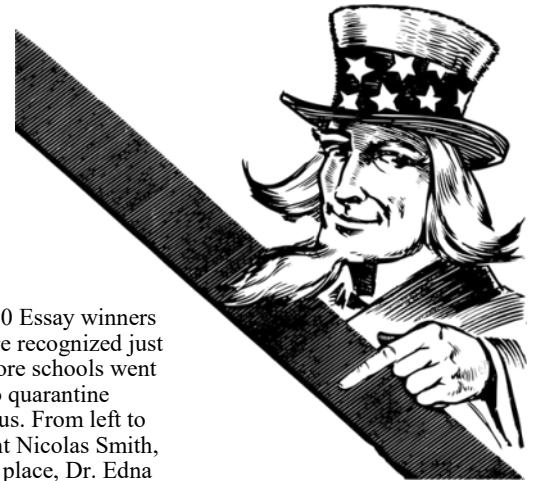


After the Retirement Ceremony, several members of the chapter drove to the Dawsonville Home Depot, one of the locations for our Flag Collection Boxes. In the several years that this box has been at this location, over 2000 flags have been collected for proper disposition. Pictured are J.C. Hustis, Pres. Chip Van Alstyne, and Emil Decker, among several Home Depot employees. All of these employees are also U.S. Service Veterans.





## Samuel Elbert



2020 Essay winners were recognized just before schools went into quarantine status. From left to right Nicolas Smith, 3rd place, Dr. Edna Eberhardt teacher at Elbert County High School who helped with the Essay Contest at the school, Isabella Cone, 2nd Place. Clara Harper, 1st place.

## William Few

Held in the parking lot of the Asbury United Methodist Church following COVID 19 guidelines, the quarterly June meeting featured the induction of three new SAR Compatriots and a presentation by Steven Rauch, US Army Signal Corps Historian, on the First Siege of Augusta.

Left to Right: Compatriot Mark Walters discussing what it meant to him to be inducted into our society and his sponsor C. Alan Smith, second vice president. D. Alan Smith, (no relation to C. Alan Smith) our chapter president, is next, and he inducted our new members. Compatriot Dennis Gilreath and his uncle, a Compatriot in the Kansas Society, who drove all the way from Kansas to be with us and pin his nephew; Compatriot Erick Montgomery, executive director of Historic Augusta, Inc., and his sponsor, Sonny Pitman round out the lineup. Despite the hot and muggy weather yesterday evening (we got caught in a summer shower just as Steven started taking questions about the first siege), it felt good to be together again, meeting and planning participation in upcoming GAS SAR events.







Children of the American Revolution

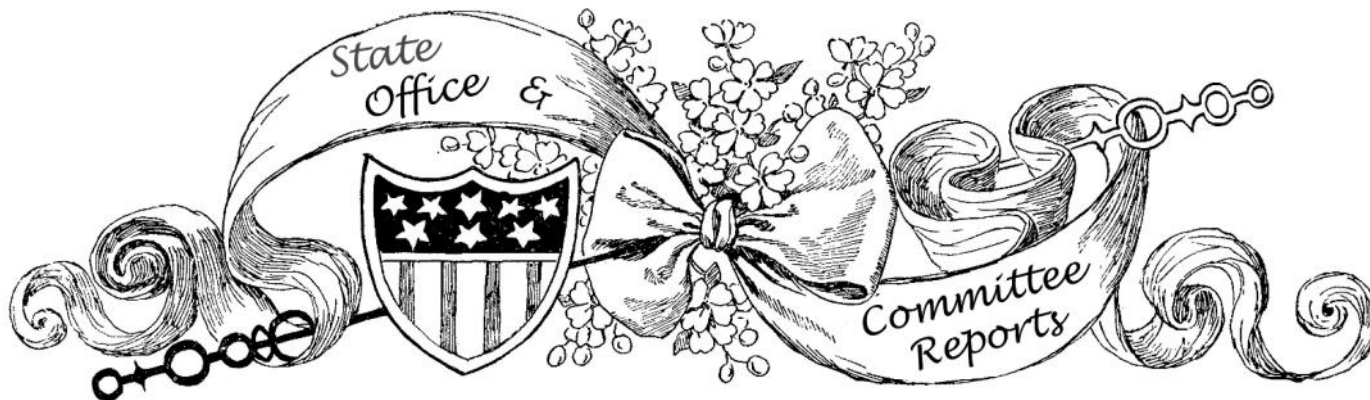
Members of the Georgia Society, C.A.R. attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony held at Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming on June 27.

President David Jimenez received a check for support from Piedmont President Al Finley.



