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The Hornet's Nest

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The President's Dispatch

This dispatch is one that I have started and stopped more times than I want to admit. The year 2020 has now come and gone.

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Pandemics, Politics, & Presidents: What could be more Perturbing?

Perhaps nothing in your life has been as frustrating as the year 2020. From the medical crisis of the pandemic, economic upheaval and shutdowns, to the highly contested election, 2020 will go down in history as a time hoped never to be repeated. And never has there been such a divided nation politically. Or has there? Looking back over past elections provides an interesting take on politics surrounding all elections.

George Washington easily won the first election of 1789 by unanimously carrying all 69 Electoral College votes. In 1792, he again won all votes from the electors. This time, 132. He is the only president ever to win unanimously, twice, and will probably hold that title forever. Whether George would run for a third term was the only question for election year 1796. It was not until September 17, when Washington gave his Farewell Address to the American public, was it made official there would be no third term. How politicians today would have cried out, with only 41 days remaining to campaign nationwide, till election day on November 4.

After two election cycles of calm and peace, 1796 would be the first race contested by political parties with separate candidates for office. The Constitution provided for the Electoral College, which is the assembly of persons (electors) who elect the President and Vice President of the United States, and, with few tweaks, remains the same process in operation today.

One might think this procedure rather convoluted, but it was intended to be no more than a "double majority" check; one of many present in the Constitution. The reason for double majorities is simple: changes to government or to laws should require very robust support from the people affected by the outcome.

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Portrayal of a fight on the floor of Congress between Vermont Representative Matthew Lyon and Roger Griswold of Connecticut. January 30, 1798 (Credit: Library of Congress)

http://downfalldictionary.blogspot.com/2009/08/matthew-lyon-pomp-and-consequence.html

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.

The President's Dispatch (cont.)

It has been a year characterized by political turmoil, public unrest, and yes, the pandemic – the “Pandemic” and the many terms and phrases that have gone hand-in-hand with that word: COVID-19, novel coronavirus, China virus, epidemic, quarantine, social distancing, masks, lockdown, essential workers, etc., etc., etc.

So, I go back to an email I received from our Editor, Emil Decker. For those of you who are unaware, Emil lives in Dawsonville and is a member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter. Emil spent years arranging two grave dedications to be held earlier this year in Dawsonville. Well, COVID-19 came along, and the first date was rescheduled for several months later, and then, the week of the ceremony, Emil tested positive for the coronavirus and was in quarantine during the function. Yes, Emil missed the dedication that he spent so much time and effort to arrange. But wait, there is more! Emil followed his “quarantine sentence” with an appendectomy! Wow, just wow!

This email that I received from Emil arrived at the end of the year at a time when I was feeling a bit low about our Georgia Society's slow, slow dues collection rate. Emil stated that his pessimism had been housed in his appendix and had now been removed! He went on to mention how well things had actually gone considering all that has happened since January of 2020.

Our Georgia Society has indeed shone brightly this year! Let's step back and take a brief look at the year. We topped over 2,100 members for the first time. Dues and retention during these trying times were over 90%. (See Secretary Flikeid's report for figures.) When we learned our Georgia Revolutionary War Trails brochures stocks were depleted, everyone stepped up and raised nearly \$15,000 for reprints. Minor updates are being made, and we will soon have cases of our eight brochures available.

If you can't meet in person, what do you do? You Zoom! Yes, many of you met in a called BOM and voted to allow electronic communications, and our Compatriot and “Zoom Czar,” Rick Reese, took the lead and has provided his skills to our BOM and any chapter that makes a request.

At the Fall BOM, you, our members, voted to support the Military Officers Association of America Milledgeville Chapter with their efforts to assist the families of our soldiers at the Georgia War Veterans Home also in Milledgeville. A total of \$2,000 from our Endowment Trust Fund is being presented to the MOAA to offset visits to the War Veterans Home by family members when their loved ones are in hospice or end-of-life situations. Thanks go to our Veterans Committee Chairman, Gary Hoyt, for working with Colonel Gerald Johnson, USAF Ret. and MOAA Chapter President, to make this happen!

Zoom was not just used for our state BOMs. The Siege of Augusta and the Fort Morris “Come and Take It,” were Georgia Society functions held on Zoom. A good many attended the Kings Mountain Celebration in South Carolina by Zoom. Coweta Falls was very early out of the gate with a YouTube Memorial Day Ceremony

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Pandemics, Politics, & Presidents: (Cont.)

At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, debates over the best method of electing the executive branch were far from the major point of debate, however. Virginia and New Jersey both had plans which differed greatly on how the legislative branch should be formed, and there arose much turmoil. As debate wrangled for months, some framers of the Constitution would change sides from one issue to another as different questions were debated. Many supported the legislature appointing the Chief Executive, while almost no one was in favor of a popular vote by the populace. Roger Sherman pointed out that Congress was the representatives of the people.

How many executives, (as many as 3 perhaps); how long would they serve, (5 to 7 years was most popular); could they serve again; who should they be; and can they be removed? Those questions were debated more often than who chose the executive. Congressional appointment seemed to have been the most popular at the convention.

Gouverneur Morris, who stood flatly opposed to both term limits and congressional appointment, tied the question to another: impeachment. If there was to be the threat of impeachment then it followed that a powerful enough faction could simply appoint the president and then dangle the threat of impeachment over his head as the sword of Damocles, to induce him to do their bidding.

Ultimately the decision was sent to a committee, where the Electoral College was determined the most equitable of processes. Each state has as many "electors" in the Electoral College as it has Representatives and Senators combined in the United States Congress. Electors meet in the capital and cast two ballots - one for Vice President and one for President. Electors cannot vote for a Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidate who both hail from an elector's home state. The candidate winning the most votes would become president, the runner up would become vice president.

This set the stage for one heck of a campaign, short though it was, and it quickly descended into a mudslinging contest. Candidate Jefferson was said to have had an affair with one of his female slaves, and was accused of running away from British troops during the Revolution. Adams was accused of wanting to be a king and starting a dynasty, with his son succeeding him as President. He was also accused of being overweight and nicknamed “His Rotundity.”

Hamilton worked to have Adams' running mate, Thomas Pinckney of South Carolina, win the election by getting southern Federalists to withhold their votes from Adams. Hamilton's plans however, were discovered in New England, where many more Federalists held control. Those electors refused to cast their second vote for Pinckney, thereby giving Jefferson the second most electoral votes. The president and vice president were from different parties, with very different agendas, and their working relationship suffered through the years.

Things became worse in the 1800 rematch. Adams was called a hermaphrodite, while Jefferson was accused of openly promoting incest, prostitution, and adultery. That 1800 race ended in a tie fueled by these profoundly partisan tactics. Jefferson and Aaron Burr, the two Republican candidates for President and Vice President, tied at 73 electoral ballots each. The House, under the Constitution, had to choose between the two for President. The Constitution states the House votes as a state delegation and the winner must obtain a simple majority of that state. The House was deadlocked at eight states for Jefferson, six for Burr, and two tied. Six days of debate and 36 ballots later, Jefferson won 10 state delegations in the House. Two states, Vermont and Maryland, filed blank ballots after their delegates votes were tied, and Burr supporters refused to support Jefferson. Hamilton, by the way, threw his support to Jefferson, and oddly enough, not long afterwards died in a duel at the hands of Burr.

After the debacle of the 1796 and 1800 elections, Congress passed, and the states ratified, the 12th Amendment. The amendment stipulated that the electors would separate the two votes: one for President and the other for Vice President. No longer would there be a runner-up split party Vice President.

In 1824, Andrew Jackson won the national popular vote and 99 votes in the Electoral College. It was 32 short of a majority. John Quincy Adams was runner-up with 85, Treasury Secretary William Crawford had 41, while Speaker of the House Henry Clay had 37. Clay was expected to use his influence in the House to win election. But the 12th Amendment required the House to only consider the top 3 candidates when no one holds a majority. The House chose Adams over Jackson.

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held in Columbus. The Piedmont Chapter was our pioneer for Zoom meetings.

Our National Society's 2022 Annual Congress will be held in Savannah. As Host State, the Georgia Society will be responsible for providing volunteers, a welcome reception, and other items that add up to a significant amount of money. Since July 2022 is around the corner and face-to-face meetings with potential corporate sponsors may be months away, what do we do? Drawings! Your Society, with major assistance from our Webmaster, Richard Marsh, just held the first of many fundraisers.

You, Compatriots, generously purchased 200 tickets in less than 30 days. A drawing was held on Saturday, January 9th, and Drew Sanner (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter) won a Kentucky flintlock rifle, followed by Ken Bryan winning a Georgia Society SAR Centennial medal set and Gordon Woodard and Earl Cagle winning Centennial lapel pins. Your Society raised \$2,000.00 dedicated to the 2022 Congress. Wait! There are more chances to win. Knives, a pair of flintlock pistols, and another flintlock rifle, donated by Emory Fennel, Charlie Newcomer, and Ed Rigel, Sr. respectively, await their turn to be taken home by a fortunate winner with upcoming raffle tickets to be sold.

As I write this dispatch, our Congress Committee Chairman, Wayne Brown, State Chaplain, Bill Floyd, and Electronic Communications Chair, Rick Reese, are working tirelessly on pre-recorded segments for our January Zoom Winter BOM and Annual Meeting.

Kettle Creek and Elijah Clark State Park "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest" functions in February will also be conducted as Zoom meetings. Color Guard Commander, Bill Palmer, First Adjutant National Color Guard, Scott Collins, and Historic Sites Chairman, Jay Guest, are working to film segments of the State Park, downtown Washington, and War Hill for these commemorations. Kettle Creek is currently our only National event.

In closing, our Georgia Society has been fortunate with very low numbers of reported COVID-19 positive cases. Our members have exhibited creativity and flexibility with all the changes in how we are able to currently meet. Indeed, many of us have learned computer skills far beyond what we thought possible. The Georgia Society actually grew during a very painful 2020. Our Ladies Auxiliary has also increased their numbers and are actively working on the important role they will have at the July 2022 Congress in Savannah.

I have been honored to serve as your President, and I thank all of you for keeping us stable and on course during this storm of 2020. Vaccinations are being administered, and our short-range functions are being well-planned, so we are entering 2021 as a strong Society making forward progress for an exceptional year.

Patriotically Yours,

William (Bill) Bryant Dobbs II

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

by Earl L. Cagle, Sr., Past Pres. of the Capt. John Collins Chapter

"Old Glory", "Stars and Stripes", call her what you will. She is our emblem of freedom, born almost two and a half centuries ago. Proudly waving over the land of the free and home of the brave, lending credence to a way of life that was declared and defended by the will of her people and their sacrifices.

Today, she inspires signage, clothing, advertisements, etc., often without value to her true being. Still rising above the slings and arrows, she looks back on history, to the support of a new nation, adding unity to the formation of rag tag combatants that risked their very being to protect what she stood for. Being handed off by a wounded or dying bearer to a comrade to lead on for the cause of freedom. Waving in the breeze on a sunny day or hanging limp, dripping tear-like rain drops for those that made the ultimate sacrifice.

She has seen it all, from gun smoke shrouded ramparts to bloody beaches, student classrooms, to a trifold held to the bosom of a loved one, run up a flag pole in the dawns early light, to retirement in the flames of a Boy Scout Troop fire. She has been saluted by thousands upon thousands of hands and walked on by many in protest.

For whatever you feel when you see her, you are encouraged to at least remember what she stands for.

The following are special days for her to fly:

New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Constitution Day, Columbus Day, Navy Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Days proclaimed by the U.S. President, Birthdays of States and State Holidays.

<https://www.pexels.com/photo/flag-of-u-s-a-standing-near-tomb-1202705/>



Pandemics, Politics, & Presidents: (Cont.)

