

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution



The Hornet's Nest

January - March 2021



The President's Dispatch

Allow me to start by introducing myself and advising how pleased I am to be your Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution State President. I am a retired LCDR having served 21 years in the United States Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer and I consider myself as a "destroyer sailor." I did serve two years on the USS John F. Kennedy CV 67 as those of you that have heard my sea story, "The Needs of the Navy" know very well!

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Kettle Creek Receives National Parks System Designation



Congressman Jody Hice announced some exciting news. The Kettle Creek Battlefield has been granted affiliated area status within the National Park Service (NPS). Congressman Hice has been working hard to have the battlefield recognized by the NPS and his efforts have succeeded. This is of great importance for the Kettle Creek Battlefield because it will give the battlefield national recognition and attract more visitors to this historic site. We will be able to display the NPS Arrowhead logo at our entrance and give the patriots who fought here the respect they deserve. Jessica Hayes, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Hice said it best; "This will allow the site to receive arrowhead badging, be included in the 250th Anniversary celebration, and be a part of the Southern Campaign Trail that is being developed. This puts it on a good footing to transition to Heritage Area status in the future."

The NPS is an agency of the federal government of the United States that manages all national parks, many national monuments, and other conservation and historical properties with various title designations. The United States Congress created the agency on August 25, 1916 through the National Park Service Organic Act. The NPS is an operating unit of the United States Department of the Interior and is charged with a dual role of preserving the ecological and historical integrity of the places under its management while making them available for public use and enjoyment. Yellowstone National Park was created as the first national park in the United States.

The National Park System includes all properties managed by the National Park Service, which have a wide variety of titles or designations. The system as a whole is considered to be a national treasure of the United States, and some of the more famous national parks and monuments are sometimes referred to as "crown jewels". The system encompasses approximately 85.1 million acres, of which 2.6 million acres remain in private ownership.

Potential parks should meet all four of the following standards: 1) It is an outstanding example of a particular type of resource. 2) It possesses exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the natural or cultural themes of the nation's heritage. 3) It offers superlative opportunities for recreation, for public use and enjoyment, or for scientific study. 4) It retains a high degree of integrity as a true, accurate, relatively unspoiled resource.

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

The President's Dispatch (cont.)**Kettle Creek Receives NPS Designation (Cont.)**

I am a graduate of Destroyer School now called Surface Warfare Officers School.

As you know the first quarter started 1 January 2021; however, I became President GASSAR a month later. I will address some of the things I did during that month and even earlier. On 7 Dec 2020 I Installed William Few Chapter's New Officers at a dinner in Augusta, GA. On 7 Jan 2021 I drove to Sylvania, GA for dinner and Installed New Officers at Brier Creek Chapter and a week later 14 January 2021 I drove to Swainsboro, GA for dinner and Installed New Officers of Wiregrass Chapter and at all three chapters I gave my talk on "The Needs of the Navy." In the meantime on 12 January 2021, I attended my home chapter the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Zoom Awards Banquet (w/o food) and Installed New Officers. My wife Mrs. Brenda Davison Jessel accompanied me to all these events.

On 22 January 2021, Brenda and I had an interesting adventure as we drove to Elijah Clark State Park (near South Carolina) for the filming of the Hornet's Nest Program and then drove back to Newnan, GA a total of 346 miles and 12 hours round trip. And then the big day, where I attended South Atlantic District (SAD) Zoom Meeting, attended GASSAR Memorial Service Zoom Meeting, attended Fall GASSAR BOM Zoom Meeting, attended Annual BOM & Awards Zoom Meeting and finally was installed 30 January 2021 as Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution State President.

As you know the COVID 19 Virus caused NSSAR to cancel our National Congress in Richmond, VA and both our Fall and Spring Trustee and Leadership Conferences in Louisville, KY. The result is lots of Zoom Meetings for Committees and I am on a number of National Committees. I will list Zoom Meetings without dates or results: NSSAR American 250 Committee, NSSAR Americanism Committee, NSSAR Council of Youth Awards Committee, NSSAR ROTC/JROTC/Serv. Acad. Liaison Committee, Germany Society SAR, NSSAR Veterans Committee, NSSAR Trustee Meeting, N.S.C.A.R. Meeting, and I was distracted and missed two meeting that I had planned to attend: NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee and the Council of State Presidents Committee.

On 9 February 2021 I attended Mount Vernon Chapter Zoom Meeting giving a talk and installing new officers. On 12 February 2021 I attended the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Zoom Meeting followed by presiding over the Kettle Creek Zoom Ceremony on the 13th. Kettle Creek was very well orchestrated and I want to thank all parties involved. Attended the Athens Chapter Zoom Meeting on 15 February 2021, I gave the talk and installed new officers. On 20 February 2021 we gave a talk and installed new officers at Piedmont Chapter Zoom Meeting and then a couple of hours later gave another talk and installed new officers at the Atlanta Chapter Zoom Meeting.

As President GASSAR I attended the 82ND State Convention of Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution Zoom Meeting on 13 March 2021 where I had pre-recorded greetings from GASSAR. Then on 19 March 2021, accompanied by Mrs. Brenda Davison Jessel, I attended the GSSDAR Annual Conference at Stone Mountain State Park where I brought greetings from Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution's 35 Chapters and over 2,000 members and presented the State Regent Mrs. O.B. McCorkle with the SAR Martha Washington Medal and several checks from GASSAR along with a Centennial Coin. On 25 March 2021 I directed all GASSAR Chapter Presidents to cause the reading of the GASSAR 100TH Proclamation signed by Georgia's Governor at their next chapter meeting. The same day I attended the Lyman Hall Chapter Zoom Meeting sharing my talk and installing new officers.

In the early morning of 26 March 2021, a Class 4 Tornado hit parts of Newnan, GA causing major damage to Newnan High School and surrounding areas. Clean up and repairs to damaged homes and businesses will take months. Praise the Lord the storm missed my home by a few blocks.

As your President I have been involved with many other activities including attending the funeral of a Past President Marquis de Lafayette Chapter and the grave marking of a Past Regent General Daniel Newnan Chapter NSDAR to name a few. Keep the faith and never give up hope, we will get over this COVID 19 Pandemic.

David G. Jessel

The NPS uses over 20 different titles for the park units it manages, including national park and national monument.

Classification & Number

National Military Park (9), National Battlefield Park (4), National Battlefield Site (1), and National Battlefield (11)	Total: 25
National Historical Park (61), National Historic Site (76), and International Historic Site (1)	Total: 138
National Lakeshore	Total: 3
National Memorial	Total: 31
National Monument	Total: 85
National Park	Total: 63
National Parkway	Total: 4
National Preserve (19) and National Reserve (2)	Total: 21
National Recreation Area	Total: 18
National River (4) and National Wild and Scenic River and Riverway (10)	Total: 14
National Scenic Trail	Total: 3
National Seashore	Total: 10
Other Designations (<i>Kettle Creek makes 12</i>)	Total: 11

Previous Total: 423

War Hill - Kettle Creek Battle Site joins nine other locations in Georgia recognized by the National Park System, including:

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park (*Georgia/Tennessee*), Cumberland Island National Seashore, Fort Frederica National Monument, Fort Pulaski National Monument, Jimmy Carter National Historical Park, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, and Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park.



On March 15, 1921 our Georgia Society was Chartered. In our first 100 years, we have surpassed 2000 members, generated 35 Chapters, and have established our Kettle Creek War Hill Ceremony as a Nationally recognized event.

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed a proclamation that the week of March 14-20, 2021 be Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution week in Georgia!

Many thanks go out to Compatriot George Thurmond for leading the charge to have our Centennial Celebration recognized by the State of Georgia.

Enjoy the Day, the week and our Centennial Year!

*William (Bill) Bryant
Dobbs 11*



Endowment Trust Fund: \$2000

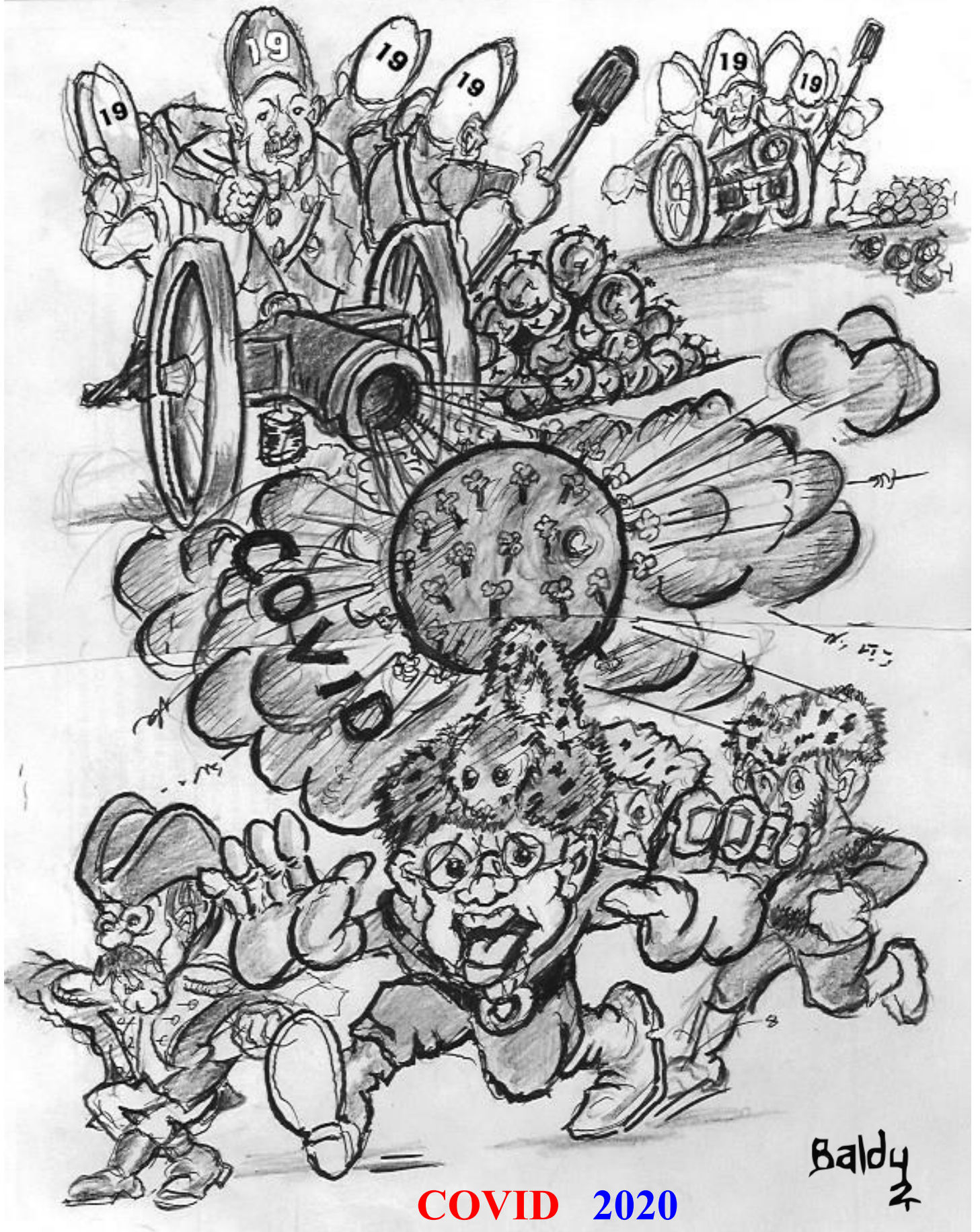


Delayed by COVID 19 restrictions, President Bill Dobbs finally was able to proceed to Milledgeville, GA to make the \$2000 presentation to the Military Officers Association to assist them with their "Together Again" project with the Georgia War Veterans Home.

