

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution



The Hornet's Nest

July - September 2020

Color Guardsman of the Year

The Georgia Society has by far the best Color Guard and Militia in the entire Sons of the American Revolution Organization. This point was once again driven home when one of our own was declared the 2020 Color Guardsman of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS BOB SAPP!!!

We in the Georgia Society have long known of Bob's leadership throughout the years, and only regret the subdued method of having to celebrate this achievement during the climate of COVID - 19 times. The announcement was made during a virtual Leadership Conference, and subsequently awarded at a virtual BOM of the Georgia Society held on September 3, 2020.

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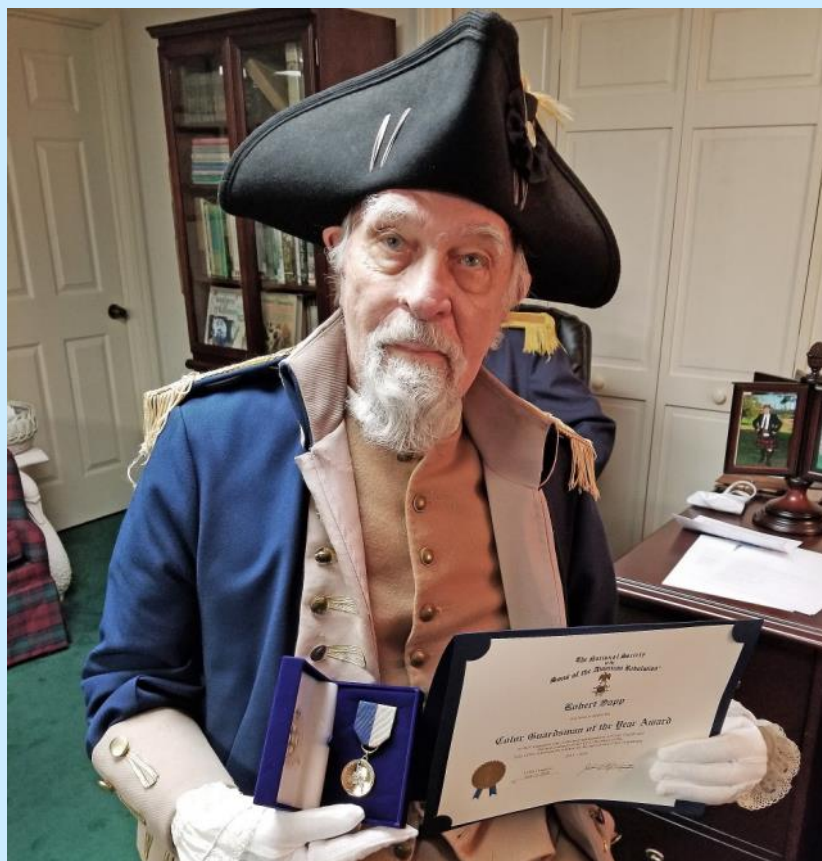


The President's Dispatch

Greetings Compatriots, In a year where nothing has been normal, we have faced so many challenges and are continuing to discover new ways to do everything. I want to thank each of you for your perseverance, flexibility, and creativity.

On February 1st this year, I had my sights set on visiting every Chapter in Georgia.

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

Color Guardsman of the Year (Cont.)

Compatriot Sapp's nomination form included the following information about Bob's SAR credentials.

Compatriot Sapp has been an active member of the Georgia Society Color Guard since 2004 normally participating in over 100 events each year.

He has participated in 11 Congresses, 20 District and 24 Leadership meetings and 128 National Society ceremonies. His Color Guard participation is widely known throughout the Southeast.

Compatriot Sapp is the recipient of the Von Steuben (2014), Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medals (2008).

Compatriot Sapp has participated numerous times in uniform at the annual observances at Cowpens, Kettle Creek, Guilford Courthouse, Ramsour's Mill, Brier Creek, Savannah, Fort Morris, Yorktown, Kings Mountain, Point Pleasant and District Meetings.



He is an active participant in uniform as a member of the Speakers Bureau, Traveling Trunk programs, Genealogy Seminars, JROTC, City Proclamations, DAR workshops, Memorial Day programs and Eagle Scout presentations. He presented framed copies of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights to the 11th U. S. District Court in 2005 and returns each year in uniform for the several swearing in ceremonies of new citizens by the Federal District Court.

His nomination was endorsed by NSSAR Color Guard Commanders Mike Tomme, Sr. (2011-2013) & Mark Anthony, (2018-2019) Georgia "Guardsman of the Year" recipients: George Thurmond (2007), Charlie Newcomer (2009), Paul Prescott (2011), Ed Rigel, Sr. (2018) added their endorsements as well.

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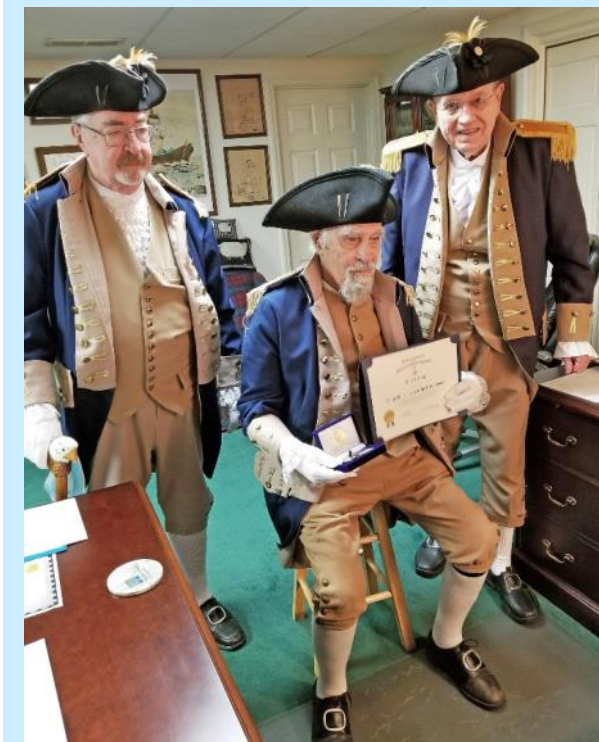
The President's Dispatch (cont.)

I thought at the time that a realistic number might be 30 of our 35 Chapters. Well, there are three months left! If your Chapter has a meeting scheduled between now and January 25th, please do not hesitate to call me. Schedule and health willing, I will make every attempt to attend!

The Georgia Society has topped the 2,000 member mark. With dues being collected earlier this year, I hope to see our Society begin 2021 with over 2,000 members in good standing. That, I believe, would be a first and a major step towards our 3,000 member mark! Our electronic dues collection pilot program began in September. I was able to login, pay Chapter, State, and National dues as well as a Friends of the Library membership in less than 10 minutes. I believe when the program is rolled out next year to every Georgia Society Chapter, it will be a game changer for membership retention as well as collections. We all owe our Webmaster, Richard Marsh, a huge thank you for the many hours of work he has poured into making this system simple to use and also very secure as far as payment method. I believe Richard started the design with the goal of keeping our personal information private, and he has succeeded. Kudos to Richard Marsh!

By now, most all of us should know the name Rick Reese, Jr. (Piedmont Chapter). Many just call him the Zoom Master! Rick has played a major role in allowing our State Society to hold BOMs, Chapter meetings, also ceremonies, celebrations, and dedications. Rick is even assisting our Ladies Auxiliary with Zoom meetings as they have begun the process of planning for their support of our 2022 National Congress in Savannah. Rick did a commendable job of administering the East Fall Line Chapter's First Siege of Augusta event on September 12th.

Our Chapters have been very creative. Starting back at Memorial Day, Coweta Falls held a virtual celebration at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus. Watching that well-done production on YouTube was the only Memorial Day Celebration that my family attended! I watched it twice. Chapters such as Piedmont and Mount Vernon have begun holding part in-person and part-virtual Chapter meetings, allowing those with sensitive systems to attend remotely. Other Chapters are following that lead. In September,



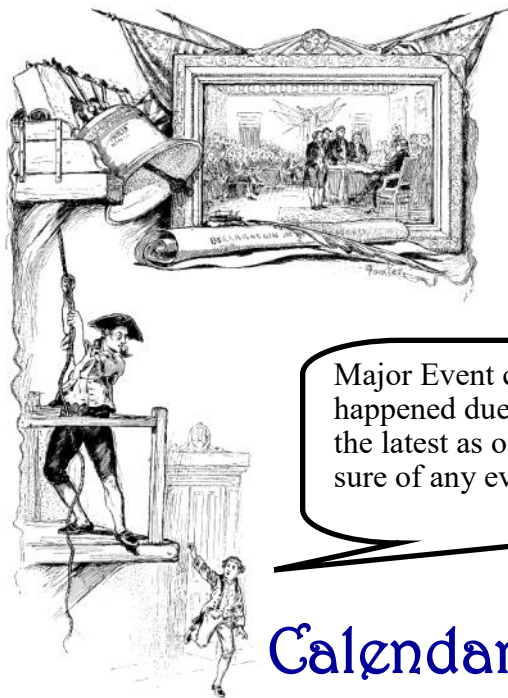
September BOM, Bob was accompanied in person by Paul Prescott and George Thurmond.

I attended a Mount Vernon Chapter meeting where they awarded two Dunwoody Police Officers the SAR's Law Enforcement Hero Medals. The two officers were very touched.

Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter recently stepped out of the box and created their own appreciation plaques for Law Enforcement Agencies in their region. The plaques read: *"The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Presents this award to the "Law Enforcement Entity" In appreciation for their services, commitment, sacrifices, and professionalism of its members 2020"*

I was honored to be present for five of the eight presentations. Those police officers and deputies were touched and most appreciative of being thought about in such a positive way during these troubling times. A presentation such as this could be considered by many of our Chapters that have smaller Departments patrolling their service areas.

Epidemics in US History



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/8b/Andr%C3%A9_Mazet_tending_people_suffering_from_yellow_fever_in_the_Wellcome_V0010539.jpg

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

Calendar of Events



Event	Location	Date	Status
Grave Marking	Dawsonville, GA	Oct. 3, 2020	State
Grave Marking	Hoschton, GA	Oct. 10, 2020	State
Fort Daniel Faire	Gwinnett Co, GA	Oct. 17, 2020	State
State BOM	Virtual Meeting	Oct. 24, 2020	State
DAR Constitution Celebration Dinner	Macon, GA	Oct. 24, 2020	State
Veterans Appreciation Banquet	Yaarab Shrine Center, Atlanta, GA	Oct. 25, 2020	National
Veterans Day Celebrations	Various opportunities	Nov.11, 2020	National
Fort Morris	Midway, GA	Nov.21, 2020	State
Vann's Creek	Elberton, GA	Dec. 05, 2020	State
Wreaths Across America	Various opportunities	Dec. 19, 2020	National
State Conference	Virtual Meeting	Jan. 29-30, 2021	State
Hero's of the Hornets Nest	Elijah Clark State Park	Feb. 12, 2021	State
Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Feb. 13-14, 2021	National

The spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus, a type of coronavirus that causes diseases such as COVID-19, has resulted in societal changes upon the population of the United States. This causes me to ponder the pandemic in a historical context. It is certainly not the first disease to ravage the US or the world, yet with the marvels and advancements of medical diagnosis and treatment available today, we grow numb to our fragile existence in this world, until hit hard with such a crisis. Humanity's ability to live through possible extermination time and again is amazing. If we compare our current fears and reactions to COVID-19 to past responses by our ancestors, we may find we have comparable reactions, and yet we retain a similar spirit of hope.

Evidence of prehistoric epidemics date back as far as 3000 B.C. Archeologists in China discovered a 5,000-year-old house filled with skeletons. Dead bodies were stuffed inside and then the house was burned down. Skeletons of juveniles, young adults and middle-age people were found inside the house, leading scholars to suggest an epidemic happened so quickly that there was no time for proper burials.