When Adams made Clay Secretary of State, Jackson cried out that the two had struck a crooked bargain; "The Judas of the West has closed the contract and will receive the thirty pieces of silver . . . Was there ever witnessed such a bare faced corruption in any country before?"

The 1876 presidential election between Republican Rutherford B. Hayes and Democrat Samuel J. Tilden was the next to require congressional intervention. Tilden won the popular vote and the electoral count. However, Republicans challenged the results in three Southern states, which submitted certificates of election for "both" candidates. The Constitution requires the House and Senate to formally count the certificates of election in joint session, but is silent on what Congress should do to resolve disputes. In January 1877, Congress established the Federal Electoral Commission to investigate. A bipartisan commission, which included Representatives, Senators, and Supreme Court Justices, voted along party lines to award all the contested ballots to Hayes. This gave him a single electoral vote victory. Republicans had struck a deal with Southern Democrats to remove federal soldiers from the South and end Reconstruction if Hayes were victorious. Republicans got the Presidency, and the Democrats regained local control over their Southern states.

Political intrigue does not reside in presidential races alone. Before the constitutional convention; even before the War for Independence there was fraud, accusations and machinations. In 1756, Henry Peyton petitioned the Virginia House of Burgess accusing Henry Lee II of electoral misconduct. It was customary for winners of races to "treat the freeholders", (voters) with celebratory spirits and food. Immediately following his election to the 1st Virginia Convention in 1774, Col. George Washington provided the populace of Fairfax County with a hoghead of toddy and sponsored a Ball in the evening. It seems that Lee broke the law by providing the refreshment "before" the closing of the polls on election day. Lee humbly resigned his seat.

This seemed not to stain his reputation, for two years later Lee was elected (along with Henry Peyton) to represent Prince William County in the colonial assembly. This time around, a petition was submitted to the House of Burgesses from a freeholder claiming Peyton had received ineligible votes, but the petitioner failed to pursue his claim and his complaint was eventually dropped.

The 1761 election in Prince William County proved to be the most contentious of the lot, when extended rainy weather made many of the county streams and creeks difficult to cross. On the eve of the election two of the candidates, Henry Peyton and John Baylis, visited the county sheriff requesting he keep the polls open a second day to allow those who found it difficult to reach the courthouse to vote, just a little more time to accomplish their privilege. The sheriff, who was in charge of overseeing the election, was inclined to do so. Mr. Baylis, however, announced that the third candidate, Mr. Lee, was not present and therefore, he could not agree. Never-the-less, Peyton sent messengers to the far reaches of the County with the dishonest news that the polls would be open an extra day.

Peyton made arrangements to assist his supporters cross one particular flooded creek by boat. He even offered to buy the boat, to prevent other Freeholders (doubtless Lee and Baylis supporters), from getting over. At the end of election day, the sheriff was urged to close the polls, but he refused, declaring that he intended to keep the poll open until midnight, just in case. He told the poll workers that he would close the poll as soon as the express riders that Peyton had sent out that day had returned. Henry Lee was unaware that messengers had been sent out and overheard the sheriff. He complained that the sheriff was not acting impartially. It turned out that no new voters arrived that night and the polls closed.

Fifteen supporters of Henry Lee II, believed that the poll had been extended a second day thanks to Mr. Peyton's messengers. They arrived too late the next day. The results of the election were challenged and the Committee of Elections and Privileges took a year to resolve the issue. John Baylis and Henry Lee II had won (Lee overcoming Peyton by only three votes) Peyton then challenged the results in a petition to the House of Burgesses who ignored the subterfuge of Mr. Peyton. It seems that they found that seven of Henry Lee's votes were invalidly cast, but also determined that ten of Peyton's votes were invalid for similar reasons. Henry Lee II was declared the winner by a margin of six votes.

Henry Lee II, better known to us as the father of Light Horse Harry Lee, kept his seat in the Virginia legislature through the American Revolution and served in the House of Burgesses, the five Virginia Conventions, and the Virginia State Senate until his death in 1787.

An interesting side note to winning, or losing an election, is the process of counting electoral ballots. Before a Joint Session of Congress, the Vice President opens the votes from each state in alphabetical order. He passes the votes to four tellers, two from the House and two from the Senate. These tellers announce the results of the Presidential race. At the end of the count, the Vice President declares the next President. Sitting Vice Presidents John C. Breckinridge (1861), Richard Nixon (1961), Hubert Humphrey (1969), and Al Gore (2001) all had the disappointing duty of announcing that they had lost their own bid for the Presidency.

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Virtual Participation and Color Guard Medals

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Handbook (Revised September 12, 2020) has a section on Color Guard Participation at Events on Page 9. The Handbook does not state that participation be in person but that is definitely what is implied.

Since March 1, 2020 the majority of the United States has been dealing with Shelter in Place orders, limitations on the number of individuals that can gather in one place, closure of certain facilities, various restrictions on at risk individuals which is usually defined as over 65 or having other medical issues etc.

Some National SAR events are not allowing non-host state SAR members to participate in an onsite manner. Other events are significantly limiting the number of onsite participants. All of these items are constantly changing, making planning for any event extremely challenging.

Many events have had to move from their normal onsite venue or normal rain location venues to Virtual only, Virtual with pre-recorded material, Virtual with some limited live participation at one or more locations, and some have gone to strictly a recorded format shown after-the-fact on YouTube or similar platforms.

In an effort to allow Color Guard members to participate in some manner other than "onsite and in person" and to try to remain faithful to Color Guard Participation for the Bronze Color Guard Medal, the Silver Color Guard Medal, and the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard. The following applies to both the Points System and the Event system as discussed in the color Guard Handbook. This change has been approved by the National Color Guard Committee, the Medals and Awards Committee and has been reviewed by the National Society SAR Executive Committee.

National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Temporary Change to the Definition of "Participation at Events"

For Virtual Participation to be considered.

The event must require registration for the Virtual Color Guard prior to the event and the paperwork must be completed by the registration date set forth in the registration invitation (just signing in on the day of the event will not meet this requirement).

The electronic method of attending the meeting must allow for the Color Guardsman to be actually seen on the screen by the other participants at the event. Just signing in without video will not qualify for Virtual Participation.

The Color Guardsman must be "dressed out" in Revolutionary War era Continental Uniform or Militia attire as he would at an onsite, in person event. You will need to stand at times, if able.

Just watching a pre-recorded event (YouTube, Podcast, or a pre-record event shown at Zoom meeting, etc. whether watched as an individual or in some type of group setting) will not count as Participation at an Event.

Just being a viewer of a Zoom broadcast of a live event will not count as Participation for Color Guard purposes. A blanket exception to the historical onsite and in person participation requirement is not contemplated by this Temporary Change.

Parades do not lend themselves to Color Guard Virtual Participation.

In the future many events may supplement their historic activities with a Zoom or other electronic options to increase attendance but that is not what is contemplated by these Temporary Changes for Virtual Participation.

Pre-recorded live events will count, in conjunction with a virtual meeting or event. They however need to be recorded within two weeks before the virtual meeting or event and must be available for viewing during the event or no later than a week after the event with a complete video of the whole virtual event.

Photos submitted of guardsmen in uniform will not be accepted for credit of a virtual event.

The Color Guardsman must notify the Color Guard Commander or his designee that he has signed on and has actively participated in the event. This should be visible to the other participants. This notification would normally be in the form of an email or other method prescribed by the Commander.

Color Guard commanders are asked to limit their commands to a virtual color guard, due to the imperfect medium of virtual events, with audio and visual delays in broadcasting. However participating Color Guardsmen ought to follow the commands of the on-site commander to the best of their ability.

The Color Guardsman must participate for the entire event.

These "Temporary Changes" will only be considered for events where a level of government or the owner/manager of a site location imposes requirements where the normal color guard participation in an event cannot be accommodated. However, every attempt should be made for the Color Guard to attend in person, even if it needs to be a small guard that follows CDC and State guidelines.

The National Color Guard Commander determines if an event qualifies for the potential Virtual Participation changes as outlined above.

These Temporary Changes are for the period March 1, 2020 and will continue until rescinded by the National Color Guard Commander.

Please understand that the above policy only concerns the three Color Guard Medals. You will need to check the actions of other SAR Committees to determine if a virtual event will count for those committees' reports or medals.

These are certainly different times and the National Command Staff wants everyone to stay safe and healthy. Please go back and check your events since the retroactive date of March 1, 2020 to see if any of those virtual offsite events you participated in qualify to be included on a Color Guard Medal application.

Going forward, as events are being planned, please see if the organizers can comply with the above policy so that participating Color Guardsman can receive credit.

Look forward to seeing everyone on a Virtual even or an Onsite event when this type of event returns.

K. Scott Collins
First Adjutant
National Society SAR Color Guard

“I Voted” @ Susan B. Anthony’s Grave A Vision of Hope and Optimism.”

For years, it's been a local tradition to stick your "I Voted" stickers on Susan B. Anthony's grave. Patricia Corcoran, president of Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery, declared, "We were faced with a dilemma". "On one hand putting a sticker on her gravestone can be seen as a patriotic gesture, a way of celebrating the life of Miss Anthony and thanking her for her efforts to get women the right to vote. On the other hand, many consider it to be a desecration of a family gravestone, because a gravestone is private property.

As a result of people interested in historic restoration believing that the stone was being damaged, the 10 Anthony Family Stones, including Susan B.'s, were cleaned by a historical restoration company. The stone is old and it needed to be handled with care. The residue from the stickers had accumulated so that it was "potentially dangerous".

On October 23, the day before in-person voting began in New York, plastic covers were placed over the gravestone, protecting the stone allowing the safe continuation of the "I Voted" tradition.

With this year marking 100 years since the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the grave has been getting a lot of attention. Corcoran called it a "touching experience". There were families, senior citizens, young couples, friends - a true cross section of our community," she said in a statement on October 25. "I could imagine Miss Anthony and all the many women and men who fought so long for women's suffrage smiling down on all these people at Susan B. Anthony's gravesite. It was truly a vision of hope and optimism."

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/27/us/susan-b-anthony-i-voted-gravestone-trnd/index.html>





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

Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
State Conference	Virtual Meeting FREE Registration	Jan. 30, 2021	State
Hero's of the Hornets Nest & 242 st Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek	"Video-Only" On-site filming Color Guard / Militia @ Elijah Clark State Park / Washington / War Hill	Jan. 31, 2021 9:00 - 4:00	State & National Credit
240 th Battle of Cowan's Ford	Virtual Meeting Wreath Registration Deadline Jan. 24	Jan. 30, 2021 9:30	National
Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony	Virtual Meeting Wreath Registration Deadline Feb. 7. 6p.m. das1842@icloud.com	Feb. 12, 2021	State
Kettle Creek Anniversary	Virtual Meeting	Feb. 13, 2021	National
240th Anniversary of the Second Siege of Augusta	Augusta, GA	May 29, 2021	State



131st NASSAR National Congress

**Renton, Washington
July 10–July 15, 2021**

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington Hotel
Registration is open now.
DO NOT wait to Register.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

The group booking link you requested is now ready for use. Simply copy and paste the URL below into your browser to access the exclusive rates available for this group:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SEARL/G-SONS>

Hotel: Hyatt Regency Lake Washington 1053 Lake Washington Boulevard North, Renton, WA 98056

Group Name: National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Arrival Date: 10-Jul-2021 (Saturday)

Departure Date: 15-Jul-2021 (Thursday)

Room rates are \$205 per night with taxes.

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

If you want to register on the telephone, please call the following number **800-233-1234**

If you have a problem with your reservation please let me know so I can work with the hotel to fix it. Best way is to send me an email with the dates you want, type of room and your full name and reservation number. Then I have a way to get it to the hotel.