Jim Poyner, President of the John Milledge Chapter joined Bill, as our numbers were limited to two attendees from the SAR. Left to right are: Russell Feagin, Director, Health & Memorials Division, Georgia War Veterans Home, Colonel Gerald A. Johnson USAF Ret and President of the Old Capitol Area Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, Bill Dobbs, GASSAR and Jim Poyner, President of the John Milledge Chapter GASSAR. This was the \$2000 from the Endowment Trust Fund that was approved at the October 2020 BOM.

Right: A Certificate of Appreciation to the Georgia Society from the MOAA.







COVID 2021



Event	Location	Date	Status
Frederica Patriots Day	Online	April 17, 2021 @ 1:00pm	State
Samuel McMillan Grave Marking	McMillan Cemetery Hoschton, GA	May 15, 2021 @ 1:00pm	State
240th Anniversary of the 2nd Siege of Augusta	Augusta, GA	Jun 12, 2021	State
National Congress 2021	Renton, WA	Jul 10 - 15 2021	National
National Congress 2022	Savannah, GA	Jul 8 - 15 2022	National

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!

131st NSSAR 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**.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Compatriots, our last raffle for a Kentucky flintlock rifle was a great success, and we have an incredible **"Patriot Package"** as our **1st - place prize** for our next drawing, which includes:

A fabulous one-of-a-kind handcrafted knife with smooth antler handle and tooled leather sheath (a real work of art) by Compatriot Rev. Emory Fennel. (Knife value is estimated at \$400 and features a 4 -inch blade with 5 - inch handle.)

A non-firing replica of President Washington's favorite pistol with its attractive wood grain and intricate silver engravings. The trigger mechanism does work. (This substantial pistol doesn't miss the mark when it comes to quality.)

A working handmade Powder Horn from an actual cow's horn.

Centennial Lapel Pin celebrating the Georgia Society SAR's 100th anniversary for you to wear with pride.

40-ounce "Come and Take-It" thermal tumbler to keep your coffee piping hot or your tea icy cold.

3 x 5 Betsy Ross Flag synonymous with America's fight for independence.

3 x 5 Gadsden Flag symbolizing a united resistance against British tyranny.

Yes, tickets are only \$10 each, and only 300 will be sold.

Visit the Georgia Society's NSSAR 2022 Congress page:

<https://gasocietysar.org/shop/>

For folks not wanting to order online, they can send their request along with a check or money order for \$10.00 per ticket to:

Bill Dobbs, PO Box 1307, Covington, GA 30015

You will need to send mailing & email address.

In addition to our 1st-place "Patriot Package," we also have 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place prizes, and each includes:

1 - 3 x 5 Betsy Ross Flag.

1 - 3 x 5 Gadsden Flag.

1 - 30-ounce "Come and Take It" thermal tumbler.



2022 Congress Raffle



What can you buy for \$10 these days? - Not Much!

You certainly can't buy a tank of gas for your car (even a Harley). You likely can't buy yourself a good lunch. And you can't even buy a large bag of cat food.

However, \$10 will buy you a chance to win \$500+ worth of great prizes! (and help support our 2022 National SAR Savannah Congress)





So, make your \$10 go a long way!

Purchase your tickets now for a great cause and a chance to win some great prizes

“Patriot Package” valued at over \$500!

Tickets \$10 each. Chances to win multiple items.



<https://gasocietysar.org/shop/>

2nd, 3rd and 4th place prizes

Each includes:



1 - 3 x 5 Betsy Ross Flag, 1 - 3 x 5 Gadsden Flag, & 1 - 30-ounce “Come and Take It” thermal tumbler.



**SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational

Patriot Chest Program

Rev. 2, 8/2019

Reimbursement Process

The Patriot Chest Program is an interactive presentation, intended to compliment Elementary and Middle School lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and Colonial Period of American History.

SAR Outreach Education will be serving as the source for State Societies and their chapters to obtain a Patriot Chest DVD and receive reimbursement up to \$375 for identified contents purchased to develop their own Patriot Chest. The contents include period clothing, toys, household, hunting and military items. The average cost of a complete Patriot Chest is about \$500. Reimbursements will be made according to the following guidelines.

One \$375.00 reimbursement for each Chest costing more than \$500.00.

Maximum of two Patriot Chests per State Society.

Maximum of \$750 for the life of the program per State Society.

Reimbursements will be at 75% of total receipts up to \$500.

Only identified items pertaining to the presentation of the Patriot Chest Program will be reimbursed. No exceptions.

Reimbursement requests must include itemized list of objects that reflect the submitted receipts will qualify to be reimbursed.

Receipts and itemized list must accompany the submitted request for reimbursement.

Please mark all submitted material "Patriot Chest Reimbursement."

Send all documented receipts at one time for one payment

All reimbursements will be made payable to the State Society

State Societies needs to provide current mailing address of the Treasurer or designated State Society officer who will be receiving the reimbursement.

Reimbursement requests should be sent to:

SAR

Attn: Finance Director Mary Butts

809 W. Main St.

Louisville, KY 40202-2619

Payment will be made to the State Society within 45 days of being received at National Headquarters.

[Gentlemen... This is a golden opportunity for a chapter without a Traveling Trunk to coordinate with national to help fund one. Editor]



Join us in the celebration of Andrew Jackson's birthday and the dedication of the SAR park bench!

The SAR park bench to honor Andrew Jackson's service in the American Revolution has been placed near the tomb. We had planned to dedicate the Park bench in March 2020 but COVID-19 concerns led us to postpone the event. We are hopeful that we can get the event completed on **March 13, 2022**, so please plan on joining us! The event will be outside and we will observe social distancing where possible and recommend masks for participants.

Color guards from all surrounding states have been invited and we will have a special speaker who will discuss Andrew Jackson's Revolutionary War service. Master banjo player Gary Wood will entertain us with some great banjo picking to include Johnny Horton's Famous song, "The Battle of New Orleans". Also, don't miss the many beautiful sites of the Hermitage and participate in the tours!

The SAR bench recognizes Jackson's American Revolution service and his being held POW. Andrew served as a courier and was captured by the British. While being held as a prisoner, he refused to clean an officer's boots, and received a slash across his head for his stubbornness and loyalty to the patriot cause. His brother Hugh died at the Battle of Stono Ferry.

We are hopeful that the SAR park bench will draw renewed attention to Jackson's Revolutionary war service and to the SAR. It could also help our SAR membership recruitment efforts as the Hermitage gets 200,000 visitors per year! For more information, go to www.thehermitage.com

We are now trying to coordinate our event with the Hermitage staff and will send out an updated program in the near future. Although a time is not yet set, we anticipate that it will be 2:00 pm, Sunday 03/13/2022.. Please consider joining us in Nashville!

If you have any questions please contact John Trussell, GA SAR Publicity Chairman, VP Central Region, 478-957-7411 or jtrusswr@cox.net



The video recording of the Georgia Society SAR Annual Conference, held on January 30, 2021 is now available for viewing by clicking on the link below:

https://youtu.be/1sIsk_c8OtQ





HEROES OF THE HORNET'S NEST



The Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Ceremony was held over several days, with pre-recorded activities spanning the typical weather of central Georgia. Dry one day, wet the next. On the day the Georgia Society Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia were filmed, the weather was very wet, and musket volleys were protected by firing from under a shelter, with ranks of militia rotating to fire. Cannons were also fired, but not from under the shelter.

Pictured on this page: Charlie Newcomer, presiding over the ceremony, Annie Johnson, Park Naturalist - Elijah Clark State Park, Jane Reese, Regent of the Elijah Clarke Chapter, NSSDAR presenting the pledge to the Georgia flag, presentation of the Colors by the Georgia Color Guard. Caleb, our drummer, is a member of the Coweta Falls SAR chapter. Noah is a member of Button Gwinnett SAR chapter, and is Georgia State Society C.A.R. Chaplain and Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. 2VP.





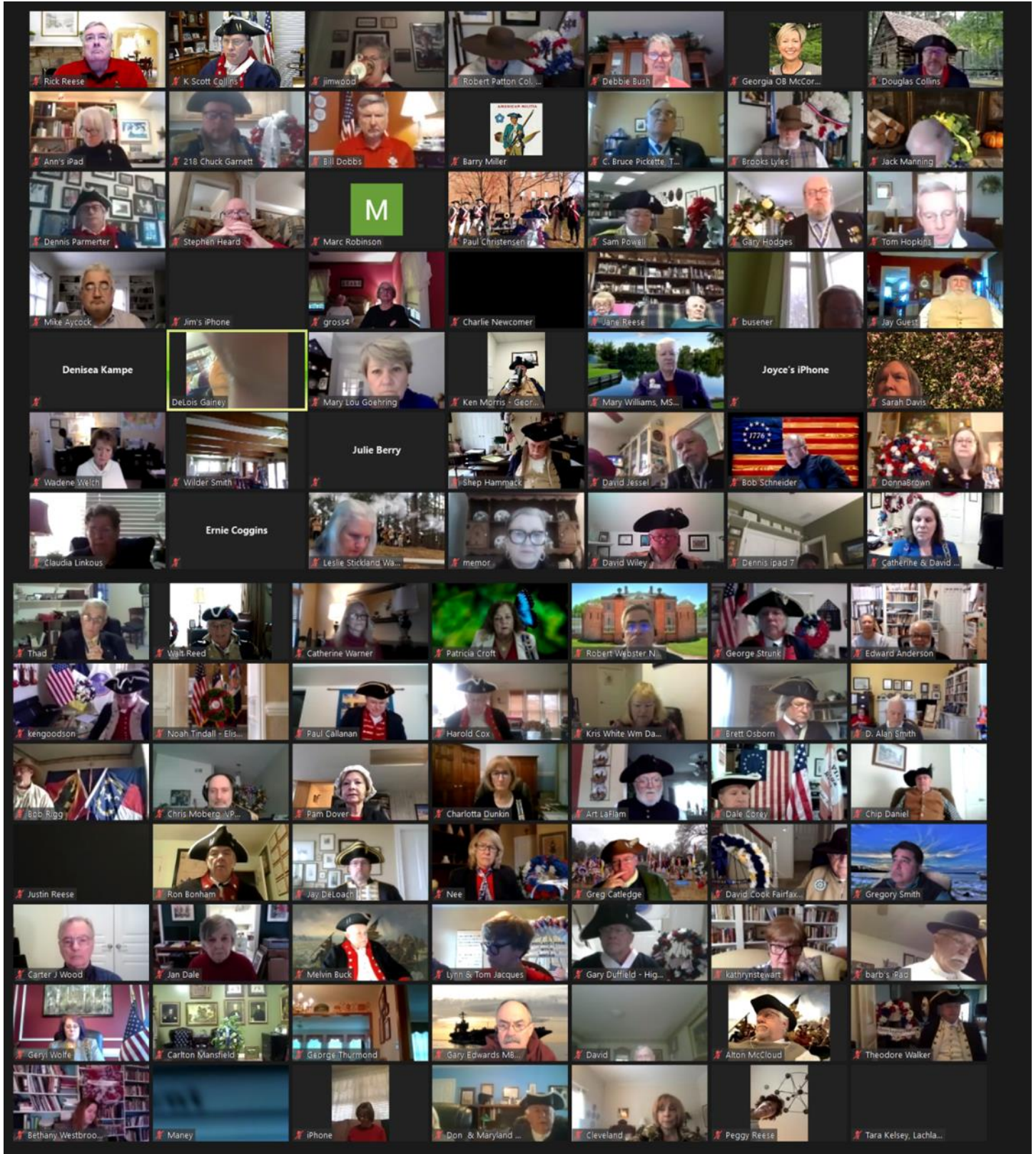
The militia firing from unfavorable conditions in ranks of two, Georgia President David Jessel gives greetings, Allen Smith led the wreath presentation portion of the program. National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg, Maryland SAR - called commands at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest, and Rev. Edward M. Anderson gave the Benediction. Vice Commander Brooks Lyles presented Challenge Coins to our youngest members.