Soon after a war began between Athens and Sparta (426-430 B.C.), an epidemic, possibly typhus, ravaged the people of Athens. Estimates put the death toll at 100,000. Greek historian Thucydides (460-400 B.C.) wrote "people in good health were all of a sudden attacked by violent heats in the head, and redness and inflammation in the eyes, the inward parts, such as the throat or tongue, becoming bloody and emitting an unnatural and fetid breath" (from "The History of the Peloponnesian War", translated by R. Crawley,

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Epidemics in US History (Cont.)

Scholars believe overcrowding exacerbated the epidemic. Sparta's army had forced the Athenians to take refuge behind the city walls.

The Antonine Plague, (165-180 A.D.) ravaged the Roman Empire. An unknown disease, possibly smallpox, accounted for 5 to 10 million deaths. Soldiers returned to Rome from campaigning, and brought back more than victory.

The Plague of Justinian, (541–542 A.D.) is considered the first pandemic. Bubonic plague covered Europe and West Asia killing 5–100 million (40–50% of Europe's population). The Black Death, considered to be the second plague pandemic, (1346–1353) wiped out over half of Europe's population yet again. Bodies were buried in mass graves.

That plague may have changed the course of Europe's history. With so many dead, laborers became harder to find, and is believed to have brought about the end of serfdom and better pay for workers in Europe. A lack of cheap labor may also have contributed to the need, and therefore, the rise of innovative technology.

Plague reappeared in Europe time and again, right up into the 17th century. The Black Death's last major outbreak in Great Britain, in 1666, caused a mass exodus from London, including Charles II. By the time the plague ended, over 100,000 people, including 15% of the population of London, had died. London's woes were just beginning, for on Sept. 2, that same year, the Great Fire of London started, lasted for four days and burned down much of the city.

Settlers in the New World did not escape European diseases, but rather brought death with them to the new continent. These illnesses, especially variola (smallpox), contributed to the collapse of the Inca and Aztec civilizations, with high estimates suggesting up to 90% of indigenous populations in the Western Hemisphere were killed off. Most Europeans were immune to the disease due to conditions in overpopulated Europe. However, 20 settlers on the Mayflower were infected including their only physician Dr Samuel Fuller.

While settlers remained mostly unaffected by smallpox, in 1630 they witnessed their Native American neighbors rapidly fall victim to it. Increase Mather, a clergyman and one of Harvard College's first presidents, stated the smallpox epidemic was God's solution to the Native American and Puritan land disputes.

Puritan colonists believed living in a world of fear and sudden death rested within the framework of their religious doctrine. The meaning of any disease was understood primarily in terms of their relationship to God. Why would the Lord punish New England? As there were no accidents or randomness in a world where ultimate meaning was found in an individual's or community's relationship to an infinitely knowing and yet unknowable God, epidemics demanded a shared explanation in terms of such a relationship. Sermons, fasting, and private prayer were the proper response.

Illnesses such as tuberculosis and malaria killed and disabled every year but seemed to be among the unavoidable and, thus, endurable conditions of life. Epidemic disease, however, was by definition episodic, unpredictable, highly visible, and frightening. Perhaps the most disturbing of 18th-century epidemics in America was the outbreak of diphtheria that swept through small towns and villages in northern New England in the 1730s. Children and unfortunate families in rural New England felt the epidemic's harshest effect. In some towns nearly half of all children died, and it was feared the disease would actually destroy the colonies.

No one doubted smallpox and venereal disease were contagious through contact, but illnesses such as yellow fever and cholera were spread in ways that were intangible. To anyone looking for a path of infection for either, there seemed an obvious "portability", and yet it remained a mystery.

From 1713–1715 a North American measles epidemic broke out across the Thirteen Colonies and French Canada. Measles again ravaged North America in 1747, 1759, and 1772.

In 1721, more than 6,000 cases of smallpox were reported within the Boston population of 11,000. Around 850 people died from the disease. The colonies were more aware of the features of smallpox than of almost any other infectious disease. It was widely known there were only two options for protecting oneself against this disease, quarantine or inoculation. Many feared inoculations as it introduced the disease intentionally. Remember, germs, bacteria, and medical theories of infectious diseases were still unheard of at this time.

Colonists recognized the effectiveness of isolating infected individuals, and quarantined them. Individuals sick with smallpox were contagious to others for about 24 days of their infection. Individuals with recognized symptoms were sent to a remote location where the disease could run its course without infecting others. The scale of quarantine could be enlarged, even to the point of cutting off entire towns from the rest of the colony for the duration of the disease. One of the earliest recorded examples is a quarantine established in 1647 by Puritans to prevent the spread of disease from ships coming from the Caribbean.

The 1721 smallpox outbreak motivated Puritan minister Cotton Mather and Harvard physician Zabdiel Boylston to variolate hundreds of Bostonians in the thirteen colonies' earliest experiment with public inoculation. Immunization carried an inherent risk of death for a few due to infection of the variolation site. A cut was made in a healthy arm, and a small amount of skin lesions from infected eruptions were introduced. Then the arm was bandaged. It ostensibly gave the patient a "light" case and subsequent immunity. On 26 June, Boylston inoculated his six-year-old son Thomas, his 36-year-old slave and the slave's two-year-old son. All survived relatively mild cases of smallpox without disability or disfigurement.

A 1731 act, entitled "An Act to Prevent Persons From Concealing the Smallpox", was passed. Heads of households became mandatory reporters for smallpox and were required to report smallpox in their house to the Selectmen of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Infected households would then be signposted with the placement of a red flag.

In South Carolina, sentries were dispatched outside infected households and notices were required to be posted. In coastal colonies, an island was often set up to quarantine individuals coming in by ship. This decreased chances of smallpox being introduced. By the late 1700s, almost all colonies had quarantine laws in effect in order to reduce the damaging effects smallpox could have on their citizens.

Smallpox raged through both Continental and British camps around occupied Boston in 1775. George Washington was initially reluctant to inoculate his troops. But as he watched many of his men fall victim to smallpox, he came to believe that if he were to keep his troops healthy, it could not be through sanitary and quarantine methods alone. An epidemic among Americans could prove disastrous to the cause. Immunity was more widespread among British soldiers than the Americans. This was due to the more accepted practice of inoculation and high rate of childhood cases in Europe, resulting in immunity.

Many prominent members of colonial society were having themselves and their families inoculated. In 1764, John Adams set an example by choosing to be inoculated before it was commonly accepted. In July 1776, Abigail and their four children, Charles, Nabby, Thomas, and John Quincy, were all inoculated. The first journey Thomas Jefferson made out of his native Virginia in 1766 was to Philadelphia to undertake inoculation for smallpox. Eventually, even George Washington's wife, Martha was inoculated.

Epidemics in US History (Cont.)

The importance of keeping his troops healthy outweighed the risks, and eventually almost all Continental soldiers were inoculated against smallpox. Washington, a smallpox survivor himself, understood the danger smallpox posed. When many patients died as a result of infection caused by the inoculation process, he told his men, "Necessity not only authorizes but seems to require the measure, for should the disorder infect the Army . . . we should have more to dread from it, than from the sword of the enemy."

One humid summer, 1793 to be exact, refugees fleeing a yellow fever epidemic in the Caribbean Islands sailed into Philadelphia, carrying the virus with them. By late summer, 5000 people or 10% of the city's population had fallen victim to the disease. Yellow fever causes yellowing of the skin, fever, and bloody vomiting. In response to the outbreak, 20,000 people, almost half the population, fled the city.

Breathing bad air was a suspected cause. The use of handkerchiefs or sponges impregnated with vinegar or camphor were held under the noses by those upon the street. Others carried pieces of tarred rope in their hands or camphor bags tied round their necks. People would quickly change their course at the sight of a hearse. A person wearing mourning crepe, or bearing any sign of mourning was shunned. Most avoided passing houses wherein people had died. Acquaintances and friends avoided shaking hands.

Although some cities sent financial aid to Philadelphia, many refused to accept refugees from Philadelphia for fear of infection. John Quincy Adams wrote of the process of fumigation with burning sulfur that travelers were forced to endure before being allowed to pass into the city. Philadelphia was the location of the President and Congress, since construction was just beginning on the new capital in DC. President Washington continued to meet with his cabinet until September, but Congress fled in June. As neither the federal nor state governments had authority over such an issue, there was nothing either could do. With the Common Council fleeing the city, Mayor Matthew Clarkson called upon his citizens to address the calamity.

Philadelphia improved hospital operations, created temporary hospitals, and employed more nurses. They even built a home for 191 children temporarily or permanently orphaned by the epidemic. Doctors tried a variety of ineffective treatments, but it was not until the late nineteenth century that it became known that mosquitoes were the transmitters of the fever.

The Free African Society was requested to help based on the mistaken assumption that native Africans would have the same partial immunity to this disease as they had to malaria. Malaria was the most common source of fever epidemics during summer months. Black nurses aided the sick and took away corpses, which most others would not touch. Blacks in the city, however, died at the same rate as whites.

Dr. Benjamin Rush, Declaration of Independence signer, was a doctor's apprentice during the city's 1762 yellow fever epidemic, and recognized yellow fever had returned. He alerted his colleagues and the government that the city faced an epidemic of "highly contagious, as well as mortal... bilious remitting yellow fever." He warned citizens to avoid fatigue, the hot sun, night air, too much liquor, and anything else that might lower their resistance. Vinegar and camphor were to be used in infected rooms.

Rush taught African-American nurses how to bleed and purge patients. Dr. Rush was a leading proponent of "balancing the humors" of the body. Rush's therapy was "purge and bleed," and for as long as patients remained weakened. Rush urged additional purging and bleeding daily and many of his patients became comatose. Rush personally saw as many as 100 patients a day during the outbreak. His home/clinic was staffed by five of his students and apprentices, three of whom died of yellow fever. So much blood was let, then tossed into the yard, that the smell was horrendous, and the yard buzzed with flies.

Rush claimed never to have lost any patient he bled up to 7 times. Since the lifespan of yellow fever afflicting a human body is 7-10 days, and that at least some of Rush's patients probably did not have yellow fever, it is unsurprising that after the given time frame, if they survived, they got better.

He prescribed pills containing mercury which caused excessive salivation. Dr. Rush urged patients to consume the pills, because a characteristic sign of death was black vomit, which salivation seemed to reduce. Since Rush urged copious purging at the first sign of fever, other doctors, who began seeing his patients, saw many who suffered severe abdominal distress. Autopsies after their death revealed stomachs destroyed by excessive purges. Rush's theory of medicine, however, became the standard American treatment for fevers in the 1790s and was widely used for the next 50 years.

The United States was not through with epidemics after the war. The nation had three serious waves of cholera between 1832 and 1858. Like cholera, deadly scarlet fever epidemics also came in waves. One of the biggest typhoid fever epidemics of all time broke out between 1906 and 1907 in New York. Mary Mallon, often referred to as "Typhoid Mary," spread the virus to about 122 New Yorkers during her time as a cook on an estate and in a hospital unit. About 5 of the 122 New Yorkers who contracted the virus from Mary Mallon died. Records indicate a total of 13,160 deaths in 1906 and 12,670 deaths in 1907.

In 1918 an influenza pandemic, sometimes called Spanish Flu, struck across the world, killing 675,000 Americans, and worldwide around 500 million people. This was approximately one third of the world population. Despite the name Spanish Flu, the disease did not start in Spain. Influenza strains mutate every year, making last year's vaccinations less effective. It's important to get a yearly vaccination to decrease your risk for the flu. The 2017-18 United States flu season accounted for 61,000 deaths in the US.

As early as 1770, Benjamin Franklin believed common ailments were being "spread by contagion". Conventional wisdom of the day held that colds were caused by dampness in the air or from wearing wet clothing. He wrote to Dr. Rush, "People often catch cold from one another when shut up together in close rooms, coaches, etc., and when sitting near and conversing so as to breathe in each other's transpiration." On the way to a meeting on Staten Island, Franklin and John Adams spent the night in a New Brunswick, New Jersey inn. The inn was full, so Adams and Franklin shared not only a room, but also a bed.