My email: is LTCMRSC@aol.com and my phone number is **906-273-2424**.

Take Notice

242st Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Event
Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
www.GaSocietySAR.org

A National Society SAR Event

Friday - February 12th, 2021 - VIRTUAL

Elijah Clark State Park – 2959 McCormick Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817

1:30 PM – Virtual Ceremony on ZOOM

Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony

Many of the events that happen as part of the commemoration will be done via video and inserted into the Virtual Zoom event to attempt to make the commemoration as realistic as possible. A virtual wreath ceremony will be part of the ceremony.

Wreath request forms will be emailed at a later date - This is separate from the Saturday wreath registration.

CANCELLED – The dinner hosted by the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc. (KCBA), Georgia Society SAR and Kettle Creek NSDAR that is normally held on Friday night has been cancelled. KCBA's website is – www.kettlecreekbattlefield.com (Do not use the .org site)

Saturday Morning - February 13th, 2021 - VIRTUAL

ALL EVENTS NORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY WILL BE VIRTUAL

10:00 AM – VIRTUAL CEREMONY on ZOOM

Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek

Many of the events that happen as part of the commemoration will be done via video and inserted into the Virtual Zoom event to attempt to make the commemoration as realistic as possible. A virtual wreath ceremony will be part of the ceremony. (The Parade has been CANCELLED)

Wreath request forms will be emailed at a later date - This is separate from the Friday wreath registration.

Sunday - February 14th, 2021 - CANCELLED

CANCELLED – The Colonial Memorial Service will not be held this year.

Filming Onsite - Sunday – January 31, 2021

COLOR GUARD and MILITIA Only – Registration Required

(Inclement weather date is Saturday February 6, 2021)

Elijah Clarke State Park

9:00 A.M. – Elijah Clark State Park – Registered participants are to arrive at the park.

9:30 A.M. – Elijah Clark State Park - The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia will be filmed while they present colors, post colors, retrieve colors, fire three round volley, and retire colors at Elijah Clarke's grave site.

10:15 A.M. – Elijah Clark State Park – Depart park and go to Washington, GA

Washington, Georgia

11:00 A.M. – Location in Washington - TBD – Arrive and partake of lunch

12:00 PM. - Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole - The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard with the Elijah Clarke Militia will be filmed when they raise the 1776 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole along with a three round salute.

12:15 P.M. - Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole - The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard with the Elijah Clarke Militia will be filmed when they present arms and fire a three round salute as the Revolutionary War Colors are lowered and our Present day National Colors are raised on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole.

12:30 P.M. - Washington City Square - The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Militia will be filmed when they gather at the Revolutionary War monument on the Washington City square to Salute and Honor the **Wilkes County Militia - (the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest)** and all Revolutionary War Patriots with a three round salute.

The parade in downtown Washington is **CANCELLED** and the reenactment will be done at War Hill.

1:00 P.M. – Depart for War Hill

Washington, Georgia – War Hill

1:30 P.M. – War Hill – Arrive at War Hill

2:00 P.M. – War Hill - The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia will be filmed while they present colors, post colors, retrieve colors, fire three round volley, and retire colors on top of War Hill.

2:45 P.M. – War Hill - Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia reenactors with black-powder muskets will present a dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek at War Hill.



GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY DAWSONVILLE

The first grave marking ceremony of 2020 came late in the year, as the pandemic forced so many cancellations. Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall, and Blue Ridge Mountains Chapters held an outdoor, socially distanced event in honor of the patriots Edmund Singleton and Solomon Palmour. The event was held in an open-air pavilion in the middle of the Lumpkin Campground facility. The campground dates back to 1830, when the Second Great Awakening swept the South. The open-air pavilion or "brush arbor", so named because the first gathering would have been held under a simple shelter of saplings, is still in use, with its carved timbers and hard packed red clay floor.

Electricity is the only 21st century concession in the arbor. Church members built a collection of rustic cabins called "tents" around the arbor. Regular camp-meetings are still held today.





The Georgia Society Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia turned out in numbers for this event.



The militia had members from across the state.

Having descendants of the Patriots being honored is always a pleasure. Both of our Patriots had relatives attend the program. Mike Watkins and John Flikeid stand as honor guards for the families.



Militia Commander Sid Turner commands the firing line.



Morn Muskets



The Brier Creek Artillery and Skunk Brigade traveled far from home to attend this event.



Closer than most folks get to see. Loading and firing the cannon.



Ed Rigel Jr. read the list of wreath presentations. The seating was large enough to accommodate social distancing and the weather was just right.



GASSAR President Bill Dobbs dedicated the marking stones.



The Scouts participated in the event as well, playing Taps and rendering honors.



The photography and video capture of this event would not have been possible without the efforts of the father son team of Rick Reese Jr. and Rick Reese III.

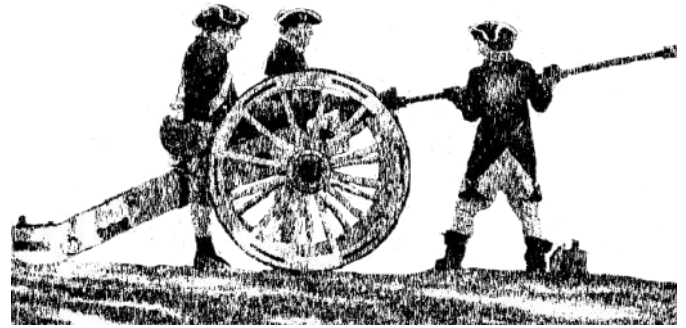
Here is the YouTube link to the Dedication of the Grave Markers for Patriot Solomon Palmour and Patriot Edmond Singleton. Please forward to everyone you know.

<https://youtu.be/x2j3CJPFy8Y>





The Georgia Society SAR held our Fall Board of Managers meeting and Candidates Forum on Saturday October 24, 2020 with 78 members and guest attending. You may view the video recording of the meeting by clicking on the YouTube link below:
<https://youtu.be/sjX-KwUUE98>



COME AND TAKE IT !

On Nov. 21, Come and Take It! Ceremonies were held for Fort Morris. The virtual presentation included real time wreath presentations accompanied by video recorded Color Guard, Militia, and even a tour of the fort by the ranger services.



Below: Tommy Christopher, from the Brier Creek Chapter was the M.C. for the onsite team.

Below Right: Emory Fennell of the Wiregrass Chapter gave the invocation.





Above: Members of the award winning Georgia Color Guard arrived at Fort Morris a week earlier to stage the defending of the fortification.

Above Right: GASSAR President Bill Dobbs was on hand for the filming portions of the event.



Above: Bill Ramsaur was the M.C. for the virtual portion of the service and kept everything rolling smoothly.



Left: Presentation of the colors.

Below: The C.A.R. presented "Thirteen Revolutionary Flags" at the site.



Please click the link below to the YouTube video of virtual 15th Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort Morris.

<https://youtu.be/rF6vOaGQAYI>



Above Left: The Brier Creek Artillery unit was allowed to participate and fire their cannon. The rangers informed us that this is the first time in 200 years that a cannon has been fired from the fort.

Above Right: Jason Baker, Ranger, Fort Morris Historic Site gave the presentation "War Comes to Liberty County".



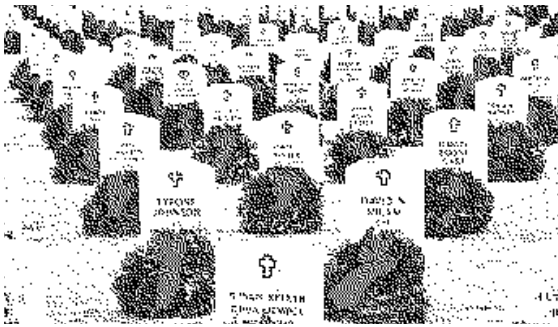
Left: Col. Lewis Valentine Fuser.... Jason Baker, Fort Morris
Lt. Col. John McIntosh.....Steven Ford, Marshes of Glynn
Chapter, portray the meeting between the two officers at the battle.



Below: Elijah Clarke Militia and Brier Creek Artillery groups present arms as the ceremony closes.



Above: Two images of the walking tour of the fort, performed by Arthur Edgar & Dave Swinford of the Fort Morris Historic Site. The video images did not do the tour justice. You really need to go and see it live.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On December 19th, National Wreaths Across America Day 2020, 375 fresh balsam wreaths were laid on Veteran's graves during a ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceville. The Philadelphia Winn Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), hosted this Wreaths Across America event to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of our military Veterans.

Numerous patriotic organizations participated including the award-winning Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard; the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR); the Elisha Winn Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.); Boy Scout Troop 846 from Duluth, and Cadets from the North Gwinnett High School Air Force JROTC program.

The ceremony's keynote speaker was Major Jim Freeman, U.S. Army (retired) from Lilburn, and a member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR. Major Freeman served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam, flying over 200 combat missions.



Right: A the musket volley from the Militia (L to R) Warren Haire, Eldon Evans and Scott Collins

Left: Major Jim Freeman, U.S. Army (retired) was the speaker for the Wreaths Across America ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens. Major Freeman spent two tours of duty in Vietnam and encouraged attendees to remember our fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom.

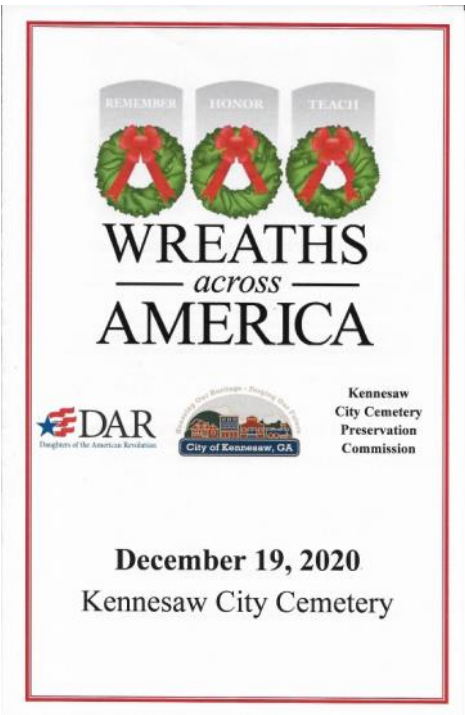


Right: Georgia Society Color Guard (L to R)
 US flag - Commander Bill Palmer
 GA flag - Scott Collins
 Betsy Ross flag - Warren Haire
 Grand Union flag - Eldon Evans
 Washington Light Guard flag - Ralph Galpin



Left & Right: Sukey Hart C.A.R. also participated at the wreath laying event.





Above: Ceremonies were also hosted by the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter, NSDAR with the City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw City Cemetery Preservation Commission. Dan King and KM Chapter 2nd Vice Regent Brenda King DAR/SAR Liaison Committee Chair are pictured above.

Gary Hoyt, GASSAR Veteran's Committee Chair, and Dan King participate in the wreath laying at Kennesaw City Cemetery.



On December 19, thirteen Compatriots and family members gathered for the Wreaths Across America event at Bellevue Memorial Gardens in Grovetown.

Standing L - R: Woody Woodard, Dwain & Patricia Moss, Alton McCloud, Alison & Gary Smith, Lewis & JoAnn Smith & grandson Benjamin Smith, Kim & Bill Tankersley. Kneeling are Pat & Bill Colbert.



Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter VP Sid Turner and Secretary Stephen Weaver had the honor to participate in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) celebration on Dec 19th.