The video recording of the Virtual Ceremony of the "Heroes of the Hornets' Nest" held on 2-12-2021 at Elijah Clark State Park is available for viewing on YouTube by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/oimKD9-Ret4>

Please feel free to pass this link along to other interested individuals.





The National Kettle Creek Battle Commemoration for 2021 was held partly in conjunction with the filming of the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest, and virtually as well, a day after the online service for the Heroes. With a downpour in the city of Washington, the Militia formed and fired from under cover again. Unfortunately, the brave Color Guard had no alternative but to stand in the rain as the flags were raised and lowered. HUZZAH to the loyal Compatriots who braved the weather, both in town and up on War Hill.

Vice Commander Brooks Lyles, North Carolina SAR called commands for raising the Betsy Ross flag and presenting Colors at Washington Square.



KETTLE CREEK





Scott Collings was presented a Certificate of Appreciation / Participation in the standing guard over George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon, VA.



Members honored the Black Patriots at the memorial on the square, along with the Mayor of Washington. Black patriots, such as Austin Dabney (member of the forces fighting on War Hill at the Battle of Kettle Creek) fought beside or for their owners during the Revolution. They are honored at this corner memorial.

Members of the Georgia Society Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia were treated to lunch at the Fitzpatrick Hotel. Here the table of Skunk Brigade members gather for fine dining.

Up on War Hill the commemoration videoing continued. Everyone tried to stay as dry as possible, including keeping their "powder dry", a condition the original patriots found just as disturbing.....or more so, for their lives depended on it.

The militia forms a column of 2, bracketing the Color Guard as they marched in and out of the area before the monument.





As with the firing at Elijah Clark State Park, the militia lined up in columns and as one fired, the second advanced to a position in front to offer their volley. The process was accomplished with precision and military order.

The Color Guard Present Colors on War Hill, as TAPS is played by Jr. Compatriot Noah Tindall.



The virtual presentation of the wreaths was well done with photos of presenters and wreaths, and a lovely musical background.

In addition to the many Georgia Society Chapters represented, we also had SAR members from:

National SAR,
North Central District,
International District,
GASSAR Ladies
Auxiliary,
New Jersey Society,
South Carolina Society,
Virginia Society,
North Carolina Society,
Kentucky Society,
Tennessee Society,
Ohio Society,
Florida Society, Texas Society, Michigan
Society, West Virginia Society, Washington
Society, & Germany Society.

Family of Patriot Owen Fluker (Kettle Creek participant & Survivor)

Georgia NSDAR was represented, along with the following Georgia Chapters:

Kettle Creek, Apalachee, Augusta, Baron DeKalb, Capt. James Kell, Capt. John Wilson, Col. William Candler, Elijah Clarke, Fayette-Starrs Mill, Fort Peachtree, George Walton, Hightower Trail, Jacob Braselton, Kennesaw Mountain, Lachlan McIntosh, Liberty Hill, Martha Stewart Bulloch, Oglethorpe, Patriots of Liberty, Philadelphia Winn, Sequoyah, Stallings Island, Sunbury, Suwanee Creek, Sweetwater, William Day, Cashwell Nash, NC Col. Joseph Winston, NC Greenlee, NC Old North State, NC Tennessee Society, & Elizabeth Sherman Reese, OH.

National Society Children of the American Revolution delegates included:

GASCAR, Dames Court of Honor, Eagles of Liberty, Elisha Winn, Liberty Tree, Martha Stewart Bulloch, Sukey Hart, SC Society, Col. Alexander Spotswood, VA Jack Jouett, KY, & Fort Watauga, TN

Other Linage Society and Organization representatives included:

Kettle Creek Battlefield Assoc., Dr. Andrew Turnbull, American Colonist, Descendants of the Battle of Kings Mountain & National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots.

Special thanks to Congressman Jody Hice for his message.

Click on the link below to watch the Battle of Kettle Creek Commemoration video:

<https://youtu.be/oceh-WDDF84>



Presentation of Wreaths



Congressman Jodie Hice was instrumental in moving the Kettle Creek recognition forward in Congress.

Coming Soon ??





Colonel Boyd Issued SAR Death Certificate

Everyone who knows Scott Collins knows he literally will give his all to the advancement of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. For many years, Scott has portrayed Col. James Boyd in our re-enactments of the Battle of Kettle Creek. To commend his award winning "death scenes" over the years, I determined him worthy to receive his official SAR Death Certificate for Colonel Boyd, in spite of his lack of laying down in the mud this year. His certificate reads as follows:

Whereas: Scott Collins has actively portrayed Colonel James Boyd multiple times.....

And whereas: Scott Collins has worn his red coat, making him a most obvious target.....

And whereas: Scott "Boyd" Collins has repeated been shot and killed by American Patriots.....

And whereas: Scott "Boyd" Collins has, to give the audience the ultimate pleasure of a Loyalist Dispatching, fallen to the ground in an authentic "death-gripping Tory" pose.....

And whereas: Scott Collins has given the ultimate sacrifice of "dying for George III".....

We do award Scott Collins this Death Certificate, verifying Scott is indeed the "Deadest of the Dead"

All are welcomed to observe this solemn Ceremonial Presentation.

Click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/MIWkueAHD-A>





Above: Neither Covid nor cold weather did not seem to keep the crowd away from the Brier Creek event.



Above: Quite a large contingency of Continentals attended the event.

Below: Brier Creek Artillery doing its usual top quality performance, while training future cannoneer, Robert Reynolds .





Above and Below: Precision movement of the Color Guard as they present the Colors to open the Commemoration.



Below: Bagpiper Dave Compton, Edward Telfair Chapter played "Amazing Grace" & "Flowers of the Forest".



Right; GA Senator Max Burns bringing greetings from the GA Senate (Screven Co)



Left: GA Representative Jon Burns bringing greetings from the House (Screven Co).

Dess says he is working on getting both of them to join the Brier Creek Chapter.



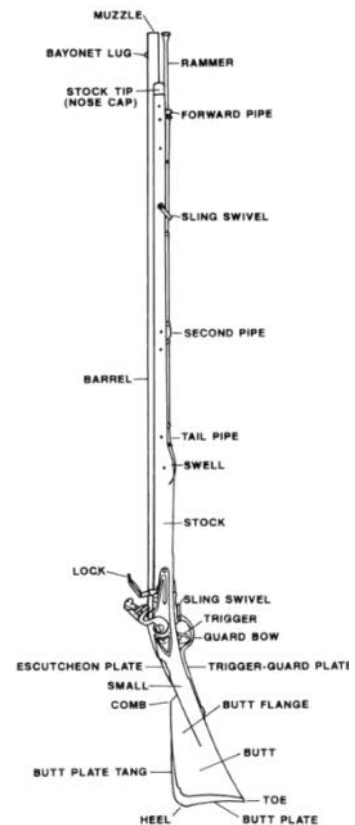
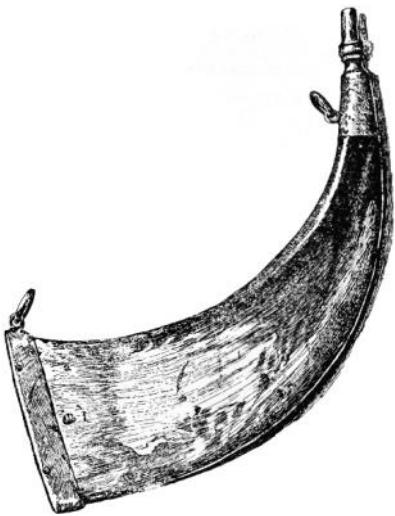


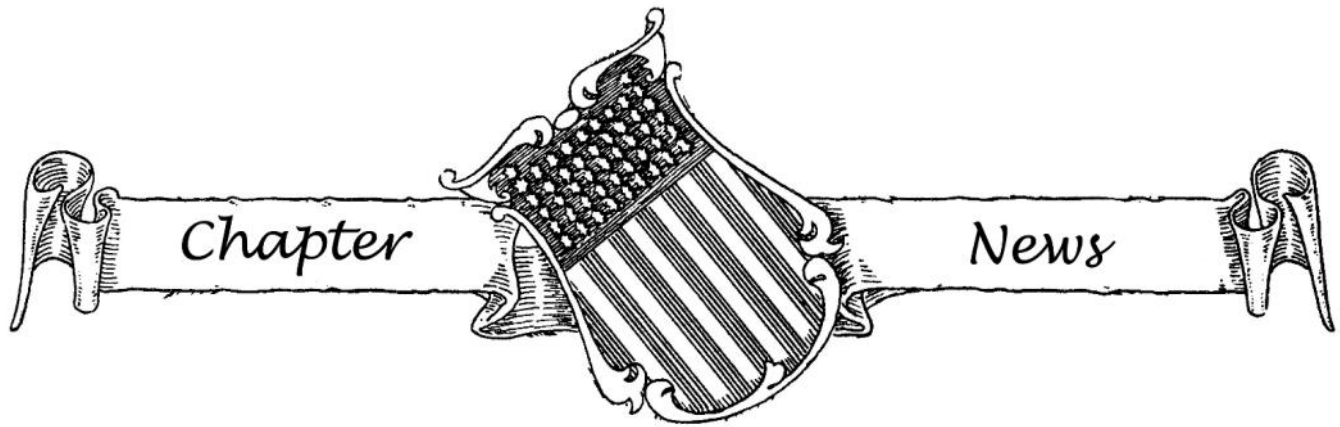
Above and Right: Members of VFW 116 & 7116 joined in the commemoration.