Franklin recognized Adams was suffering from a cold, so he left the small window open. When Adams tried to close the window, Franklin said, "Don't shut the window, we shall be suffocated." He explained his theory of colds and that if the window were closed, "the air within this chamber will soon be worse than that that outdoors." Adams consented to his roommate's wishes. Franklin did not, by the way, catch Adams' cold." Ben no doubt would appreciate all that Americans are doing today to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19.

At the end of 1798, Noah Webster published "A Brief History of Epidemic and Pestilential Diseases with the Principal Phenomena of the Physical World Which Precede Them and Accompany Them and Observations Deduced from the Facts Stated", tracing the history of epidemics from biblical accounts to the present. The two-volume treatise ran over 700 pages. Webster concluded that he could not be sure what caused epidemics. "More materials are necessary to enable us to erect a theory." Webster noted that public health should rely on scientific research and gathering abundant evidence through the labors of many professionals with first-hand data.

The SARS-CoV-2 virus, a coronavirus that causes COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in late 2019. As of this writing, there are over 39.4 million cases worldwide of COVID-19. The United States has 8 million cases. There have been over 218,000 deaths in the United States.

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As we endure the present epidemic, we might keep in mind one of Webster's observations. He wrote in his 1798 treatise, "Deadly diseases induce more than just terror and confusion. The natural evils that surround us lay the foundation for the finest feelings of the human heart, compassion and benevolence." Be like the citizens of Philadelphia in 1793: Helpful, hopeful, and willing to face the evils of the day with courage and faith for a better tomorrow.

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The President's Dispatch (cont.)

Last week, I drove down to Iron City to meet with the Joel Early Chapter and address a group of 35 homeschooled children and their parents. These young people who were four years old and up, along with their parents, give me strong reason to believe that the future of our Country will be OK. Separation was practiced, and masks were worn. And, these young folks were so very well mannered. Neal Spooner gave an excellent Traveling Trunk presentation, and I spoke to the group about George Washington as a farmer. Such meetings make a 500 mile trip very worthwhile! The Joel Early Chapter has often been involved with the Rumbaugh Orations Contest. In 2019, they had our State Society Champion. Earlier this year, Compatriot George Wheelless (Past State President, Past State Secretary, current President of Casimir Pulaski Chapter) informed me that he needed to step down as Chairman of our Orations Committee. George has worked tirelessly in this position as he has in all things SAR. I am pleased to report that President Chuck Garnett of the Ocmulgee Chapter has agreed to serve as Chairman of our Rumbaugh Orations Committee, and I will swear him in at the October 24th BOM.

I have also been working with Gary Hoyt (President, John Collins) with respect to his Chairmanship of the Veteran's Committee. He has been in contact for many months now with the President of the Old Capitol Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America or MOAA. The MOAA has a close relationship with the 225-bed Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville. At the October BOM, we shall vote on some possible ETF funding to assist the MOAA with providing lodging for needy families who are visiting their family member who is either in hospice or in an end-of-life circumstance. I personally support these efforts to assist in uplifting our Veterans and their family members at this final life journey stage.

As of this dispatch, several of our members have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. I currently know of only one member who is in self-quarantine. I wish him well and a very speedy recovery. Our Country's President tested COVID-19 positive, so truly any one of us is susceptible to this vicious virus. Practice safety as best you can, and use common sense as situations present.

Many of us may recall the grand old wooden roller coasters with names such as Cyclone, Greyhound, Wildcat, Thunderhawk, Racer, Jack Rabbit, and others. They pulled away from the station and headed up the hill with a click clack, click clack sound, and once reaching the apex, gravity took over. The first downhill was huge, followed by several ups and downs before another climb, a downhill followed with smaller ups and downs, and then the cars rolled into the station. I believe that we have certainly made it past that first, giant climb. I just hope that we are in those smaller ups and downs and will soon return safely to the station.

I am honored to represent the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Please do not hesitate to call on me. If you have a question, I will attempt to get you an answer. If you need my presence, I shall do my best to be where needed. Keep in touch with your membership and especially your older members.

This time of uncertainty and trial will pass, and we shall emerge stronger than before!

Patriotically,

William B. Dobbs II



The GASSAR Summer Board of Managers meeting was held on Saturday July 25, 2020 with 91 participants attending.

Click on the link below to view the recording of the GASSAR Summer BOM meeting on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/MVW9cPVUi-w>



During the July 25th BOM Zoom meeting, we discussed the need for reprinting eight very popular trifold brochures that the Georgia Society has distributed over the years. In fact, some 450,000 of these educational Georgia Revolutionary War Trail brochures have been handed out since their first printing. Multiple Chapters and anonymous benefactors have since come forward to contribute funds towards that reprinting.

The ability of the Georgia Society to conduct business virtually is due in large part to the work of Rick Reese, GASSAR Electronic Communications Chair. See the committee report for more information regarding help in holding virtual meetings.





Traveler's Rest

Members of the Georgia Society attended an August DAR sponsored event, which honored Mary Jarrett White, the first woman to vote in the state of Georgia. The event, sponsored by the

Toccoa Chapter, NSDAR was held at Traveler's Rest. The stagecoach inn and plantation home was built around 1815, and strategically located along the newly constructed Unicoi Turnpike, a busy highway over the Appalachian Mountains. Devereaux Jarrett, the "richest man in the Tugaloo Valley" subsequently purchased the inn. Three generations of Jarretts inhabited the site until Mary, Devereaux's grand-daughter and last owner, sold it to the state of Georgia in 1955. Color Guard participants included: Sid Turner, Scott Collins, Larry Whitefield, David Wiley, Jared Ogden, Jay Guest, Stephen Weaver, and Paul Danner.



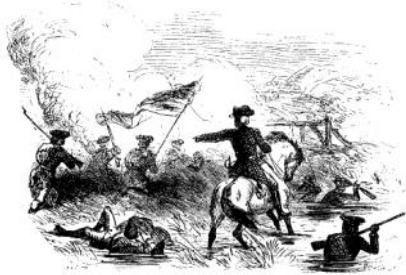
Sporadic rain did not dampen the spirits of everyone who enjoyed the opportunity to get outside and honor past heroines.



The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote nationally on August 18, 1920. 100 years ago.

Attendees place white carnations on Mary's grave.





240th Commemoration of the First Siege of Augusta

William Few Chapter and the East Fall Line Region refused to surrender to the virus attack and even took the extra step to create the first state virtual commemoration streamer for the event. Greetings were given from SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. representatives.



Steven Rauch, the guest speaker, discussed the first battle in four different locations in Augusta via pre-recorded video. Steven put a lot of research into studying the first and second sieges over the years. Look forward to when he publishes his book.





As D. Alan Smith moderated the presentation ceremony, he announced each person from the list. As they proclaimed their name, the software camera picked up presenter from their device. There were a few expected audio hiccups, but it went surprisingly well. Members from around the state, the South Atlantic District, and National participated.



The Color Guard videos for presenting the Colors, and the Musket Salute were from previous events.

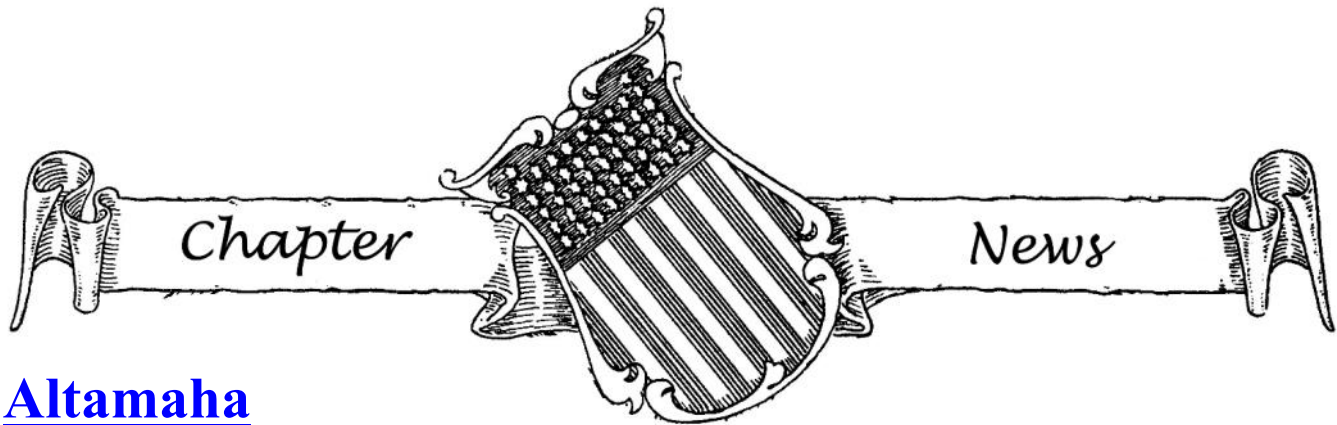


The notorious Loyalist, Thomas "Burntfoot" Brown commanded at Augusta. Brown proceeded to remove five victims from the jail, and hanged them. The hangings caused Elijah Clarke to return to Georgia with a plan to raise 500 men. Clarke only managed about 350.

Clarke struck Augusta on the 14th of September. They took Brown completely by surprise and gained possession of the town and its two forts with little to no resistance. Unfortunately, Brown succeeded in securing himself in M'Kay's trading post just outside Augusta above the river. Unfortunately for Clarke, his only man with familiarity of firing the cannon was killed soon after the pieces were brought to bear. With no useful artillery available, Clarke abandoned attempts to overrun the trading post and settled in for a siege. Clarke sent Brown a demand for surrender, which was refused. Brown, however, had been shot through both thighs early in the battle and was suffering greatly.

A British relief column from Fort Ninety-Six in South Carolina was discovered approaching, and Clarke was forced to leave 29 wounded men in Augusta to the mercy of the Loyalists. Brown had 12 men hung immediately on the porch of the trading post before turning the rest over to the Indians to fulfil their vengeance for the loss they had sustained. Some were scalped before they were killed, while others were thrown into fires and burned to death.

Brown did everything he could to root out rebellion in the state. He burned & laid waste about 100 plantations. The British also grabbed hostages from the families of known patriots. They held these civilians for months under harsh conditions that ended in the deaths of several older men.



Altamaha

Seven Wayne County High School Seniors were selected to receive the Dr. Alexander Jackson Gordon Memorial Scholarship this year. Scholarship recipients include Linli Beaver, Mackinley “Mack” Cooper, Travis “Ray” Lantrip Jr. (insert), Blake McIlwain, Olin Oliver, John “Ki” Riddle and Stephanie Tirado. The recipients and their parents were honored with an awards banquet Saturday, July 25, at Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Jesup. The banquet was postponed a month due to the threat from COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Judge Franklin Rozier Jr., president of the Altamaha Chapter, SAR, made the presentation on behalf of scholarship committee members Walter Dart and Jason Deal and the membership of the Altamaha SAR.

Beaver and Riddle plan to attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. Cooper and Tirado plan to attend the University of Georgia in Athens. McIlwain plans to attend the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega. Oliver plans to attend Mercer University in Macon. Lantrip will attend Covenant College at Lookout Mountain. All seven recipients are 2020 graduates of Wayne County High School.

The Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution administers the Gordon Memorial Scholarship, which was created in 2009 from a gift bequeathed by Dr. Gordon’s daughter, Marjorie Gordon Hamrick. Dr. Gordon was a prominent Wayne County physician. Mrs. Hamrick was a



well-known local educator.