A brief celebratory service was held at VFW headquarters in Blairsville, GA. at 11AM honoring veterans before all parties participating departed to local cemeteries to place wreaths on veteran grave sites. Sid and Steve placed 7 wreaths on local Revolutionary War Soldier grave sites including one in Gilmer, two in Fannin, and two in Union Counties, GA, one in Clay Co., NC and one in Cherokee Co., NC.



The last one, Samuel Reed was completed at sunset at Bear Paw, NC. Additionally, Sid participated in the ceremony as part of North GA VFW Color Guard at the Headquarters in Blairsville, GA.

Below: The Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter participated in three unique Wreaths Across America activities in Glynn County on December 19 and 20. Saturday morning, eight SAR MofG chapter members participated in the 1st Annual Oak Grove Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony in Brunswick. The Glynn Academy Marine Corps Junior ROTC provided a Color Guard, Saber Detail, and additional cadets to escort those who laid the 150 wreaths in the cemetery. Three SAR Compatriots helped clean the headstones of veterans in the cemetery prior to the ceremony.

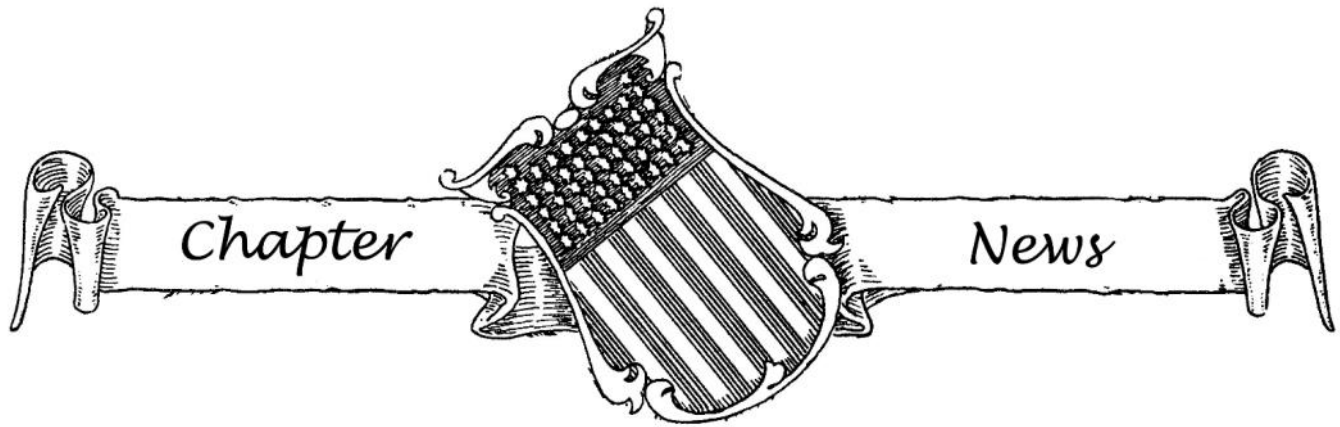




Left: Saturday afternoon, our SAR Compatriots participated at a second ceremony which was conducted at the recently constructed Glynn County Veterans Memorial Park. Eight commemorative wreaths were laid by veterans representing each of the seven branches of the U.S. Military Service and another for those Missing in Action.

Below: Sunday afternoon, wreaths were placed at the graves of five Revolutionary War Soldiers in the Christ Church Frederica Cemetery. Chapter President Steven Ford read a summary of the Patriots service and grandchildren of a member assisted in the presentations. Our activities were limited since it started raining while we proceeded to the graves in the cemetery. This was a joint effort of the local American Legion Post 9 and the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter.





Athens

Below: Don Burdick presented a flag Certificate to Joshua Barrett, Manager, South State Bank, Hartwell, GA.



Right: Scott Collins carries the Georgia flag during the Dawsonville Grave Marking Ceremony held on Oct. 3.



Below: The newest member of the Athens Chapter is Micah Kilgore, the President of the Georgia State Society C.A.R. A Sophomore at North Oconee High School, he is the son of William and Ora Kilgore and the grandson of Ed and Ramona Lord. Ed is a member of the Athens Chapter. The induction took place at the home of Chapter President Jay and Sara Guest during the annual chapter Christmas party, with Ramona Lord, Micah and Grandfather Ed Lord.



Above: Don Burdick presented a Flag Certificate to Boy Scout Tyler Bowers, who made the suggestion to his grandfather, Randy Spires, to put up a U.S. Flag and Flagpole at his home on Mt. Olivet Road, Hart County, GA.



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Scott Collins attended the National Society SAR Point Pleasant Commemoration on October 10, 2020.

The wreaths shown are from the Athens Chapter and the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Atlanta

Atlanta Chapter Pres. Gregory Smith presents their wreath at the Oct. 3rd grave marking in Dawson County.



Blue Ridge Mountains



Left: BRM president Jared Ogden reads the Bio of one of the patriots honored at the Dawsonville grave marking Ceremony on Oct. 3rd. Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter was one of the events Co-Sponsors.

Below: GASSAR Sergeant-At-Arms Jack Duggar presents the BRM wreath at the ceremony. Compatriot Duggar was instrumental in helping locate the grave site and establishing the initial contacts resulting in the inclusion of Patriot Solomon Palmour in the service.

Below: The BRM Chapter participated in the Veteran's Parade in Andrews, NC. The Color Guard consisting of Mike Pettus, Sid Turner, Devon Turner, Jack Duggar, Stephen Weaver, and Jared Ogden marched carrying the National, State, SAR, and Betsy Ross Colors and an armed militiaman on each flank, guarding. The float trailed behind with David Cook, whose trailer we used as the float's platform, pulling. After the parade, we set up at the airport, where the Veterans' celebration continued. The parade committee awarded BRM SAR with a check for \$100 for the best float honoring Veterans.



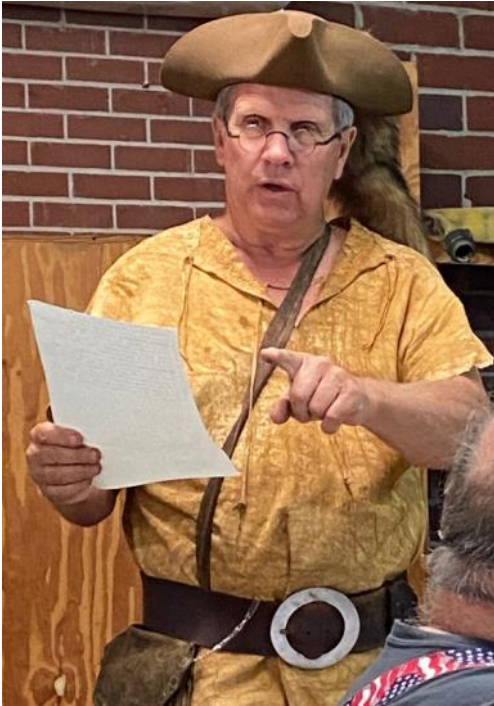
7 Local Revolutionary War Soldier graves were honored by the BRM in conjunction with Wreaths Across America



Brier Creek

Right: Dess Smith gives honors to the patriots during the Dawsonville Grave Marking Service.

Below: Steve Burke presented "Artillery Through the Ages" at the first meeting of the quarter. Steve told us about development from rocks to bombards, to mortars to howitzers and cannons.



Above: The Seedling Garden Club of Swainsboro, Georgia held a rededication of the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker for Veterans Day, November 13, 2020 on the Emanuel County Courthouse lawn. As part of the ceremony the Brier Creek Chapter Militia and the Brier Creek Artillery were invited by the Garden Club to close out the ceremony with their American Revolutionary War Flintlocks and cannon's. After the Benediction by the First United Methodist Church pastor David Unkles, a three round volley was fired by the militia's flintlocks and by a 6 - pound Naval Cannon and a 3 - pound Mortar. Taps were then played by Bill Sasser.

Left: Ken Baldowski, Robert Forsyth Chapter member has been at it again. In this characterization, Steve, in his fine dress uniform, still can't be without his roadside friends.

Cherokee

Cherokee Chapter, SAR, along with the ladies of the Hightower Trail Chapter, NSDAR joined with the Cherokee County Parks and Recreation Division to plant a Liberty Tree at the Cherokee Veterans Park in Canton, GA. Stan Lewis and Kevin Karel head up the Liberty Tree Environmental Education Program (LEEP) for the chapter.

The goal of LEEP is to educate about environmental resources, the history of colonial settlers' use and reliance on timber, along with the history of Liberty Trees in the colonial struggle for independence.

The program is available to schools, civic groups, and others to celebrate Liberty by planting a tree. The chapter's goal is to plant 76 trees by 2026, the 250th anniversary of our country's founding.

Anyone interested in coordinating a Liberty Tree planting with the Cherokee Chapter can contact Kevin Karel: kkkarel@outlook.com or Stan Lewis: stan@lwaspports.net.

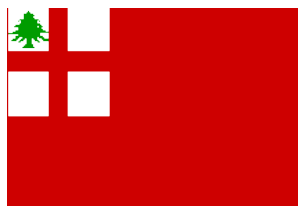


Above: Kevin Karel, Park Manager Steve Shrou, Stan Lewis, Emil Decker, Karen Kitchens and Susan Pulse.



Left: Compatriot Lewis gives the audience a history lesson on the Pine Tree Rebellion. There was great displeasure when the King's representatives came around and declared the best, tallest trees on ones property were now property of the king.

If there is any doubt about how the colonists valued their timber, think about how many flags bore the emblem of a tree on them. Below are a few samples.



AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



<http://www.loeser.us/flags/revolution.html#before>

Each tree planted in the program is accompanied by a memorial stone carved with the date, tree type, Organization, and designating it a "Liberty Tree" with the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. This is similar to the markers used to honor Patriot graves. If you are in need of a custom marker cut for a patriot grave, memorial stone, Liberty Tree, or other type of stonework, contact Emil Decker:

sticksnstones@weegrr.com





Left: The Cherokee Chapter has very cautiously resumed its monthly meetings at the Sidelines Grille in Canton. Social distancing, masks and common sense seem to be working for those members who have been comfortable attending. While turnout has been light, we have nevertheless been quite productive!

In addition to catching up on a lot of back-logged tasks, we have also added 4 new members since October. Welcome aboard Denis Foerst, Dwight Dover, Robby Brantley and Kevin M. Karel. Kevin's Rosette is being pinned on by his dad, as Stan Lewis officiates.

Capt. John Collins

Right: Compatriot Joe Vancura, GASSAR Chancellor and Captain John Collins Chapter member safely carries a Color Guard flag during the recent grave marking in Dawson County.



Left & Right: Participation in the Wreaths Across America program by Capt. John Collins members Gary Hoyt and Dan King at the Kennesaw City Cemetery.



Coweta Falls



Drummer Caleb Kinard leads the assembled members as Coweta Falls Chapter marched in the annual Christmas Parade in Pine Mountain Georgia.

Little River



Left: (L - R) Scott Collins, Bill Colbert, Alton McCloud, Woody Woodard, Dess Smith III, Wilder Smith, Jr. and Don Thomas were at the Lincoln County Historical Society in Lincolnton attending the Little River Chapter's celebration of their 1st year after being chartered. With President Tankersley presiding, there were about 30 attendees. At the end of the meeting, these 7 members of the Elijah Clarke Militia fired a 3 round volley.

Right: Little River Chapter held our Annual meeting and 1st Anniversary Celebration. Chapter officers for the upcoming year were inducted. They are pictured Left to Right: Bill Tankersley - President & Registrar; Lewis Smith - Treasurer & Historian; Dave Donehoo - Chaplain; Don Thomas - Editor; Alton McCloud - Vice President; Gary Smith - Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, and Chancellor. GA Society President Bill Dobbs (far right) conducted the installation.