Below: Finding a Family of Compatriots is not rare. Having them all dress out in historical dress is. Decked out in splendid uniforms are, Wiregrass Chapter members, L to R: Davy Reynolds, Hoage Reynolds, Robert Reynolds and Alton Reynolds.



Right and Below: As is becoming more and more the norm, the number of firing militiamen has become so numerous, that we have been forming two ranks, and rotating position to fire. I bet we could grow to a number large enough to form 3 ranks one day. The sooner the better I say.





Athens



In accordance with President David Jessel's request to plant a flag in every county of Georgia, honoring our patriots. Athens Chapter wasted no time in honoring his wishes. Scott Collins planted one in Elijah Clark State Park, Jay Guest & Justin Reese III planted flags at the graves of William Talbot, Gannaway Martin and William Tripiett.





Left: On March 7, 2020, Gariot Dixon Hobbs and his wife were in a convenience store when a truck came crashing through the front. It narrowly missed his wife, but then struck a man. After determining that the two were okay, he turned to the driver whom he recognized. Realizing that the man had suffered some medical emergency, Gary removed him from the vehicle and started CPR. A Georgia State Patrol trooper arrived and assisted Gary until EMT's took over, and rushed the man to a hospital and emergency surgery. Doctors informed Gary that without his assistance, the man would most likely not have survived. Jay Guest presented Gary with a Life Saving Medal.

Below: Athens Chapter Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Chapter Vice-President David Wiley by Chapter President Jackson Guest. Chapter Member and Assistant National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins looks on.



Atlanta



Left: Chapter President Greg Smith presents the Chapter wreath at the Kettle Creek Commemoration.

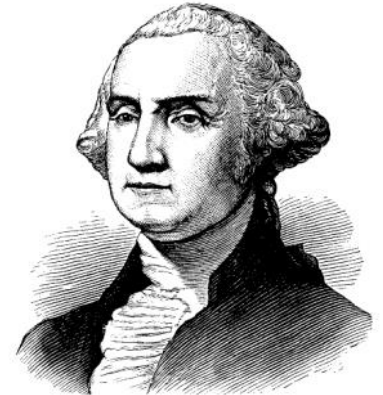
Blue Ridge Mountains

Blue Ridge Mountains is confronting the continuing COVID vs. School visitation issue by publishing two new lessons that have been sent to schools in their area. Currency in the Colonial Era and a program on George Washington. From Wampum to Reales, to Continentals, Money during the times is covered.



However did Washington survive? Did you know that he had Smallpox, Two musket misfires by Indians during the French and Indian War that certainly would have killed him, almost freezing when his raft failed in the icy Allegheny River, two horses shot from under him during the French and Indian War as well as finding four bullet holes in his hat.

Well the kids around the BRM Chapter know it !



At the Blairsville City Council Meeting, The Chapter presented the final plaque of appreciation to the Blairsville Police Department. The BRM made plaques for all Law Enforcement Departments in their coverage area for the fine service these organizations provide.



Brier Creek



Above Left & Right: During the Kettle Creek Commemoration video taping sessions, the smoke hung heavy during the wet weather. The Brier Creek Artillery Unit helped create much of the smoke screen.

Below Left: Compatriot Allen Mincey participated in the Brier Creek Commemoration.

Below Right: Compatriot Bernard Martin, also of Brier Creek, owns the 6- pound mortar used at the event, as well as others.



Button Gwinnett



Left: C.A.R. and SAR Jr. member Noah Tindell attended the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest & Kettle Creek videoing rainy day storms.

Above: Button Gwinnett members pose for a photo on that wet, wet day.



Left: Compatriot Mike Watkins presents the Chapter wreath at the Kettle Creek Commemoration.

Cherokee



Left: Mary Turner, Regent of the Sequoyah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with Compatriots Stan Lewis and Kevin Karel, shows the Commemoration Plaque for the 3 Liberty Trees planted at Lee Newton Park.



Above: L-R Emil Decker, Kevin Karel, and Stan Lewis, LEEP members show the 250th Anniversary flag.



Left - Counter clockwise: Veteran Park Organization President Ron Wheeler, Jasper Mayor Steve Lawrence, Stan Lewis, & Kevin Karel.



Below Right: Overcup Oak Tree. One of three Liberty Trees placed in the Jasper Veterans Park on February 19. SAR, DAR, and local representatives participated in the program.





Wrapped for warmth, the sun shone bright for the LEEP Ceremony.

Little River

Below: Alton McCloud presents the Little River Wreath for the Kettle Creek Online Commemoration.



Right: Compatriot William Colbert presented "My Assignment in the White House Communications Agency." Compatriot Colbert served in the agency during parts of the Carter and Reagan Administrations.



Right: Ben Faulkner was February's speaker and gave an interesting talk about an incident involving a dispute between his ancestor Carroll Usry and President Jimmy Carter's ancestor, Wiley Carter.



Eagle Scout Aleksander Helpingstine submitted an entry for the SAR Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest and was our chapter's winner. He received an SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate, and SAR Eagle Scout Patch, a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution, and a bookmark of historical flags of the American Revolution. Below, left to right, pictured are Chapter Compatriot and Eagle Scout Chairman William Hopkins, President William Tankersley, Aleksander, and his mother, Mrs. Helpingstine.



Above: Little River presented a U.S. Flag Certificate to Park Ranger Annie Johnson at the Elijah Clark State Park.



Above: Little River Compatriots Bill Tankersley, Don Thomas, Alton McCloud, Bill Colbert, and Gary Smith attended the Brier Creek Commemoration.

Right: We inducted three new members at our January meeting: Tommy Harris, Dave Joesbury, and Jack Joesbury. Pictured from left to right below are Drew Sanner of the Marquis de Lafayette chapter (brother-in-law of Tommy Harris), Tommy Harris, President Tankersley, and Ms. Jeanie Joesbury of the Captain John Wilson Chapter NSDAR, who accepted the new member certificates and rosettes on behalf of her sons, Dave and Jack, who could not be with us that evening.



Left: As a 24-year veteran of the United States Navy, Compatriot Jamie Walter was inducted into the National Society SAR Southwest Asia Veterans Corps and received a Certificate of Patriotism for his service in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



Right: Don & Pat Thomas were presented with the Col. John Dooly and Nancy Hart Education Outreach plaques and certificates from the Georgia Society SAR.

Lyman Hall

Compatriot Carter Wood joined Robert Forsyth President Chip Van Alstyne to present Eagle Certificates to 4 girls from Troop 5109. He enacted his role of Scouting founder Lord Baden-Powell at the founding of Troop 5109 and has been a fervent supporter of the Troop as a Commissioner with the Northeast Georgia Council. As a member of the Military Order of World Wars, he presented Eagle Certificates for that society as well.



Marquis de Lafayette



Left: Due to the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter being forced to meet virtually, Georgia Society President LCDR David G. Jessel USN Retired used a local fast-food restaurant to present two War Service Medals with Bronze 1st Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second medal to Major (Ret) Larry Aden Moore USA with Vietnam Bar and Oak Leaf Cluster for Grenada.

Above: LCDR Robert James Page, Jr. USNR Ret. with Iraq, Afghanistan, Global War on Terrorism, SW Asia Bars and Oak Leaf Cluster for second Afghanistan tour.

[Incidentally, LCDR Jessel is authorized the War Service Medal with Vietnam Bar and OLC for Cuban Missile Crisis. Editor]

Below: Registrar for North Georgia, Don Bulloch attended the Brier Creek Ceremony.

Right: Walt Reed presents the Chapter wreath at the recent Kettle Creek Online Commemoration Ceremony.



Mill Creek

Mill Creek new members: Mark Holzmann, Charles Perry (Charles also brought his son and grandson "into the fold"); Hu Daughtry, and Edward Patrick! Also, it is our good fortune to have Charlie Ward. He transferred in from Aiken, SC. Welcome to Mill Creek!



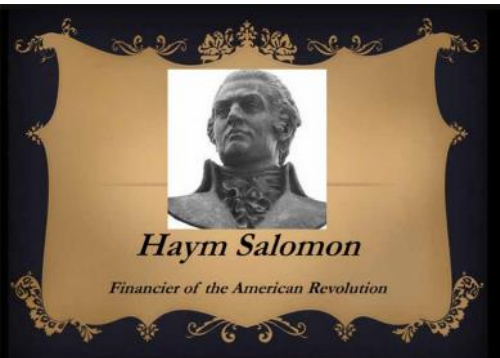
Hu Daughtry was asked to speak and he decided to tell us about his second book and his research into his family history from indentured servitude, slavery, serving with Francis Marion in the Revolution, fighting in the Confederate army on the plains of Manassas to his childhood memories of family and local family places. Hu recalled how the Confederates won a solid victory at Manassas bringing them to the height of their power. For Hu's ancestor though, it was there where he sustained the first of multiple disfiguring injuries that marked him in the minds of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and how his disabilities became part of his family history. Hu's presentation spanned more than 300 years reaching beyond American Revolutionary War history, and to how society's values, ethics, and religious influences affect our history.



Mount Vernon



At the January Meeting, Founding Mount Vernon President Shep Hammack spoke to the group about Hyam Salomon, who was 'The Financier of the American Revolution'. He raised what would amount to 80 million dollars in today's currency. His efforts helped General Washington keep our Patriots fighting the British. Ironically, Salomon died at the age of 45 in 1785, and left his family deeply in debt.



Tom Chrisman



February saw the annual installation of Officers by Georgia President David Jessel.

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

As our Guest of Honor, President Jessel gave a passionate talk about serving in the US Navy during the 70's. His experience on board the air craft carrier John F. Kennedy (CV-67) was moving as he depicted a terrible accident involving his original ship, the guided missile cruiser USS Belknap (CG-26) that hit the carrier and spilled aviation fuel onto both ships. Visibility resulting from the fire went to zero. The accident occurred in the Mediterranean Sea on the night of November 22, 1975, during flight operations. The collision greatly damaged the Belknap and caused 7 sailor deaths plus one sailor death on the Kennedy. Nothing short of a miracle and the hard work of firefighting ship mates saved lives and possibly both ships. President Jessel had a 21-year naval career and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Chapter Awards



2021 Lydia Darrah Award Winner Patsy Rann



- Certificate of Appreciation to Secretary David Wellons.
- Certificate of Appreciation to Shep Hammack.
- Certificate of Appreciation to Treasurer Ted Fricke.
- Lydia Darrah Award to Patsy Rann.
- Bronze Roger Sherman Award to Registrar/Genealogist Tom Chrisman
- Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to incoming Chapter President Tom Pye



2021 President Tom Pye



- Patriot Supplemental Awards
- Past President Shep Hammack's 11th 'Supplemental' approved. Patriot John Hyman
- Past President Bill Floyd had two 'Supplementals' approved. 1) Patriot Pleasant Sullivan and 2) Patriot John Abbott
- New Members Approved (ceremony to be at a later date)
- Edward Newton Upchurch - Patriot William Walker

- Anthony Jerome Olson, Erik Callison Olson, Scott Kearns Olson, & William Jerome Olson, all descended from - Patriot William Hansard



We had 18 members, 4 dual members, and 9 guests for the zoom meeting equaling 31 attendees. Our Guest speaker, Mark Anthony talked us through the oppression and cruelty inflicted on Patriots in South Carolina, by a Loyalist militia. They were led by a sadistic and brutal man named Major William Cunningham. Approximately 100 patriot men were killed by Cunningham and his men in a 45 day period in 16 major actions. Numerous homes and public works were destroyed."