DAR members from multiple chapters across Georgia attended the Robert Forsyth - Piedmont Chapter Flag Retirement Ceremony. They were asked to come forward to inspect the "Service worn" flags and recommend their Disposition.





Secretary - John Flikeid



# New Members



## Georgia Society New Members Since April 01, 2020

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Altamaha</b>	26 Jun 2020	John Shaeffer MCILWAIN	Catlett CORLEY	Jason Ronald DEAL
<b>Athens</b>	08 May 2020	William Coleman LOVELESS	Isaac LANE	Joseph Britton NEIGHBORS, III
	22 May 2020	Ken Harris ROBERTS	James GILMORE	Joseph Britton NEIGHBORS, III
	22 May 2020	James Ellis BOX, Jr.	John CARTER	Joseph Britton NEIGHBORS, III
	05 Jun 2020	Jonathan Townley CRANE	Stephen CRANE	Donald BURDICK
<b>Blue Ridge Mtns</b>	12 Jun 2020	James Cecil BERRONG	Martin MANEY	Sidney DuBose TURNER
	19 Jun 2020	Michael Joseph ZINK	John ZINK	Jack Powell DUGGER
<b>Brier Creek</b>	08 May 2020	Gerald Byran HOGSETTE, Jr.	James SCOTT	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	15 May 2020	Allen David MINCEY	Peter TARTER	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	Cherokee			
	08 May 2020	Robert Paul BARKLEY, Jr.	David BLALOCK	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
<b>Edward Telfair</b>	08 May 2020	Patrick Francis MILLER	Thomas WILT	Roger Warren COURSEY
	08 May 2020	Brandon Michael MILLER	Thomas WILT	Roger Warren COURSEY
	08 May 2020	Patrick Scott MILLER	Thomas WILT	Roger Warren COURSEY
	08 May 2020	Scott Allan EISENHART	Conrad EISENHART	Roger Warren COURSEY
	29 May 2020	Charles Truman CHIDSEY	John BERRIEN	Roger Warren COURSEY
<b>John Collins</b>				
	08 May 2020	Jacob Basil HILDEBRAD, III	Glass CASTON	Randall Brian HUBER
<b>Joseph Habersham</b>				
	29 May 2020	Stephen Edward ROHRABACHER	William DONALDSON	William Hughes RAPER
<b>Little River</b>				
	08 May 2020	Dwain Irving MOSS	William BENTLEY	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	29 May 2020	Michael Joseph ILHARDT	Hezekiah LINDSEY	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	29 May 2020	William Wiley JOHNSON	William STANFORD	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	29 May 2020	Walter Edwin JOHNSON, Jr.	William STANFORD	William Joseph TANKERSLEY

	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
<b>Lyman Hall</b>	29 May 2020	Kenneth Oakley BRYAN	George OAKLEY	Jerry Earnest HOOD
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>	08 May 2020	Robert Huntley ALLEN	Martin GAMBILL	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
<b>Mill Creek</b>	08 May 2020	Robert Hubert DAUGHTRY	Jacob DAUGHERTY	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
<b>Mount Vernon</b>	08 May 2020	Richard Kent ANDERSON	Thomas ANDERSON	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	08 May 2020	Benjamin Hamilton MCDONALD	Joseph CARROLL	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	08 May 2020	Richard L MCCRARY	Elijah SMITH	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
<b>Piedmont</b>	08 May 2020	James Joseph DUNN, II	Isaac DUNN	Timothy Kevin DUNN
	22 May 2020	Glenn Franklin KIRK, Jr.	William EDMONDSON	George Edward THURMOND
	22 May 2020	Nikolas Alexander COLE	George FRY	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	05 Jun 2020	Herbert Dandridge CAMPBELL, III	Daniel EVANS	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
<b>Rome</b>	12 Jun 2020	James Benjamin PEEK	Joseph VICKERY	William Spencer HOUSTON
	12 Jun 2020	John Patrick PEEK	Joseph VICKERY	William Spencer HOUSTON
	12 Jun 2020	James Carlton PEEK	Joseph VICKERY	William Spencer HOUSTON
<b>Washington - Wilkes</b>	08 May 2020	Felton Harvey BOHANNON	John DOOLY	Thomas Milne OWEN
<b>William Few</b>	08 May 2020	Erick Dales MONTGOMERY	Aaron SIMPSON	Philip Joseph RHODES
	29 May 2020	Mark Owne WALTERS	Thomas WOODWARD	William Joseph TANKERSLEY

**Total: 37**

### [Color Guard - Bill Palmer](#)



#### Membership:

The Color Guard had little to do since the virus. We have participated in some virtual events. 17 programs have been cancelled or postponed so far.