Below Left: On October 31, Don and Pat Thomas presented the "Traveling Trunk" to the 8th Grade Georgia Studies Classes at Lincoln County Middle School. Don fired his flintlock on the football field, and everyone enjoyed the presentation.

Below Right: Alton McCloud (second from left) participating on November 7th, with the Elijah Clarke Militia in Barnesville at the Lamar County Revolutionary War Patriot Monument dedication sponsored by the Lamar-Lafayette Chapter NSDAR.



Left: The Captain John Wilson NSDAR sponsored a Veterans Day Coffee at the McDuffie Museum on November 11. Attending were McDuffie Museum Curator and Little River Chapter member Lewis Smith (center) who is also a U.S. Navy Veteran, along with Compatriot David Moore, a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.



Right: Compatriot James Lemley, M.D. (left), presented the SAR Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medals to Chief Stephen Sewell (right) of the Thomson-McDuffie Medical Services. The presentation was made at a meeting of the McDuffie County Board of Commissioners.



Left: At the November monthly meeting at the McDuffie Museum, compatriot W. Glenn Yarborough (left) was presented the Service to Veterans Medal by Compatriot Gary Smith (right) for his many years of faithful service to veterans since he retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army in 1985.

Below: Compatriots Alton McCloud and Gary Smith participated in a Wreaths Across America event in Screven County sponsored by the DAR. Pictured below is Compatriot Smith in his newly acquired militia outfit with flintlock.



Mount Vernon

Our October 13th Chapter Meeting was a ZOOM only meeting, and we had 25 attendees. Our Guest Speaker was Piedmont Chapter President Al Finley, who presented a "Challenge" to Mount Vernon members. What was the reason why you joined the SAR? Are you going to only pay dues each year or are you going to participate in Chapter committees and activities?



The Military Service Medal (MSM) is presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service that was not in a War zone. The War Service Medal (WSM) is presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service within a designated War Zone, as listed on their DD-214 form. In the case of our 4 recipients, the War Zone was in Vietnam.

The SAR does not rank either medal above the other. Both medals have a Precedence level of 4 in all the medals awarded by the SAR. Only the SAR Badge, the Minuteman Award, and the Gold Good Citizenship Medal have a higher precedence. source: (page 6 of the National Handbook)

Members Receiving Medals

- John H. Bivins - National Guard - 1960-1961 - MSM
- John S. Galt - US Army - Vietnam - 1967-1971- WSM
- Earl Hewett - US Marines - Vietnam - 1967-1971 - WSM
- Thomas C. Hewett PhD - US Army - 1971-1973 - MSM
- Richard L. McCrary - Air Force Reserve - 1968-1969 - MSM
- Graham Purkerson - Navy Reserve - 1969-1970 -

Not able to attend - will receive their medals at a later date.

Benjamin (Ham) McDonald - US Army - Vietnam - 1963-1968 - WSM

Joe C. Rude - Air Force - 1971-1973 - WSM

James W. Styring - Navy - 1970-1973 - MSM



Above: Shep Hammack received his 10th Supplemental Patriot Certificate. Shep was also awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster & Certificate for having 10 more members join the SAR. That brings his total to 90!

Left: GASSAR President Bill Dobbs attended and helped with our awards.



Piedmont

Right: Stephanie N. Griffin, 8th grade student at Fellowship Christian School recently received a 2nd Place award in the Sons of the American Revolution National brochure contest for Middle School students for 2020.

Pictured in attendance were (front row left to right): George Thurmond, Tony Tacquard (Middle school Principal), Joan Ertle (8th grade history teacher), Al Finley (Piedmont chapter President), Stephanie Griffin (award winner), Rick Reese, Bob Sapp.

Back row (Piedmont chapter members left to right): Glenn Kirk, Rob Ufford, Stacey McCarver, and Ron Redner.





Above: On December 4, 2020 members of the Piedmont Chapter Board of Managers met at Fellowship Christian Middle School in Roswell for the dedication of a Liberty Tree donated by our chapter and planted on the school grounds. We were joined in this ceremony by Principal Tony Tacquard and eighth grade history teacher Joan Egle, along with 18 of her students. It was great to have so many students from the History Class in attendance to honor this symbol of America's independence and history.

Robert Forsyth

Below: Robert Forsyth sponsored the recent Grave Marking Ceremony for two patriots buried in Dawson County.



Left: Compatriot Gary Page reads the Bio for one of the two patriots honored during the service.

Right: Photo of Gary's musket caught right at the time of the powder igniting. This is the reason flash guards are required on weapons being discharged.

Below: Robert Forsyth members participating in the Elijah Clarke Militia, as well as Gary Page, included GASSAR Secretary John Flikeid and Robert Forsyth Chaplain Byron Tindall.



Below: Robert Forsyth also had members J.C. Hustis and Allen Greenly participate in the Color Guard.

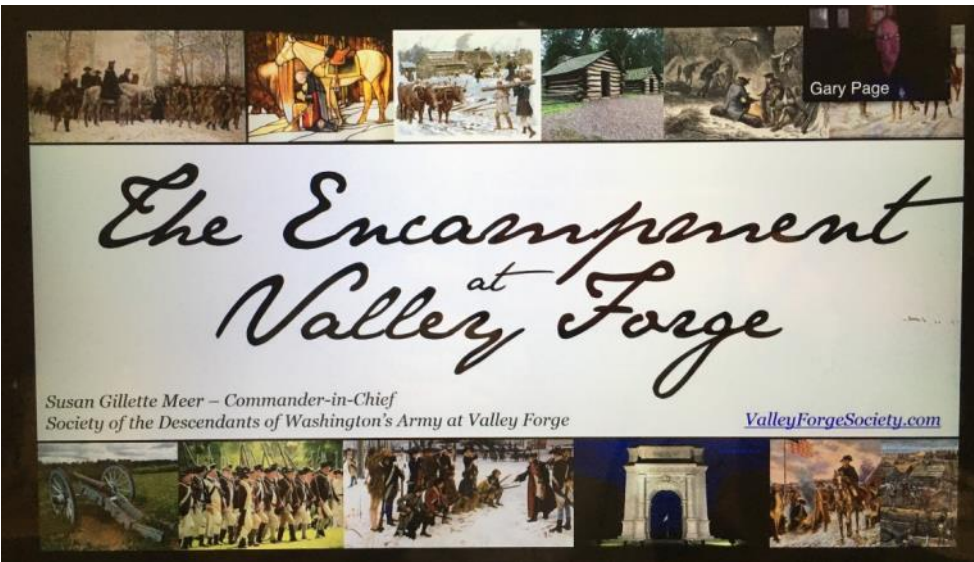
Above & Below: Tombstones for the two patriots honored.



Above: President Chip Van Alstyne, who presided over the event, turns the podium over to Ed Rigel Jr. to read the names of the individuals presenting their wreaths during the ceremony.



Above: Compatriots J. C. Hustis and Emil Decker carry the Chapter's Traveling Trunk to one 2020's rare "in-person" presentations allowed at a school. Students of the Horizon Christian School in Cumming, GA not only received a hands-on examination of a few of the items held within the trunk, but a rare event in presentations, we were allowed to fire our musket and rifle in the parking lot to their great delight. *[No, Emil isn't turning his head away from the impending flash of the musket. At the time the picture was taken, he was explaining the steps of firing to the off-camera crowd. Editor]*



For our November Online meeting, we were thoroughly entertained and enlightened by Ms. Susan Gillette Meer, Commander-in-Chief of the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. If you are looking for a wonderful presentation for a future online meeting, see if you can book Ms. Meer. You won't regret it.



Allen Greenly, South Atlantic Vice President attends the Fort Morris "Come and Take it!" Event online.

William Few

Sonny Pitman said Sue ordered some new flags for their front yard for Veterans Day. The Patriot Flags can be ordered from the website: northstarflags.com/fundraiser-dar-sar.html



Wiregrass

Below: Compatriot Manning, who presented his program on *"The 25 Things that you probably did not Know About President George Washington."*



Right: Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments received our 37th U.S. Flag Certificate. The "Certificate of Commendation" was given by President Wilder Smith, Jr. to Director Dana Flanders and Assistant Director Rosa Amerson, in recognition of exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America in the correct way.





Above: President Wilder Smith, Jr. presented Registrar Dess Smith III with the Liberty Medal. The Liberty Medal was awarded to Compatriot Dess Smith III by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members at the 130th Congress held on July 13, 2020.

Below: Johnny Edwin "Jon" Tapley III was inducted as a member of the Wiregrass Chapter by President Wilder Smith, Jr.



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

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 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: _____



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, DESCENDANTS OF WASHINGTON'S ARMY AT VALLEY FORGE HAS PROCLAIMED THAT A BRIGADE BE ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

If You are a member of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge and a resident of the State of Georgia you are hereby requested to declare your intent in the following matters:

I am interested in joining the Georgia Brigade ___Y ___N

I will participate in Brigade activities ___Y ___N

I will assume leadership role, when asked ___Y ___N

I will join the Georgia Brigade when formed ___Y ___N

DFV member, I have been assigned by the Commander-in-Chief to start the organizational process for a Georgia Brigade. This will require a minimum of 10 Georgia residents to join the Brigade. However to be an effective Brigade will require a minimum of eight officers to serve. Please respond to me as to your desire and intent to be a member of the Georgia Brigade and if you will serve as an officer.

Robert A. Sapp
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2021 George Washington Crossing the Delaware Quarter Images Unveiled by John Trussell

2021 will mark a closure to the Mint's "America the Beautiful Quarters® Program". The program, which debuted in 2010 and features changing reverses honoring national parks and other national sites in each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories, ends with the coin honoring Alabama's Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. The Tuskegee Airmen quarter will start circulating Feb. 1, 2021.

Public Law 110-456 directs usage of a crossing the Delaware image upon the completion of the America the Beautiful program.

In accordance with the authorizing legislation above, the obverse (heads) of the quarter dollar will revert to renowned designer John Flanagan's design featuring President Washington that appeared on the coin since 1932. Washington Crossing the Delaware quarters will be released into circulation by the Federal Reserve Banks on April 5, 2021.

Congress created the United States Mint in 1792 and the Mint became part of the Department of the Treasury in 1873. The mint is the Nation's only manufacturer of legal tender coinage, for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The Mint also produces numismatic (collection) products, including proof, uncirculated, and commemorative coins; The numismatic issues are self-sustaining and operate at no cost to taxpayers.

<https://www.usmint.gov/news/press-releases/mint-announces-new-quarter-dollar-reverse-design>

There were 17 submissions for the coin design. If you would like to see the other images, check out this link below:

<https://www.coinnews.net/2019/11/01/george-washington-crossing-the-delaware-river-quarter-design/>





Children of the American Revolution

FORT DANIEL FRONTIER FAIRE

The Button Gwinnett Chapter in Lawrenceville, GA, joined with the Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) to host the Benjamin Fitzpatrick, George Walton, Sukey Hart, and William Daniel C.A.R. Societies at the Fort Daniel Frontier Faire. These societies share a common vision of honoring their patriots, and did so at this unique Frontier Fair by gaining an understanding of life in Colonial times and experiencing typical daily activities.

Fort Daniel, which is located in present day Buford, Georgia, was completed in 1813 to protect settlers from the Indians aroused by the British during the War of 1812. The fort disappeared over time, but in 2009, archaeologists and descendants of the militiamen who manned the fort formed a foundation to excavate, research and preserve the site. Today, the site allows the members of the foundation to help teach the value of our cultural heritage, train, and mentor archaeology students, provide public archaeology opportunities, maintain a field laboratory where artifacts are processed and conserved, and provide a field museum where artifacts and interpretive displays are on exhibit for the public.