The Chapter received two SAR flag streamers at the GA Annual Conference in January. A Distinguished Chapter and a Membership Award Streamer. President Tom Pye also received a streamer on behalf of Mt. Vernon Chapter for attending the 2021 Kettle Creek celebration.



Patrick Carr Rangers

Right: Chapter Compatriot Bill Tinley presented the Chapter wreath as well as a wreath from the City of Waynesboro at the annual Battle of Brier Creek Commemoration in Screven County.

Infamous misdeeds of Paddy Carr

1. June 20, 1780 - Murder of paroled Loyalist
2. August 1780 - Capture & recruitment of Edward Musgrove
3. February 1781 - Joins with Dunn for raid to Ceded Lands where nine (or 26 by one account) Loyalists murdered
4. May 2, 1781 - Loyalists ambushed and 'slaughtered indiscriminately' at the Bugg Plantation.
5. November 1781 - Murdered Capt. Goldsmith while trying to surrender at Indian Old Fields on the Ogeechee.
6. August 1790 - Convicted of murdering Acquilla Massey and later rescued from the hangman by an armed party
7. August 1802 - Carr Murdered by unkown ex-Loyalists

On March 8th, the chapter met at the home of Chapter President David Hargrove. In attendance were (left to right) Dess Smith and Wilder Smith of the Wiregrass Chapter, David Hargrove, Cliff Hargrove, Bill Tinley, and Lewis Tinley. Not pictured (taking the photo) was East Fall Line Region VP William Tankersley of the Little River Chapter.

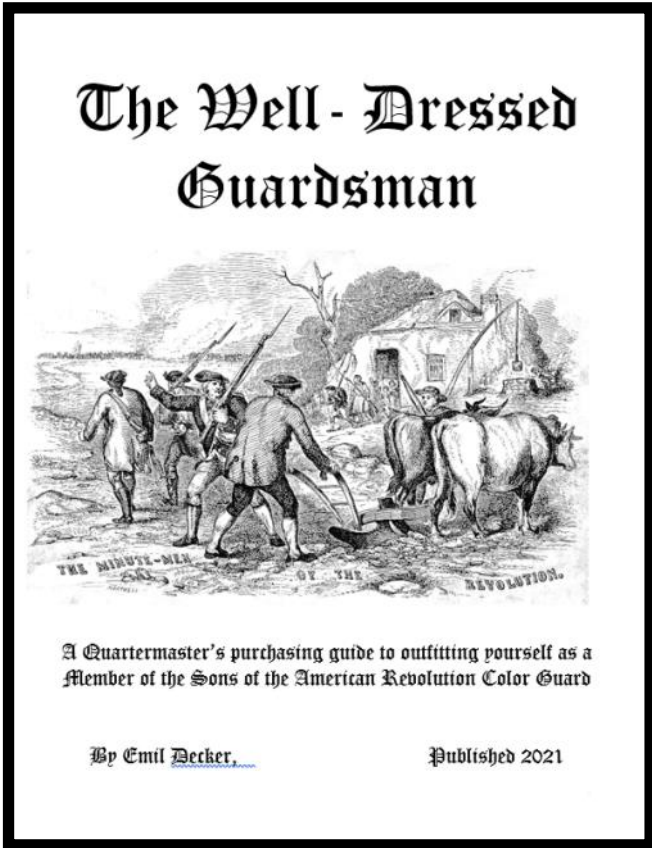


Robert Forsyth

Robert Forsyth member and *The Hornet's Nest* editor, regularly researches the availability and cost of Uniforms for members who wish to join the Color Guard and Elijah Clarke militia. The most recent updated "*The Well - Dressed Guardsman*" is currently available at:

<http://www.robertforsythsar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The-Well-Dressed-Guardsman-2021.pdf>

If you know of a sutler not in the publication, let us know, and we will include in our next edition. Providers, prices and products change with irregular notice. Help us keep abreast of new offerings.



Right: compatriot Decker hides behind a Liberty Tree during the Cherokee Chapter's Liberty Tree dedication ceremony.



Above: Don Loudermilk presents the Robert Forsyth Wreath at the Kettle Creek Commemoration Online.



On Sunday, Feb 28, the Robert Forsyth Chapter was invited to present Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to 4 members of Troop 5109. Troop 5109 is a nationally recognized Troop which was formed at midnight on Feb 1, 2019 and is one of the oldest girl-only Troops in the country. Robert Forsyth President, Chip Van Alstyne has been an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 5109 since his daughter joined in Oct 2019 and is credited as a Founding member of the Troop. Troop 5109 had 4 girls become members of the BSA's inaugural class of Female Eagle Scouts with official induction dates of Feb 8, 2021.

Samuel Elbert

2010 Vann's Creek Commemoration.



Stuart Lyle was a great Patriot!

By Larry Wilson

Regretfully, I report that Stuart Lyle, the founder of the 2007 Vann's Creek Ceremony has lost his bout with Covid-19 and has died at the age of 94. It was in 2007 when Stuart Lyle did the research for the Battle at Vann's Creek and asked the Park Ranger at the Richard B. Russell State Park if he could place a monument to honor those who fought at the Battle.

Stuart's request was denied and that became his personal battle. After he exhausted all efforts with the Georgia State Parks, he asked if there was anyone who could help him. I found a member of the State Park Board who wanted to help. After the member went to the State Park Board of Directors meeting he reported back to Stuart that it was approved to go ahead with planning for the first Annual ceremony for the "Battle of Vann's Creek". (*This was after the history for the Battle of Vann's Creek was screened for accuracy by their history department!*) Now, much to the chagrin of local officials, Stuart Lyle's history of the Battle of Vann's Creek was approved.

Stuart came over to my house and walked up and gave me a Bear Hug! I asked, when do you want to have the ceremony? Stuart said, "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" He chose the next available Saturday with the Georgia Color Guard, Saturday, December 1, 2007.

Stuart sitting at the Battle's Marker Stone.

James Stuart Lyle Sr. December 6, 1926 - January 21, 2021



Wiregrass

Right: Skunk Brigade [North Division] member, Compatriot Emil Decker came down to Swainsboro to hold an in-person presentation of "Medicine in the 18th Century".

Below: Chapter President Wilder Smith dress in his finest Continental Uniform instead of his dress-down Skunk brigade uniform, presents honors to the men who died at Brier Creek.



Below: Dess Smith represented the Wiregrass Chapter during the Kettle Creek Wreath Ceremony.





Georgia Society SAR President David G. Jessel had the honor and privilege of presenting his wife Mrs. Brenda Davison Jessel, President GASSAR Auxiliary with the SAR Appreciation Medal Silver Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of fifth award for services rendered with the GASSAR Auxiliary.



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 your meeting preparations, chapter banquets, service projects, grave markings, commemoration events, fundraising, and more.

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

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

Dear Ladies,

First, thank you to Deborah Dobbs for her excellent leadership in the GASSAR LA in 2020. Deborah was just the leader we needed for "such a time as this," and we appreciate her very much. Thank you for your confidence in the new Executive Board and your membership in the Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary. We are grateful for your membership and look forward to working with you to increase membership and work together toward a very successful NSSAR Annual Congress in 2022.

The NSSAR is coming to Georgia in 2022! The GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary will help make it a memorable event. We need the assistance of every member to do it. What do you enjoy doing? Are you a meet and greet person? Behind the scenes? Decorating tables for events? There is something for everything. If you are planning to come to Congress in Savannah in July 2022, there will be much to do as well as planning ahead, and helping make decisions. We hope you and your GASSAR member are planning now to attend. We want and need your input, your ideas ~ everyone is included. For those who cannot attend, we aren't leaving you out: We value your input and ideas as well. Please don't count yourself out! We are counting you "in!"

We hope you will join us to get ready for this event which will be very special. Please let us know your thoughts. We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for volunteering your heart and your hands for a wonderful event. Email at darismvcupoftea@gmail.com with your suggestions and ideas, and those whom we should contact about Membership.

Lifetime Dues at \$25.00 + \$15 for a beautiful GASSAR LA lapel pin. Telephone: 770.254.8579
Looking forward to adding new members, and to Congress 2022 in Savannah.
blessings,

Brenda Davison Jessel, President, GASSAR LA 2021





Children of the American Revolution

Right: NSSAR Officers, National Commander Lou Raborg (Center), Maryland SAR, Vice Commander Brooks Lyles (Left), North Carolina SAR, and First Adjutant Scott Collins (Right), Georgia SAR. Pose with members of the C.A.R. The C.A.R. is the future of the SAR.



C.A.R. Societies from across Georgia, several other states, and National joined in on the wreath presentation at the Kettle Creek Commemoration.







Above: O.B. McCorkle, GA State Regent at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Commemoration.

Center: Thanks goes out to Jeanie Joesbury for here singing of The National Anthem prerecorded for the Kettle Creek Commemoration.



Right: Mary Turner, Regent of the Sequoyah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, led the Liberty Tree planting at Lee Newton Park in Jasper, Ga. The joint planting of three trees was sponsored by the Sequoyah Chapter and the Cherokee Chapter SAR.



Below: The ladies from Sequoyah chapter, bundled against the wind, support many efforts in the North Georgia area.





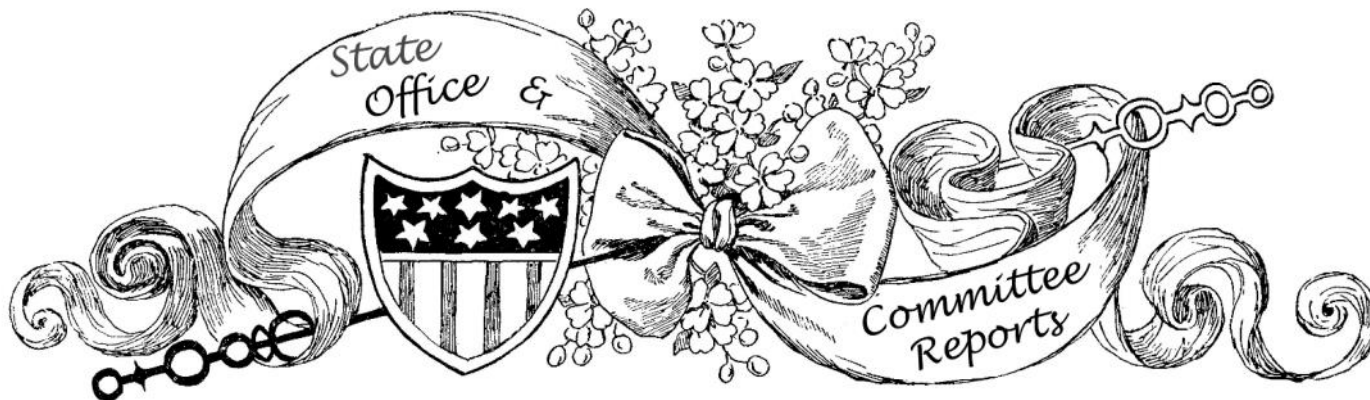
Left: Ladies from the DAR were in attendance at Brier Creek.