Year	Members Participating	State and National Events	Total Color Guard Participation
2013	60 (3 Rookies)	60	578
2014	80 (17 Rookies)	68	761
2015	81 (13 Rookies)	66	786
2016	93 (20 Rookies)	77	814
2017	113 (8 Rookies)	66	692
2018	119 (8 Rookies)	56	506
2019	120 (5 Rookies)	61	498
<b>2020</b>	<b>120 (0 Rookies)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>226</b>

**Participation:** The number of members participating continues to be outstanding when events are available.

**Acquisitions:** Militia Insurance renewed for 2020.





### Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

During the second quarter 2020 twenty-seven (27) applications have been processed and forwarded to the State Secretary.

Below is the breakdown by chapter:

Atlanta:	3 Regular	2 Supplemental	1 Junior
Athens:	2 Regular		
Button Gwinnett:	1 Regular	1 Supplemental	1 Memorial
Capt. John Collins:		1 Supplemental	2 Memorial
Joh. Habersham:	2 Regular	1 Supplemental	
Lyman Hall:	2 Regular		
Mt. Vernon:	2 Regular	3 Supplemental	
Piedmont:	2 Regular		
Robert Forsyth:		1 Supplemental	

The total number of applications for the year 2020 is **Seventy**.



### Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

2nd Quarter applications received as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Membership Applications:	24	
Junior Applications:	2	
Supplemental Applications:	9	(1 pended @ NSSAR)
Memorial Applications	3	

Total Applications submitted to GASSAR Secretary 2nd quarter: 26

Applications held by Registrar- South for additional Information: 0



### Source Book - Ed Rigel Sr.

**2nd Quarter Activity:** Follows is a list of SourceBook sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 2nd Quarter 2020:

- 05.0.1 Georgia Society History 2019
- 5.1.35 Little River Chapter
- 15.1 NSSAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal
- 15.2 NSSAR Compatriot Grave Marking Medal
- 15.1.F Patriot Grave Marking Medal Application 2020 version 1
- 15.2 NSSAR Compatriot Grave Marking Medal
- 15.7.2 Senior ROTC Units In Georgia
- 16.0.1.4 Recipients PG Robert B Vance
- 18.0 GA SAR and NSSAR Color Guard Handbook

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

### Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.

**2nd Quarter Activity:** The following proposed Bylaws amendments or additions presented to the BOM on 30 May 2020. **All adopted unanimously.**

Addition of Article II Section 5: Meetings by Electronic Means. The Bylaws now clearly state that meetings may now be held electronically

Amendment to Article II Section 3: Meetings. Allows for meetings to be held in any of the twelve months of the year.

Amendment to By-Laws Article No. IV, Section 3. Regional Vice Presidents. Requires Regional VPs be a member of a chapter in the Region he represents.

Amendment to Bylaws Article No. III, Section 2, a. (2), Election of Officers and Trustees. Allows for the members of the nominating Committee to elect the committee chair from any Past State President serving on the committee.

An amendment to make the Conference Planning Committee a Standing Committee in progress.

Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.



**State Poster Contest results:**

First Place - Piedmont Chapter's Student: **Ayame Masuda**

**Brochure Contest results:**

First Place - Piedmont Chapter's Student: **Stephanie Griffin**

**NSSAR Contest Results at Congress**

**1. NSSAR Brochure Contest**

Because of the cancellation of the NSSAR Congress in Richmond, VA as a result of safety concerns relating the Coronavirus, the announcement of the National winner of the Brochure contest will be made during the Fall Leadership meetings in Louisville.

**2. NSSAR Poster Contest**

The announcement of the National winner of the Poster contest will also be made at the Fall Leadership meetings.