Below: Altamaha Chapter inducted nine members during their quarterly meeting. (L-R) William H. “Bill” Bennett, John McIlwain, Albert J. “Bert” Walker, Jimmy Dick and Chapter President Judge Franklin Rozier Jr. who administered the oath. Joining, but not present, were Clayton Beauman Dick, Jonathan William Dick, Gaither Pierson Dick and Jacob Williamson. Robert M. Brown Jr. was inducted posthumously as he passed away Jan. 29, 2020 prior to the induction ceremony. Brown’s membership certificate was presented to his widow, Deann Brown.



Athens



The Athens Chapter inducted four new members into the SAR and Athens Chapter on July 4, 2020 at the home of Chapter President Jay Guest. Face mask and social distancing were the order of the day as the new members were introduced. Following the introductions, Past State and Chapter President Don Burdick administered the oath to the new members as a group. Several members of the Chapter's EXCOM attended to make the event "official".



Gen. (Ret.) Donald Burdick presented a framed Flag Certificate to Jason Cheek, Manager of the Ag. GA Farm Credit in Royston, GA. This is a new business with a beautiful new building and flag pole. Jason and staff were very appreciative of receiving this award.



Blue Ridge Mountains

Above: North Georgia News recently reported on a 2020 high school graduate, "Jordan Workman". Jordan will attend the prestigious University College Cork in Ireland, and will be studying law. Jordan is the granddaughter of our recently deceased compatriot Bud Brazil and daughter Caroline Workman.

Jordan should be familiar to chapter members as she won the Chapter's Knight Essay contest last year and placed 3rd in 2013 after entering the Chapters poster contest.

We know that Bud would be proud of Jordan as we are also. Her brother Benjamin Workman was a junior member of the chapter and received awards also in the Knight essay contest.

We wish Jordan the best and look forward to seeing her excel in her studies and career.



The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter planned and coordinated awarding law enforcement officers in surrounding counties to show the areawide support for those who serve. Recognizing their service, commitment, sacrifices and professionalism, said that our uniform guys are getting really bad raps and we wanted to show our appreciation for what they do.

Left: Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter is with the Towns County Sheriff's department with Sheriff Chris Clinton.



Left Center: The chapter will present 8 walnut plaques to each of these counties Sheriff and police department. Union County was the first department honored.



Left Bottom: The Blue Ridge Police Department with SAR members, GASSAR President Bill Dobbs, Chapter President Jared Ogden, Mike Pettus, Sid Turner, and Stephen Weaver.

Towns County, Union County, Fannin County, and Gilmer County, Hiwassee, Blairsville, Blue Ridge, and Ellijay Police Depts. have been scheduled. Of the plaques presented so far, approximately 40% of the officers attended each ceremony.



Blue Ridge Mountains Member

Stephen Weaver was recalled to duty to lead his team in fighting western wildfires. Steve retired from US Forest Service several years ago, joined the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, SAR where he serves as chapter secretary. Steve lives a little south of Murphy, NC, and raises grapes as a hobby.

Let's keep Steve in our prayers and thoughts as he leads Team Blue in the battle with fires.



Left: Northeast Regional VP Sid Turner and Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter President Jared Ogden gave the first traveling trunk presentation of the new school year to a home school co-operative in Blairsville. 17 students ranging from first grade to middle school, and 10 parents attended the presentation. After the presentation, children asked questions. One cute little second grade girl asked President Ogden if he knew what George Washington ate for breakfast? Stumped, Ogden confessed that he did not know. After the presentation was over, the little girl approached him. She stated that she had read the book "George Washington's Breakfast." Later, Ogden researched Washington's breakfast and bought the

book. One site said that for breakfast, Washington ate 'three mush cakes swimming in butter and honey, and drank three cups of tea without cream." This incident reminded Ogden why he just tells the audience that he does not know and never tries to pull an answer out of his tricorne hat. [1. Research. 2. Always admit when you don't know. 3. Out of the mouths of babes..... One must always be learning. . . . Editor]

Brier Creek

On Sunday, July 26, 2020, 10 members of the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc., including some helpers, traveled to Brannan's Bridge at the Screven County Park at Brier Creek to remove the Brier Creek Historical Marker and transport it to the main Brier Creek Battlefield in front of the Memorial. This Historic Marker was placed at the present location by the Savannah Historical Society in 1956. The map of the Brier Creek Battle was designed by Screven County's Clyde D. Hollingsworth in 1953 on Christmas Cards that he sent to many local residents of Screven County. The request to move this Historic sign was presented to the Screven County Board of Commissioners last week and was approved unanimously. Thanks to BCR WBA Treasurer John Fitzner for his leadership in moving the sign and the BCRWBA President Stephen Hammond for organizing the personnel to assist."



Left: Steve Burke shares his little friends with the Rotary Club of Jefferson County.

Joseph Habersham

The Georgia General Assembly 2019-2020 Regular Session - SR 702 By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th and Beach of the 21st adopted in the Senate February 5, 2020 Resolution Recognizing and commending William "Bill" Hughes Raper. Raper has demonstrated his talents to genealogy research for others throughout the majority of his adult life, acting as leader, teacher, mentor, and friend.

William "Bill" Hughes Raper was born March 13, 1944 in Cornelia, Georgia, and married Linda Gail Meeks on October 16, 1966; to their union were born two children, Bradley Raymond and Julie Ann. Bill worked in retail sales for more than 56 years; attending church regularly, he serves as the treasurer of adult Sunday school classes and participated in various community activities, including more than 23 years of continuous service as registrar, genealogist, and historian of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and also served as genealogist for one year at the State of Georgia Society. His boundless sacrifices of volunteer time over a span of more than 30 years resulted in the Clarkesville - Habersham County Library housing a genealogy collection in the new William H. Raper Heritage Room, which contains a wealth of resources for patrons who are researching their family histories. The Heritage Rooms collection includes a thorough assembly of marriage, birth, and death certificates; obituaries; the federal census index; cemetery directories; and property records from Habersham and surrounding counties dating to antebellum times and available through a variety of media ranging from newspapers and maps to Cherokee Indian rolls and family history books. His volunteer genealogy service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how local research challenges are met. He served as research historian for the Habersham County Bicentennial Committee, ensuring that the 200th anniversary of Habersham County celebrates the history and future of the county; and he sponsored an unprecedented number of applicants for membership in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and was the first to be awarded the Addie Bass Service Award from the Tomichichi Chapter of the Daughters of the American and his active membership of more than 23 years in the Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and his participation in the SAR Youth Awards programs and JROTC recognition programs are of extraordinary value as a mentor, counselor, leader, and friend to all.



Little River

The chapter had its July meeting at the home of Compatriot Gary Smith in Grovetown.

Compatriot Terry Manning presented "25 things you may not have known about George Washington." The chapter inducted new members Rev. Mason Davis, Mike Ilhardt, Ed Johnson, Wiley Johnson, and Dwain Moss. Rev. Davis accepted the membership certificate and rosette for his son, new member Jeffery Davis, who lives in Wasilla, Alaska and watched the meeting via live Facebook stream.

Compatriot Alton McCloud received the SAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal, Compatriot Don Thomas received the SAR 20-year service pin, and Compatriot David Butler received the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal.

NSSAR Certificates of Patriotism were presented to Compatriot Lewis Smith for Korea and Vietnam, Gary Edwards for Southwest Asia, Jackson Cheatham for Military Service, David Donehoo for Military Service.

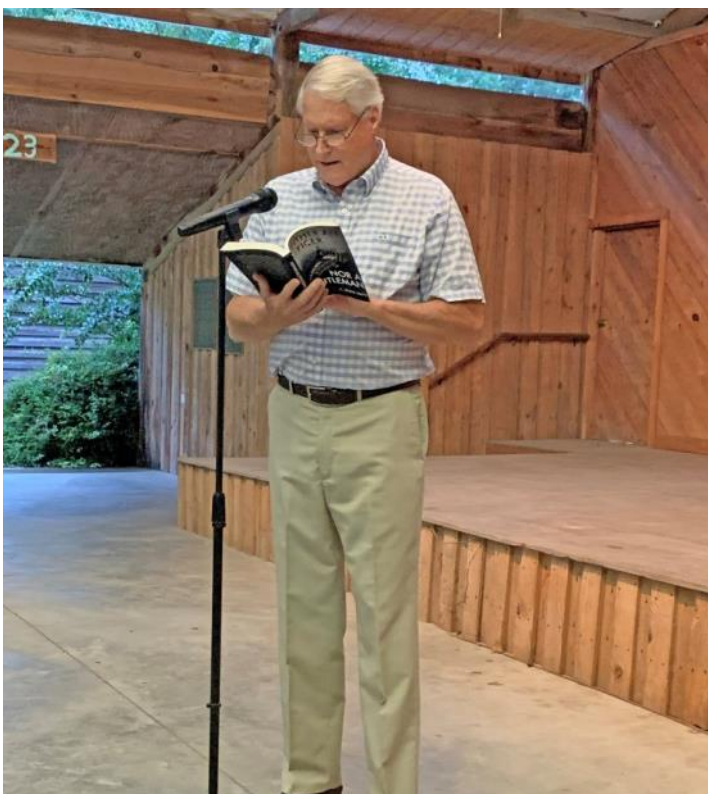




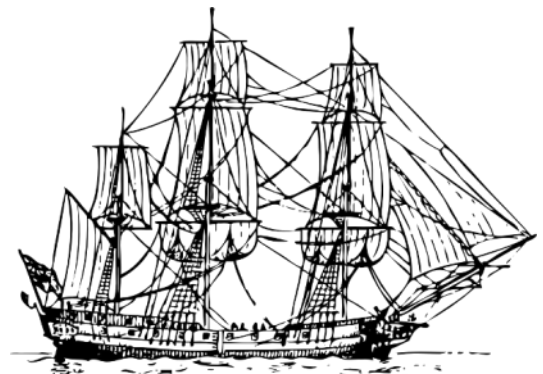
Left: Captain David Butler with Columbia County Fire Rescue, also serving as Little River Chapter Secretary, was awarded with the Fire Safety Commendation Medal. This year marks Captain Butler's 30th year as a firefighter.



Right: Don Thomas (left) receiving the 20 -year membership pin and certificate, and Alton McCloud (right) receiving the Patriot Grave Marking Medal



Left: Compatriot Lewis Smith presented his new book, titled "Neither an Officer Nor a Gentleman," his memoirs of serving in the U.S. Navy from 1967-71, at the chapter's September meeting . Compatriot Smith serves as the chapter Treasurer and Historian and is curator of the McDuffie Museum in Thomson.





"President Wilder Smith, Jr. and Registrar Dess Smith III of the Wiregrass Chapter, traveled 90 miles to Lincolnton, GA to attend the Little River Chapter SAR's monthly meeting in August. The chapter meeting was held at the Lincoln County Historical Society Museum's outdoor pavilion in downtown Lincolnton. Historian and Author Ed DeVos presented on his recently published book, titled *"The Last 100 Yards"*. His book is about soldiers - infantry soldiers - the heart and soul of our Army. It is a history book describing how our post Vietnam Army developed new doctrine, new equipment, and tougher, more meaningful training philosophies. His book will introduce you to some common sense leaders whose principles still impact our military today. Lastly, his book will give a glimpse into the lives of military spouses and children, who serve their country alongside their soldiers. Little River President Bill Tankersley presented 3 new members their SAR Certificates and inducted them into the Chapter. Bill also presented 2 members with their National Society SAR Veterans Certificates of Patriotism."



Above: Troop 125 is proud to be the keeper of the flag at Thomson First United Methodist Church.

Right: On July 6, Compatriots Gary Smith and Bill Tankersley visited Compatriot James Newsome at his home in Thomson to present him with three SAR Certificates of Patriotism. Compatriot Newsome was added to the SAR Veterans Corps for Korea, Vietnam, and Special Operations, for his participation in the 1958 crisis in Beirut, Lebanon. Compatriot Newsome greatly appreciated the visit and was sporting a new SAR sweater.

Mill Creek

Please join me in congratulating Compatriot Thomas Miller for winning both the Georgia Society and now the National Society's Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award at the High School Level.