Right: Saturday, March 27, 2021 a special wreath-laying ceremony was conducted at the White County Veterans Memorial by Cindy Foster Grace, (center front) Regent, Tomochichi Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and Edwin Hendricks, (left front) Color Guard member Ron Hill, (not pictured) President, Joseph Habersham Chapter, Gary Hoyt, (right front) Veterans Committee Chairman, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



**Georgia Society
Deceased Members
January 01, - March 31,
2021**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
George Albert GAINES, Jr.	148315	Samuel Elbert	01 Jan 2021
Walter Louis HARRIS,	180145	Wash-Wilkes	10 Jan 2021
Harold Lawrence McPHEETERS	147275	Piedmont	14 Jan 2021
William Joel McRAY,	212952	Athens	20 Jan 2021
Burton Eugene CARTER,	209488	Fall Line	29 Jan 2021
James Earl CLARK	137495	Rome	30 Jan 2021
Daniel Beryl OLDS	164111	Coweta Falls	31 Jan 2021
Jason Dexter QUICK,	213400	Brier Creek	02 Feb 2021
L. Chandler VREELAND,	185253	John Collins	12 Feb 2021
Leroy Victor CRIST, Jr.	145690	Piedmont	13 Feb 2021
Julian Dantzler KELLY, Jr.	129396	Edward Telfair	15 Feb 2021
George Dewey WRIGHT, Jr.	147380	Dalton	18 Feb 2021
Robert Knox HERNDON	166059	Marquis de Lafayette	13 Mar 2021



Secretary - John Flikeid

New Members



Georgia Society New Members Since October 01, 2020

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altamaha	26 Feb 2021	Jack Latimer OWENS	John BEAGLE	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	26 Feb 2021	Brett Lamar SCANLON	Samuel BRISTOL	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Atlanta	29 Jan 2021	Norman Jeffrey GRANT	Walter HANSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	26 Feb 2021	John Watson GODWIN	Amos STEWART	Gregory Eugene SMITH
	26 Feb 2021	Christopher Robert GREEN	Robert DUNWOODY	Gregory Eugene SMITH
	12 Mar 2021	Michael Winford SOUTHERN	Gipson SOUTHERN	David Andrews NOBLE
Blue Ridge Mtns	15 Jan 2021	Alfred Barton HOIBRATEN	John HAYNES	Jack Powell DUGGER
	22 Jan 2021	Douglas Richard JAMISON	Nicholas ALTIMUS	Jack Powell DUGGER
Brier Creek				
Coweta Falls	15 Jan 2021	Gary Wenston HILL	Edward PEGRAM	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Edward Telfair	26 Feb 2021	Scott Matthew LAVELLE	John HEARNE	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
	12 Mar 2021	Thomas A WEIERICK, JR	Samuel POOL	David Edward FOX
John Collins	26 Feb 2021	Craig Newbon WESTER	John TREUTLEN	Roger Warren COURSEY
	12 Mar 2021	Jesse Ellis CLARK	Timothy ELLIS	Roger Warren COURSEY
John Collins	29 Jan 2020	Thomas Leon PANTER	Clayborn DAVENPORT	Randall Brian HUBER
	26 Feb 2021	Henry Patrick BONDS	Jeremiah BURNS	Randall Brian HUBER

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
John Milledge	12 Mar 2020	Mark Jerome Johnson BLOUNT	Isaac BLOUNT	William Glenn NEELY, III
Marquis de Lafayette	12 Mar 2020	Jared James SANNER	Thomas CRESAP	Drew Christopher SANNER
Marshes of Glynn	12 Mar 2020	Zane Edwin SCHAUER	Nicholas SHOWER	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	26 Feb 2021	William Wheeler BRYAN, Jr.	Lewis DUPREE	Eugenius Sheppard HAMMACK
	12 Mar 2021	Dale Eugene HAMILTON	David ELLINGTON	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS
	12 Mar 2021	Austin Jasper HAMILTON	David ELLINGTON	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS
	12 Mar 2021	Luke Layne HAMILTON	David ELLINGTON	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS
	12 Mar 2021	Daniel Taylor HAMILTON	David ELLINGTON	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS
	12 Mar 2021	Stuart Lee HAMILTON	David ELLINGTON	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS
	12 Mar 2021	William Robert SCHILLING, Jr.	Seth KELLAM	James Hall BOATRIGTH, III
	12 Mar 2021	Hanes Christopher CARVER	Casper BOLICK	Roger Warren COURSEY
	12 Mar 2021	Ellis Martin OGDEN	Casper BOLICK	Roger Warren COURSEY
	12 Mar 2021	Larkin Taylor HAMILTON	David ELLINGTON	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS
Mount Vernon	22 Jan 2021	Erik Callison OLSON	William HANSARD	Charles Callison OLSON
	22 Jan 2021	Edward Newton UPCHURCH	William WALKER	Thomas Allen CHRISMAN
	22 Jan 2021	Anthony Jerome OLSON	William HANSARD	Charles Callison OLSON
	22 Jan 2021	Scott Kearns OLSON	William HANSARD	Charles Callison OLSON
	22 Jan 2021	William Jerome OLSON	William HANSARD	Charles Callison OLSON
	26 Feb 2021	Charles Clifford LEE	William SUTTLES	William Warren McPHILLIPS
Ocmulgee	15 Jan 2020	Matthew Wright BOONE	Joseph ANDERSON	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
	12 Mar 2021	Dale Lee SUMNER	Peter CUMMINGS	
Piedmont	12 Mar 2020	Jeffrey Michael BAKER	Nicholas TARTER	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	15 Jan 2021	Samuel Phillip SAPP	Jonathan OGDEN	Robert Alvyn SAPP
	15 Jan 2021	David Phillip SAPP	Jonathan OGDEN	Robert Alvyn SAPP
Robert Forsyth	26 Feb 2021	Edward John REIMBOLD	Stephen CRANE	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
Wash-Wilkes	12 Mar 2021	William Robert LeRoy ESKEW	Joseph BONNER	Thomas Milne OWEN
	12 Mar 2021	John Thomas LaFayette ESKEW	Joseph BONNER	Thomas Milne OWEN
	12 Mar 2021	Glenn Thomas ESKEW	Joseph BONNER	Thomas Milne OWEN
Wiregrass	22 Jan 2021	Anthony Wayne WATERS	William CALE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	22 Jan 2021	Lucas Owen WATERS	William CALE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	22 Jan 2021	Christopher Allen WATERS	William CALE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III

Total: 46

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2021	1965
Additions	
New Members - Regular	45
New Members - Junior	4
Memorial Members	2
Transfers In	0
Reinstatements	3
Reinstatement-Transfers	1
Total Additions	55
Losses	
Deceased	17
Memorial Members	2
Resignations	0
Transfers Out	1
Total Losses	20
Active Membership as of 31 March 2021	2000
Reported to National	
Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	20
Active Membership as of 31 March 2021	2020



Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley



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

Our goal is for each chapter in the GA Society to present at least one of the 5 available medals each year. When presenting a PS & H medal, please remember to complete the attached NSSAR reporting form and e-mail it to NSSAR Public Service & Heroism Chairman Wayne Brown at engineerscorner@gmail.com, and me so that we can keep accurate records of your presentations.

Streamers are now awarded at the annual meeting on the following basis:

- 1. Yellow Streamer** (for gold) with the lettering (Public Service & Heroism Award for Excellence) for any chapter presenting awards in all five PS&H categories; Law, Fire, EMS, Life Saving and Heroism.
- 2. Silver Streamer** with the lettering (Public Service & Heroism Award for Distinction) for any chapter presenting awards in four of the five PS&H categories; Law, Fire, EMS and Life Saving or Heroism.
- 3. Brown (for bronze) Streamer** with the lettering (Public Service & Heroism Award for Honorable Mention) for any chapter presenting awards in the following three PS&H categories; Law, Fire and EMS.

Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
					
Athens					Gariot Dixon Hobbs

[Knight Essay - Terry Gibbs](#)



First of all, thank you for coordinating your Chapter's Knight Essay competition and submitting the winning essay to the Georgia State Society Competition. The essays received were outstanding this academic year. Judges scored the essays using criteria that the SAR requires. The competition was so close that there was only one point difference between the First Place and Runner Up Essays. As a matter of fact we had a tie this year for runner up, a first. Here are the winners:

First Place:

Raga Yarlagadda, sponsored by the Coweta Falls Chapter. "*Black Patriots: The Unsung Heroes of the American Revolution*" Raga will receive a Cash Scholarship of \$550, Medal with Neck Ribbon and Certificate. The Georgia Society's winning essay will be submitted to the National Society for the National Competition.

Runner Up Tie

Spencer Sullivan, sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. "*The Merit of Dissent*"

Samiksha Gaherwar, sponsored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter. "*Weapons of Warfare: The Real American Revolution*"

Each will receive a Cash Scholarship of \$400 and Certificate. Due to the cancellation of this year's in person Georgia Society Annual meeting because of the COVID19 pandemic the awards will be mailed directly to the winners by the Georgia Society.

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

The 2021-2022 Knight Essay Contest commences this calendar year with the beginning of the school year in August of 2021. Contestants enter the contest through the nearest SAR Chapter. The deadline for entries at the Chapter Level is December 1, 2021.

[Eagle Scout - William Coffeen](#)



The Eagle Recognition committee has had a daunting year in its efforts to recognize Eagle Scouts. The most effective way to do so is during an Eagle Court of Honor and of course the pandemic has crippled that effort for most of the year. In spite of that there were at least 60 Eagle Scout recognition certificates issued throughout Georgia based upon chapter annual reports to date. The Cpt. John Collins chapter issued the most certificates at 15.

Our annual King Eagle Scout Scholarship competition was won by Garrett Stigall, sponsored by the Edward Telfair chapter. Bryce Lateroute, sponsored by the Piedmont chapter, was runner-up. Garrett was recognized with a \$550 scholarship check and trophy at our Georgia Society's virtual annual "Chapter and Youth Awards" program via Zoom on January 30. His application will be forwarded to National to be judged in the NSSAR competition. Our Georgia Society runner-up will receive a scholarship check for \$400 from our committee. National level competition will continue to be fierce. National scholarship awards for 2020 will be \$10,000 for 1st, \$6,000 for 2nd and \$4,000 for 3rd. 4th & 5th Place \$500 each and 6th thru 10th Place \$200 each. We'll keep the Georgia Society apprised of those results.