**GASSAR 2020-2021 Poster Contest Guidelines**

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

**One of the Georgia Signers of the Declaration of Independence listed below:**

**George Walton, Button Gwinnett, or Lyman Hall OR Betsy Ross OR Nancy Hart.**

**Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.**

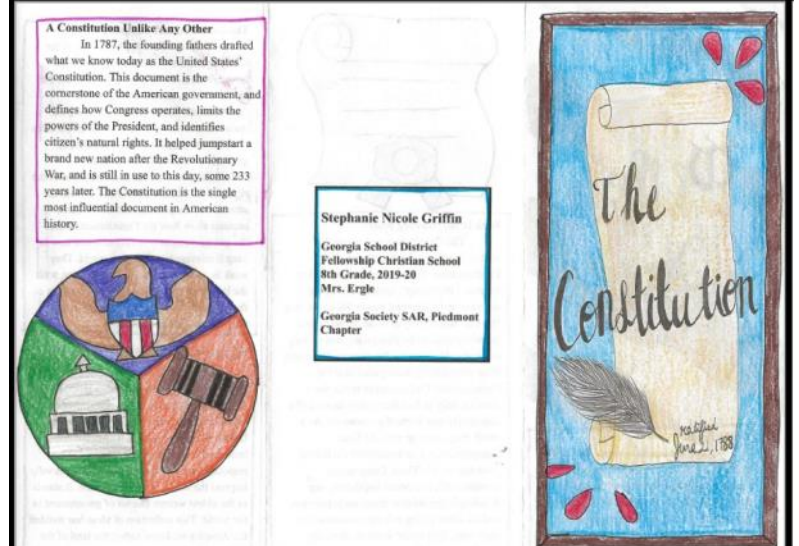
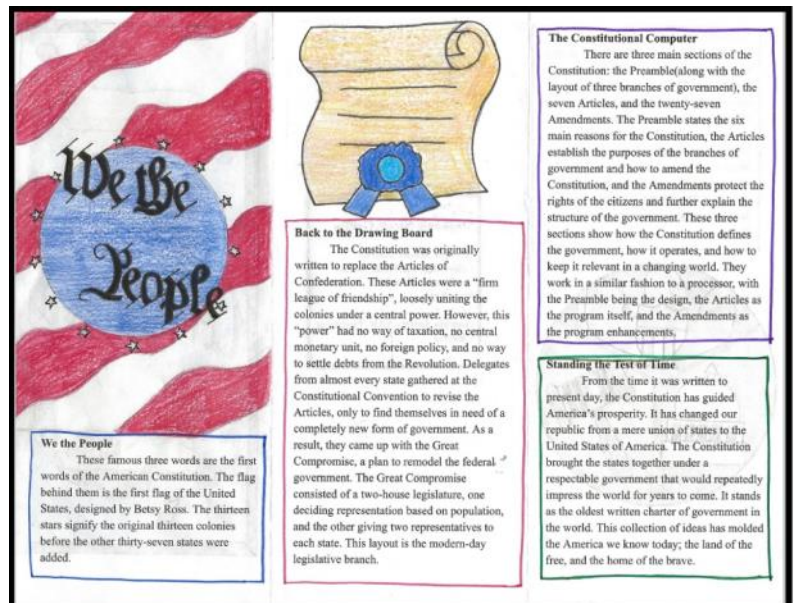
The COVID-19 pandemic and varying degrees of the ability to hold meetings with groups of people throughout the state of Georgia continue to be an issue. I would like to offer my assistance to any GASSAR Chapter that would like to consider holding a virtual meeting of their chapter members using the Zoom technology.

The Piedmont, Mount Vernon, Robert Forsyth, and Atlanta Chapters have all been holding chapter meetings on Zoom recently. The GASSAR Spring BOM meeting was also held on Zoom with 100 participants. All these meetings provided a safe environment for holding these business meetings, as well as allowing the individuals who participated to "see" and talk to each other during the process without endangering anyone's health.

Another consideration is that Zoom meetings will also permit chapter members whose health or physical constraints might not allow for them to physically attend an in-person meeting to participate in the chapter meeting on Zoom.

I am very happy to work with any interested Chapter President, and to host a Zoom meeting for their Chapter members.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss this in more detail if you are interested. I am here to help.





Links to previously recorded Zoom meetings (for your review and consideration):

Piedmont Chapter meeting in June - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVauUrHpeNE&t=3625s>

GASSAR BOM Spring meeting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-kaYOi0PHQ&t=77s>







Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Flag Retirement Ceremony - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEg9o8uNRv4&t=18s>



**Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley**

I am not aware of any medals that were presented during the 2nd quarter; therefore, the Q2 report is the same as it was for Q1. If I have left any presentations off the list, please let me know and I'll make those corrections.

As a society, it is our goal for each chapter to present at least one Public Service & Heroism medal per year and to send the reporting form for that presentation to Compatriot Wayne Brown, our National Society Public Service & Heroism committee chairman. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

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				
Button Gwinnett			Sarah L. Curlee		
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				

### Veterans - Gary Hoyt



Our nation's veterans are among the people hardest hit by these developments — most especially the homeless veteran population. As the 4th of July holiday draws near, I write to remind GASSAR members that until September 1 the NSSAR Veterans Committee has authorized full USS Stark Memorial Award credits for those who host or sponsor virtual events for veterans. Credit is only given for live participation in the virtual event, not for merely viewing a recording.

