

Newsletter of The Georgia Society



Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



April - June 2021



The President's Dispatch

The 2nd quarter had many activities we participated in, and here are just a few. It started with the filming of Patriots Day at St. Simons Island for later viewing. We had a chance at family time to meet with two granddaughters for the weekend who attend Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. A successful Flag Retirement in Newnan was also attended by our Mayor and many military organizations, where we retired about 800 U.S. Flags.

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Formation & Charter Banquet of the Georgia Brigade of the "Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge"

The origins of the Georgia Brigade began when Susan Gillette Meer, National Commander of the DVF, was the speaker at the Robert Forsyth Monthly Chapter meeting in November 2020. Bob Sapp was in attendance at our meeting and knowing there was probably a sufficient number of DVF members in Georgia, he started the process of forming a brigade. Bob worked with both Susan and Rick Abbott, the DVF Brigade Liaison, on the steps necessary to form a brigade. Bob subsequently sent out an Interest Inquiry email to current Georgia DVF members that generated sufficient interest to move the process forward. Bob generated and sent off the Georgia Brigade By-Laws and an Inaugural Meeting was held on April 1 where the By Laws were accepted, passed and officers elected.

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, the Georgia Brigade Charter Banquet was held at the Indian Hills Country Club where Susan Gillette Meer installed the officers and

officially chartered the Georgia Brigade of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.



Bob Sapp as the Commander of the Georgia Brigade invites all current members of the DVF to join the Georgia Brigade and invites any SAR member, not currently a DVF member, who has a patriot ancestor that was at Valley Forge to join the DVF and DVF Georgia Brigade.

The DVF website link is https://www.valleyforgesociety.com/ where membership applications can be found.

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.

*Below: Charter members of the Georgia Brigade of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. Many faces are readily recognized as members of multiple GASSAR & DAR Chapters.*



### **The President's Dispatch (cont.)**

We also attended a Flag Retirement Ceremony in Cumming, GA sponsored by the Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters and witnessed a fine ceremony by GASSAR CG, SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. Congrats!

Brenda and I attended two U.S. Daughters of 1812 events. One was the Dedication of an Historic Marker and the other was the Chartering of a new Chapter.

I pulled the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter float at the Anniversary of the Founding of Fayetteville Parade. Brenda and I collected Poppy donations for VFW Post 2667 at Walmart and also joined others in placing U.S. Flags on graves of former military while stating their name. The act of stating their name made it a personal honor directly to the deceased. On 31 May 2021 as Post Chaplain, I gave the Invocation at the Memorial Day Service at Veterans Plaza, Newnan, GA.

We observed the awarding of a "Quilt of Valor" to MDLC member Bill Lechner for his service in Vietnam where he was awarded the Silver Star and 5 Purple Hearts.

I had the honor of presenting the Heroism Medal to LT Charles L. Landrum, College Park Police Department. Landrum was shot in the neck while apprehending a murder suspect on 4 April 2020. I also awarded the Chapter Distinguish Service Medal to MDLC Secretary R. Clark Perrin.

We are getting ready for NSSAR Congress in Renton, WA. It is my pleasure to serve as President GASSAR.



*David G. Jessel*

# The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to host the 132nd National SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia In July 2022.

Numerous volunteers will be needed to handle all of the various jobs that go along with hosting a National Sons of the American Revolution Congress.

As a volunteer you will receive an official Volunteer Shirt and also be invited to a Volunteer reception in Savannah on Saturday, July 9, 2022. You are also able to attend meetings as a non-voting compatriot. Please take advantage of having a National SAR Congress in our state in 2022.

Volunteers are being asked to utilize an electronic signup system. The system we are using is Signup Genius and the specify link for the 132<sup>nd</sup> National Congress in Savannah is as follows:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CAA92DABFD0-national>

You might have already indicated a willingness to serve as a volunteer (Day Captains, Bus Captains, Credentials, Registration etc.) but we request that you use the link and enter your signup information in the electronic signup in order to signup for a specific shift or shifts.





## Calendar of Events

### 131st NSSAR National Congress Renton, Washington July 10 - July 15, 2021

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington  
**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)



Have a safe trip there and back !

Event	Location	Date	Status
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2021	National or State
National Congress 2021	Renton, WA	Jul 10 - 15, 2021	National
BOM	Garden Patch Restaurant Barnesville, GA.	Jul 24, 2021	State
Constitution Day	St. Paul's Church, Augusta, GA	Sep 17, 2021	State
Siege of Augusta	Kroc Center, Augusta, GA	Sep 18, 2021	State
Patriot Grave Marking	Banks County, GA	Sep 26, 2021	State
Washington Vigil	Mt. Vernon, VA	Sep 28, 2021	National
Patriot Grave Marking	Oglethorpe County, GA	Oct 3, 2021	State
Kings Mountain	Kings Mt., SC	Oct 7, 2021	National
Siege of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Oct 9, 2021	State
Patriot Grave Marking	Dawson County, GA	Oct 16 2021	State
BOM	Garden Patch Restaurant Barnesville, GA.	Oct 23, 2021	State
Snellville Veterans Day	Snellville, GA	Nov 6, 2021	National or State
Watkinsville Veterans Day	Watkinsville, GA	Nov 11, 2021	National or State
Fort Morris	Sunbury, GA	?	State
Vann's Creek	Richard B. Russell St. Pk, GA	?	State
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec ? 2021	National
State Conference	Sonata Hotel, Lawrenceville, GA	Jan 28 - 29, 2022	State
Andrew Jackson Bench	Hermitage, TN	Mar 13, 2021	National
National Congress 2022	Savannah, GA	Jul 8 - 15 2022	National

**NSSAR Guardsmen, The National Color Guard staff cordially invites you to honor our patriot commander and join us at Mt Vernon for the annual George Washington Tomb Vigil on Saturday September 18th.**

**We have again been given permission to bring our weapons, under the following stipulations:**

Commanders may wear their swords, all blunt edged and only removed from their sheaths when marching the guard. No other knives will be allowed. Muskets may be carried by the guard as they march and stand guard at the tomb. No powder, ball or bayonets are to be brought onto the property. There will be a safety check preformed in the parking lot before any guardsmen can move further on the property. All muskets must always be in the control of guardsmen and all additional national weapons safety rules are to be followed.

Due to the steepness of the hill from the Estate to the tomb we have decided on a long and short march for the guard. On the hour there will be a long march followed by short marches that will start near the bottom of the tomb. Please consider your ability to march up an 800ft 4 percent grade if signing up for the long march. This year the signup sheet is being handled online. Please use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CAA92DABFD0-mount>

We will again be able to park near the Ann Pamela Cunningham Building.

I will bring some drinks, water, and snacks with me. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [raborg1989@verizon.net](mailto:raborg1989@verizon.net). I also can plan for guardsmen who would like to tour the estate. Please let me know of your interest by September 3rd.

We look forward to seeing you at the end of summer in beautiful Mt. Vernon.

Pro patria

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*We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn & Suites Ft. Belvoir/Mt Vernon, on Friday Sept. 17th for \$99 a night.  
Group Name: NCCAR Color Guard  
Group Code: ncg  
Check-in: 17-SEP-2021  
Check-out: 18-SEP-2021  
Hotel Name: Hampton Inn & Suites Fort Belvoir Alexandria South  
Hotel Address: 8843 Richmond Highway Alexandria, Virginia, 22309  
Phone Number: 1-703-619-7026  
For those wishing to stay at the hotel, we will meet around 6:30 and travel to one of the local restaurants. (Plans are difficult to finalize as Virginia still has stringent Covid rules in effect).*

**Narrative for the Posting of the Guard**

(to be read aloud by the Commander of the Guard prior to each posting)

*Ladies and Gentlemen, we are the National Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution, a lineage society dedicated to the preservation of our American Colonial era history and the ideals of the founding of this great nation.*

*We are here today standing vigil at the tomb of General George Washington, the first President of our United States, and the father of our nation.*

*This is an Honor Guard and while you may speak to and have your pictures taken with the Tomb Guards, they will not respond to your questions or move from their post. Feel free to come and speak to us about our organization and have pictures taken with our guards when they are off shift.*



## 2022 Congress Raffle #2 Drawing held. Winners of the Patriot's Package are:

1st Place -- Jody Butler of Lyman Hall  
2nd Place -- Jamie Ruff from Piedmont  
3rd Place -- Steve Hudgens with Joseph Habersham  
4th Place -- Alan Smith with the Col. William Few Chapter

### First Prize "Patriot Package" included:

**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 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.

### 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.**



Past President, and Fundraising Co-Ordinator for the 2022 Congress, Bill Dobbs, went on the road to deliver the prizes to the winners. Two of the winners met at the office of Hudgen's Steel. The invitation was not only a matter of convenience, but of curiosity. From the picture below you can see several of many (*and I do mean many*) original artifacts and collectables from American history, mostly from the 18th century. Believe me when I say an article is forthcoming on the fantastic collection of Steve's.

Above: Jody Butler of Lyman Hall receives his Knife, and powder horn. He couldn't hold all his winnings in both hands.

Center: The excellent hand made knife from Compatriot Emory Fennel.

Left: (L - R) Steve Hudgen, Bill Dobbs, and Jody Butler.

Far Left: Full Patriot Package won by Jody. Steve and other runners-up won the Flags, and "Come and Take-It" thermal tumbler.



## 2022 Congress Raffle #3

### Handcrafted Replica Early Virginia Rifle

#### For Raffle:

- ◆ A handcrafted replica Early Virginia Rifle easily identified by its wide flat butt plate. This style rifle might have been carried by east coast militia members.
- ◆ The rifled barrel is 42" 50 Caliber. The lock is Siler made with single set trigger. Both barrel and lock are browned.
- ◆ The stock is made of beautiful Grade 3+ Curled/Curley/Tiger Maple.
- ◆ All the furniture is cast and polished brass including a nice looking Patch Box.
- ◆ Throw-ins include a handcrafted Patch Knife with Antler Handle and 4 spare flints.



Watch for the raffle to come on line at: <https://gasocietysar.org/product/early-virginia-rifle-auction/>  
Tickets will also be sold at 2021 Congress in Washington.

Only 400 tickets will be sold. Drawing will occur after all tickets sold.