Thomas has also been named one of Georgia Southern University's 40 under 40 members for 2020.

Mount Vernon



This was a special Sunday meeting at our regular meeting location - Vintage Pizzeria to welcome two new members into the Mount Vernon Chapter. Brothers Thomas and Earl Hewitt. Their official approval by SAR National was around July 30th.

Attendees in the Hewett party included Thomas' wife Brenda Hewett, Earl's wife Debbie Hewett Howard, Martha Stemme, Karen Arnett, Darlene Delozier, and Col. Richard Brychcy.

The SAR was represented by Georgia SAR President Bill Dobbs, Mount Vernon President Chuck Rann, Vice President Tom Pye, Registrar Tom Chrisman, Chaplain John Galt, Secretary David Wellons, past President Shep Hammack and photographer Tom Hughes at the ceremony.



Right: Shep Hammack received two supplementals, giving him a total of nine so far.

Three more are in process.



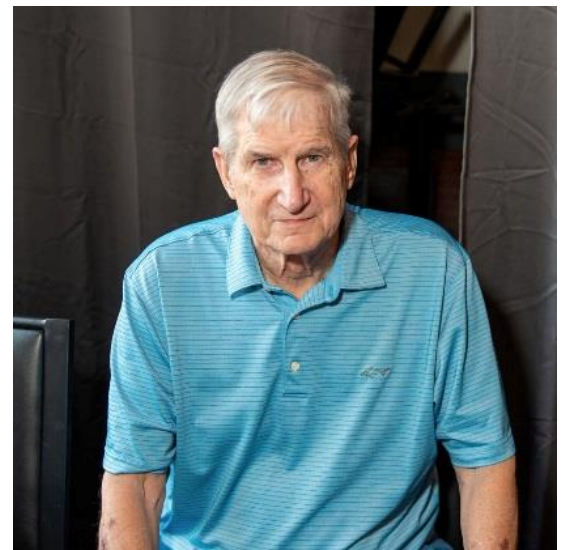


The meeting included an SAR Law Enforcement Award Ceremony. Tom Chrisman introduced the two Dunwoody Police Officers, Nathan Daley and Kasey Martin at our meeting, and summarized their exceptional service beyond the call of duty.

The Mount Vernon Chapter honored both of them with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate for their service and their heroism.

Officers Kasey Martin and Nathan Daley conducted a routine traffic stop on a vehicle for a driver violating Georgia's "hands free" cell phone law. As Officer Daley was speaking to the driver, the driver suddenly placed the vehicle in gear and drove away, with Officer Daley attached. The fleeing vehicle rapidly accelerated, recklessly changed lanes, and attempted to sideswipe other vehicles so Officer Daley would fall off. Officer Daley was finally thrown from the fleeing vehicle when it struck a panel van.

The Driver was charged with the following crimes:
 Aggravated assault on an officer with intent to murder,
 Aggravated assault, Aggravated battery, Trafficking ecstasy,
 Possession of marijuana with intent, Possession of oxycodone with intent, Possession of codeine cough syrup with intent,
 Possession of a firearm during commission of a felony,
 Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon,
 Fleeing and eluding, and Hit and run.



New members Tony Crowe and Thomas Scales.



Robert Forsyth

Right: Barely a few weeks after a very successful Flag Retirement Ceremony, the flag collection receptacles at the Cumming Home Depot were full again.



Left: When Covid-19 attacked the Robert Forsyth Traveling Trunk Team reducing their numbers, the remaining members, Allen Greenly and J. C. Hustis shouldered the burden alone. The Cub Scouts meeting at Cumming Methodist Church were greatly entertained and informed.



Left: Past President Gary Page represented the chapter before the Forsyth County Commission as they read a proclamation for Constitution Day.

William Few

While 2020 hasn't been kind to SAR Events, William Few Chapter has taken on the challenge by pressing forward with their event, and printing the Georgia Society's first "Virtual" Commemoration Streamer. Persons around the nation were able to participate in a timely service.

**240th Commemoration
of the
First Siege of Augusta**

By the 8 Chapters of East Fall Line Region
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

August 26, 2020

Dear SAR Members,

We need more Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary members!

Since its formation in 2008, the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary has assisted the Georgia SAR and the National SAR to further the goals and objectives of inspiring patriotism and informing others of the contributions of our revolutionary ancestors. Ladies Auxiliary members support the 35 Georgia SAR chapters through activities such as helping with your meeting preparations, chapter banquets, service projects, grave markings, commemoration events, fundraising, and more.

While the Georgia Society SAR has 2,000 members, the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary has less than 200 members! We want to grow our membership!

Please consider recognizing and thanking your wives for their support of you and your SAR chapters with a lifetime membership in the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary. The cost is a one-time dues payment of just \$25, and, as a Georgia Ladies Auxiliary member, she automatically becomes a member of the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary without any additional dues. In addition to your wives, other women related to you by blood or marriage including daughters, granddaughters, sisters, aunts, and nieces are eligible to join the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary. There is only one Ladies Auxiliary meeting per year which takes place during the Georgia SAR Annual Meeting in January.

As our Georgia Society prepares to host the 2022 Congress in Savannah, expansion of our membership enables us to broaden our support and raise needed funds through membership dues and the sale of our Georgia Ladies Auxiliary pins, which are now back in stock. These pins can be purchased for \$15 along with a lifetime membership of \$25 (\$40 total) or separately (\$15) by our existing Ladies Auxiliary members who may not have had an opportunity to acquire a pin in the past.

A Ladies Auxiliary membership form is attached, as well as a pin-only purchase form. We ask that you share this letter and the accompanying forms with your chapter members. More information about the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary can be found online at: <http://www.nlasar.org/galaux>

Thank you so much. Our Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary members stand ready to continue to assist and reinforce the mission and activities of our Georgia Society SAR and its 35 chapters.

Best regards,

Deborah Dobbs - President 2020



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

Lifetime Membership & Update *(Please print)*

Name: _____ Husband's First Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Related SAR Member: _____

Type of Relationship (spouse, son, nephew, etc.): _____

His SAR Chapter: _____

Date of Lifetime Membership Payment: _____

Lifetime Membership Dues \$25.00

Georgia Ladies Auxiliary Pin \$15.00 _____ (check if you would like a pin)
(Pin pictured above)

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____

Check Number: _____ *(Your check is your receipt)*

Mail your completed application and check payable to GASSAR – Ladies Auxiliary to:

2020 Ladies Auxiliary President
Deborah Dobbs
 3166 Floyd Street, NE
 Covington, GA 30014

Received by: _____



Children of the American Revolution

Children of the American Revolution, Sukey Hart Society, participated in the Traveler's Rest, Toccoa, GA. observance of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment's passage, granting women the right to vote.



Sukey Hart Society of the C.A.R. recently passed the gavel to a new president. Abbott Plank was sworn in as Isa Lowrie became the most recent past President.

Abbott's family was obviously very supportive of the new president.

Micah Kilgore, State President C.A.R. came to Sukey Hart to present the State Project - Quilts of Valor - and to install the new officers.





DAR members from across Georgia and South Carolina attended the Toccoa Chapter's event celebrating Mary Jarrett White's becoming the first woman to vote in Georgia.

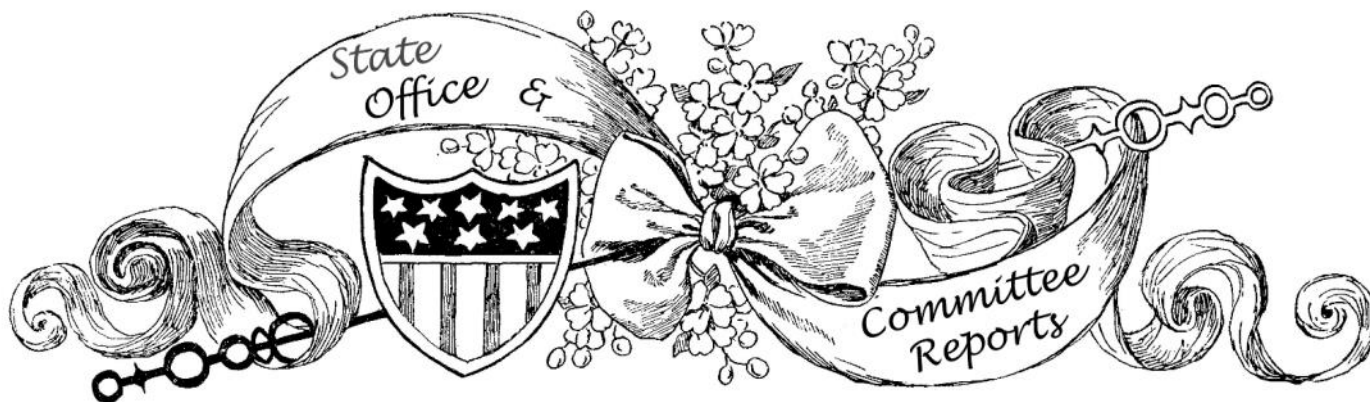


Chapters listed in the program included: Toccoa, Atlanta, Burkhalter, Captain John Wilson, Col. William Candler, Fayette-Starr's Mill, Fielding Lewis, Fort Peachtree, Hightower Trail, Jacob Braselton, Martha Stewart Bulloch, Philadelphia Winn, Rev. John Andrew, Sunbury, Suwanee Creek, Tomochichi, Xavier, & Wahalla, SC.



**Georgia Society
Deceased Members
July 01, - September 30,
2020**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Walter Eugene ARMS,	198331	Dalton	06 Jul 2020
Philip Kerry CURTIS	137579	Atlanta	09 Jul 2020
James Franklin PANTER	134646	Atlanta	16 Jul 2020
Wiley James WATERS	164749	Altamaha	04 Aug 2020
David Allen MARTIN	151129	John Collins	17 Aug 2020
Loyd Norris PUCKETT, Jr.	159289	George Walton	28 Aug 2020
Hubert Holder HOWARD, Sr.	138524	Altamaha	30 Aug 2020
John Edward HOWARD	148733	Jos. Habersham	07 Sep 2020
Homer Sylvester DURDEN, III	169803	Wiregrass	19 Sep 2020
Michael Joseph ILHARDT,	215435	Little River	21 Sep 2020
Russell Floyd MEADOWS	138840	Valdosta	23 Sep 2020



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**Georgia Society New Members
Since July 01, 2020**



	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altamaha	07 Aug 2020	Grant Cameron BENNETT	James SINGLETON	Jason Ronald DEAL
	07 Aug 2020	David Cameron BENNETT	Robert SINGLETON	Jason Ronald DEAL
Athens	07 Aug 2020	Michael Keith DOOLEY	John WATKINS	Donald BURDICK
	07 Aug 2020	Jacob Hunter DOOLEY	John WATKINS	Donald BURDICK
Atlanta	17 Jul 2020	James Chadwick Ulmer JONES	James WILLIAMS	David Andrews NOBLE
	07 Aug 2020	Jeffrey Lucio CIMBALO	Richard CROWDER	David Andrews NOBLE
	07 Aug 2020	Gary Mattox JOHNSON	Thomas FORTSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	07 Aug 2020	Rory Eli FLINT	Peter BORDERS	David Andrews NOBLE
	07 Aug 2020	Perry Dwight BENSON, III	Abraham BERGEY	David Andrews NOBLE
	04 Sep 2020	John Robert LYONS	Samuel GILMORE	David Andrews NOBLE
	11 Sep 2020	Richard Kenneth BROWN	John HOWARD	David Andrews NOBLE
	11 Sep 2020	Michael David MALLARY	Calvin MALLORY	Gregory Eugene SMITH
Blue Ridge Mtns	17 Jul 2020	Charles Michael PETTUS	Robert KNOX	Jack Powell Dugger
Button Gwinnett	11 Sep 2020	David Lee PATRICK	Isham BERRY	Harold Douglas FORD
	11 Sep 2020	David Linden BUCK	Jonathan BUCK	Melvin Warren BUCK
Coweta Falls	07 Aug 2020	Daniel Rocco RANDALL	Hopetill RANDALL	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	07 Aug 2020	Anthony Pasquale RANDALL	Hopetill RANDALL	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	21 Aug 2020	Raine Ascott MILLER	Judah FERRY	Joseph Daniel McMICHAEL
	18 Sep 2020	William Buford COLE	Drury CADE	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
Edward Telfair	17 Jul 2020	Ambrose Joseph ARKINS	Zebulon LEE	Roger Warren COURSEY
	17 Jul 2020	Wayne Morris STEWART	John STEWART	Roger Warren COURSEY
	07 Aug 2020	Ulric Marion ROBERTS	John TREUTLEN	Roger Warren COURSEY
	07 Aug 2020	Thomas Carey BENTLEY	Hardy DELOACH	Roger Warren COURSEY
	21 Aug 2020	Christopher Joseph THOMPSON	George THOMPSON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	11 Sep 2020	Lamar Whitworth DAVIS, Jr.	Francis DOVER	Roger Warren COURSEY