For the benefit of GASSAR Chapters planning to have a Brochure or a Poster contest entry for the GASSAR competition, please note the information below:

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



Normally, the judging for the GASSAR winner in the Brochure and Poster Contests would take place during our in-person Spring BOM meeting on April 24th. This year the Spring BOM meeting will be held virtually on Zoom on April 24th. Therefore, in order to give the judges ample time to evaluate the Chapter entries for these two contests, I am asking that the Brochures and Posters be **submitted to me electronically no later than April 15th.**

For Brochure entries:

Scan the outside and inside of the Chapter's winning student Brochure and save it as a PDF file. Email both pages of the PDF version of the brochure to RickReese68@att.net

For Poster Entries:

Take a clear, high resolution picture of the Chapter's winning Poster showing the detail of the poster content. Email the picture of the poster to RickReese68@att.net



Americanism - Gary Page

The NSSAR Americanism Committee has a webpage where you can watch a video of Mark Anthony's Americanism Score Sheet Training, as well as view a list of Frequently Asked Questions and a Training Script from the online training session to help you work with the reformatted Americanism report.

The Americanism Committee link is:

<https://www.sar.org/committees/americanism-committee/>

Training Video Notes: The run time is 2 Hrs. 52 minutes. The training session ends at 57 minutes. The four Q&A sessions start at 58 minutes and end at 2 Hrs. 52 minutes.

Americanism Score Sheet Instructions

2021 Americanism Score Sheet

Americanism Score Sheet Training Video

Americanism Training Script

Americanism Score Sheet FAQs

2019 Americanism Report

Georgia Fellows Board - Edward P. Rigel, Jr



First Quarter:

New Georgia Fellows:

Ron Redner – Compatriot Redner is a member of the Piedmont Chapter.

Fund Activity:

Compatriot Stephen Weaver of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter received a \$200 uniform stipend.

The Fund received a miscellaneous donation of \$25 from the Captain John Collins Chapter. (Chairman's note: Neither I nor the State Treasurer received any further information as to the

nature of this donation, but I thank the Chapter for their contribution.)

Paul Prescott Award:

In 2020, the Board of Managers authorized the creation of the Paul Prescott Award, which will be awarded to the Chapter that recruits the most new Georgia Fellows during the preceding calendar year. This year to date, the following Chapters have recruited new Fellows:

Piedmont

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2022 Congress - Allen Greenly



Fund raising projects have started and a raffle for a black powder rifle donated by Bill Dobbs was raffled off. Emory Fennel has forged two knives and donated them to the committee, Dr. Ed Rigel has donated a fine black powder rifle and Charlie Newcomer has donated a pair of matched black powder pistols with a hand made case. These are all for future raffles.

The Committee approved the commission of a painting of Washington entering Savannah. The cost of the painting will be \$3,500. The committee reached out to all the chapters and received donations of \$2,300 including a \$500 donation from the Georgia Fellows Fund. The committee applied to the George Washington Endowment Fund and was awarded \$1,600 toward the cost of the painting. When completed, prints of the painting will be done and sold for \$100 per print.

The committee has approved the all day tour. This tour will leave from the hotel and travel by bus to Ft. Morris. At Ft. Morris, it is planned that the Come and Take It reenactment will take place. We are also working on musket and cannon firing. The busses will then take the participants to Midway Church where there will be a tour of the church and museum. The participants will be served a box lunch. After lunch, they will go across the street where they will participate in 5 Patriot grave markings. We are also working on a monument with a plaque for the approximately 125 Patriot soldiers buried in the cemetery, most in unmarked graves.

Planning for the Host and Volunteer Reception is moving forward. The initial cost of these two events will be approximately \$45,000. These events will not be sit-down dinners as other Congresses have been.



Grave Marking - Bruce Maney

No Grave Marking activities have occurred during the pandemic. However, the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR will be co-sponsoring with the Sunbury Chapter, NSDAR a "masked requested" Patriot Grave Marking service on May 15th for Corporal Samuel McMillan, in Hoschton, Georgia. Patriot McMillan served in the South Carolina Regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. Francis Marion. The invitation for wreath presenters and location information will be emailed later this week.

I attended two DAR "mask requested" Patriot Grave Marking events on April 17th conducted by the Sunbury Chapter NSDAR in Barrow County, Georgia. Patriot David Smith was honored at a 1:00 p.m. service and Patriot William Pentecost was honored at a 3:00 p.m. service. Several SAR Chapters presented wreaths and the Elijah Clark Militia provided a Musket Salute at both services.

GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies planned for 2021

15 May Patriot Samuel McMillan, co-sponsored by the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR and Sunbury Chapter NSDAR.

GRAVE REGISTRY Forms submitted in 2021

Patriot David Smith grave registry form was submitted by the Little River Chapter. It was discovered that the NSSAR Patriot Research System reports that the SAR marked this Patriot's grave in December 2007. However, no Grave Registry Form was submitted to the GASSAR and this Patriot was not found in the GASSAR Grave Registry. The Little River Chapter attended the April 17th DAR Patriot Grave Marking in Barrow County, presenting a wreath which was also attended by a member of that Chapter who was a descendant. Thanks to the Little River Chapter completion of the Graves Registry form, Patriot David Smith will now be found in the GASSAR Graves Registry.



Library - Hugh Rodgers

This comes as a reminder to check your Friends of the Library renewal date. Several chapters and compatriots have (had) February and March renewal dates.

We have reports of 9 chapters, 1 for the Georgia Society; the number of Georgia compatriots and WOSAR came to 53 memberships. The Georgia Society total is 63 FOL memberships. *(With their total of 64, the Tennessee Society leads us by 1 membership!)*

A special thanks and tip of the hat to Compatriot George Thurmond who became a Life Friend of the Library in February of this year. What a great achievement for the Library. Other types of special recognition include the Benjamin Franklin Subscriber (\$300); Library Endowment Fund (\$500), and the Robert Morris Benefactor (\$2,000). Let's keep these in mind as we think about ways to support the Library.

Piedmont Chapter President and member of the NSSAR Library Committee Allen Finley gave a very enlightening presentation about "Friends of the Library". The focus of his talk was on the NSSAR Library at our society headquarters in Louisville, KY. If you visited the NSSAR Library in the past you know the wealth of information and resources it contains, Based on Al's presentation you will also discover many online resources that are available to assist you with your genealogical search efforts using your computer. If you have never been to the NSSAR Library, you will discover what this great research library has to offer.

Here is the link to a video of the "Friends of the Library" presentation by Allen Finley. <https://youtu.be/977OUCsOsVQ>

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.



Source Book - Ed Rigel Sr.

The following is a list of SourceBook sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 1st Quarter 2021:

- 16.0.1 Recipients--Medals, State & National.doc
- 16.0.1.0 Recipients--The Minuteman Award (National) .doc
- 16.0.1.1 Recipients--Patriot Medal.doc
- Appendix 1A NSSAR Logos.docx
- 05.0.1 Georgia Society History thru 2020.doc
- 12.01B-Policy-on-Use-of-DNA-in-the-SAR-Application-Process 022021.doc

In response to learning that users of Google Chrome browser were unable to download Word documents from the Sourcebook, Compatriot Richard Marsh revised the Sourcebook to allow Downloads.

The Sourcebook has a new look but I think you will appreciate the changes.

Let me know if you encounter any issues.

A big shoutout to Richard!



Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

First Quarter, 2021 Report

There were seventy (70) applications processed during the 1st Quarter 2021. Below is a breakdown by Chapter:

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Athens		23		
Atlanta	6			
Button Gwinnett	1		1	1
Capt. John Collins	2	1		
Cherokee	4			
Coweta Falls	5		1	
Joseph Habersham	7		1	
Marquis de Lafayette	4	5		
Piedmont	3		1	
Robert Forsyth	1	1		
Rome	1			
Samuel Elbert	1			
Total	34	31	4	1



DAR Liaison - Shep Hammack

Ms. Lynn Jacques has accepted the position of Committee Chair - Cooperation of DAR with SAR/ S.R. and we are in communication on continuing the cooperation between DAR and SAR.

If any chapter has recognized a DAR lady for her efforts, please advise this committee so we can recognize her throughout the state.

DAR Chapters Visited this Quarter by this Committee's Members and other SAR Members **

Compatriot Carter Wood hosted three Zoom meetings for the Sunbury DAR Chapter and loaned AV gear to Jacob Braselton DAR Chapter for two Zoom sessions. He presented programs to the following: Sunbury DAR on Feb 3rd, Patriots of Liberty DAR on March 7th and Old Unicoi DAR on March 13th.

Compatriot Carter Wood hosted a George Washington Birthday Virtual celebration with Sunbury, Jacob Braselton, Col William Candler and Patriots of Liberty DAR chapters on March 22nd.

Chairman Shep Hammack made a presentation to the Sandy Springs DAR Chapter on January 28th.

Compatriot Terry Manning made a presentation to the Sandy Springs DAR Chapter on February 25th.

Chairman Shep Hammack and Compatriot Rev. Bill Floyd presented Colors for the Sandy Springs DAR chapter on January 28th.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Present a Medal of Appreciation to a DAR member who has assisted in recruiting 5 new members for the Dalton SAR Chapter.

**** Request that any SAR member who visits a DAR chapter please make this committee aware of your actions.**



National Trustee - Don Burdick

The Spring Leadership Meeting was held virtually, Saturday, March 6, 2021 with President General Jack Manning presiding. 134 members signed in at meeting start. General officers and Committee Chairmen Reports were made or are "in the book." Minutes of the February 2020 and December 2020 meetings were approved!

Current plans are for the Washington Congress to be held in Renton, Washington, July 10-15, 2021. Compatriots planning to attend should make hotel reservations soonest. Information is available on the National Society webpage. Information concerning Congress Registration is expected to be available by mid May. Congress tours are still being worked on. Zoom will not be available for this Congress.

The new SAR logo is copyrighted! Chapter Secretaries and any compatriot wishing to use this logo on chapter letterheads, any form of correspondence, material, clothing, objects, etc. must obtain permission from Don Shaw, Executive Director, NSSAR Headquarters.



Flag Respect - Paul Prescott

You have all heard GASSAR President David Jessel's acceptance speech or seen the newsletter that printed his remarks. You know that he laid down a marker for every GASSAR Chapter to present at least one Flag Respect Certificate during 2021. This is not a difficult task provided each chapter has a member responsible for the task. In 2019, one chapter presented 70 Flag Respect Certificates. One per chapter should not be an impossible task.

This past January I sent a message to the BOM requesting contact information on each chapter's Flag Respect Chairman. I received 9 out of 35 chapters responses. Some responders said that they did not have a Flag Respect Chairman but that the President would be the contact. If we are to meet GASSAR President Jessel's goal of 100 percent participation in Flag Certificate presentations, we will need more chapter enthusiasm and participation.

Worthy Flag Respect Certificate candidates are not difficult to find. The only requirement is that they fly/display the flag according to the U.S. Flag Code. This means that if the flag is displayed 24/7, it must be illuminated at night. Many businesses and government entities put the flag out in the morning and take it in a night. Some businesses display the flag indoors where night security lights keep it illuminated. Open your imagination and you will find all sorts of examples where the flag is displayed properly. All federal buildings are required to fly the flag and many of them have it illuminated. Schools are generally good candidates. Some schools have the student council raise the flag in the morning and take it down at the close of school. Town, city, and county government buildings may also fly the flag in a proper fashion. Do not forget businesses such as Chick - Fil - A. Also, many individual citizens put the flag out in the morning, on good days, and take it in at night. Use your imagination and you will find many more examples.