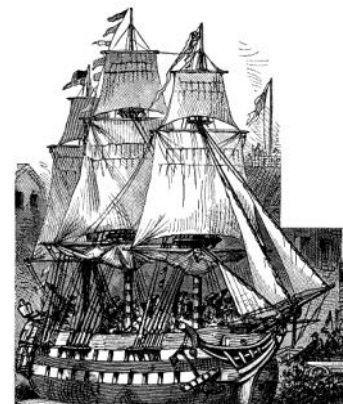
*(Not for public knowledge: I would just as soon deliver to a GA Compatriot. But I'm biased)*



### PATRIOT DAYS

16th Annual Frederica Patriots Day Celebration was virtual this year. You may view it at:

<https://youtu.be/2orUdJFWMu0>



Patriot's Day Celebration included from Top to Bottom, Left to Right:

Invocation: DAR Brunswick Chapter, Bren Shillings  
Music: 8th Grader, Madeline Harding

Welcome: GASSAR President David Jessel, South Atlantic V.P. Allen Greenly

Cannon/Musket Salute: Award Winning Georgia Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia w/ Brier Creek Artillery

Importance of Patriot's Day Celebration: Bill Ramsaur & in uniform once again, after a long wait, Past President Georgia Society, Larry Guzy.





Left: The video recording of the GASSAR Spring BOM meeting is available for viewing by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/QeoEg9IAvno>



MEMORIAL DAY



3 photos:  
 Watkinsville  
 Memorial Day  
 Observance  
 through the  
 lens of Athens  
 Banner-Herald  
 photographer  
 Julian  
 Alexander.

2 additional photos by  
Athens Banner-Herald  
photographer Julian  
Alexander.



Alton McCloud  
and Steve Burke  
at the Aiken SC  
Memorial Day  
Parade with the  
Henry Laurens  
Chapter SCSAR



### FLAG DAY & FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONIES



On Flag Day, June 14th, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, SAR participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony with Scout Troop 101, located in Blairsville, GA.

Chapter Vice President Sid Turner instructed the Scouts on the Presentation of Colors.



The BRM Color Guard fired three volleys, and over 150 flags were respectfully disposed of.



Below: The annual Piedmont and Robert Forsyth Chapters Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at the Ingram Funeral home in Cumming, GA.

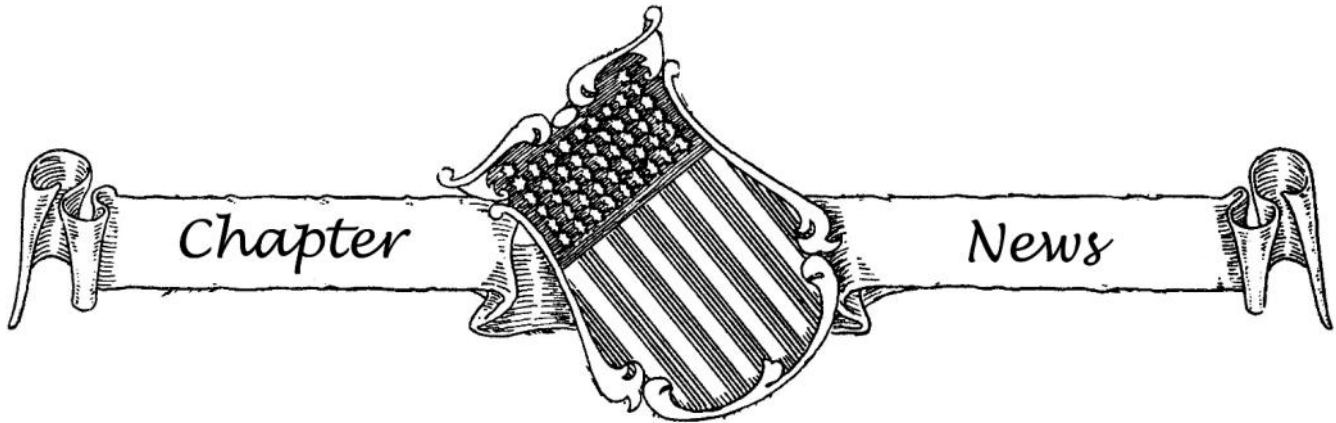


Flags to be properly and respectfully retired were taken to the Ingram Funeral Home from two flag retirement boxes placed by the Piedmont Chapter in Home Depot locations in Roswell and Alpharetta. The Robert Forsyth Chapter brought flags from their two Home Depot locations in Cumming and Dawsonville, Georgia. President David Jessel and his wife Brenda attended, as well as members from several Georgia chapters, DAR, C.A.R., & VFW.



Photos by Rick Reese III.





## Altamaha

*Below L-R: Altamaha president Judge Franklin Rozier Jr., Ezequiel Balbino, Trey Manning, Presley Cain, Austin Brown, Walter Dart and Jason Deal, scholarship committee members, Sawyer Priester, Gray Davis and Garrett Beaver. Not shown are recipients Alexia Pear, Laura Kate Robertson and Blake Brockington and scholarship committee member Steven Hinson. Photo courtesy John Eden, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup.*



Thirteen Wayne County High School Seniors were selected to receive the Dr. Alexander Jackson Gordon Memorial Scholarship this year.

Scholarship recipients include Ezequiel Balbino, Garrett Austin Beaver, Blake Brockington, Austin Lee Brown, Presley Nichols Cain, Gray Alan Davis, Imari Franklin, Gerald Wayne "Trey" Manning III, Presley Moore, Alexia Pear, Jack Perkins, Sawyer Priester and Laura Kate Roberson.

The recipients and their parents were honored with an awards banquet Saturday, June 12, at Western Sizzlin' Restaurant in Jesup.

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

All 13 recipients are 2021 graduates of Wayne County High School.

The Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution administers the scholarship. Thirteen scholarships of \$1,847 each were awarded this year. The scholarship is offered annually to Wayne County High School seniors. The Gordon Memorial Scholarship was created in 2009 from a gift bequeathed by Dr. Gordon's daughter, Marjorie Gordon Hamrick. Dr. Gordon was a prominent Wayne County physician. Mrs. Hamrick was a well-known local educator. Since its inception in 2009, a total of 102 scholarships in the amount of \$209,000 have been awarded.

## Athens

Scott Collins adjusts medals for presentation during the Watkinsville Memorial Day Event. The service honored 39 Oconee County service members who gave their lives in the line of duty. *Photo by Julian Alexander, Athens Banner-Herald.*



# Blue Ridge Mountains

Below: A Patriot Day celebration was conducted on the Blairsville square Monday April 19th. The chapter conducted musket firing and flag displays.



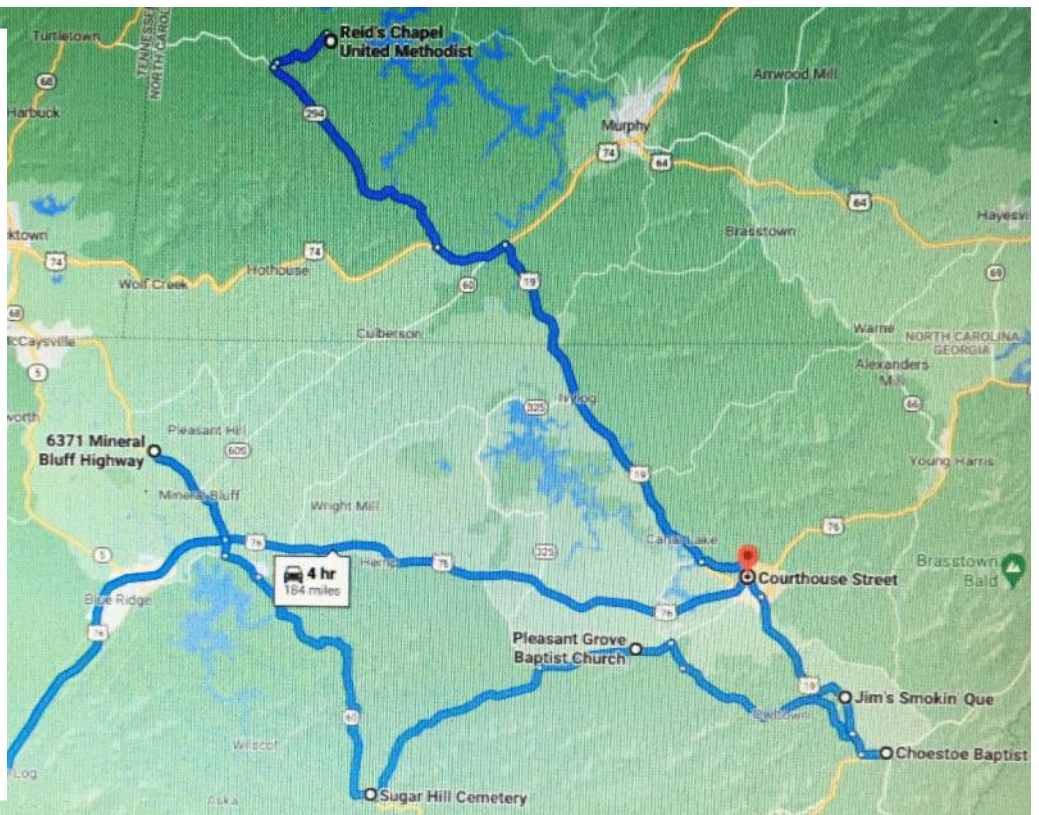
**Eagle Scout Awards:** Stephen Weaver, our Boy Scout Coordinator along with Jared and Sid attended the District court of Honor on March 27 at the First United Methodist church in Blairsville. They presented SAR Eagle Scout certificates to 11 scouts achieving Eagle rank from three scout troops. The Eagle Scouts were: Nate Mooney T402, Andrew Monroe T32; Zachery Jones T460; Samuel Sisson T32; Michael Bruce T101; Thomas Payne T101; Parker Scott T101; Pearson Ledbetter T125; David Stratton T101; Isaac Corbin T101; Evan Bryan T101 (No photo available).

Members of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter reinstated the tradition (interrupted in 2020) of placing flags on the graves of Patriots buried in the area. **Seven Patriot graves were visited.** The scenery of the North Georgia mountains mitigated the 184 mile drive. With the grave visits and lunch at a well-known bar-b-que restaurant factored in, the odyssey lasted 7 hours.

The five participants were Jared Ogden, Sid Turner, Stephen Weaver, Jack Dugger, and Doug Jamison.

The Graves of Patriots Pearce Cody, William Reed, Ebenezer Fain, William McCleod, John Nicholson, Michael Tanner, and Samuel Reed were visited. The United States flag was placed on each grave to commemorate Memorial Day.

In addition to honoring the Patriots with flags, pictures were taken of the participants at the gravesites. As the trip progressed, comradery developed with good-natured joshing. Conversations



were frequently interrupted with laughter. All these SAR members are descendants of British Rebels. The rebellious strain in the member's DNA was revealed when Chapter President Ogden instructed participants on the basics of good photography, such as smiling, and removing headgear and sunglasses. After one ruthless photo session, there was talk of tar and feathering. On the following page, note the picture of two of the graves visited. One photo was taken before photograph instructions, the other after instructions. Which image is better?