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Fall Line				
	17 Jul 2020	Jeffrey Thomas SMITH	Benjamin SMITH	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
	17 Jul 2020	Larry Thomas SMITH	Benjamin SMITH	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
	07 Aug 2020	Brian Michael TENNELL	George TENNELL	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
	07 Aug 2020	Elbie Adrian PARHAM	Peter DAVID	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
	21 Aug 2020	Daniel Lee CROWDEN	Lodowick MAJOR	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
John Collins				
	17 Jul 2020	Thomas William SULLIVAN	George BOST	Robert Alvyn SAPP
	21 Aug 2020	Neal Douglas HOBSON, III	Andrew BRYAN	Randall Brian HUBER
	18 Sep 2020	Ryan Michael FLETCHER	Paul PRATT	Randall Brian HUBER
Jos. Habersham				
	07 Aug 2020	John Lumpkin FOSTER	James WHITE	William Hughes RAPER
	07 Aug 2020	Charles Hilton BROWN	Jacob DARDEN	William Hughes RAPER
	21 Aug 2020	Winburn Jackson DICKENS	James MALCOM	William Hughes RAPER
Little River				
	17 Jul 2020	Michael ANDERSON	Benjamin GREEN	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	17 Jul 2020	Keith Morris GIBSON	John MCCORKLE	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	17 Jul 2020	Robert Lillie GIBSON, III	John MCCORKLE	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	21 Aug 2020	Gary Lee SMITH, Sr.	David SMITH	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Lyman Hall				
	07 Aug 2020	Brock Allen SNEAD	Barrett BREWER	Hall Alexander MARTIN
	07 Aug 2020	Alexander Manning SNEAD	Barrett BREWER	Hall Alexander MARTIN
	21 Aug 2020	Daniel Frank CARTER	Edward CARTER	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
	21 Aug 2020	John Charles CARTER	Edward CARTER	Edward Paul RIGEL, Sr.
Marshes of Glynn				
	17 Jul 2020	Whitmarsh Booth TENNANT	Richard TENNANT	Jonathan Kennedy TENNANT
	17 Jul 2020	Otis Flint PUTNAM, III	Enoch PUTNAM	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	07 Aug 2020	Charles Pendleton LEWIS, Jr.	Isaac MANSFIELD	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	07 Aug 2020	Steven Dwight BERG	Thomas ADAMS	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Mill Creek				
	07 Aug 2020	Herman HOLZMAN Mark	William HACKWORTH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	04 Sep 2020	Charles Henry PERRY, III	Edward JACKSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	04 Sep 2020	Charles Henry PERRY, Jr.	Edward JACKSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	04 Sep 2020	Charles Mills PERRY	Edward JACKSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Mount Vernon				
	17 Jul 2020	Thomas Albert SCALES	Edward JACKSON	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	07 Aug 2020	Elmo Earl HEWETT	James WILSON	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
Ocmulgee				
	17 Jul 2020	Damon Eric WOODSON	George WAUGH	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
	21 Aug 2020	Harold Jackson PEACOCK	Abishai HORN	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
	11 Sep 2020	Adam Preston YOUNG	Nimrod MITCHELL	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
Piedmont				
	17 Jul 2020	Robert John CAIRNS	Curtis CLEVELAND	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	07 Aug 2020	Ryan Jacob BAKER J	acob SNYDER	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	07 Aug 2020	Devyn Jeffrey BAKER	Jacob SNYDER	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	04 Sep 2020	Robert Page UFFORD, Jr.	Phineas PAGE	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	18 Sep 2020	Stacey Gerald MCCARVER	Richard WARREN	James Eric THOMPSON

	Registered	New Member	Patriot	Sponsor
William Few	17 Jul 2020	Samuel Dalton Horton HARRIS	Moses HARRIS	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	17 Jul 2020	Phillip Barry HARRIS	Moses HARRIS	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	17 Jul 2020	Allviah Lowell THIELKE	Peter MABIE	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	07 Aug 2020	Richard Richard Owne NEVARD JR, Jr.	Philip SMITH	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	11 Sep 2020	Kevin John KENNY	Moses HARRIS	Mark Owne WALTERS
Wiregrass	03 Jul 2020	Johnnie Edwin TAPLEY, Jr.	Travis THIGPEN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	03 Jul 2020	Johnny Edwin TAPLEY, III	Travis THIGPEN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III

Total: 69

Veterans - Gary Hoyt



Each day I monitor information coming from various sources and resources within the VA. On occasions when very important benefits are being made available to veterans and their families, I forward announcements directly to the BOM. Please ensure your members receive this information. Many do not receive the BOM Distribution, and so it is imperative that you forward the information to the membership.

16 Jul 2020: Ron Hill and Gary Hoyt discuss working more closely with the Georgia Department of Veterans Service and becoming more active in Partners in Patriotism. Bill Kabel will continue to coordinate the GASSAR's participation in the Wreaths Across America Christmas Program at the Marietta National Cemetery.

18 Jul 2020: Military Officers Association of America's Director of Georgia Veterans Affairs, Jerry Johnson, sent a letter asking that the GASSAR donate to, and participate in their "Together Again" program. MOAA and other sponsors will host a large celebration when the Georgia War Veterans Home reopens and allows loved ones to visit patients there. MOAA will reserve hotel rooms at reduced rates for visiting families. Ultimately, Colonel Johnson was asked to present his donation request directly to the Donation Trust Fund Committee.

24 Aug 2020: Virtual NASSAR Veterans Committee Meeting 8:00 PM. Bill Kabel attended as the GASSAR Representative. Temporary Modification #1 of the USS Stark Memorial Award Report Form extended to December 31.

16 Sep 2020: Joseph Zimmerman, Vice President of the Piedmont Chapter, was appointed as a member of the NSSAR Veterans Committee.

21 Sep 2020: Attended Virtual Meeting of NSSAR Veterans Committee. Revisions to the USS Stark Memorial Award were proposed by the Texas Society and accepted pending approval by the Awards Committee.

25 Sep 2020: Correspondence with Sonny Pittman regarding possible appointments of NSSAR Representatives and Deputy Representatives for the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, GA; and the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta, GA.



Wreath Placement & Ceremony Planning Options

These plans are templates that can be used and changed as needed locally.

Option 1: Open to the public, with a cap on volunteers.

Masks and gloves, depending on state specific guidelines. Staggered start times to limit crowding at entrance, if necessary, depending on access to the location and local guidelines for gatherings.

Option 2: Open to the public, with a cap on volunteers, and restrictions on gatherings.

Masks and gloves, depending on state specific guidelines. Virtual ceremony so all can attend. Wreaths staged throughout the cemetery in advance. Assigned arrival time, with sections staggered, to space out volunteers and groups. Notice to all groups, volunteers, donors with a link to sign up for a specific time slot that would be predesignated by LC.

Option 3: Multiple Days

Place veterans' wreaths, with limited public volunteers, over multiple days. December 18, 19, 20 - or a variation of this. Virtual ceremony on the 19th so all can attend. Require sign up for participation in order to assign a date for laying. Include assigned arrival time, with sections staggered, to space out volunteers and groups. Notice to all groups, volunteers, donors with a link to sign up for a specific time slot that would be predesignated by LC.

Option 4: No Public Volunteers and Limited Number of Core Volunteers.

WAA has ceremonial wreath placement and a group of core volunteers place wreaths. Virtual ceremony so all can attend. All donors, groups, and volunteers notified of plans. Highly encourage taking photos of grave specific wreath placements and sending to the donors.

Those of you who participate in the smaller events will likely not experience too much of a change from previous years. However, it appears the larger the event, the more changes will be required. The primary purpose of this notification is two - fold:

Wreaths Across America events will occur this year so spread the word and this year more than ever, the members of the SAR should ensure we support our local Wreaths Across America events to the best of our abilities. Details for your local events will be determined locally so it would be best to check with your local event coordinators if you have specific questions.

Regards,

Scott Giltner, Chairman - NASSAR Veterans Committee

**Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey**

There is no Patriot Medal Committee Report this quarter.

However, it is time to start thinking about those compatriots who should be submitted for consideration for the Patriot Medal. Please start gathering documentation and information for the candidate that you would like to submit for the Patriot Medal.

Please read the NSSAR Handbook and 16.0.4 of the GASSAR Source Book for the rules and guidelines. Also, please use the Patriot Medal Nomination Form in 16.0.4F of the GASSAR Source Book. If you need extra pages, please use Microsoft Word. You must email the Patriot Medal form and your extra pages of documentation to captrog2000@yahoo.com

The deadline to have candidates submitted by email to me is 31 October 2020. The Patriot Medals will be awarded at the Annual meeting of GASSAR in January of 2021.

**Eagle Scout - William Coffeen**

Our committee has received 16 requests for recognition certificates year-to-date. Sadly the number of requests has declined considerably from last year as many Courts of Honor have been postponed or cancelled due to Covid 19. I continue to pass on recognition and scholarship competition requests to all chapters who have active Eagle Scout programs. The chair fulfills the request himself if no chapter support presently exists. We hope to have a reasonable number of King scholarship applications submitted this year in spite of the pandemic to compete for our annual monetary award and Eagle trophy at the State level. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to set up a recognition program please contact me at billcoffeen@gmail.com or call 770-757-8147. If you have photographs of Eagle recognition presentations you've conducted I'd like to add that to our page on our Georgia Society website.

The Georgia Society can approve up to three compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. No applications have been submitted year to date. Before the end of the year I encourage chapters to submit an application for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition. If you find it difficult to find the application, I'll be glad to send it to you. Then forward it along with a check for \$20 to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs and we'll provide support and direction to help you grow your program. Please be aware that our annual State scholarship monetary award is now \$550 so I encourage all chapters to make the necessary changes to your correspondence or other marketing material.

If you as a chapter still recognize Eagle Scouts but simply don't have an appointed Chair, please let me know to whom I might forward requests to for such recognition.

As a reminder, the GASSAR college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2020. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me preferably by email at billcoffeen@gmail.com or 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152. It is essential that all 2020 applicants use the current application available on the National website. If you run into difficulties tracking it down on the website please contact me and I'll forward it to you.



GASSAR Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.

I have developed a PowerPoint presentation to guide you through the process of creating and hosting a Zoom meeting. I have also created a 30 minute video of myself making the presentation. The video is available on YouTube by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/vOIS9hi-nWQ>

You certainly may use this video to help become more familiar with creating a Zoom chapter meeting, or share it with your chapter members. I will be happy to present this program as a Zoom meeting to your chapter members who might be thinking about holding future Chapter meetings in a Virtual format using Zoom.

for health and safety reasons. I am hopeful that Zoom will be our safe alternative to in-person meetings as a means of keeping our members together. Please let me know how I can help.