The VA has issued a new fillable COVID-19 Donation form, which describes items most needed today. A copy of the form is attached for distribution to Chapter members. Members making donations should complete the form and send a copy to a Voluntary Service office along with their donation. They should keep a copy for themselves and provide a copy to the Chapter's Veterans Committee or Americanism Committee Chairman.

VA Voluntary Services in Atlanta, Augusta and Dublin are stressing the need for checks or gift cards, which will support needy veterans with such things as groceries, transportation, personal or health care items, new clothing and even emergency overnight hotel stays. Many retailers, grocery stores, gas stations, credit card companies and hotel chains offer rewards points and allow customers to convert their points into gift cards. This is a relatively painless way to make a meaningful donation during hard times.

#### Addresses for VA Voluntary Service offices in Georgia are:

Atlanta VA Medical Center  
Voluntary Service (VAVS) (135)  
1670 Clairmont Road  
Decatur, GA 30033  
Phone: 404-321-6111 +1 +7728

Augusta VA Medical Center  
Voluntary Service  
1 Freedom Way  
Augusta, GA 30904  
Phone: 706-733-0188+1 +3019

Dublin VA Medical Center  
Voluntary Service  
1826 Veterans Blvd, Bldg. 11  
Dublin, GA 31021  
Phone: 478-272-1210+1 +2729

The GASSAR consists of Chapters large and small, and during troubled times there are limits to how generous anyone can be. Nevertheless, with so many of our ceremonial and volunteerism activities suspended for the year, charitable giving is one of our few remaining avenues for service to others. Thank you for your generosity.

#### April 2020

- 04-01— Received Appointment Letter as GASSAR Veterans Committee Chairman from GASSAR President Bill Dobbs. Telephone conversation with Capt. John Collins Chapter veterans committee co-chairman Patrick Reese notifying him of my appointment.
- 04-04 — Submitted brief GASSAR Veterans Committee Report to the BOM.
- 04-08 — Reviewed and submitted Q1 Chapter Veterans Committee Report. (1.0 hour)
- 04-24 — Distributed VA contact information and COVID-19 donation form to GASSAR BOM and Capt. John Collins Chapter members.

#### May 2020

- 05-03 — Received notice from NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner that President General Manning approved my appointment to the NSSAR Veterans Committee.
- 05-18 — Drafted letter VIA EMAIL to Scott Giltner describing the need for higher cash donation limits to VA Voluntary Services because of the huge demands caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 05-20 — Attended a virtual meeting of the NSSAR Veterans Committee. Changes to Sections 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12-E of the USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet would allow credit for live participation in virtual events from March 11 to September 1. The 2020 chapter cash donation limit was raised from \$1,500 to \$5,000 in an effort to expand COVID-19 relief.
- 05-21 — Distributed VA nationwide schedule for virtual Memorial Day Observances.
- 05-25 — Created exterior display of American Flags. Visited the Marietta National Cemetery and the Georgia National Cemetery. Viewed Memorial Day Ceremonies at Quantico National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- 05-30 — Attended Virtual GASSAR BOM Meeting hosted by Rick Reese and presided over by President Bill Dobbs.

#### June 2020

- 06-04 — Confirmed that at the Spring Conference it was decided the Military and War Service Medals can be awarded to eligible deceased Memorial Members.
- 06-10 - Distributed VAVS Hiring materials to the GASSAR BOM.
- 06-18 — Received guidance from NSSAR Veterans Chairman Scott Giltner that most VA Voluntary Services treat gift cards as donations and checks as cash.
- 06-23 — Emailed draft letter and COVID-19 Donation Form to President Bill Dobbs for review.
- 06-30 — Submitted Partners in Patriotism Report.



### Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey

There is no report for the Patriot Medal Committee this Quarter. Just a reminder that I need all nominations for this year's selections no later than **31 Oct 2020**.





### Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

Our committee has received 15 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date which is considerably lower than last year at this time. The lower numbers seem to reflect the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, fewer inquiries coming from National and more inquiries going directly to chapters. The chair passes these requests on to chapters who have active Eagle Scout programs or the chair fulfills the request himself if no chapter support presently exists. Please forward to me any photos of Eagle Courts of Honor, etc. your chapter may participate in and I'll get them posted on our Georgia website. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to set up a recognition program please contact me at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com) or call me at 770-757-8147.

Therefore, I encourage all chapters to submit an application to me for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition. You may download the application from the National website or contact me. Once completed, forward the application accompanied by a check made out to the SAR for \$20 and send it to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

The Georgia Society can approve up to four compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. No applications have been submitted year to date.