Left: L to R at Patriot Fain's grave are VP Sid Turner, Doug Jamison, new inductee, Stephen Weaver, Sec, and Jack Dugger, Registrar.

Below: Pictured L to R at Patriot Tanner's grave are Sid Turner, Stephen Weaver, Doug Jamison and Jack Dugger. *[Oh my, the glare ! ....Editor's Note. From a shiny pated editor.]*



## Brier Creek



Left: Compatriot Manning presented his program on "The 25 things that you did not know about George Washington".

Below: "Members of the Brier Creek (Screven Co), Little River (Thomson) and Wiregrass (Swainsboro) Chapters, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Sylvania on April 3, 2021 to participate in the Annual Livestock Parade Festival. Commander Steve Burke walked along side the float and gave the commands to fire as 3 militiamen fired to the front and 3 militiamen fired to the rear making sure that the parade vehicles were at least 100 feet away in front and to the rear. The demonstration occurred approximately every 100 feet or so which gave us the opportunity to each fire at least 11 to 12 times. After the parade, we set up 4 tables in front of City Hall to hold Compatriot Steve Burkes artifacts for the public to see."



## Button Gwinnett

Right: Bruce Maney supporting the DAR at the William Pentecost Grave Marking.





Above: Button Gwinnett Chapter member Eldon Evans participated in the Elijah Clark Militia firing in honor of the Veterans during the Watkinsville Memorial Day Ceremony.



Right: Bruce Maney leads the Color Guards at the Opening Ceremony for the Watkinsville Memorial Day event. *Photos by Julian Alexander, Athens Banner-Herald.*

## Cherokee

Below: Another Liberty Tree, the 17th in a quest to plant 76 by 2026 and the 250th Celebration. This one was planted at Patriots Park in Acworth on Earth Day.



Above: Chapter President Stan Lewis relates that the importance of trees to the Colonies were as important as they are to us today.





Right: Chapter members Stan Lewis, Dennis McIntire, Kevin Karel, Dual member Emil Decker and photographer Dwight Dover were assisted by Steve Shroud and special guests Emelia Dobbs and Curious George!



Left: LEEP traveled to Moultrie, Georgia at the invitation of the John Benning Chapter GSSDAR for a presentation and Liberty tree planting. The event was co-hosted by the Moultrie-Colquitt County Parks and Recreation Authority. Three native *Overcup Oak* trees were planted in a grove at the Main Street Park in downtown Moultrie. Seen are L - R: Jean Gay, Jenni Carter, Stan Lewis, Pete Dillard, Mayor Bill McIntosh, Kevin Karel, Tommy Beth Willis and Greg Icard.



Right: New member Denis Foerst was sworn in by President Lewis and shared some of his family history and thoughts about becoming a member of SAR.

Right: Our May meeting included a visit by Joseph Vancura, Jr., Senior Vice President, GASSAR. Joe brought greetings and recognition from the state society. Members were given an update on the progress of the upcoming 2022 National Congress in Savannah, Georgia. Thank you, Joe!



Below: Emil Decker, new dual member and historian, was the featured speaker for the May meeting. Emil detailed a fascinating account of the exploits of the Marquis de Lafayette in America.



Above: Pam Dover, Regent, Hightower Trail Chapter NSDAR was presented with the Martha Washington Award in recognition of her untiring service to SAR and longstanding support of the Cherokee Chapter. Recently, Pam has been very successful promoting LEEP presentations around the state. Thank you very much for all that you do, Pam.

The following members were recognized for their years of membership and service to the Chapter at the June meeting: Wayne Ellis, 10 years; Jim Kennedy, 15 years; Bob Faith, 15 years; Roger Lamb, 25 years. All honorees were presented with service pins and certificates.



Sid D. Turner, Regional Vice President, GSSAR, attended our June meeting and spoke about the challenges and successes of the Georgia Society over the years. Sid also shared some of his many experiences as a longtime member of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter in Blairsville, Georgia. Thank you for your helpful insights!

# Joseph Habersham

Right: Ron Hill, Joseph Habersham Chapter President, presents SAR Good Citizenship medals to Annette Boswell and Charlie Thomas for noteworthy community achievements.



Left: Charlie Thomas also received a flag certificate for Nix Hardware and Furniture Company.

Right: Torie McDuffie was presented with the Chapter level winner certificate of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest by Bill Raper.



Below: Bill Raper presented Megan Mosely with the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal



Right: Vietnam War Veteran Paul Kozoroz of Cleveland, GA in center, is draped in a "Quilt of Valor". Georgia Quilt of Valor Coordinator Karen Trombley (left) Ron Hill (right) President of Joseph Habersham Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and Quits of Valor representative Rebecca Hill Zuercher of Clarksville, Tennessee (hidden from view in the back.)





In accordance with President David Jessel's request to plant a flag in every county of Georgia, honoring our patriots. Joseph Habersham Chapter, Larry Whitfield planting a US Flag at the Habersham County Veterans Wall of Honor. In the background from left to right Past Chapter President Bill Raper, Chapter Vice-President Lyn Cash, Chapter Treasurer Ken Duckett, Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms Steve Memory, and Chapter President Ron Hill.

Larry Whitfield is a Charter member, Past President, and Color Guard Commander of the Joseph Habersham Chapter and currently serves as a member in the Georgia Society Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution. For the past 14 years, Larry has also served as a member of the Habersham County Veterans Wall of Honor Committee. He is currently the committee's chairman. The Habersham County Veterans Wall of Honor was created to honor all veterans of Habersham County. Inscribed on the black granite walls are the names of more than 6,400 veterans who served during war and peacetime in all wars and conflicts from the French and Indian War of 1754 to the present. "



On November 21, 1996 The Joseph Habersham Chapter was Chartered. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed a Commendation that the Joseph Habersham Chapter is an important asset to the State of Georgia in promoting patriotism and carrying on the legacy of our nation's founders and celebrating their 25th Anniversary of service to the State of Georgia.

The Chapter was chartered in Habersham County, named after Colonel Joseph Habersham. Colonel Habersham was a Revolutionary War hero, Georgia Patriot, and political leader. He was a member of the Continental Congress and a Colonel in the Continental Army.

After attending Princeton he returned to Georgia to help organize the "Liberty Boys" as the Revolution approached. With other Patriots he organized the Council of Safety at Tondee's Tavern in Savannah on June 22, 1775.

He was speaker of the Georgia Assembly twice, signed the first charter granted to a state university in Georgia (the University of Georgia), was Third Postmaster General under President Washington, and for 13 years was president of the Georgia branch of the Bank of the United States.

The Joseph Habersham Chapter, composed of more than 100 members, serves, and most members reside in, the Georgia counties of Habersham, White, Rabun, Stephens, Banks, and Franklin Counties.

Many thanks go out to Joseph Habersham Chapter Compatriot President Ron Hill for leading the charge to have the chapter recognized by the State of Georgia.

# John Milledge

Below: Jim Poyner, President of the John Milledge Chapter of the SAR, presented The ROTC Medal to Nicolas Cagle. Terry Lee Stair assisted.



Left & Right: Jim Poyner and Terry Lee Stair present a flag certificate for a local bank.



Below: John Milledge Chapter presented Cadet Alvizo with the Silver ROTC award.





Left: Georgia Military College's JROTC Bronze Award was presented to Jordan Bradley.

## Little River

Right: Alton McCloud (front) participated in the Sylvania Livestock Parade with members of the Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapters on April 3.



Left: Gary Smith and family members attended the Patriot David Smith Grave Marking in Winder GA on April 17. Gary's father, Compatriot Hollis Smith of the General Galvez Chapter, Alabama Society SAR is pictured in the center.



Left: Little River JROTC Medal Presentations at local high schools. (Clockwise: )

Gary Smith – Presentation at Grovetown High – April 14

Alton McCloud – Presentation at Harlem High – April 28

Bill Colbert – Presentation at Thomson High – April 28

Alton McCloud – Presentation at Harlem High – April 28



Left: JoAnn Smith, presented a slide show on the Patriots of the Captain John Wilson Chapter NSDAR members. Many of these patriots are also the patriots of some of our Little River Chapter members.

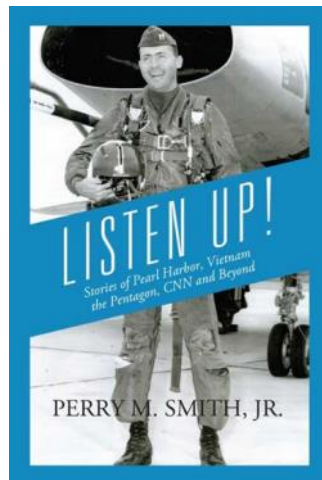
Below: Jack Roth is presented his supplemental certificate for his ancestor Robert Bradeen of Massachusetts.





Left and Above: Bill and Pat Colbert with traveling trunk in tow, journeyed to Westminster Schools of Augusta. Note the many uniformed patriots in attendance.

Below (3): Major General Perry M. Smith, Jr. (U.S. Air Force, Retired). General Smith spoke on the topic of his new memoir titled "Listen Up!" President Tankersley presenting a Georgia Society SAR Centennial Medal Set and Certificate of Appreciation to General Smith:





# Lyman Hall

Left: Lyman Hall Chapter continued its tradition of honoring our namesake on his birthday. Doctor and Reverend Lyman Hall was born on 12 April 1724 in Connecticut. He was educated at Yale College and served as a Minister before becoming a physician. He was one of the three Georgians who signed the Declaration of Independence.



Three years ago, the chapter hosted a ceremony to dedicate a statue of him on the grounds of the Hall County Administration building. The ceremony has been repeated on a smaller scale even through the pandemic and again this year with a simple but sincere wreath presentation.

Susan Gwaltney, Regent of the Sunbury Chapter was the surprised recipient of the NSSAR Lydia Darragh Medal at the Chapter meeting on Saturday May 1, 2021.



The Medal is named after Lydia Darragh, who crossed British lines in 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to deliver information to George Washington. Being Quakers, her family did not evacuate when the British occupied Philadelphia. The British commander, General William Howe set up his headquarters across the street from the Darragh residence and later also used her house. She learned details of a planned attack and passed that information along to George Washington.