It appears as if we will be dealing for some time with restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 virus

Knight Essay - Terry Gibbs



The Knight Essay Contest began with the beginning of the school year. The deadline date for students to submit their essays to a chapter for entry into the contest is December 1, 2020. Chapters then must select their chapter winner and submit that entry to the Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest Chairman terrygibbs237@gmail.com by December 15, 2020 for entry into the Georgia Society Contest.

The GASSAR Knight Essay Chairman will then select a panel of judges to review the essays and grade them using a standardized grading sheet. The essay with the most points will be declared the winning essay to represent the Georgia Society in the national contest.

The Knight Essay contest winner for the Georgia Society will be awarded a \$550.00 Cash Scholarship at the Annual Meeting in January. The runner up or second place essay winner will be awarded a \$400.00 Cash Scholarship.

Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch



The third quarter of 2020 was impacted somewhat by the pandemic, however we processed fifty-five (55) applications from nine chapters as follows:

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Other	Total
Atlanta	11	3		14
Blue Ridge Mtn	2			2
Button Gwinnett	2	4		6
Capt. John Collins	5	5		10
Cherokee	3	1		4
Coweta Falls	3			3
Lyman Hall	2			2
Mt. Vernon	4		1 Jr.	5
Piedmont	6	3		9
				55

These are the applications processed during the third quarter, if your application is not indicated it was processed during the second quarter or is in process for the upcoming 4th quarter.

Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson



Third Quarter Registrar South Report 2020

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	JR/Memorial
Altamaha	1		1 – Mem/Withdrawn
Brier Creek	7		
Edward Telfair	2		
Fall Line	1		
Little River	3		
Marshes of Glynn	3		
Mill Creek	4		
Ocmulgee	3		
William Few	2		
Wiregrass	5		

TOTAL 32

Recent Application problems that have been noted are: (1) checks written for more that \$143.00, (2) missing documents, (3) signatures; (4) DAR Record Copies, and (5) the use of bubble envelopes without a stiffener enclosed to keep it unwrinkled.

Rumbaugh - George Wheelless



Budget Data:

The budget for the Rumbaugh Orations Contest provides \$500 to the winner (and up to \$1,000 towards expenses to our National Congress) and a \$400 prize to the Runner-Up. The State Orations Medal comes out of the Orations budget.

Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter:

The Georgia Society did not have a State Finals Competition. Hence no entry for the National Finals.

Plans for the Next Quarter:

Chapters should be contacting local schools and home school groups and scheduling chapter competitions. Even, or especially during these times, as teachers look for innovative ways to conduct distance learning, what better assignment than to research and write an essay?

State and National Competitions:

The deadline for Orations entries to be submitted to the Rumbaugh Chairman is 09 April 2021. The date and site of the 2021 Georgia Society will be announced later.

Trustee - Donald Burdick



Ken Goodson, trustee, reported that the Façade Restoration Project has been moved up due to deterioration of the front of the building and the need to strengthen the front due to increased risk from protests in Louisville. The work will take approximately 12 weeks to complete. If approved today, the work would be done by the end of the year, otherwise it will have to wait until spring. Contractor Leo Post, and Architect Dan Preston are joining us today to answer any questions. Ken Goodson proceeded to review the attached addendum on work to be done and associated costs. Noted that there are four major blocks of work that we received quotes on, which totals about \$135,000 of \$176,000 quote. There are 16 minor items that total about \$40,000 with no quotes, with an average cost to each which is fairly small, and too small to bid out. Following a detailed review of each of the four major blocks of work, and an explanation of the bids received, the Following motion was made.

Motion 1 by SG Davis L. Wright – I moved that on behalf of the Executive Committee that the Board of Trustees approve the façade improvement project as detailed in the attached project quote from A.L. Post, Inc. dated August 25, 2020 and to include a contingency of 20%, for a total project cost not to exceed \$210,000. Brief discussion, no issues raised. Motion passed.

Motion 2 by SG Davis L. Wright – I move that on behalf of the Executive Committee that Board of Trustees approve the build out of the façade from existing cash resources, as outlined on the attached chart, and that the Board of Trustees authorize the use of the Line of Credit up to \$100,000, if necessary, to complete this project. Extensive review of the chart by Budget Chairman Lee Popham. Motion passed.

C.A.R. Liaison—Robert Moore



Due to the pandemic, this Chairman has stayed close to home. I attended the Coweta Falls Memorial Day Service, participating as a member of the Color Guard and Musket Salute. I attended a joint Flag Day remembrance with George Walton Chapter, NSDAR and the Lucy Spell Raiford C.A.R. As Chairman, I was honored to be nominated and elected Senior National C.A.R. Vice President, Southeastern Region. I attended the Virtual State SAR BOM, The Virtual National Convention of C.A.R. where Junior GSSAR member David Jimenez was elected National Librarian. David along with newly elected State President of GA C.A.R. Micah Kilgore, were installed at National Convention. The new National President is Liza Fridenmaker from Ohio and her Project is "Pets for Vets," while the new Georgia C.A.R. Project is "Quilts of Valor." Georgia SAR sent monetary contributions to both the National Convention as well as the 2019-2020 National Project, *Ferry Farm*. As the Senior C.A.R. Officer, I am grateful for these contributions that help with historical preservation and the training of C.A.R. members.

Historian - David Ludley



Activities of the past quarter: Additional items have been printed, photographed, digitalized, and added to the Digital Catalog. Although the Atlanta History Center's Kenan Research Center had closed down to the public until after August, due to the National Emergency of the Coronavirus Pandemic, I have spoken with Curator Sue VerHoef, Director of Oral History and Genealogy at the Atlanta History Center, and have scheduled an appointment for adding additional materials to the Archives.


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

Since the Coronavirus Pandemic has limited our contacts, this has also by necessity limited our activities and our archival duties since March 2020.

Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley



If your chapter has presented one of these medals and is not listed, please send me the information so we can get all presentations properly reported.

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
Little River		David A. Butler			
Marquis de Lafayette					Dustin Arrington, Debbie Dollar, Jessica Kessinger, Chris Stapler
Mount Vernon	Nathan Daley, Kasey Martin				
Ocmulgee	Thomas Wilson				
Robert Forsyth	Jeffrey Folk				

A Heroism Commendation and Medal recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger – i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians, not in uniform, but does not exclude police, firemen, EMS and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered in the performance of one's normal duty, nor by medals for valor by the armed forces. Animals are not eligible for recognition. The medal may also be presented posthumously. An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and the wearing of Oak Leaf Clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.



Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

With the cloud of Covid 19 still over us, we are all trying to do the best that we can! Georgia SAR had a good representation in the last issue of National SAR Magazine., so keep information coming for review and submission. We will have a great article in the next issue on The Battle of Brier Creek, so look for it soon. On a related matter, I tracked down the source of the Brier Creek battlefield painting. The painting was commissioned by archaeologist Dan Battle and he currently has it for sale for \$6,000. If you are interested in the painting or in a print of the painting, contact Dan Battle at garpa1776@gmail.com.

He has some prints left at \$65.00 per copy. Dan and Jeff Trexler own the rights to this painting.

Currently, I am working with Jeff Trexler on the painting and historical details of "George Washington's arrival in Savannah, GA 1791". Thanks to the Georgia Fellows fund for giving the painting fund \$500 to get us a firm place in the artist's work schedule for 2021. Total cost is \$3,500 for a painting that will be 24 x 30 inches in size. We are collecting funds to get the required 50% deposit for the painting, (\$1,750) with the balance due when the painting is completed. Chapters that contribute \$100 will get one copy of the print to auction off at their George Washington Dinner or other event, thus they will eventually get their money back, maybe more! Contributions can be to the Georgia SAR with a note that the funds be held for "George Washington in Savannah, 1791 painting fund" and send to Ga SAR Treasurer, Shep Hammack, 1586 Dunwoody Club Crossing, Dunwoody, Ga. 30338.

We have one other project under way that will commemorate the British withdrawal from Savannah on July 11, 1782, as suggested by compatriot George Thurmond. The plan is to place a granite park bench near the redoubt in Battlefield Park, close to the flag pole. The bench will be engraved with information about the British withdrawal, the exact wording is being discussed. I am seeking permission from the City of Savannah to place the bench. If each chapter would contribute 25.00 to this effort, we plan on requesting the balance of the monies from the George Washington Endowment Fund. The bench will be dedicated during the 2022 SAR National conference. Again, any funds contributed to this effort should go to Shep Hammack at the address above.

As you probably remember, the Georgia and Tennessee SAR worked together to place a SAR Park bench at the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home in Nashville, TN. That dedication ceremony was postponed last spring due to Covid and is still on hold until national conditions improve. However, the SAR park bench is in place, remarkably close to Andrew Jackson's tomb. Jackson was the last U.S. President to fight in the Revolutionary War and every SAR member should be proud to see this bench when they visit the Hermitage. It will help bring recognition to the SAR and help recruit new members.



IT - Richard Marsh

The NSSAR 2022 Congress portion of the website (www.gasocietysar.org) is online and receiving visitors. Within this portion of the website, an ecommerce store is now open with 2022 medals/lapel pins and GASSAR Centennial medals/lapel pins for sale. The store has been open for several months now with no reported problems and sales exceeding \$3,000 despite the congress being nearly two years in the future and the Centennial not until next year. Plans are in the works to add several other items, including raffles for replica firearms, among others. I encourage you to visit the 2022 NSSAR pages and support the upcoming congress with your purchases.

The website in general continues to have many areas of outdated or missing information. If you are an officer, committee chair or chapter president, I ask you again to visit the website and review areas of your responsibility. If you find information (content and/or contact information) that is out of date, please submit needed updates to me. If you do not find information for your area (committee, chapter, etc.), it has never been submitted for inclusion. The website provides a page for each chapter to place any content they wish (<https://gasocietysar.org/chapters/>). However, after several years of asking, we still have numerous chapters that have never submitted anything. It can be as simple as meeting information, a link to your website or anything else. If you are one of the missing chapters and you are not sure what to submit, look at some of the other chapters. Beyond these areas, I ask anyone visiting our site and notice something that needs improvement or have ideas for additional content, to please contact me.

The pilot online dues payment system went live on September 1, 2020 and included seven chapters: Athens, Atlanta, George Walton, Marquis de Lafayette, Mount Vernon, Piedmont and Robert Forsyth. Online payments can be made through PayPal or credit/debit cards and collects National, State, Chapter dues as well as Friends of the Library, Georgia Fellows and collections specific to each individual chapter. Response to date has been good from most of the pilot chapters with some chapters having very little participation. As of this writing, over 100 members have paid their dues online out of the approximately 590 members of the pilot chapters.



ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

I don't know status of ROTC Programs or JROTC Programs. Last spring medals were sent to several Universities, but no ceremonies held. Likewise JROTC medals were sent to about 20 JROTC Units supported by Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, but no ceremonies held. For Chapters: Americanism Award - Tab 6 – Youth Programs: list 50 points for sponsoring the JROTC program for each medal mailed or hand carried.

All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should encourage their Units to participate in the Enhance JROTC (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2020-2021. Every SMI in your AO should know the name of the POC within your chapter to contact about JROTC matters. A Chapter Outstanding Cadet Medal may be purchased at the NSSAR Store for \$45.00 #0265. By separate email to BOM, specific instructions for nominating a Chapter OC have been disseminated. If I can assist you in this regard, please contact me. Note the Award level at NSSAR: 1st place \$5,000

(plus \$1,500 travel expense); 2nd place \$2,000; 3rd place \$1,000; 4th place \$250 and 5th place \$250.

I have no idea how active the JROTC Units in your AO (Area of Operations) may be. Perhaps some of the Units are shut down due to the China Virus or perhaps they are meeting every other week or they may be in full operation? I seriously considered cancelling the OC Program for 2020-2021; however, NSSAR encouraged me to at least try it. SMI's are going to have to be creative to offset the 3 months lost to COVID-19 last spring.