The First Quarter BOM reports were equally disappointing. I have, to date, received reports from only 23 chapters. Of the 23 chapters, only 6 reported that they had presented a Flag Certificate. We are a long way from reaching President Jessel's goal of 100% chapter participation. Most of us should have had our COVID shots by now and, still with a mask, should have no problems making Flag Certificate presentations.

The goal this year is at least one Flag Respect Certificate from each GASSAR chapter. However, please do not forget that there is also a Flag Retirement Certificate which is a separate program.



Veterans - Gary Hoyt

The VA has approved construction of Fisher Houses at the Decatur and Dublin VA Medical Centers. A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families and Caregivers of Veterans and Active Duty Military receiving treatment at major military and VA medical facilities. Fisher House accommodations are provided at no cost to guests, and located within walking distance of the treatment facility. Supporting residents with vouchers for travel, food and clothing will be one way of serving veterans and their families when these new homes open.

The National Park Service news release announcing free access for active duty members of the United States armed forces, Veterans, and Gold Star Families. As the weather begins to warm and vaccines go into arms, our national parks and monuments are going to be a great escape following a really bad year. Here's the link:

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm>

The COVID-19 pandemic greatly curtailed service to veterans activities in 2020 resulting in the lower number of points reported. I am proud of what GASSAR Chapters achieved in one of the toughest years in memory. Twenty of our 35 Chapters submitted Stark Reports -- the highest response rate in the nation! Though we achieved no first place finishes, GASSAR Chapters received honorable mention or were highly ranked in Stark Award Categories 10-49, 50-99 and 100-199. Well done! 20 chapters = 57.1% of Georgia Society.

Compatriots who have accumulated Q1 2021 Stark Award Points are encouraged to report earned points to Chapter Presidents and Americanism Committee Chairmen.

Honoring the nation's Medal of Honor recipients is relevant to many GASSAR Committees -- not just Veterans - and participation in the "Medal of Honor Mail Call" constitutes a gesture of gratitude and respect for our nation's heroes. The Fifth Annual "Medal of Honor Mail Call," sponsored by Janine Stange and the National Medal of Honor Museum occurred March 25. Compatriots who have been awarded the Medal of Honor included MG Patrick Henry Brady. My letter of thanks noted that both his patriot and mine served at Saratoga, and perhaps we could one day compare notes.

To read of Brady's service, go to:

https://mohmuseum.org/medal_of_honor/brady-patrick-henry/





Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

I know we are hoping for good things to happen in 2021 as we try to get back to normal!

We had a great turn out at the Brier Creek event and thanks to everyone who participated!

Please keep sending your local news to your local newspapers who are often eager for positive happenings in the community and don't forget, local news items are also your bet best to recruit new members. Its free publicity! Also, please don't forget to send your news to Emil Decker for the Hornet's Nest. Thanks to Emil for his excellent work!

Georgia SAR had good representation in the last issue of National SAR Magazine, so keep that information coming to me for review and submission. If you submit photos to me to edit and send on, please send full size photos and not text messages. Also send along information about the

photo and identify everyone in the photo.

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 the support of the George Washington Endowment Fund, this project is now fully funded. Once the painting is completed and paid, they will reimburse GASSAR. Many Thanks for your support!

We have another project under way that will commemorate the British withdrawal from Savannah on July 11, 1782. The plan is to place a granite park bench in the Savannah Battlefield Memorial Park, close to the flagpole. I was successful in getting tentative permission from the City of Savannah to place the bench in the park, but it still must go before full city Council.

If each chapter would contribute \$25 to this effort, we plan on requesting the balance of the monies from the Georgia fellows fund or the George Washington endowment fund. The bench will be dedicated during the 2022 SAR National Congress. Again, any funds contributed to this effort should go to Shep Hammack at the address above, with a note it's for the Battlefield Park bench. Approximate cost for the bench is \$2,000.

A final issue relating to the Savannah 2022 Congress, concerns drawing up a new Savannah Revolutionary War Patriot Squares brochure that we will distribute 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 to all visitors after our conference, through the Savannah Visitor's bureau. Hopefully, the brochure will help with future membership recruitment!



President's Report - David Jessel

To: Chapter Presidents:

1. History – during 2020 GASSAR ran a pilot program of six chapters which allowed
2. individuals to pay **Dues by Credit Card**. Members were given the option of paying dues to the chapter or paying by credit card to GASSAR and the chapter was reimbursed periodically by the GASSAR Treasurer. The program was successful.
3. For 2021 this **Dues by Credit Card** program is being made available to all 35 GASSAR Chapters; however, a chapter must opt IN or OUT. **ACTION IS REQUIRED!**
4. **Deadline is COB (close of business) 27 April 2021**

A chapter may opt out by sending an email to jesselgassar@gmail.com giving Chapter Name and stating, "No Thank You." After the Deadline, a chapter is automatically listed as opted OUT.

A chapter that wishes to opt IN needs to take the following actions before the Deadline:

Send an email to jesselgassar@gmail.com ; gassarsecretary@gmail.com ; rparmarsh1@att.net Stating **Chapter Name, Chapter's POC (Point of Contact) Name** (this will normally be the Chapter Treasurer), **POC email address, POC phone #.** (Chapter POC information is critical, as they will receive special training. Individuals in the chapter can still pay the Chapter Treasurer, if they do not want to pay by credit card.)

Looking forward to your responses.



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.

Investment Instruments at End of Reporting Period December 31, 2020:

\$80,864

Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey



This year recipients that were selected and received the Patriot Medal were: **William B. Dobbs, II** of the George Walton Chapter, **William "Bill" Hughes Raper** of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, **Frederic "Rick" M. Reese, Jr** of the Piedmont Chapter, and **Delbert Alan Smith** of the Col. William Few Chapter.

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

I encourage anyone who submits applications to give much thought to those being submitted. REMEMBER, those compatriots being submitted must represent long, faithful and outstanding service to the state and/or chapter. Work at National does not count for receiving the Patriot Medal. Document all service at the state and chapter level well, and include any volunteer or other service that would be appropriate for consideration. The deadline for submitting a candidate for the Patriot Medal is 31 October 2021. Their application form and supporting documentation must be "emailed" to the Patriot Medal Committee Chairman on or before 31 October 2021. Before you submit someone, please read the rules and guidelines for submittal. The Patriot Medals will be awarded at the Friday night Banquet at the Annual Meeting of GASSAR in January of 2022.

Chancellor - Joseph Vancura, Jr.



It was with sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Compatriot Chandler Vreeland, whom we had elected Chancellor for 2021. Chandler was a valued, long-time member of the Captain John Collins Chapter, and will be deeply missed.

I am honored to step-in and serve as Chancellor on an interim basis. I encourage each of you to review your membership for potential candidates for this position, for the balance of this year or for 2022 and beyond. A candidate for Chancellor shall be a lawyer in good standing, willing and able to serve as legal advisor to the Society.

In the first quarter of this year, I was not called to address on any matters.

Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett



Thank you for the rapid feedback about the orations contest, it looks like we will have about 4-5 participants in the state. Due to the pandemic we will judge the Orations Contest using videos of the participants. We will follow the guidelines set by National for these videos:

The contest video must be of continuous feed and not exceeding 800 Megabites in size. Absolutely no editing is permitted! It should be recorded in a horizontal frame on an iPhone or Android Phone. By recording it in this manner, the judges will be able to evaluate the contestant's stage presence. We also suggest that you find a venue with a stage and an American 50 star flag on the left and a SAR flag on the right. No state flags or other signage should be present. It is important not to identify the location where the video was recorded. Please keep the background simple, so it does not detract from the contestant. Please make sure to test that the sound is clear and audible before you start recording.

If you have any questions please email or call me.

Historian - David Ludley



2020 History of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is available for reading on the Georgia Society Website. [2020 begins on page 40.Editor]

<https://gasocietysar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Georgia-Society-History.pdf>

After photographing, digitalizing, and adding several more items to the Digital Catalog, I made an appointment with the Atlanta History Center chief curator for February 17th, 2021, and carried a box full of GASSAR items with full descriptions there and archived them.

I wish to thank Hornet's Nest Editor Emil Decker, for the vital role his newsletter had in the construction of this 2020 History of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Without his help, this task would have been far more difficult than it already was. Thank you, Compatriot Decker. And a final congratulations to President William Dobbs II, Compatriot Rick Reece, Jr., and the entire Georgia Society for a job well done, under the very difficult circumstances presented throughout the year 2020. To quote the title of the front page article, "Pandemics, Politics, & Presidents: What could be more Perturbing?" Amen to that!

Editor - Emil Decker

I received an interesting email the other day. A former member of the Georgia Society had moved to another state, and wished to have a copy of *The Hornet's Nest* to connect with his former abode. I referred him to the website, and he responded that "there it was all the time..... I just didn't know." I wonder how many of our fellow compatriots in your chapter do not know *The Hornet's Nest* is available online once it has been published?

It is vital that you inform your members, especially when many chapters are not physically coming together for in-person meetings, that the information is out there. Just remind them. They should visit the website often....at least 5 times a year, as that is how many times we post.

Two issues may need to be discussed at the Next BOM. One deals with email scams coming "to our compatriots, assumedly from our compatriots." These annoyances are possibly derived from someone reading our online posting of the newsletter, or through some software, acquiring the addresses from them on the website. Do we remove all email references from our newsletter? Would this work, or is it detrimental to our own internal communications? Would it hurt more than help? I deal with spammers in the name of "insert *compatriot/friend/relative* here" all the time. I just delete. I know they or you did not send it out, and just roll on. If you are sending out "DON'T DO IT, IT'S NOT ME !!!" then they have got your goat, so to speak, if not your money. Just delete and roll on. We will never get rid of this issue, in my opinion. However, if the Society deems it a big enough issue, we may need to make some changes.

The second issue involves ads inside *The Hornet's Nest*. There are Societies other than ours, that run ads in their newsletters. Our National Magazine does. Some of these are possible connections where we might obtain interest in new SAR memberships. We have carried information from some organizations like the DAR and C.A.R. in the past without monetary compensation. Should we charge if a Lineal Organization wishes to place an ad within our newsletter? How big and much? How many people will see the ad (*see first para. Above*)? What about individuals with items that may be of interest to our compatriots and wish to sell them? What about Compatriots wishing to trade / sell / buy uniforms, weapons, etc.? I have not brought this one up in the past, as I would personally be someone who might be interested should this meet BOM approval. (*My Patriot Grave Markers and other items for sale.*) but I have refrained from posing this question since it would possibly be a "conflict of interest" between my personal interests and my office as editor, and so I have not. Now it has been broached by another compatriot in the Georgia Society, and may be raised in discussion at the next BOM. Or not. What do you think?