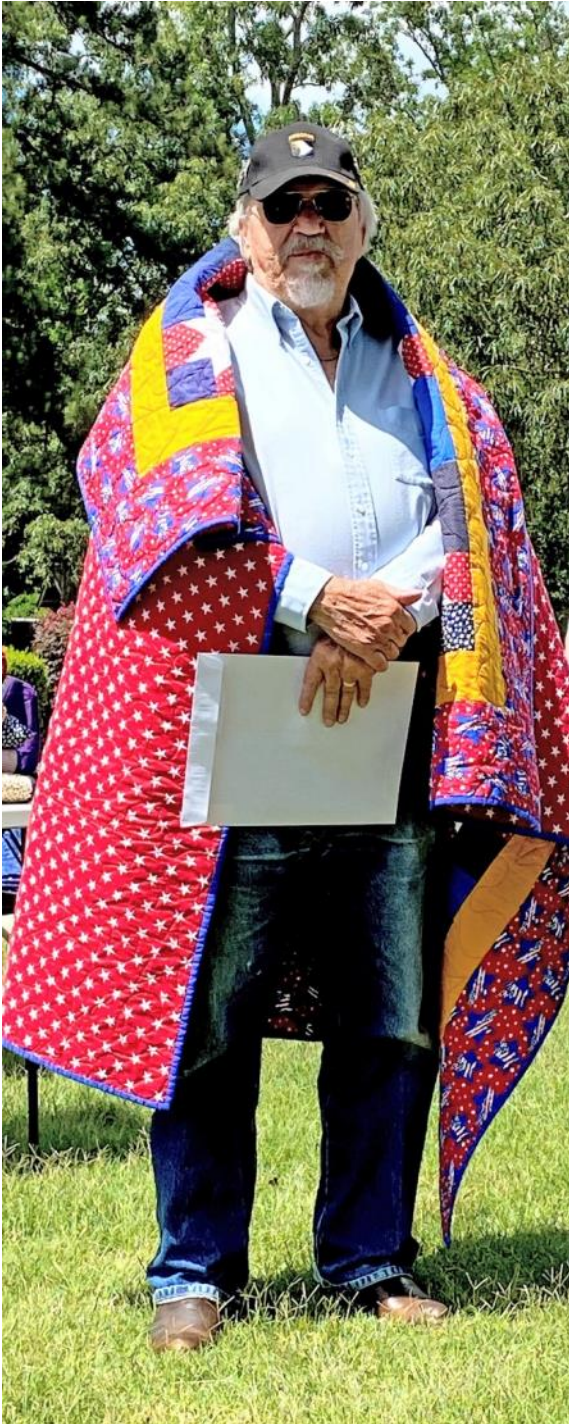
In like fashion Susan knew the contacts needed in the Barrow County School System that allowed the Lyman Hall Education Outreach team to expand their operations with their Traveling Trunk and other topics upon requests by teachers.



Above and Right: Compatriot Carter Wood joined forces with the Traveling Trunk Brigade from Robert Forsyth Chapter to present life in the 18th century to a Trail Life Troop 27717 in Murrayville, GA.



# Marquis de Lafayette



Above: "Quilt of Valor" was awarded to MDLC member Bill Lechner for his service in Vietnam where he was awarded the Silver Star and 5 Purple Hearts.

Right: Georgia Society Pres. Jessel stirs the flames at the pit during the Flag Retirement program in Newnan.



Above: LT Charles L. Landrum, College Park Police Dept. was shot in the neck while apprehending a murder suspect on 4 April 2020. He receives the Heroism Medal from Marquis de Lafayette President Col. (Ret) Mike Sanderson and Georgia Society Pres. and MDLC member David Jessel.



Right: R. Clark Perrin being presented Chapter Distinguished Service Medal by Georgia Society Pres. Jessel.



# Marshes of Glynn

Below Left: Compatriot Bill Ramsaur made a presentation about Revolutionary War flags to the Fort Frederica DAR Chapter. Stephanie Collett, DAR Chapter Vice-Regent is holding the flag of the Culpeper Minutemen, a unit of the Virginia Militia commanded by Patrick Henry.



Morgan Crean and Compatriot Ramsaur, (far left) are holding one of the most unusual Revolutionary War flags, the USS Serapis Ensign. It is distinctive because of the four irregularly placed blue stripes and the eight-pointed stars. Navy Captain John Paul Jones captured the British warship, Serapis and sailed into Texel, The Netherlands where British officials argued that Jones was a pirate, since his vessel had no National Ensign. Based upon Benjamin Franklin's written description of the new Official Hopkinson Flag which had been translated and forwarded by the French, Jones quickly made this unconventional Ensign with the material available.

Below: Cadet Staff Sergeant Jonah Vicent received the Bronze JROTC Medal on 18 May from the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. Representative Jimmy Boatright presented the medal and award to him at Glynn Academy High School in Brunswick. Staff Sergeant Vicent is a student athlete, rifle team member, exceptional role model, and is currently working towards his Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award. The Marshes of Glynn Chapter is proud to recognize this young man for his achievements in the U.S. Marine Corps Junior ROTC program.



Above: New chapter officers were inducted by Robert Vineyard, Vice President Southeast, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. (L - R) Robert Vineyard; Marty Moore - First Vice President; Chip Lewis - Treasurer; and J. Steven Hinson Sr. - Secretary and Registrar. Not pictured are Steven Ford - President, and George F. Barnhill - Second Vice President.

The Sons of the American Revolution, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, welcomed three new members at the 13 May 2021 chapter meeting. (L - R) are new compatriots William Schilling, Zane Schauer and Richard Burton, along with Jimmy Boatright, then Chapter Vice President. Welcome to the SAR!





Historian and genealogist Linda Olsen, has spoken to the Marshes of Glynn Chapter before on such varied topics as the murals of Francis Marion in South Carolina, Coffee and the American Revolution, as well as the Top 10 rated American Revolutionary Movies. She returned to speak at the May meeting. Ms. Olsen has a degree in American Revolutionary War history and is a genealogist who has a knack of interweaving historical facts into interesting stories. This time, she spoke about Finding Famous American Revolutionary People who are buried in Georgia. Her narrative traveled through Georgia to reveal compelling details on 36 Patriots that even the avid history buff may not have known.

## Famous Revolutionary War People Buried in Georgia



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## Mount Vernon

Right: Our April Guest Speaker, Mary Hamilton Williams, spoke about "Roswell King". Mary is a storyteller with her roots in public speaking. For the past 34 years, she has honed her speaking and leadership skills in Toastmasters, including 2 years on their International Board of Directors. When she discovered storytelling, she felt like she'd come home. She loves stories that teach while tickling your funny bone. Mary is the Regent for the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter National Daughters of the American Revolution and the Georgia State Public Relations Chair.



Left: At the age of 70, Roswell King moved to the area and founded the present day City of Roswell, Georgia. He was a Justice of the Peace, a Surveyor, and had many other talents. He was married to Catherine (Sally) Barrington, and his son would later build a house that would carry the name Barrington Hall in Roswell.

The Roswell King SAR Grave Marker was placed at his monument on 10/14/2017 by the Piedmont Chapter.



Below: President Tom Pye inducted 6 new members into the Mount Vernon Chapter at the April meeting. Richard Anderson (Approved in 2020 – delayed due to COVID), Charles (Sunny) Lee, Anthony Olson, William Olson, Erik Olson, and Ed Upchurch.



Below: At this monthly meeting, we honored and awarded three (3) more SAR Compatriots who have served honorably in the US Military. Each received a SAR Service Medal, and joined the fourteen (14) Mount Vernon members who have previously received their SAR Service medal. (L – R) Hamilton (Ham) McDonald (War Service Medal - Vietnam), Joe Rude (War Service Medal - Vietnam), Jim Styring (Military Service Medal).



Above: Jeff Boss, Manager of Sweetgrass Ace Hardware receives a Flag Certificate from Earl Hewett. Mount Vernon Compatriot Earl Hewett became a Chapter member on September 6th, 2020. Along with his brother Tom Hewett who lives in the Atlanta area, Earl traveled from his home in Mount Pleasant, SC to join the SAR. Earl remains a Mount Vernon chapter member and has taken the initiative to promote one of the SAR's core values - to honor the American flag and present a Flag Certificate to those in his local community who display the flag correctly. In all, Earl issued 10 Flag Certificates! Huzzah Earl!



Right: Past President General Larry Guzy's presentation for the May meeting was based largely on the Pulitzer Prize winning "Thomas Jefferson, The Art of Power" by Jon Meacham. It has over 500 pages with over 200 additional pages of notes and references. "The book is an extraordinary read" – PG Guzy



Right: At our June meeting, Martin Howley, gave a very informative and highly educational look at critical turning points in the American Revolution leading up to the largest battle of the American Revolution.

He navigated the strategies and battles between the British and colonist from Independence through the Battle of Monmouth, explaining the hardships and the lessons learned. He also delved into the politics and personalities of the times, and how General Washington emerged as the one and only leader of the Patriots.



Above: (L to R) Past presidents Chuck Rann, Bill Floyd, Shep Hammack and SAR State Regional VP Ron Redner. The Mount Vernon Chapter participated in the SAR Flag Retirement Ceremony in Cumming, GA on Saturday June 19th. Mount Vernon brought over 50 US Flags to the yearly event sponsored by the Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters. Shep Hammack and Bill Floyd were in uniform and were in the ceremonial Color Guard, with Chuck Rann as the chapter photographer du jour. Members of the SAR, the DAR and the C.A.R. and VFW were present.

## Piedmont

State SAR Regional VP Ron Redner accepted a proclamation that was given by Georgia House Representative Mary Robichaux, Georgia Senator John Albers and Roswell Rotary President Lynne Lindsey.

The Roswell Rotary Club met at Roswell Area Park on June 10th, and presented the SAR with the proclamation recognizing its 100th Anniversary year. (1921 - 2021)

The SAR Color Guards were members Shep Hammack (Mt. Vernon Chapter) and George Thurmond (Piedmont Chapter) in Uniform, along with SAR photographer Rick Reese III (Piedmont Chapter).



*The following article appeared in the Patch; Alpharetta - Milton Edition, written by Compatriot Ron Redner, Piedmont Chapter*

## US Flag Retirement Ceremony by SAR Piedmont & Forsyth Chapter

On June 19, 2021 in Cumming, Georgia there was a US Flag Retirement Ceremony by two SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Chapters, the Piedmont Chapter of Roswell and the Robert Forsyth Chapter of Cumming, along with the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution). Over two thousand US Flags were collected and given to the Ingram Funeral Home for proper retirement and for use at US Military Veterans Funerals.