The Fort Daniel Foundation, along with members from the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR and the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, assisted the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. members in developing 12 FUN interactive historical experience stations known as the "Patriot Quest." These stations supported the National Society C.A.R.'s program objectives of American Heritage, American History, American Indians and Conservation as well as Gwinnett County's Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum, which meets the state of Georgia's Standard of Excellence in education for grades K - 12.

C.A.R. members, as well as students from Gwinnett County, enjoyed learning about the three sisters, squirrel grilling, butter churning, quill writing, colonial gardening, musket drilling, black smithing, flag etiquette, Native American living through trail walks, 18th vs. 21st century meals for soldiers, digging in the dirt for artifacts, and more.





Above: Sukey Hart C.A.R. participated in the Wreaths Across America program, where millions of wreaths are laid upon veteran graves all across the U.S. The program, for the past two years, has faced problems due to the pandemic's influence, but dedicated members of many societies, clubs, and groups continued to adapt and continue the honoring of our veterans.



DAR members from multiple chapters in Georgia attended the Dawsonville Grave Marking Ceremony.



Lafayette Chapter of the DAR set up, funded and organized a Revolutionary War Marker Dedication Ceremony to honor patriots from the Lamar County, Georgia area. It was determined that seven Revolutionary soldiers had fought during the war and were buried in Lamar County, but in different locations.

To honor these patriots, a granite marker was placed in the front courtyard of the Lamar County courthouse which will pay homage and remember these brave Patriots in the future. The soldiers were Mark Ray, William Ogletree, Thomas Nelson, John Kindrick, Thomas Green, John Jenkins and John Bloodworth.

During the ceremony, the posting of the colors was completed by the Georgia Sar Color Guard, Commanded by Bill Palmer, assisted by Ocmulgee Chapter President Chuck Garnett. Color Guard compatriots were, from left, Jay Guest, Scott Collins, Cooper Rooney, Bill Palmer, John Trussell, Chuck Garnett, Bill Fuqua, Alan McCloud and Gary Paige.

A very informative historical account of the soldier's life and war time service was provided by Tim Turner, local Historian. A proclamation was read by a member of the Lamar Commissioners. Greetings were brought by Betty Harrah, First Vice Regent, Georgia DAR and the Master of Ceremonies was Dora Cox, Regent of the Lamar-Lafayette Chapter. Approximately 100 people were in attendance and afterwards, a very nice reception with excellent food was held at the Barnesville - Lamar Public Library.



Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Brown Harrah, First Vice Regent GSSDAR gives greetings at the Fort Morris "Come and Take IT!" virtual broadcast. Many other DAR chapters participated as well.



Left: Ms. Jeanie Joesbury of the Captain John Wilson Chapter NSDAR in Thomson played Christmas and Patriotic Music for the Little River Chapter meeting. Our Chapter Ladies Auxiliary provided refreshments. Thank you, ladies !





Ladies of the Hightower Trail Chapter, NSDAR teamed up with the Cherokee Chapter, SAR and the Cherokee County Parks and Recreation Division to plant a Liberty Tree at the Cherokee Veterans Park in Canton, GA. Pam Dover, Regent of the Hightower Trail Chapter coordinated the program with Kevin Karel of the Cherokee Chapter, and Steve Strout from the Parks and Recreation Division for determining the prime location for the tree within Veterans Park.



Everyone lent a hand in filling the hole dug for the tree. The Overcup Oak is a native plant and should thrive and grow tall.

Below: DAR members (from left) Jean Vredenburg, Lavelle Dover, Chris Hoynes and Pam Dover, Regent.



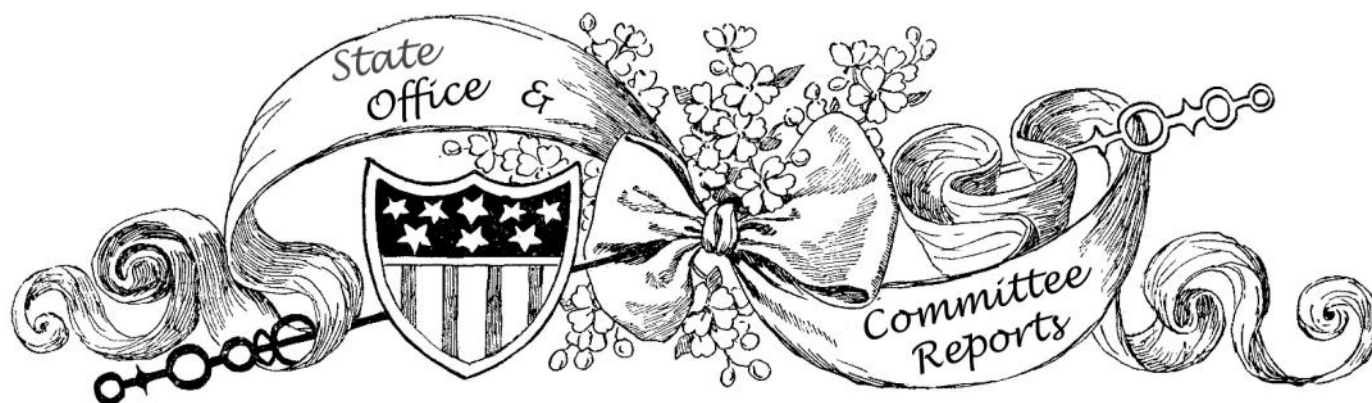
Susan Pulse and Karen Kitchens, Committee Chair.





**Georgia Society
Deceased Members
October 01, - December 31,
2020**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Glenn Lewis FARNSWORTH,	212575	John Collins	30 Oct 2020
Robert Edward ANDREWS	163357	Coweta Falls	04 Dec 2020
George Edwin DART,	191374	Altamaha	05 Dec 2020
Garland Foy ROBERTS,	200306	Joel Early	16 Dec 2020
Thomas Malon BALLEW	161118	Button Gwinnett	20 Dec 2020
Victor Gay VERDI,	199917	Atlanta	21 Dec 2020
Brian Sperry BROWN, Jr.	158394	Atlanta	27 Dec 2020



[Secretary - John Flikeid](#)

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



New Members



	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Atlanta	24 Jun 2020	Taylor Mattox JOHNSON	Thomas FORTSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	02 Oct 2020	David Craig ANDERSON	John ROBINSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	09 Oct 2020	Walter Ross YOUNG, II	John YOUNG	
	16 Oct 2020	Walter Ross YOUNG, III	John YOUNG	
	16 Oct 2020	Camden Joseph YOUNG	John YOUNG	
	30 Oct 2020	Adam Brandon WARREN	Juan VIVES	David Andrews NOBLE
	30 Oct 2020	Nathan Frank EADS	James PITTMAN	David Andrews NOBLE
	30 Oct 2020	Kevin Ryan WARREN	Juan VIVES	David Andrews NOBLE
	30 Oct 2020	Matthew Scott EADS	James PITTMAN	David Andrews NOBLE
	06 Nov 2020	Robert Curtis HILL	Jacob RUDY	David Andrews NOBLE
	18 Dec 2020	Philip William CATALANO, JR.	Benjamin ANDREW	David Andrews NOBLE
Brier Creek	02 Oct 2020	Bernard Thomas MARTIN	Jacob AMMONS	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	Boddiford Brookes MARCHANT	Randolph NEWSUM	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	Kaleb Blakke MARCHANT	Randolph NEWSUM	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	Scott Norman WATERS	Micah MIXON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	Ross Mixon WATERS	Micah MIXON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	George Norman WATERS	Micah MIXON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Button Gwinnett	02 Oct 2020	Ken Thomas MARTIN	Isaac HORTON	Harold Douglas FORD
Cherokee	09 Oct 2020	Dwight Fletcher DOVER	Thomas SPRINGFIELD	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
	06 Nov 2020	Denis Lee FOERST	George BROKAW	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
Coweta Falls	09 Oct 2020	Paul Dubose RAY	Andrew DUBOSE	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	30 Oct 2020	James Willard TROTT, Jr.	Joseph ANDERSON	David Edward FOX
Dalton	09 Oct 2020	John Wesley BRINSFIELD	John LAWRENCE	Stephen Morrow HALL
Edward Telfair	09 Oct 2020	Nicholas James CAMMAROTO	William MCKENNEY	Roger Warren COURSEY
John Collins	16 Oct 2020	Richard George BAUER	Hugh MCNAMEE	Randall Brian HUBER
	16 Oct 2020	Neil Robinson KUMAR	Glass CASTON	Randall Brian HUBER
	06 Nov 2020	Christopher Vaughn SEAVEY	John BUELL	Randall Brian HUBER
	06 Nov 2020	Thomas Patrick HARNDEN	Abraham SMITH	Randall Brian HUBER

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Little River	09 Oct 2020	James Ryan WALTER	Benjamin SPALDING	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	20 Nov 2020	David Watson JOESBURY, Jr.	Daniel TRIPLETT	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	20 Nov 2020	Eugene Thomas HARRIS III	John DARDEN	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	20 Nov 2020	Jack Watson JOESBURY	Daniel TRIPLETT	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Marshes of Glynn	02 Oct 2020	Britton Alvah SMITH	Young BOOKER	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	02 Oct 2020	Charles Russell WRIGHT	Stephen MOORE	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Mill Creek	18 Dec 2020	Edward Bernard PATRICK	James BRADY	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Ocmulgee	18 Dec 2020	Nathan Neal JACKSON	Robert HART	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
Piedmont	30 Oct 2020	Michael Lee CRITCHET	Samuel BREESE	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	20 Nov 2020	Jeremiah Stewart OLNEY	Stephen OLNEY	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
William Few	20 Nov 2020	John Stephen ROTH	John GOVE	Delbert Alan SMITH
Wiregrass	02 Oct 2020	Jack Lee RICH	Benjamin LACY	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	Jack Lee RICH, Jr.	Benjamin LACY	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	Spenser Greer RICH	Benjamin LACY	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Oct 2020	Jerry Timothy RICH	Benjamin LACY	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	20 Nov 2020	Isaac River ROBERTS	Colesby SMITH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	20 Nov 2020	Joshua Seaborn ROBERTS	Colesby SMITH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	20 Nov 2020	Whitman Harris JOHNSON	Colesby SMITH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	18 Dec 2020	Jeffrey Scott OGLESBY	Abraham LANE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III

Total: 47

	Q4
Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2020	1855
Additions	
New Members - Regular	224
New Members - Junior	5
Memorial Members	2
Transfers In	7
Reinstatements	34
Reinstatement-Transfers	1
Total Additions	273
Losses	
Deceased	38
Memorial Members	2
Resignations	0
Transfers Out	6
Total Losses	46
Active Membership as of 31 December 2020	2082
Reported to National	
Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	20
Active Membership as of 31 December 2020	2102
Reported to BOM	
Total Increase YTD:	247
<i>Note: All figures are YTD</i>	

From a membership and dues perspective, GASSAR had a very productive year. I am greatly encouraged by what I am seeing.

New applications were generally UP from last year, and dues were collected for more members than many of us would have expected, especially with the lower number of events/activities.

I believe this shows the true potential of our State Society, and what is possible.

It is vitally important that our chapters and committees regions continue to develop strong programs, keep members continuously engaged in Chapter, State and National activities and events. Equally important is regular contact with members, particularly ones you haven't seen or heard from for some time.

There is also tremendous opportunity to pull in members who may have dropped in the past, and re-engage them. Just in the past 5 years, we have dropped 541 members. These members are still considered drops (have not been reinstated). There is the opportunity.

It is a very simple process to reinstate, and a huge upside to bringing them back. If you have any questions on the reinstatement process, please let me know (individually, not via BOM distribution).

Thank you for your efforts.