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

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

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

As a reminder, the GASSAR college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2020. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152 or preferably by email at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com). It is essential that all 2020



### Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

Compatriots - What a strange time we are having in 2020! Back in January, I had high hopes for a special year with many goals to work on in the months ahead. Now I am just thankful to wake up every morning and hope, and pray, that the world will return to normal soon! With so much upheaval going on across the country, I find it difficult to watch the evening news. But I think if we all look to the future with an optimistic attitude and work toward common SAR goals and Objectives, we can overcome.

Back in March, I had the honor to represent the Ocmulgee and John Milledge Chapters at the Brier Creek commemoration event and heard Dr. John Derden give an excellent summary of the battle during his prepared comments. That inspired me to give his comments a wide distribution, to which he generously agreed.

In the July Issue of Georgia Outdoor News, for which I have written for since 1986, you will find a story on the Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area and the battle of Brier Creek. This was an effort to combine an outdoor story with a historical story and educate the public about this important Revolutionary War battle. Hopefully this story will help us in our membership recruitment efforts. I've also sent another version into national SAR Magazine, so hopefully you'll see a story on Brier Creek soon. Thanks to President Bill Dobbs, The Brier Creek Battlefield Association, the GASSAR Color Guard under the leadership of Bill Palmer and Steve Burke, Cannon Master, and so many volunteers for all their efforts to make the 2020 event a big success!

In other news, I'm working with George Thurmond to create a SAR park bench for the Battlefield Park in downtown Savannah near the Visitors Center. It would give the GA SAR positive publicity and commemorate the British evacuation of Savannah on July 11, 1782. The inscription is still being written, but it would be something like, "On July 11, 1782, the British evacuated Savannah. Patriot forces lost the battle, but we won the war" - Georgia Sons of the American Revolution.. If approved by our membership, plans to dedicate the park bench during our 2022 SAR national conference.

I'm working with Artist Jeff Trexler to do a Georgia SAR sponsored painting of George Washington arriving in Savannah/ Augusta in May 1791. I'm hoping the painting and this important historical event can be a focal point for our 2022 SAR National Conference. If I can assist you in any SAR publicity, please email or call me at 478-957-7411.

***Tuckahoe WMA Rich With Game And Revolutionary War History: Deer, turkey and hog hunting can be great at Tuckahoe. While you're there, check out the Battle of Brier Creek site.*** *By John Trussell. Jul 1, 2020. - Georgia Outdoor News.*

Tuckahoe WMA, near Sylvania, has excellent hunting and fishing. When you enter by the Brannen Bridge Road, you may notice a Revolutionary War monument. What is that mystery monument all about? We will explore that and Tuckahoe's fishing, hunting, and early American history.

"Tucked away in Screven County along the Savannah River with some frontage on Brier Creek, Tuckahoe WMA gives sportsmen the opportunity for some excellent hunting and fishing," said I.B. Parnell, WRD's wildlife biologist. The area is managed by the Thomson office where Lee Taylor is region supervisor.

Composed of 15,100 acres, Tuckahoe was purchased by the state in 1990 using funds from hunting and fishing license fees. 3,600 acres inside the WMA boundary is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and leased for hunting. The area manager is Howard Pope, and he has been on the WMA for 30 years. Thanks Howard for all your many years of great service. He is aided by the fine work of two part-time assistants, Andy Harrison and Jim Smith.

While Pope manages the hunts, the trio maintains the roads, plants and tends to food plots, conducts control burns, monitors fishing ponds and ensures everyone is safe while on the WMA. This year they planted 50 acres of springtime soybeans, and this fall they will put in about 50 acres of wheat and oats, mixed with some perennials and turnips. The WMA has a total of about 140 acres of food plots and wildlife openings.

Hunters are encouraged to get out and do a lot of scouting, especially in the hardwood river bottoms. White and water oaks drop a lot of nuts and concentrate the deer and wild hogs during the hunting season. Each fall the WMA surrenders some nice bucks.

Wild pigs are numerous on the WMA with an average weight of 100 pounds. Stalking into the wind is a good strategy, but sometimes just waiting for the hogs to roam by or be spooked by other hunters works, too.

Tuckahoe also has some great fishing in its 12 small ponds that range from 10 to 20 acres. Primary species are bream, bass and catfish, and you can fry up some in the campground for dinner. While in the campground, check out the restroom and shower that was built by private donations several years ago. It is still in good condition, but make sure you clean up when you leave, as there is no maid service.

Most ponds have dirt boat ramps, while Barnes Lake and Miller Lake have concrete ramps. There is also a floating dock on Miller Lake to aid in boat launching. State fishing regs apply, and both gas and trolling motors can be used.