**History of the US Flag Retirement Ceremony:** In 2013, Allen Greenly (President of the Robert Forsyth Chapter in GA) and John Flikeid developed a project for the construction of a Flag Receptacle to be placed in partnering Home Depot store locations. Home Depot customers would be able to deposit worn and unserviceable flags in the Flag Receptacle. Those flags would be collected by members of the sponsoring SAR chapter, and properly disposed of in an annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at a local funeral home and crematory to be held on a weekend close to Flag Day. The sponsorship of these Flag Receptacles was also shared by local DAR, C.A.R. societies, and local Boy Scout Troops. The initial Flag Receptacle was sponsored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter, SAR, the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, DAR and Boy Scout Troop 1099. This flag receptacle was placed in the Cumming Home Depot on Flag Day 2013. The first year, the Robert Forsyth Chapter collected approximately 500 flags from this receptacle. Based on the success of this first receptacle, the Robert Forsyth Chapter installed a second Flag Receptacle in the Dawsonville Home Depot. This receptacle was also sponsored by the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, DAR and the local Dawsonville Boy Scouts.

An additional Flag Receptacle was purchased by the Atlanta Chapter and placed in a Home Depot in the Atlanta area. Based on the success of the project by the Robert Forsyth Chapter, the Piedmont Chapter decided to participate in the project beginning in August of 2015. The Piedmont Chapter was able to partner with two Home Depot store locations, one in Roswell, GA and one in Alpharetta, GA to place a Flag Receptacle in each of the two stores. The Piedmont Chapter partnered with the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society C.A.R. to place these receptacles. The first combined Flag Retirement Ceremony by the Robert Forsyth and Piedmont chapters occurred in June of 2016, in which approximately 1,200 worn flags were properly disposed of. The Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters held a joint Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 10, 2017 where approximately 2000 worn flags were given a proper and respectful disposition. The program was an overwhelming success and both chapters are planning on adding additional Flag Receptacles.

The Flag Receptacles are made of steel, then covered with the vinyl artwork. The left shows a Minute Man with the backdrop of the American flag. The front artwork shows the American Bald Eagle coming out of an American flag. The right side shows the tail of the bald eagle and the American flag. Faded in is the photo of the soldiers raising the American flag on Iwo Jima. Receptacles have dual locks on the front door and also have four caster wheels for easy mobility. The cost of each receptacle is approximately \$1,000 and will last for years either inside or out in the weather.

The receptacles are designed to be placed in public places with lots of foot traffic. The artwork is designed to catch the eye of the public as they go about their normal routines. Home Depot stores were chosen due to their size and foot traffic. However, they can be placed in any large retail environment making them easily accessible to the public.

This program has become a huge success based on the limited receptacles in place today. What we have found is that there is a great need by the public to properly dispose of their used and worn flags. The problem is that most do not know where to take their flags for proper disposal. These receptacles provide a place for them to deposit their used and worn flags in a location that is open seven days a week.



# Robert Forsyth

Left: Robert Forsyth artist Ken Baldowski and stone carver Emil Decker combined talents to present this stone carving to a semi-well known compatriot from South Georgia.



Right: The Robert Forsyth Chapter presented the JROTC Medal to Cadet 2LT Gavin Wilson.



Right Below: The Chapter also presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Gunnery Sergeant Jack Snook. "Gunny" Snook served 20 years active duty in the Marine Corps. He spent most as an infantryman where he deployed to Beirut Lebanon and Kuwait during Desert Shield /Desert Storm. He also served as Commander of Marine Embassy Guards in Vienna, Austria and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He served at the Pentagon with the Military Security Force for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Snook retired from the Marine Corps and chartered a brand new Junior ROTC program in North Georgia. In 2021 he will retire after more than 20 years as a JROTC Instructor, having played a significant role in the development of thousands of young men and women.

Below Robert Forsyth Chapter presented several awards to students at Lambert High School for their participation in the SAR Youth Awards Contests. Nikhil Dunna received Second Place in the Chapter Knight Essay Contest, and Samiksha Geherwer received First Place. Samiksha placed Second (tied) in the State Essay Contest.



Above: Additionally, Samiksha placed First Place in the Chapter Rumbaugh Oration Contest, and then went on to place First in the State Oration Contest.

She will represent the Georgia Society at the National Oration Contest held in conjunction with the SAR National Congress in Renton, WA. in July.

The Chapter also recognized Dr. Charles Hyatt with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his promotion of the SAR Youth Awards Contests.





Right: On May 16th, at Harvest Farm Park in Suwanee, Chapter President, Chip Van Alstyne, on behalf of the Robert Forsyth chapter presented Eagle Certificates to 4 new Eagle Scouts from Troop 827. The Scouts were:

Owen Mazanetz, a senior at Lanier HS. Owen was pinned with his great-grandfather's Eagle award just as his Father and brother have been.

Edwin Martasin graduates from North Gwinnett HS this month.

Benjamin Stewart graduating from North Gwinnett HS will study Civil Engineering.

Connor Burrell is a senior at Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology.

(Connor's sister, Madison was presented with her own Eagle certificate by President Van Alstyne as a member of the inaugural class of female Eagles earlier this year.) These four young men entered Cub Scouts together as Tigers, crossed over to Troop 827 as Webelos and all received their Eagle rank within a few months. The Robert Forsyth Chapter was proud to be asked to attend the ceremony and took great pleasure in recognizing these fine young men for their achievements and wishes them great success in the future.



Above Left and Right: Travelling Trunk Presentations by J.C. Hustis and Emil Decker are the norm for Robert Forsyth. But occasionally, they have the joy of teaming up with Compatriots like Carter Wood from Lyman Hall Chapter. It's always a pleasure to do a round robin show and tell with Carter. The programs just seem to flow seamlessly. Together, they entertained and educated the Trail Life Troop 2717 from Northlake Baptist Church.

Right: After the presentation, Robert Forsyth presented a Flag Retirement Certificate to the Trail Life Team. They have performed retirement ceremonies for collected American flags. After properly burning the flags, they fish out the grommets and bury them under their archway bearing their Troop designation. Each time they pass through, they are reminded of the service by the flags, and for the men and women who served under those flags.



# Wiregrass

Right: Our speaker, Frank Wimberly, has been teaching History at Emanuel County Institute for over 10 years. Frank's topic was "Lukewarm Patriots: the Scots Irish in the Southern Campaign".

Below: President Wilder asked our Sgt-At-Arms, George King, to come forward and except 2 streamers (2020 Distinguished Chapter streamer & 2020 Membership Streamer) for the Chapter to hang on our Chapter Flag and then he excepted the 242nd Anniversary Celebration of the Brier Creek Battlefield event streamer.



Below: The Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, met Thursday night, June 10, 2021 celebrating the 10th Anniversary of their Chapter Chartering. The Wiregrass Chapter was Chartered June 4, 2011. Our banquet, attended by 64 compatriots and guests, was held at the Reynolds Clubhouse in Swainsboro.



Right: Compatriot Bill Colbert presented his "The White House Communications Agency - The Early Reagan Years". President Wilder then gave our Wiregrass Chapter history and how our first President, Fred Womack, organized our Chapter in Swainsboro with great help from his wife Judy Womack who is a member of the Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter, DAR.



Left and Right Below: Chaplain Emory Fennell held a "Tribute to our Deceased Members by calling their names: Frank Barron, Martin Luther Bridges, Buddy Cobb, Homer Sylvester Durden III, Lee McDaniel Grier, Alan Malone, Ron McCrosky, John Duncan McLeod III, William Perry Rountree, Joey Webb and Fred Darwin Womack.



The Brier Creek Militia and Artillery lined up and fired a 3 - round volley with their muskets and 6-pounder Naval Cannon, followed by the playing of taps by Compatriot Don Bazemore.





Left: GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary at work! Amanda Garnett, new GASSAR LA member, crafted a beautiful display for the recent Ocmulgee GASSAR annual dinner honoring President George Washington's birthday at Idle Hour Country Club, Macon.

### Please Join us!

#### “Come in!”

That phrase is said to be one that is music to everyone's ears, and so the GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary wants every Georgia Lady to hear “Come in!” Please do Come in and join our Ladies Auxiliary. Each is welcome to join, and help plan and execute an outstanding and fun NSSAR Congress Savannah 2022. The GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Board is already hard at work with plans for table decorations for three events...will you help put it together? A Come In Hospitality Suite is in the planning, too. Would you like to be one of our Smiling Welcoming faces?

Thank you, to our new members for joining us and joining the fellowship of shared ideals and support of our GASSAR compatriots. Life Membership is available for \$40 with a lovely lapel pin included. I look forward to welcoming you as you “Come In.”

I'm right here: [darismycupoftea@gmail.com](mailto:darismycupoftea@gmail.com)

## 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 everyone. 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 [darismycupoftea@gmail.com](mailto:darismycupoftea@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**



Left: State President David Jessel presented the GASSAR Flag Appreciation Certificate to Bonnie Lemacks for their excellent display the Flag of the United States of America.

It was a privilege to join your GASSAR State President for the Flag Retirement sponsored by the Robert Forsyth and the Piedmont GASSAR Chapters. Over 2000 flags were retired. It was a moving ceremony, and as always the GASSAR Color Guard lends a special touch to all they do.

GASSAR President Jessel and I were warmly welcomed at the Charter dinner meeting of the Colonel Daniel Appling Chapter, National Society United States Daughters of 1812 In May. Susan Sloan, Ladies Auxiliary member, is the chartering President. GASSAR North Registrar Don Bulloch and his lady Anna, another LA member, accompanied us.

Together with the General Daniel Newnan Chapter NSDAR and several other organizations, President Jessel directed the retirement of 800 Flags of the United States of America for Flag Day in Newnan. In addition it was an honor to be a part of the "A Flag in Every County" initiative, as a GASSAR Flag Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Meeting House, Bonnie Lemacks, for the outstanding display and care of our National ensign.

It is always a pleasure to accompany your President and witness the many good works the GASSAR compatriots do to educate others and maintain our freedoms. Thank you as always for your hospitality.

Blessings in Service to America,  
Brenda Davison Jessel

*"to serve with Gladness..."*  
*Psalm 100*

Below: : David & Brenda Jessel and Anna & Don Bulloch at the Colonel Daniel Appling Chapter NS USD 1812 Chartering meeting,





## Children of the American Revolution

April 17, 2021: **“Drum roll please, the Most Outstanding Society in the Nation is ..... the Elisha Winn Society, Georgia,”** announced Thomas Misiano, Chairman, National Merit Award at the recent virtual Children of the American Revolution National Convention. The Elisha Winn Society, Lawrenceville, Georgia earned this title of distinction through creative learning, dedicated service, growing membership, and simply having FUN, even in a pandemic. The Society’s success is attributed to their sponsors, the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter and the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter. When this young society was organized two and half years ago, John Goodwin, President of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter, at the organizing meeting challenged the members to

1. Have FUN!
2. Learn a little (history, government, anything you can).
3. Have FUN!
4. Make new friends (in your society and in others).
5. Have FUN!
6. Teach a little (pass it on).
7. Have FUN!