Please note the size of the blanks to be completed on the application form. For a cadet to be competitive at GASSAR and NSSAR the space needs to be filled. If I can be of any assistance in answering questions, please give me a call (770) 254-8579.

OC Application Packages need to be received by me by COB (Close of Business) on Friday, December 4, 2020.



Library - Hugh Rodgers

The Georgia Society has extended its FOL membership to 75 and retains the lead position among state societies of the NSSAR in memberships. We are happy to report that 16 chapters along with the Georgia Society maintained membership in FOL. The number of Georgia compatriots who are members increased to 52 and the number of WOSAR held at 6.

Thanks to President Bill Dobbs, the Regional Vice Presidents, and the chapters for their support:

Athens Chapter, Atlanta 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.

Annual renewals of FOL memberships are due on the anniversary date of membership and are still \$25.00. Compatriots, WOSAR and Chapters are encouraged to continue maintaining Active membership. See the attached leaflet for details and a form. Your support is deeply appreciated and is vital to the SAR Library.



President's Report - Bill Dobbs II

July 07 Attended George Walton Chapter meeting in Monroe
 July 08 ExCom Meeting in Athens
 July 19 2022 Annual Congress Conference Call
 July 25 BOM Zoom Meeting
 July 28 Attended Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Law Enforcement Appreciation presentation to Union Co. Sheriff's office
 Aug 03 Attended Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Law Enforcement Appreciation to Gilmer Co Sheriff's office
 Aug 10 Attended Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter presentations to the Hiawassee Police Department and in the afternoon attended the presentation to the Blue Ridge Police Department
 Aug 18 Attended Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Law Enforcement presentation to the Ellijay Police Department

Aug 19 Attended called meeting of the Executive Committee
 Aug 22 Attended the CAR's workshop and CAR BOM by Zoom
 Aug 25 Breakfast meeting in Augusta with East Fall Line RVP, Sonny Pittman
 Aug 27 Attended the Lyman Hall Chapter Zoom meeting
 Sep 01 Attended funeral of George Walton Compatriot, Loyd Puckett
 Sep 01 Attended George Walton Chapter meeting in Monroe
 Sep 09 Attended the Called BOM meeting to discuss the January Annual Meeting
 Sep 05 Represented the Georgia Society at the Battle of Eutaw Springs (SC) Celebration
 SEP 06 Participated in New Member Induction for the Mount Vernon Chapter in Dunwoody
 Sep 08 Attended the Mount Vernon Chapter Hero Awards presented to two Dunwoody Police Officers
 Sep 10 Attended George Walton Chapter Flag Presentation at the Liberty Bank in Monroe
 Sep 12 Attended the Siege of Augusta Event held by the East Fall Line Chapters on Zoom
 Sep 17 Attended the Washington Wilkes Chapter Dinner and participation, with Former State President Tom Owen with two new member inductions
 Sep 19 Drove to Iron City, GA to assist the Joel Early Chapter with a presentation to 35 Home Schooled children and their parents
 Sep 21 Attended the funeral service for Compatriot Chip Durden in Swainsboro

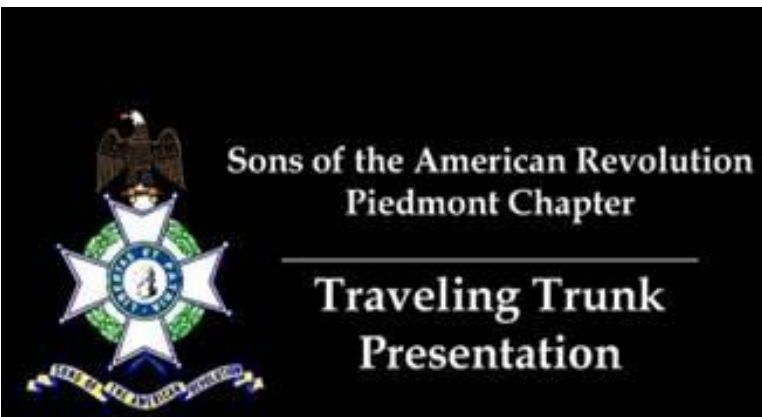
[Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.](#)

Given continuing health concerns for our students in Georgia resulting from the Covid-19 virus issues, I would like to offer some tools to support the study of the American Revolution should schools in your area elect to conduct online learning for students. Please feel free to distribute these resources to schools in your Chapter's community if you would like to do so.

Piedmont Chapter's Traveling Trunk Video:

This video was produced by the Piedmont Chapter. It is 38 minutes in duration. It shows three of our uniformed speaker's bureau members delivering an in-person Traveling Trunk presentation to a 8th grade class of students. The program is presented by our SAR members dressed in colonial uniform or militia attire. It is an interactive presentation where we speak to students about the

Revolutionary War period using artifact replicas from our Traveling Trunk which are typical of items used by people living in that time period. This program gives students a detailed sense of what life was like during that period in our history. This is the same presentation we have made in person to students at schools in the past.



Here is the link to the Traveling Trunk Video on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/t3qhvDG5Rfk>

A **Q & A program** is intended to reinforce the students' understanding about what life was like during the Revolutionary War period.

This course was designed by David Cook of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter. It is available in a PowerPoint or PDF format. It displays an item shown during the Traveling Trunk program on one slide, followed by a slide explaining what the item is and how it was used. The course contains 84 slides and could be modified to fit your local needs. Contact me for a copy in either or both formats.

I have sent this information to eleven elementary schools in Fulton and Cobb Counties in order to make these resources available for course planning in the event that a school should determine online classes to be the best option for their students in this current environment.

A sampling of feedback that I have received so far has been very positive, as shown in these examples:

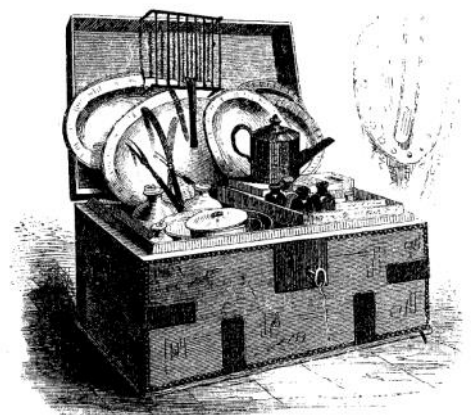
Thank you so much for sharing the YouTube presentation and PowerPoint with us. I found it informative and very similar to the in person presentation you give. I watched the presentation first and found that I was wishing for close up shots of each item that was shown. I was pleasantly surprised to find my wish was granted in the PowerPoint. Overall, it is a job well done! Of course, nothing can compare to the face to face instruction, but in these interesting times this serves as a wonderful replacement. (4th grade private school teacher)

Wow...thanks so much Mr. Reese. This all looks fabulous. (4th grade private school teacher)

Thank you so much for this! I'm sad we can't have you out in person, but the students will still benefit from the video and PowerPoint. (4th grade public school teacher)

This is PHENOMENAL! Thank you very much for your quick response and great resources. I will share with the rest of the 4th grade team. Please stay safe. (4th grade public school teacher)

Thank you for providing the link to the video and the PowerPoint Slides. This will be helpful. (University of West GA)



NSSAR Brochure Contest – Final Results

1st Place - North Carolina: Jacey L. Carlisle, Halifax Resolves Chapter
2nd Place - Georgia: Stephanie Nicole Griffin, Piedmont Chapter
3rd Place - Ohio: Jackson S. Torrans, Cincinnati Chapter

2. NSSAR Poster Contest – Final Results

1st Place - Georgia Society, Ayame Masuda, Piedmont Chapter
2nd Place - Kansas Society, Audrey Gainer, Delaware Crossing Chapter
3rd Place - California Society, Sydney Wilson, Sacramento Chapter
4th Place - Delaware Society, Luke Shelly
5th Place - Arizona Society, Kevin Sykes, Saguaro SAR Chapter

GASSAR 2020-2021 Brochure Contest Guidelines.**Brochure theme select: One of the Nation's Five Foundational Documents:**

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

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

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

For complete rules and guidelines for Brochure preparation, please see online:

“Brochure Contest Rules at a glance...” “SAR Brochure Contest Sample Brochure”

There still are continuing issues with Covid-19 in the state of Georgia and also the question of how schools will safely open for students and teachers. We want to make provisions for participation of Middle School students in this contest in the event that schools need to conduct online learning. In that event, it will be acceptable to submit a scanned PDF copy of the inside and outside of the student's brochure to be judged in the contest at the Chapter and at the GASSAR level.

GASSAR 2020-2021 Poster Contest Guidelines

Guidelines for the Poster Contest are set by the NSSAR, but the specific topics are determined at the state level by the GASSAR Education Committee. Consistent with the stated permanent themes of the SAR for this contest, "Revolutionary War 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 these:

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

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

For complete rules and guidelines for Poster preparation, please see documents online:

“SAR Georgia Society Elementary School Poster Contest Guidelines”

All other guidelines will remain in place.

There still are continuing issues with Covid-19 in the state of Georgia and also the question of how schools will safely open for students and teachers. We want to make provisions for participation of Elementary school students in this contest in the event that schools need to conduct online learning. In that event, the student may submit a clear, high resolution photo of their poster to be judged in the contest at the Chapter and at the GASSAR level. All other guidelines will remain in place.

Advice for getting schools in your area to participate in these SAR Programs. Because of the Continuing Covid Virus issues we will solicit participation by 4th grade and 8th grade students through their teachers without actually visiting schools in person. As was the case for the Brochure contest submissions earlier this year, we will accept a clearly scanned copy of the brochures for judging.

For the Poster contest, it will be best ask for a high resolution image of each poster to be judged.

Lou Raborg, Chairman of the NSSAR Americanism Committee stated the following: *“I also recommend that states leave their contests open as long as they can to allow more time for this current crisis to abate and end.”*



Patriot Grave Markings - Sonny Pittman

The Georgia Society is fortunate to have access to a county-by-county compilation of Revolutionary War Patriots, who made Georgia their permanent home. The Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers Volumes 1 & 2 includes information on service history, birth and death dates and known places of burial with an index. While I have found some errors and omissions, it is a good starting point.

Additionally, many county historical and genealogical societies have published books detailing cemeteries and churches within their areas. Some churches have burying ground records from their founding forward.

Our SAR Patriot grave-marking dedications have been severely curtailed this year due to health and safety concerns in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. BUT this is an ideal time to conduct chapter research and locate the Patriot graves we would like to honor in 2021 with a Patriot Grave Marking Dedication. And, to raise the money and purchase the SAR Patriot grave marking stones we intend to use next year.

As lineal descendants of those colonists who took part, on the American side in the Revolutionary War against the British, one of our missions is to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, by locating their graves and marking them with a SAR honor stone.

With Thirty-Five chapters engaged and fully involved in the effort, we should be able to find and honor at least thirty-five American Patriots buried in Georgia in 2021.



Editor - Emil Decker

Activities are down. Virtual meetings all bear a similar resemblance. Few photos and limited coverage of the minor number of events or activities held in-person have limited the materials available for publication. I have received a few articles regarding the National decisions on Virtual attendance, accountability and process among other fillers. These will be in the next edition of *The Hornet's Nest*. Along with ????????

If you have an interest in some topic, a desire to publicize an up coming event, or recommendations about how to cover the Annual Convention I would love to hear from you. We broke down the Annual Conference into a separate edition last year to cover all the awards and ceremony. More focus on the Annual Event, without delaying the previous 4th quarter. This year, without your input, we may be a little on the short side for this edition. Your input is essential, since this is your newsletter.



As many of you are aware, I have been battling the COVID Virus for a few weeks. I recently was in communications with the Chief Surgeon of the Brier Creek Artillery and Skunk Brigade. Upon hearing of my ailments, Surgeon Steve Burke prescribed a sleeping cap with aroma therapy. Within days, my sinus's cleared, my breathing got better. Now I am back in fighting form. My thanks to the entire Skunk Brigade's "On-Call-Olgy" Department (always on call for any event) and their charismatic physician for their support and cure.