Now let's discuss the area's rare Revolutionary War history. The Brier Creek battle in the early afternoon of March 3, 1779 lasted just a few minutes, but the killing went on much longer, according to Dr. John Derden, professor of history at East Georgia State College in Swainsboro. Both Patriot and British sources speak of the hunting down and bayoneting of wounded American Patriots. Sir James Baird, commander of two British companies of light infantry, was overheard to say that any man who took a prisoner would "lose his ration of rum," and a British witness said that Baird bragged of "having put to death nearly a dozen of those supplicants with his own hands, and eventually showed their blood oozing out of the touchhole of his flintlock rifle."

The war in the South was unusually cruel, but the actions of the British, particularly members of the Seventy-first Foot, were motivated in part by the memory of the recent murder in Augusta of one of their sergeants, Hugh MacAllister. Hugh's body was found hacked to pieces. Witnesses said that during the British charge at Brier Creek, one soldier was heard yelling, "Now my Boys, remember poor MacAllister!" Observing the aftermath of the battle, one remembered "bodies disfigured with reiterated gashes and stabs," and "sickened at the sight of so many spectacles of cruelty," he turned with disgust from the scene.

British losses were miniscule—five privates killed and 11 wounded, including one officer. The Patriots, on the other hand, lost between 150 and 200 that were either killed or drowned. There were 106 missing, and nearly 200 captured, including four colonels and 23 other officers, a loss of at least 30%. As dusk approached, the search for Patriot troops who were wounded or hiding in the swamp continued. Members of the Seventy-first Foot set fire to the brush to flush them out. A month later, Brigadier General John Ashe, the Patriot commander, reported that he had been told that many had been caught in the fire and their "parched and blackening bodies joined the next morning in offering a sight such as perhaps the sun seldom rises upon among the civilized nations."

The tragic irony was that the Patriots, 1,100 strong, led by Brigadier General Ashe, had been supremely confident when they established their camp near the Miller Bridge, which crossed Brier Creek, on Feb. 26. They were in pursuit of British forces, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell. They had recently evacuated Augusta and were withdrawing to Savannah. Southern colonists were buoyed by the news of the Patriot victory at Kettle Creek on Feb. 14, which had annihilated a large body of the Loyalist militia, denying Campbell their support, and fatally undermined Loyalist sentiment in the Georgia back country.

The memory of what happened at Brier Creek on March 3, 1779 faded as the years passed. Defeats are rarely celebrated, and the battle site was in a relatively remote area. The men at Brier Creek fought in a cause that was honorable and one that was victorious in the end. Their actions that day were part of that ultimate triumph. Many who got away lived to fight again, and those who fell demonstrated the resolve of the Patriot cause to fight for American freedom and independence. Patriot forces lost the battle, and many heroes remain buried in unmarked graves, silent sentinels guarding a forest they have made sacred.

Today we are in a struggle. A struggle to preserve the memories of that fight, its values and its lessons. We should be thankful for what has been bequeathed to us. If you visit Tuckahoe WMA to fish or hunt today, be aware that you are walking across sacred ground, paid for by the blood of our patriotic ancestors.

In 2020, the Brier Creek Revolutionary Battlefield Association was successful in having the battlefield added to the National Register of Historic Places. Long term plans include improved roads and parking around the small battlefield area, along with a walking trail and perhaps a visitor center. These activities would be closely coordinated with the Georgia DNR.

You might be wondering, "Did my ancestor fight for American freedom during the American Revolution?" There is a good chance that one or more of your ancestors is a Revolutionary Patriot, and the Sons of the American Revolution can help you find and honor that patriot. For more information, go to Sons of the American Revolution at [sar.org](http://sar.org), or for the ladies, go to Daughters of the American Revolution at [dar.org](http://dar.org). For Georgia information, go to [gasocietyvsar.org](http://gasocietyvsar.org) for your closest chapter.

For hunting and fishing, check out Tuckahoe WMA. For hunting and fishing supplies, check out the Sylvania Sportsman store at (912) 451 - 6122.





### Medals - Wayne Brown

#### Website Information:

National Society Website: [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

After logging in, go to MENU and click on "MEMBERS" then scroll down to select "MEMBER'S HANDBOOK." After the MEMBER'S HANDBOOK page appears, scroll down and click on Volume V which contains information on medals and awards. Volume IV which contains information on the SAR Insignia, Protocol and Ceremonies may also be located on this page.