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter’s commitment and continued investment has demonstrated the importance of SAR being actively involved in C.A.R. societies. This year SAR members served in several Senior Society leadership positions; engaged members in learning opportunities at Fort Daniel Faire and Traveling Trunk; served with members on community service projects; inspired Junior SAR members to be part of the Georgia State Color Guard, encouraged participation in grave markings and wreath presentations; invited members to be part of the SAR meeting ritual and present programs on the Purple Heart; helped with fundraising; and provided wisdom to growing leaders. The students had great fun with the SAR Compatriots and looked forward to serving with them. Elisha Winn Society’s success clearly demonstrates that when C.A.R., DAR and SAR work together as a team, their efforts make a significant difference in the lives of people across our county, state and nation!





Left: Elisha Winn Society attends the Virtual C.A.R. National Convention where they received their honors.

Below: C.A.R. at the Patriot William Pentecost Grave Marking. They also were present for the Patriot David Smith Marking.



Left: The recent Grave marking ceremony for Patriot Samuel McMillan included members of Scouts BSA Troop 5109, Sugar Hill. Genna Van Alstyne, Meredith Carsley, Bella Starbuck and Sophia Watson all of the Pyrognomiacs Patrol along with their Assistant Scout - master, Jessica Starbuck, joined the representatives of the C.A.R. in rendering a salute as descendants of Patriot McMillan received a flag that had flown over our Nation's Capital. In addition, the Scouts were proud to present a wreath in honor of Patriot McMillan at the ceremony.



## Augusta Veteran Receives Daughters of the American Revolution's Highest Award

Left: O.B. McCorkle, Georgia state regent for the Georgia State Society, DAR presents Dr. James Brady III with the organization's highest award at a ceremony May 11 at the Augusta Country Club. Wadene Welch, chapter regent, is at right. His service to active duty and military veterans has never been out of a desire to win awards, but because of his convictions.

"This caught me by surprise – a pleasant surprise," said Dr. James Brady, III, who was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution's Medal of Honor, its highest and most prestigious award, at a luncheon May 11 at the Augusta Country Club. He knew he was in consideration for some type of award because members of the DAR had requested information from him, but he said he'd put it on the shelf and had forgotten about it. He learned a few weeks ago that he would be receiving the honor. Brady is a long-time member of the Sons of the American Revolution. "I grew up hearing all kinds of stories about my ancestors in the Revolutionary War," he said.

He had a curious mind, though, and didn't want to take the tales at face value. As he researched, he discovered the stories were steeped in fact. A native of Pennsylvania, he traced his ancestry to an Irish couple who immigrated to the colonies and whose five sons fought in the Revolutionary War. His research led to his joining of the SAR 35 years ago.

He spent 24 years in the Marine Corps and then served four years as the civilian-military operations manager in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2005-2009, "ensuring that U.S., NATO and Coalition troops received the very best care possible while deployed to combat outposts," according to a news release.

His military service brought him joy in his life, he said. "It wasn't always fun. It was never meant to be fun." But it brought fulfillment, as did spending those four years as a civilian contractor.

Brady is heavily involved in local veterans' organizations such as the Military Order of the World Wars. He spearheaded the efforts to create a Vietnam War Memorial in downtown Augusta, serving as the chair of the Vietnam War Memorial Initiative.

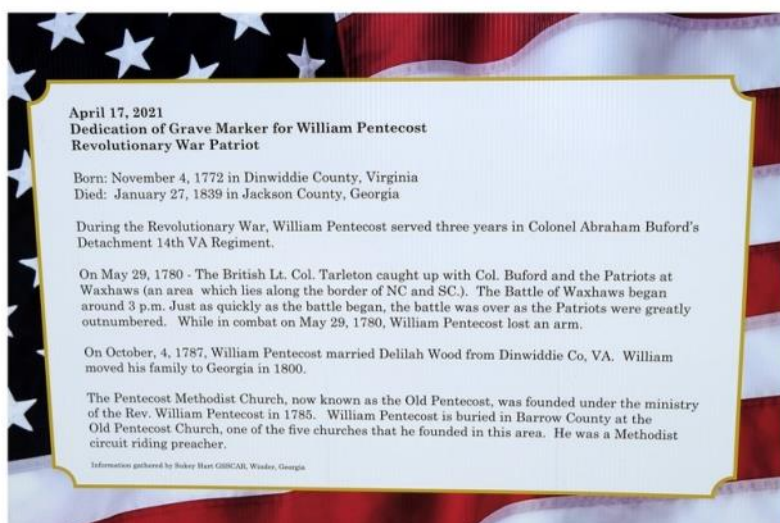
He has coordinated the annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day observance in downtown Augusta since 2014.

"The award is presented, once each year, to one natural-born U.S. citizen who has best exemplified the principles of leadership, patriotism, trustworthiness and service throughout their career. In order to be considered for nomination, the recipient must have made unique and lasting contributions to our American heritage by truly giving of himself or herself to his or her community, state, country and fellow man. Dr. Brady was overwhelmingly selected," according to a news release.

The Augusta Chapter of the DAR was organized Feb. 20, 1892. It's the third-oldest DAR chapter in the state of Georgia and the 19th oldest in the country.



Photo by Charmain Z. Brackett



Above: Sunbury Chapter, NSDAR hosted the Grave Marking Dedication for Patriot William Pentecost and his wife, Delilah.



Above: Winder Barrow High School Band

Below: DAR Memorial Marker at the Grave site.

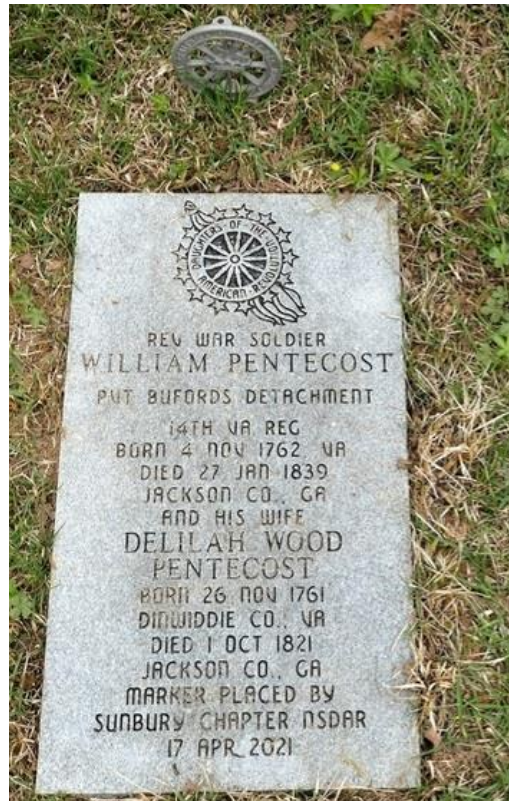


Above: Winder Barrow JROTC presents flag to Clay Pentecost.

Right: Sunbury Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, responsible for the grave marking program.



Above: Clay and Mike Pentecost unveil marking stone.







Left: Patriot David Smith Grave Marking

Right: April 17 saw two grave markings by the Sunbury Chapter.



Left: Apalachee High School provided the music for the David Smith Dedication.

Below: Winder Barrow JROTC Color Guard presents the Colors.



Above: DAR David Smith descendants unveil the marker.

Right: SAR Elijah Clarke Militia provide a musket salute.





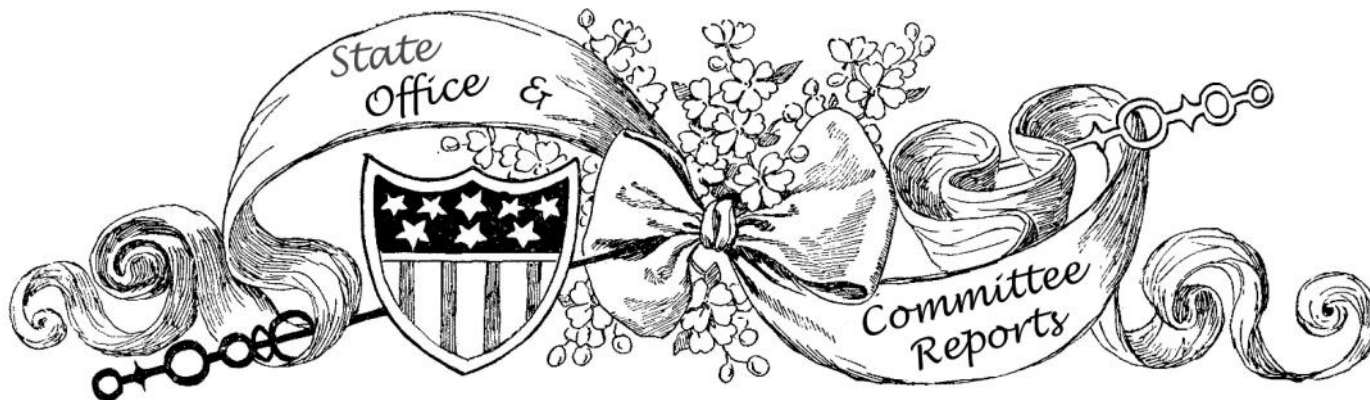
Cherokee Chapter SAR Liberty Tree planting at Patriots Park in Acworth occurred on Earth Day, April 22. Many thanks to Pam Dover for rallying support from five different DAR chapters including Fielding Lewis, Hightower Trail, Kennesaw Mountain, Liberty Hill and Sequoyah!