Internal Audit - Mark Anthony

Progress

Data received from Georgia Fellows and Georgia ETF via email on 19 October 2020. Chairman met with State Treasurer and Secretary to review financial data on 20 October 2020.

Findings

Proper documentation of deposits and expenditures occurring during the 2019 calendar year was noted and reconciled against available third-party statements.

Minor issue noted with respect to transfer of records – specifically with respect to the stated “piecemeal” nature of the transfer and due to multiple access points to the main Georgia SAR account.

Minor issue noted in record keeping – specifically proper recording of returned deposit items and carry over items at year end

Recommendation & Conclusion

Recommend that the Georgia SAR adopt a policy/best practice that the State Secretary and State Treasurer offices not be changed in the same calendar year. The Georgia SAR State Secretary, Treasurer, Georgia Fellows Fund and Georgia Endowment Trust Fund are properly run with supporting documentation practices and control processes in place.



Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.

An amendment to make the Conference Planning Committee a Standing Committee in progress. The plan is to have the proposal ready to submit to the BOM at January meeting.



C.A.R. Liaison - Robert Moore

In the fall, this Chairman attended the Senior National Board of Management NSCAR meeting in Greenville, SC in-person on October 11, 2020. As Chairman, I attended the in-person Government Studies Seminar in Cumming, GA of the GSSCAR. I learned about the history of the US Government census. The state chairman, Mario Jimenez, also a junior member of the GSSAR, led the presentation. At the Fort Morris Come and Take It! ceremony, the C.A.R. offered their 13 flags of the revolution presentation, which was videoed and then virtually presented.



Medals - Wayne Brown

Award recommendations have been and are currently being received for presentation at the upcoming State Conference, January 30th.









Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey

The Patriot Committee would like to thank those who submitted nominations for the Patriot Medal for 2020. The Committee has made its selections and the results will be revealed at the Annual Meeting. A full report of the results will be submitted after the Annual Meeting has concluded.

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				
Blue Ridge Mtn.	J.K. Davenport Donnie Jarrard Leon James Randy Beavers	Michael Dockery Brent Long	Jason McNabb Les Eisenhart Frank Lowery		
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				

Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell



PLEASE NOTE: I want to let everyone know that the SAR park bench dedication ceremony for March 14, 2021 at the Hermitage in Nashville has been postponed due to continuing concerns about Covid. We hope to reschedule either later this fall or March 2022.

Georgia SAR had a good representation in the last issue of National SAR Magazine, so keep that information coming for review and submission. Hopefully by this summer the situation will improve and we can get back to normal. If you submit photos to me to edit and send on to SAR Magazine, please send full size photos and not text messages. Also send along information about the photo and identify everyone in the photo. We had a great article in the last issue on The Battle of Brier Creek. As you probably remember, Dr. Derden gave an excellent talk at last spring's Brier Creek event. He also gave us permission to run his lecture in SAR magazine. Thanks to Dr. Derden!

We are making good progress on the painting "George Washington's arrival in Savannah, GA 1791" and we are working on the historical details. Thanks to Ed Rigel the Georgia Fellows fund for giving the painting fund \$500 to get us a firm place in the artist's work schedule for 2021. Remember chapters that contribute \$100 will get one copy of the print to auction off at their George Washington Dinner or other events, 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. Recently President Dobbs requested some financial assistance on the painting from the NSSAR George Washington Endowment Fund and we await their reply.

We have another project under way that will commemorate the British withdrawal from Savannah on July 11, 1782, a granite park bench in the Battlefield Memorial Park, close to the flag poles. The bench will be engraved with information about the British withdrawal, but the exact wording is being discussed. I was successful in getting permission from the City of Savannah to place the bench in the park. If each chapter would contribute \$25 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, with a note it's for the Savannah park bench. Approximate cost for the bench is \$1,800.

One last issue relating to the Savannah 2022 conference. We are drawing up a new Savannah Revolutionary War Patriotic Sites brochure that will be distributed to all attendees at the conference. Thanks to George Thurmond for his work on this brochure! We hope to have a small image of the George Washington painting on the front of the brochure that will also be available through the Savannah Visitor's bureau. Hopefully, the brochure will help with future membership recruitment!

IT - Richard Marsh



I ask that anyone who visits our site and notices something that needs improvement or has ideas for additional content to please contact me.

Dues

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. The 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. There were no significant problems encountered with most having to do with the communication of the procedure to the membership. The cutoff for dues payments without requiring Reinstatement was 12/31/20. A total of 199 members paid their dues using the online system of the 564 eligible, or about 35%. The payment of primary chapter (dual members not included) dues shown below:

Online Congress Sales		
Item	Sold	Gross Proceeds
Congress Medal Set	37	\$1,350.50
Congress Lapel Pin	24	\$384.00
Centennial Medal Set	29	\$1,058.50
Centennial Lapel Pin	32	\$512.00
Total Sales		\$3,305.00

There were dues collected for a total of 9 dual members in the Atlanta, Mount Vernon, Piedmont and Robert Forsyth Chapters. A total of 24 members paid to be Friends of the Library and two members became Georgia Fellows.

Webstore

The webstore on the GASSAR website has been open since early 2020 with a primary focus on NSSAR 2022 Congress and GASSAR Centennial medals and lapel pins. Total sales in the webstore for these products was as follows (figures include shipping and PayPal fees):

Recent additions to the webstore have included the ability to make donations to the 2022 Congress fund and a raffle.

Online Dues Payments 2020	
Chapter	Members Paid Online
Athens	24
Atlanta	58
George Walton	11
Marquis de Lafayette	21
Mount Vernon	9
Piedmont	61
Robert Forsyth	15



Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

Regular Applications: 15
 Supplementals: 16
 Junior: 02
 Memorial: 02

Total: 35

All applications were forwarded to the State Secretary. There were no pended applications reported during this quarter.



Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

	Apps	Junior	Sup Apps	Memorial
Altamaha	4	0	0	0
Brier Creek	10	0	0	0
Edward Telfair	13	1	0	0
Fall Line	5	0	5	0
John Milledge	0	0	1	0
Joel Early	1	0	0	0
Little River	12	0	6	0
Marshes of Glynn	12	6	0	0
Mill Creek	6	0	0	0
Ocmulgee	6	0	2	0
Valdosta	0	0	0	0
William Few	8	0	3	0
Wiregrass	13	0	6	4
REVIEWED	90	7	23	4
TOTAL REVIEWED	124			

ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

The GASSAR OC Packages have been judged and the winner and runner-up are listed below.

C/Capt Long will be recognized at the Georgia Society SAR 2021 Annual Virtual Meeting on Saturday January 30, 2021. The winner is awarded a cash award of \$550.00 while the runner-up

C/2LT Fischer receives a cash award of \$400.00. The GASSAR Outstanding Cadet (OC) represents the Georgia Society in the National Competition. The top five OC's in the NSSAR Contest receive cash awards with the winner receiving \$5,000.00 and up to \$1,500.00 in travel expenses to the NSSAR National Congress in Renton, WA to receive the award from the President General.

Two chapters nominated a Chapter OC to the GASSAR State Competition.



1ST - Ocmulgee Chapter – **C/Capt Brennan J. Long** AFJROTC Warner Robins High School

2ND - Joseph Habersham Chapter – **C/2LT Shay A. Fischer** AJROTC Stephens County High School

15 **Silver ROTC Medals** for twelve Georgia Universities will be presented in 2021 to outstanding cadets/midshipmen selected by the ROTC Program. Medal Packages will be forwarded to ROTC Units starting in January 2021. Chapter Presidents from ten GASSAR Chapters cause these Medals to be presented on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR. Chapters involved should record these presentations on the BOM Quarterly Report Form 10.06.3F or 10.06.0F. These medals are purchased and mailed by GASSAR to ROTC Units with copies of letters emailed to applicable Chapter Presidents. *(Note: Due to the China Virus only 5 Silver ROTC Medals were awarded in 2020.)*

The Georgia Society SAR continues to support three DOD (overseas) JROTC Units (Kadena HS Okinawa, Shape HS Belgium, and Vicenza HS Italy). Bronze ROTC Medal Packages will be mailed to these DOD Units in the January/February 2021 timeframe. *(Note: Only 2 Bronze ROTC Medals were mailed in 2020.)*

Georgia Fellows Board - Edward P. Rigel, Jr

It is my pleasure to announce that PG J. Michael Tomme, Sr., has been elected to the Georgia Fellows Fund Board for the 2021-2023 term. I look forward to working with PG Tomme to further the goals of our Society.

My sincere thanks to all who participated in the election process. We are truly fortunate to have so many willing to serve.





Nominating Committee - J. Michael Tomme

The GASSAR Nominating Committee endorses the following for State Office for 2021.

The slate of candidates for offices to be held in the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution from, January 30, 2021 until the election of officers at the next Annual Meeting in 2022.

President	David G. Jessel	Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Sr. Vice President	Joe L. Vancura, Jr.	Captain John Collins Chapter
VP Central Fall Line	John T. Trussell	Ocmulgee Chapter
VP East Fall Line	Sonny Pittman, Jr.	William Few Chapter
VP Metro	Ronald W. Redner	Piedmont Chapter
VP Northeast	Justin Reese, III	Athens Chapter
VP North Central	Sidney (Sid) D. Turner	Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
VP Northwest	Terry A. Gibbs	Captain John Collins Chapter
VP Southeast	Robert A. Vinyard	Edward Telfair Chapter
VP East	C. Garvin Aycock	Washington-Wilkes Chapter
VP Southwest	C. Stephen (Steve) Peace	Joel Early Chapter
VP West	J. Daniel (Dan) McMichael	Coweta Falls Chapter
Recording Secretary	Edward (Ed) P. Rigel, Jr.	Robert Forsyth Chapter
State Registrar North	Robert D. (Don) Bulloch	Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
State Registrar South	J. Steven (Steve) Hinson, Sr.	Marshes of Glynn Chapter
State Secretary	John R. Flikeid	Robert Forsyth Chapter
State Treasurer	E. S. (Shep) Hammack	Mount Vernon Chapter
Chancellor	L. Chandler Vreeland	Captain John Collins Chapter
Chaplain	William (Bill) N. Floyd, Jr.	Mount Vernon Chapter
Genealogist	Paul H. Lester	Edward Telfair Chapter
Editor	Emil L. Decker	Robert Forsyth Chapter
Historian	David A. Ludley	Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jack P. Dugger	Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
BOM At Large 2024	Stephen P. Weaver	Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
BOM At Large 2024	Bennie L. Williams	Marshes of Glynn Chapter

Currently serving and are not to be elected at this meeting:

BOM At Large 2023	Robert Cruthirds	Ocmulgee Chapter
BOM At Large 2023	Steven Warren	Cherokee Chapter
BOM At Large 2022	Alton O. McCloud	Little River Chapter
BOM At Large 2022	Richard D' Armour Whitten, Sr.	Casimir Pulaski Chapter

The state cannot elect the Trustees. They will be elected at the 2021 Congress in Washington State. The following candidates are being put forward by the Nominating Committee:

Trustee	K. Scott Collins	Athens Chapter
Alternate. Trustee	William B. Dobbs, II	George Walton Chapter

State Secretary John Flikeid will forward their names to Kelly Moore at NSSAR.

Per the Georgia Society SAR Bylaws:

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Fall BOM Meeting and may also be received in writing or by electronic correspondence such as telephone and/or email 30 days prior to the Winter Board of Managers Meeting by Notifying the Executive Committee.

The Winter Board of Manager's Meeting is scheduled to occur on January 30, 2021.



Endowment Trust Fund - Scott Collins

At the October meeting of the Trustees a request was approved for \$2,000.00 to be paid to the Military Officers Association of America, Old Capitol Area Chapter, Milledgeville, GA to be used towards assistance for the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, GA (225 beds). This matter was sent to the BOM at their October meeting for consideration and it was approved by the BOM. Check was disbursed on December 29, 2020.