Georgia Society Website: [www.gasocietyvsar.org](http://www.gasocietyvsar.org)

On the Georgia Society website homepage, click on the RESOURCES tab and select SOURCE BOOK from the drop-down menu. Awards information will be found in the following sections: 15 - National Recognition and Awards Program, 16 - National & Georgia Societies Medals & Awards, and 17 - State Recognition and Awards Program. In Section 16 is the Awards Recommendation Form (16.0.3F).

#### Budget Data

The Medal and Awards budget for 2020 is \$4,700. This covers all medals, awards, and certificates given by the Georgia Society. Since our GASSAR Conference, very few in-person meetings have been held due to the pandemic and therefore, only one medal has been presented from the State.

#### Awards Presented during 2nd Quarter

Since our GASSAR Conference, very few in - person meetings have been held due to the pandemic and therefore, only one medal has been presented from the State. One Grave Marking Medal was approved by NSSAR and distributed by the Georgia Society.



### Historian - David Ludley

#### Activities of the past quarter:

Additional items have been printed, 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 further updated. A broad index of Items archived at the Kenan Center is included in this Digital Catalog.

I conferred at length with Sue VerHoef, Director of Oral History and Genealogy at the Atlanta History Center, my contact for archival of GASSAR items. She informed me of certain changes in what the Atlanta History Center will accept or not accept. For example, local chapter items of limited state-wide interest will no longer be accepted. Of course, the Hornet's Nests, and my annual GASSAR Histories, as well as other items that we normally archive which include a broad range of information, will still be welcomed. We will continue to provide such items as the year-end financial reports on cd.

Director VerHoef and I also discussed the timeline for the opening up again of the Archives, for research use of our compatriot members. I informed President Dobbs of this information, and he sent out information to all our members, that the Archives will be open again for research activities by August 18, 2020. However, there is a restriction on that. It is by appointment, only.



### Chancellor - Joseph Vancura, Jr.

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

Reviewed state bylaws regarding place and time of Board of Managers meetings and offered suggested amendments to same.

Answered miscellaneous house-keeping questions.



### Library - Hugh Rogers

We are happy to report that the Georgia Society with 68 FOL members has regained and kept its leading position among state societies of the NSSAR! (Our closest competitor is the Tennessee Society.) Georgia compatriots and wives account for 52 members and chapter membership reached 16 during this quarter.

Thanks to President Bill Dobbs and to the chapters listed below for their strong support:

Athens Chapter, Atlanta Chapter, Captain John Collins Chapter, Cherokee Chapter, Coweta Falls Chapter, Edward Telfair Chapter, George Walton Chapter, Lyman Hall Chapter, Marquis de LaFayette Chapter, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Ocmulgee Chapter, Piedmont Chapter, Samuel Elbert Chapter, Valdosta Chapter, William Few Chapter, & Wiregrass Chapter.

Just a reminder that annual renewals of FOL membership are due on the anniversary of membership date and are \$25.00. Compatriots, WOSAR, friends and Chapters are encouraged to maintain membership. See the attached leaflet for details and a form. Your support is deeply appreciated and vital to the Library.



### ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

**Due to COVID 19, chapters must remain flexible. Whether schools start on time is still up in the air. Some Universities and High Schools may opt to present awards in the Fall that are normally presented in the Spring. The Outstanding Cadet Program is still on at this time. If and when schools start, liaison between JROTC POC at the chapter and the SMI is critical. I have requested that NSSAR consider a waiver on chapter members making presentations for 2020.**

The Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program are totally separate programs. Chapter OC Packages need to be sent to me by the 1st weekend in December 2020.

SAR Silver ROTC Medals Packages were mailed to University of North Georgia, Columbus U., Savannah U., UGA (AF Det.), and GA Tech (3 medals for A, N, AF) but all awards programs were cancelled due to COVID 19. If awards are presented in the Fall, chapters presenting the Silver ROTC Medals should report this activity on Form 10.06.0F Chapter Report to BOM and PG/Americanism Report.

Chapters normally presented Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units within the chapters' AO (Area of Operations) in the Spring. Recipients are selected for this medal by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI). If medals are presented in the Fall (carry over from past Spring), they can be presented to a current senior. Chapters should report these presentations on Form 10.06.0F Report to BOM & PG/Americanism Report.



### Editor - Emil Decker

Covid-19 had a devastating impact on our publication, as all should be well aware. Events are down; Activity is down; Submitted photos are down. The only up-side I can think of is that I don't have that many rejection - slips to send to submitters of articles.

All members are asked to consider what they have done, and will do through the rest of this year. Got a good way to help "Forward-the-SAR" in Georgia? Do it. Share it. Document it. I just might even know a small newsletter that would love to publish it.