--NSDAR Chapters--  
Fielding Lewis, Hightower Trail  
Kennesaw Mountain, Liberty Hill  
Sequoyah



**Georgia Society  
Deceased Members  
April 01, - June 30, 2021**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
James Arthur FISHER, Sr.	109396	Button Gwinnett	09 Apr 2021
Russell Luton SHREEVE, Jr.	196676	Blue Ridge Mtns	27 Apr 2021
William Dale MILLER	196090	Piedmont	03 Jun 2021



Secretary - John Flikeid

# New Members



## Georgia Society New Members Since March 31, 2021

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Atlanta</b>	07 Mar 2021	Owen Allison SHAVER III	George SHAFER	David Andrews NOBLE
	28 May 2021	Charles Edward ADAMS	David ALDERMAN	Robert Allen ADAMS
	28 May 2021	Robert Walker ADAMS	David ALDERMAN	Robert Allen ADAMS
<b>Brier Creek</b>	30 Apr 2021	Alexander Stephens HOGSETTE	James SCOTT	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	30 Apr 2021	Forrest Boyer HOGSETTE	James SCOTT	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
<b>Button Gwinnett</b>	30 Apr 2021	Michael Andrew DICKEY	Benjamin VAN DE MARK	Harold Douglas FORD
	18 Jun 2021	William Robert WOODRUFF	Jonathan NEWMAN	Harold Douglas FORD
<b>Coweta Falls</b>	16 Apr 2021	Alexander Grant CANCACCI	John MOORE	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
	30 Apr 2021	Anthony Porter HASKELL	Elnathan HASKELL	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	30 Apr 2021	Glenn Embry HASKELL	Elnathan HASKELL	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	30 Apr 2021	Avery Kennedy HASKELL	Elnathan HASKELL	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	30 Apr 2021	Alexander Cheves HASKELL	Elnathan HASKELL	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
	28 May 2021	Robert James WARD	William WARD	Russell Eugene WARD
<b>Edward Telfair</b>	30 Apr 2021	Roy Preston TAYLOR, III	Robert RICHEY	Roger Warren COURSEY
	28 May 2021	Ronald Oliver WALKER	Frederick HAMBRIGHT	Roger Warren COURSEY

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Joel Early</b>	04 Jun 2021	David Marcus DUMAS	George DISMUKES	
<b>Joseph Habersham</b>	30 Apr 2021	Thomas Norton THOMPSON	Samuel SMITH	William Hughes RAPER
	30 Apr 2021	James Austin THOMPSON	Samuel SMITH	William Hughes RAPER
<b>Little River</b>	16 Apr 2021	William Glenn YARBOROUGH, III	Aquila MILES	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	28 May 2021	Joshua Timothy MOREY	William PASCHALL	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>	28 May 2021	Larry Willard PAYTON	William PEYTON	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
<b>Marshes of Glynn</b>	16 Apr 2021	Robert Charles EHRHART, Jr.	Jacob THRASH	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	30 Apr 2021	Richard Louis BURTON	Theophilus CLOUGH	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
<b>Piedmont</b>	16 Apr 2021	Michael William ROSS	Thaddeus BENNETT	William Charles LUSK
	30 Apr 2021	Guy Othel FISK	Samuel GLEASON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
<b>Rome</b>	16 Apr 2021	Giles McLees CHAPMAN	Britton CHAPMAN	William Spencer HOUSTON

Total: 46

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<b>Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2021</b>	<b>1965</b>
<b>Additions</b>	
New Members - Regular	73
New Members - Junior	5
Memorial Members	1
Transfers In	0
Reinstatements	18
Reinstatement-Transfers	3
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Losses</b>	
Deceased	23
Memorial Members	1
Resignations	0
Transfers Out	2
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Active Membership as of 30 June 2021</b>	<b>2039</b>
Reported to National	
Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	20
<b>Active Membership as of 30 June 2021</b>	<b>2059</b>
<b>Reported to BOM</b>	
<b>Total Increase YTD:</b>	<b>94</b>

### Graves - Bruce Maney

#### GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies planned for 2021

18 September, Patriot Lt. William Bugg, Richmond County, GA, co-sponsored by the William Few GASSAR Chapter, and Henry Laurens SCSSAR Chapter.

26 September, Patriot Michael Box, Banks County, GA, sponsored by the Athens Chapter SAR.

03 October, Patriot John Eades, Oglethorpe County, GA, sponsored by the Athens Chapter SAR.

16 October, Patriot Reuben Hill, Dawson County, GA, co-sponsored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR, Lyman Hall Chapter SAR, and Little River Chapter SAR.

GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies planned for next Calendar Year 2022 (All dates to be announced)

Atlanta Chapter SAR, Compatriot Grave Dedication for Compatriot William Patrick Smith III and Compatriot Victor "Vic" Gay Verdi III, both are in the Decatur Cemetery, Dekalb County, GA.

Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, Patriot Grave Marking for Patriot Michael McCarty in the family cemetery on McCarty Town Road in Jefferson County, AL. VA headstone was approved this month. Alabama DAR and SAR Chapters to co-sponsor.

Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR and Piedmont Chapter SAR will co-sponsor the Patriot James Hughes Grave Marking, Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, Cumming, GA. DAR descendants' coordination expected.



**Final GASSAR Chapter Action – GRAVE REGISTRY Forms submitted in 2021**

It was discovered the NSSAR Patriot Research System reported the SAR had marked Patriot David Smith's grave in Barrow County, Georgia back in December 2007. However, it was found that no SAR Graves Registry form was ever submitted to our GASSAR Graves Registry. The Little River Chapter SAR attended in April 2021 the Sunbury Chapter DAR Patriot Grave Marking for Patriot David Smith. The Little River Chapter SAR with its member, who is a descendant of Patriot David Smith, presenting a wreath, and later completed and submitted the required Grave Registry form to the GASSAR. Patriot David Smith bio and grave information is now on-line at our GASSAR web site in the Graves Registry.

A GASSAR Graves Registry form for Patriot Samuel McMillan, Jackson County, Georgia was submitted by the Button Gwinnett Chapter and is now on-line at our GASSAR web site in the Graves Registry.

SAR Chapters who submit required Graves Registry forms will be recognized in January 2022 at our Annual State Conference Awards luncheon.

**Library - Hugh Rodgers**

The Georgia Society continues its FOL membership lead (1). Certain changes in the way some chapters report payments may mean the FOL membership numbers may be incomplete. Please send additions and corrections to me at the-mail address above.

**Chapters: 11**

Captain John Collins Chapter  
Coweta Falls Chapter  
Edward Telfair Chapter  
Marquis de Lafayette Chapter  
Ocmulgee Chapter  
Piedmont Chapter

Robert Forsyth Chapter  
Samuel Elbert Chapter  
Valdosta Chapter  
William Few Chapter  
Wiregrass Chapter

Compatriots, WOSAR : 53

Total Georgia Society Memberships: 65

This total puts Georgia one FOL membership ahead of our nearest challenger, Tennessee. Let's continue to stay competitive. A hearty thanks to the Georgia Society leadership and to chapter presidents for your strong support. A special shout-out to Al Finley of the Piedmont Chapter for his fine video on the NSSAR Library and Friends of the Library.

The Library Committee directed its budgeted funds to the National SAR Library and to the Georgia Archives, the Atlanta Historical Society Kenan Research Library, and the Washington Memorial Library in Macon. These and other local libraries provide vital support for our chapter genealogists and registrars as they do the work of building new member applications.

Annual memberships are due on the anniversary date of membership and are still \$25. There are other types of memberships and special recognitions. Again, thanks for your support of this SAR project.

**Eagle Scout - William Coffeen**

Our committee has received **30 requests** for letters of commendation year-to-date which is double the requests received last year at this time. I am excited to see this increase as it reflects the excitement of those organizing long overdue Courts of Honor. The chair passes these requests on to chapters who have active Eagle Scout programs or the chair fulfills the request himself if no chapter support presently exists. Please forward to me any photos of Eagle Courts of Honor, etc. your chapter may participate in and I'll get them posted on our Georgia website. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to set up a recognition program please contact me at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com) or call me at 770-757-8147.

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

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

Our committee continues to encourage all chapters to participate in our local, State and National Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs. We'll provide support and direction to help you grow your program.

To my knowledge the following chapters (19% of all State chapters) do not presently have a chairman for Eagle Scout Recognition. The good news is that more chapters are participating than ever before.

**George Walton John Milledge La Grange Patrick Carr Rangers Rome Washington-Wilkes Wiregrass**

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

As a reminder, the King college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2021. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152 or preferably by email at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com). It is essential that all 2021 applicants use the updated application documents now available on our National website.



### Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

The Georgia Society is proud to have submitted Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest and Elementary School Poster Contest entries for judging in the national competition this year. The submissions from all competing state societies will be evaluated and results will be made known during the 2021 SAR Congress being held in Renton Washington during July 8 - 14, 2021.

#### **GASSAR 2021-2022 school year Poster Contest Guidelines**

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

will be ONE of these:

- ★ The Battle of Kettle Creek
- ★ Washington Crossing the Delaware
- ★ The Battle of Bunker Hill
- ★ The Battle of Cowpens

#### **GASSAR 2021-2022 school year Brochure Contest Guidelines.**

Brochure theme: Select: One of the Nation's Five Foundational Documents: The student should research one of these five foundational documents in the American Revolutionary War:

- ★ Articles of Confederation
- ★ Declaration of Independence
- ★ Constitution
- ★ Federalist Papers
- ★ Bill of Rights

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

For complete rules and guidelines for Brochure and poster preparation, go to: <https://www.sar.org/education/>

#### **Advice for getting schools in your area to participate in these SAR Programs**

- ★ Chapters having success in getting school participation indicate the benefit of personal contact with either school principals or teachers of 4th or 8th grade classes.
- ★ If your chapter has a Traveling Trunk program, promote the poster and brochure contests when you are discussing or conducting traveling trunk presentations.
- ★ Wherever possible make personal contact with school personnel instead of just emailing the contest details.
- ★ We are the ambassadors and the face of the SAR to elementary and middle schools. The more we have to offer to them at no cost to the school, the better we will be received.
- ★ If your chapter has a particularly successful approach in getting schools to participate, please feel free to share your ideas with the other chapters.

#### **GASSAR Poster Contest Results**

First Place - Piedmont Chapter  
 Second Place – Coweta Falls Chapter  
 Third place – Cherokee Chapter  
 Fourth Place – Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter  
 Fifth Place – Button Gwinnett Chapter

#### **GASSAR Brochure Contest Results**

First Place – Piedmont Chapter  
 Second Place – Robert Forsyth Chapter  
 Third Place - Edward Telfair Chapter



### IT - Richard Marsh

#### **Online Dues Collection**

The GASSAR website has expanded online dues collections to include all chapters that "opted in". Of the 35 GASSAR chapters, 21 have chosen to participate for 2022. They include: Athens, Atlanta, Blue Ridge Mtns, Brier Creek, Casimir Pulaski, Edward Telfair, Fall Line, George Walton, John Collins, John Milledge, Little River, Lyman Hall, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Mill Creek, Mount Vernon, Piedmont, Robert Forsyth, Valdosta, William Few, & Wiregrass.

The online dues collection will go live on July 1, 2021 with the deadline for dues payments being October 1, 2021. Information has been sent to the identified points of contact for all participating chapters to assist in the roll out.

#### **Fundraising**

Fundraising efforts in support of the 2022 NSSAR Congress continued in the second quarter in the GASSAR webstore. In addition to medal sales, the society's second raffle was held and completed this quarter. Of the 300 tickets sold, 287 were purchased through the webstore.

#### **General**

The website, in general, continues to have many areas of outdated or missing information. The website provides a page for each chapter to place any content they wish (<https://gasocietyvsar.org/chapters/>). However, after several years of asking, we still have numerous chapters that have never submitted anything. It can be as simple as meeting information, a link to your website or anything else. If you are one of the missing chapters and you are not sure what to submit, look at some of the other chapters. Beyond these areas, I ask that anyone visiting our site and notice something that needs improvement or have ideas for additional content to please contact me.