Value & Types of Investment Instruments at End of Reporting Period

Ending Franklin Income Mutual Fund Balance December 31, 2020	\$ 86,792.71
Ending Money Market Fund December 31, 2020	\$ 4.10
Total Value	\$ 86,796.81



Library - Hugh Rodgers

Due to changes in the way some chapters report dues payments the FOL membership numbers for the quarter ending 31 Dec 2020 are incomplete. For instance, the Atlanta, Athens and Cherokee Chapters are not reported. We do have reports for 12 chapters and the GA Society itself (1). The number of Georgia compatriots and WOSAR came to 63. The Georgia Society maintained its leading spot among all state societies with a total of 76 members.

Thanks to President Bill Dobbs, the Regional Vice Presidents and the chapters for their strong support of the Friends during this year. A special thanks to Scott Collins and Roger Coursey for their outstanding contributions to the NSSAR Library!

Captain John Collins Chapter
George Walton Chapter
Ocmulgee Chapter
Valdosta Chapter

Coweta Falls Chapter
Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Piedmont Chapter
William Few Chapter

Edward Telfair Chapter
Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Samuel Elbert Chapter
Wiregrass Chapter

A reminder that annual renewals of FOL memberships are due on the anniversary date of membership and are still \$25. Chapters, compatriots and others are encouraged to continue active membership. Let's keep Georgia at the top of state Societies.



Veterans - Gary Hoyt

October 2020

10/14 – Attended the VA Voluntary Service EOY Meeting and received a 2021 meeting schedule.
10/17 – Joined Old Allatoona Cemetery clean up and searched for possible Patriots buried there.
10/24 – Attended GASSAR BOM meeting. Discussed the proposed \$2,000 donation to support MOAA's "Together Again" program which will reunite patients at the Georgia War Veterans Home with their loved ones when the home reopens to visitors.
10/28 – Compiled 2020 GASSAR Veterans Census results and submitted report.
10/30 – Received notice that Compatriot Glenn L. Farnsworth had passed away. Glenn served as an Army combat infantryman in Korea. He later joined the USAF and piloted F-100s. In Vietnam, he flew "Wild Weasel" missions, trolling for enemy missile batteries.

November 2020

11/10 – Attended the Mount Vernon Chapter's meeting with President Dobbs, to award Military Service and War Service Medals.
11/11 – Attended the Virtual Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where President Trump presented a wreath.

December 2020

12/01 – Coordinated with Bill Kabel, Wayne Brown and GASSAR on distribution of wreaths for Wreaths Across America: 6 wreaths for the Marietta National Cemetery; 5 wreaths for the Georgia National Cemetery; 3 wreaths for the Southview Cemetery, Lawrenceville, GA; 4 wreaths for the Georgia Veterans Cemetery in Glennville, GA; 4 wreaths for the Fayetteville City Cemetery, Fayetteville, GA; 4 wreaths for the Andersonville National Cemetery, Andersonville, GA; 4 wreaths for the Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell, AL. Five additional wreaths for the Marietta National Cemetery were donated by the Captain John Collins Chapter, and 6 were donated by GASSAR Veterans Chairman Gary Hoyt to the Kennesaw, GA, City Cemetery.

12/07 – Preparations were made for a Partners in Patriotism Observance for Wreaths Across America at the Kennesaw, GA, City Cemetery in cooperation with the NSDAR's Kennesaw Chapter, the City of Kennesaw, Cobb County JROTC programs and multiple veterans service organizations.

12/09 – Received copies of NSSAR appointments of Alan Smith as Representative and Ted Walker as Deputy Representative to the Augusta VA Voluntary Service. These were the first NSSAR appointments ever for this facility.

12/19 – Observances of Wreaths Across America were severely restricted at National Cemeteries. I presented a wreath on behalf of the Captain John Collins Chapter and six wreaths on behalf of the GASSAR at the Kennesaw City Cemetery. Compatriot Dan King presented a wreath on behalf of the Merchant Marines.

12/22 – Received Local Connection Newsletter from Wreaths Across America.

12/30 – Received notice that Scott Collins had received a \$2,000 check from the Endowment Trust Fund for donation to MOAA's "Together Again" program at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, GA.

12/31 – The Veterans Committee is still seeking candidates for NSSAR appointments of a Representative and Deputy Representative to the Dublin, GA, VA Voluntary Service.

Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett



It looks like 2021 will be a big year for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest in Georgia. I have had several chapters contact me for information about the contest. April 10 is the deadline to have your packet in to the state. Please email the orations packet to garnett31016@bellsouth.net. Hopefully we will be through the pandemic and will be able to have the state contest directly following our spring BOM in April. If not, I will email alternative directions to the BOM. Information, forms and brochures for the Oration Contest can be found and downloaded from the National Website The site also has a link to a YouTube video of last years national competition that would be a good tutorial for participants. Chapters can purchase a Medal and Certificate from the SAR store for their winners. If anyone has questions please contact me



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

Activities

1. Published a training video to show individuals and Chapters how to create, host, and navigate a Zoom meeting. The video is available by clicking on this link:

<https://youtu.be/vO1S9hi-nWQ>

2. Chapters now holding a Zoom Chapter meeting include at least: Athens, Atlanta, Button Gwinnett, Captain John Collins, Coweta Falls, Lyman Hall, Marques de Lafayette, Mount Vernon, Piedmont Chapter, and Robert Forsyth. There may be more chapters hosting Zoom meetings. If your chapter was not mentioned and you are holding Zoom meetings, please let me know.

3. Hosted Zoom Chapter meetings for the Atlanta Chapter in October, November, and December;

and plan to continue to do so in the future months.

4. Hosted Zoom Chapter meetings for Mount Vernon in October and November. The chapter plans to host their own Zoom meetings in the future.

5. Hosted Zoom meetings of the Georgia Society SAR BOM in October.

6. Most of the Zoom meetings that I hosted were recorded, and I posted them for others to view. As a result I have been told that those recordings encouraged other chapters to try a Zoom meeting with their members.

7. The Piedmont Chapter has continued to hold Zoom meetings for our members with live speakers making presentations online.

8. At the request of VPG Allen Greenly, hosted recurring monthly Zoom meetings of the 2022 Congress Committee and will continue to do that monthly going forward each month.

9. At the request of VPG Allen Greenly, I hosted recurring monthly Zoom meetings of the South Atlantic Presidents on the 4th Sunday of each month.

10. Working with the Compatriot Emil Decker and the Robert Forsyth Chapter my son Rick III and I made a video of the SAR Grave Marking Ceremony at the Bethel UMC / Lumpkin Campgrounds location on October 3, 2020. The video is published for viewing at <https://youtu.be/3h0JnaARV60>

11. Hosted Zoom meetings of the Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary in October, November, and December.

12. Hosted a Zoom Commemoration of the Battle of Fort Morris in November. The video of that event may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/rF6vOaGQAYI>

13. Plans are underway to host events in 2021; including the GASSAR Annual Meeting on January 30, "Heroes of the Hornets' Nest" to be held on February 12, and Kettle Creek on February 13, 2021.

What we hope to accomplish going forward

I want to repeat my offer of assistance to work with any chapter that has not been able to hold in-person meetings as a result of the Corona virus issues that continue to be a real safety concern throughout the State of Georgia. I will help any chapter to begin to use Zoom as a means of holding virtual chapter meetings, if you would like to do so.

If your chapter is already holding these virtual meetings for your membership, please let me know. I am interested to know how you are doing with that meeting format. All these meetings provided a safe environment for holding business meetings, as well as allowing the individuals who participated to "see" and talk to each other during the process without endangering anyone's health. Another consideration is that a Zoom meeting will also permit chapter members whose health or physical constraints might not allow for them to physically attend an in-person meeting to participate in the chapter meeting on Zoom.



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Covid-19 has a continuing impact on events, meetings, and therefore what is reported. Some information has been transmitted regarding process changes, interesting articles, and limited information regarding Chapter activities. If you have it, please send it!

Of special interest to me as the editor, is the "New" as of the beginning of 2020, Annual Conference Edition of *The Hornet's Nest*, separated out from the 4th - 1st quarters. With no "In-Person Event", this edition will be rather sparse. Recommendations and submissions for this issue would be appreciated.

One option I have considered is to expand the Memorial section to include photos of our lost members. Unfortunately, some of the member's obituaries do not contain photos. Some are regalia or Uniforms, that would be my first choice. If I can get Chapters of our deceased members to send me photos of them wearing SAR regalia or Uniforms, that would be my first choice. I will proceed with any photos I have if I do not receive better images. I do not mind sorting through multiple photos sent to me, far better than everyone expecting someone else to do it. Chapter Presidents know better who they have lost, so please help me out. If no photo is available, then only the name will be shown.

Also committee and officer reports received in a timely manner through the GASSAR-BOM Distribution list is very helpful in keeping the newsletter publishing in a timely manner. I have seen an improvement in this regard.... Not sure if it is because of the limited activity, but timely reporting is good. I strip out information that is from the full year, or a previous quarter when reported. Some reports simply won't make the deadline, but that's life.

Maybe our 2021 Editions will fill out as the year progresses. Here's to a strong start !

Late Breaking News

2022 Convention Raffle



Did you miss your **SHOT** for the Kentucky Flintlock Rifle?

This raffle started at the end of last year, concluding the first round in January. The .50 caliber black powder beauty was offered for some lucky winner for only \$10. A limited number of tickets, 200, were offered, and once the last one was sold, the drawing was held.

Other good news, this raffle is over, but we have at least **4 more** to follow. The next will be one of the two beautiful handmade knives that Compatriot Emory Fennel (Wiregrass Chapter) has donated to help raise funds for Georgia Society to assist with hosting of the 2022 National Congress in Savannah.

Following that will be a raffle for Dr. Ed Rigel's beautiful long flint lock rifle. I have rarely seen a weapon with wood this striking. The market value for this gun may be in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range! Details and photos of that rifle will be sent out soon but that raffle will not begin until the Handmade Knife is won by some fortunate individual.

And two more raffles after that. The other wonderful handmade knife and then a pair of Flint Lock Pistols that are certainly usable but are currently mounted in a glass and wood presentation box. Charlie Newcomer is generously making that donation!

Kudos to Emory Fennel, Dr. Rigel and Charlie Newcomer for their generosity and love of the Georgia Society SAR for donating these beautiful weapons!

The Kentucky Rifle was won by **Drew Sanner** with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. Congratulations !!!!!



On Sat, Jan 9, interested members held their tickets and hoped for a new toy as the trio of Color Guard Compatriots, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, and Paul Prescott drew the winning tickets.

Consolation prizes were also drawn.

A Centennial Medal Set was won by Kenneth Bryan of the Lyman Hall Chapter.

A Centennial Lapel Pin was won by Gordon Woodard with the Button Gwinnett Chapter.

Earl Cagle, of the John Collins Chapter, also won a Centennial Lapel Pin.

So, we had four winners from four different Chapters!

Bill Dobbs, President of the Georgia Society presented Compatriot Drew Sanner, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, with the Kentucky flintlock rifle Sunday after the drawing. The location was the Veterans Monument on the Covington Square which honors those soldiers who have been killed in action. The US Flag at the County Courthouse made a nice background.

Drew is still working but told Bill that this will certainly speed up the process of him joining the Color Guard or the Militia.



The next item for auction will be this handmade knife by Compatriot Emory Fennel, of the Wiregrass Chapter, and the Sheath by Master Leather Crafter, Jenny Fields.

For scale, the stainless steel blade is 4.5 inches.