### Veterans - Gary Hoyt



From early April on, I have attended many zoom meetings, both personally and as the GASSAR Veterans Committee Chair. On April 27th, I presented a virtual wreath at the Arlington National Cemetery gravesite of USAF LTC Frank D. (Bruiser) Bryant, Jr., in remembrance of his courageous service and ultimate sacrifice.

On May 6, I attended the NSSAR Veterans Committee Meeting. Chairman Scott Giltner delivered a stirring tribute and thank you to retiring Compatriot Bill Kabel for his years of service to veterans. During new business, the committee approved establishment of an award for the NSSAR's outstanding state society and titled it the Herschel W. Williams Veterans Award pending approval by Compatriot Williams.

May 20th saw me appointed by NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner as representative to the Atlanta VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) and/or Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). Compatriot William Armstrong, of the Piedmont Chapter, was appointed Deputy Representative.

Three days later, NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner announced that PG Manning had approved award of the Gold Roger Sherman Medal to retiring Veterans Committeeman Bill Kabel.

As the Chair of the NSSAR Ad Hoc Veterans Subcommittee, I led discussions on revisions to the USS Stark Memorial Award. The Westmoreland Award was set aside for later review.

There is nothing like attended a Memorial Day observance at the gravesite of chapter's namesake Patriot. The Captain John Collins chapter hosted, and I presented a wreath on behalf of the GASSAR.

Due to the heroic, last minute efforts of Marietta National Cemetery Historian Brad Quinlin and a host of volunteers, American flags adorned the gravesites at both cemeteries.

On the 9th of June, the NSSAR Ad Hoc Veterans Subcommittee met to work on revisions to the USS Stark Memorial Award.

I submitted the GASSAR Partners in Patriotism Report to the NSSAR Patriotic Outreach Committee on the 12th. The COVID-19 vaccination campaign was a factor in the significant year over year increase in patriotic activities.

On the 27th, I again chaired the NSSAR Ad Hoc Veterans Subcommittee meeting where the revisions to the USS Stark Memorial Award and Westmoreland Award were completed.



### Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.

#### Activities

1. Hosted the Frederica Patriots Day Ceremony via Zoom on April 17, 2021 with 77 participants. Edited video segments for use in the meeting. Produced and edited video of the complete ceremony and published it to the participants and all Georgia Society members.
2. Hosted Chapter monthly meetings and Chapter BOM meeting for the Piedmont Chapter in the second quarter on Zoom
3. Hosted Chapter monthly meeting and Chapter BOM meeting for the Atlanta Chapter in the second quarter on Zoom.
4. Hosted 2022 Congress planning Committee monthly meetings in the second quarter on Zoom.
5. Hosted South Atlantic District Presidents monthly meetings in the second quarter on Zoom.
6. Hosted the video judging of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest judging at the Georgia State level for committee Chair Chuck Garnett on April 15, 2021 on Zoom.
7. Hosted and participated as a member of the Nominating Committee a meeting on April 18, 2021 on Zoom to select the 2021 officers for the Martha Stewart Bulloch C.A.R. Society.
8. Hosted the Georgia Society Spring BOM meeting on April 24, 2021 for 81 participants on Zoom.
9. Hosted a Zoom meeting on May 7, 2021 to make Poster Contest award presentations to the students of East Side Elementary School for the Piedmont Chapter winners and the Georgia State First place winner. Other students and teachers of East Side Elementary were present as well.
10. Hosted the Branding and Engagement meeting via Zoom on May 26, 2021 for VPG Allen Greenly.
11. Hosted the Patriot Package Raffle Drawing via Zoom on June 18, 2021.

- ★ All these meetings provided a safe environment for holding business meetings, as well as allowing individuals who participated to "see" and talk to each other during the process without endangering anyone's health.
- ★ In most cases, Zoom meetings were recorded and published for viewing by the appropriate individuals on YouTube.
- ★ 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

#### What we hope to accomplish going forward

Now that meetings are getting back to being held in person, the need for strictly virtual meetings is diminishing. However, it is recommended where possible, that chapters consider adding a Zoom component to their meetings in order to accommodate those members unable to attend in person.

**Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss this in more detail if you are interested.**

Historian - David Ludley



**Activities of the past quarter:**

After photographing, digitalizing, and adding several more items to the Digital Catalog, I am making an appointment with the Atlanta History Center to file GASSAR items for archiving. This includes flash drive items archived at the Kenan Center.

I personally attended multiple meetings and events that will be entered into the GASSAR History section on the website for the history covering 2021.

Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson



The 1st quarter report for the Registrar South. All applications received during the First Quarter have been submitted to the GASSAR Secretary for processing: *[NOTE 1st quarter report was not received in time for the first quarter The Hornet's Nest .....Editor]*

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Brier Creek	2			
Col Wm Few	3			
Edward Telfair	4			
Little River	2	1		
Wiregrass	1		1	
John Milledge	1	4		
Fall Line	1			
George Walton	1			
Marshes of Glynn	2			
Ocmulgee	3			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch



Due to the lack of staff at NSSAR, applications have been running much slower than in past years.

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Athens		6		
Atlanta	4			
Blue Ridge Mtns	1			
Button Gwinnett		6		
Capt. John Collins	3	8		
Cherokee	6			
Dalton	1			
Jos Habersham	4			
Mar. de Lafayette	1	3		
Mt. Vernon	1		1	
Piedmont			1	
Robert Forsyth	3	1		
Rome	1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	



Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.



**2nd Quarter Activity:**

The Committee was tasked by the Nominating Committee to make addition to the Bylaws to allow for an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer thus allowing for a period of on-the-job training prior to replacing either office.

An amendment to make the Conference Planning Committee a Standing Committee in progress. Proposals will be ready to present to the BOM at the October meeting.

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](mailto:engineerscorner@gmail.com), and to 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
Marquis de Lafayette				Charles Landrum	
Ocmulgee	John Trussell				
Robert Forsyth	Deborah Forrest				
William Few		Philip Brigham			

C.A.R. Liaison - Robert Moore**1st Quarter Report**  
*Hornet's Nest .....Editor]**[NOTE 1st quarter report was not received in time for the first quarter The*

The Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution finished the year with their Zoom State Conference in March. Micah Kilgore, State President and G.S.S.A.R. member, had a great year with his project, Quilts of Valor. His theme was "Comfort for Those That Served". A donation was given to the G.S.S.C.A.R. to help with the conference. At the state conference, local societies and state officers discussed their year. Awards were given for best entries to State Officer and Chairman contests. Will Tims was elected as the new State President. His theme this year is "Preserve the Past, Serve the Present". More about his project later.

The National Convention was held in April in Arlington, VA both in-person and on Zoom. G.S.S.C.A.R. member, David Jimenez, National Librarian, N.S.C.A.R., was one of the in-person attendees. The Georgia State S.A.R. made a donation to help with this conference as well. Liza Fridenmaker, National President, presented the program and awards. Our own GA society, Elisha Winn, won the best society in the nation. Many thanks to the Button Gwinnett N.S.S.A.R. for their leadership and work with this society. Randy Tindall and other adult leaders do a great job!

Jacob Shadlinger (Illinois) was elected National President and his theme is "Keeping Everyone on the Move" and his project is working with Oscar Mike. Oscar Mike works with Veterans who have physical and mental disabilities by using sports to help reduce the suicide rate per day. Jacob is a college student as well as a member of the Army Reserve.

Endowment Trust Fund - Scott Collins

As of the prior calendar year the Georgia Society Endowment Trust Fund had net income of \$3,761.50 before considering unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments for that year.

As of December 31, 2020 the fund had an unrealized loss of (\$5,931.87) on investments held inside of the fund.

As of the date of this report no distribution has been made from this fund in this calendar year.

**Value & Types of Investment Instruments at End of Reporting Period**

Ending Franklin Income Mutual Fund Balance March 31, 2021	\$ 87,013.06
Ending Money Market Fund March 31, 2021	\$ 4.10

**Total Value \$ 87,017.16**

*[NOTE 1st quarter report was not received in time for the first quarter The Hornet's Nest .....Editor]*ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel

Cadet/Captain Brennan Long AFJROTC Warner Robins High School, GASSAR's nomination to the NSSAR National Competition finished Seventh. He was sponsored by the Ocmulgee Chapter. Congrats!

All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should encourage their Units to participate in the Enhanced JROTC (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2021-2022. The time to contact the JROTC Unit's SMI is right after school starts in August or early September. Every SMI in your AO should know the name of the JROTC POC within your chapter. You may want to walk the SMI through the OC Nomination process. Chapter OC Packages need to be sent to me by the 1st weekend in December 2021. If I can assist you in this regard, please contact me. In September, I will again disseminate guidance and directions on submitting a strong OC Nomination Package.

Please consider the Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Program and the Bronze ROTC Medal Program to be totally separate programs.

SAR Silver ROTC Medals Packages mailed to NGA College, Columbus U., Savannah U., UGA (AF Det.), and GA Tech (3 medals for A, N, AF). Only GA Tech had a GASSAR Representative present at their Awards Ceremony. Chapters should report this activity on Form 10.06.0F Chapter Report to BOM and PG/Americanism Report.

Chapters normally presented Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units within the chapters' AO (Area of Operations) in the Spring. Recipients are selected for this medal by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI). Chapters should report these presentations on Form 10.06.0F Report to BOM & PG/Americanism Rpt.

The Georgia Society SAR supports three DOD (overseas) JROTC Units (Kadena HS Okinawa, Vicenza HS Italy, and Shape HS Belgium – Shape HS didn't reply to my emails. (No medal sent 2021.).



### Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

Hear Ye, hear Ye - The SAR National Congress is coming to Savannah July 10 - 15, 2022 and your strong support and attendance is needed! Much of the information is already on line at our website [gasocietysar.org](http://gasocietysar.org), (Top right hand corner) so check it out for the latest information and volunteer sign up opportunities. You'll also find information about lodging, food and things to see and do in Savannah. Leaders for our upcoming conference are Paul Callanan, Chairman and Vice Co-Chairmen are W. Allen Greenly, J. Michael Tomme and Roger Coursey, aided by a bunch of eager volunteers!

The website [visitsavannah.com](http://visitsavannah.com) has a ton of great information and they just put up a new page called "[Your Savannah Bucket list](#)" to help you plan your conference visit.

The GASSAR has sponsored several raffles to help fund the conference and your support is needed! Thanks to Past President Bill Dobbs who has done an excellent job in coordinating the raffles. The current raffle is for a high end, high quality black powder musket donated by compatriot Ed Rigel, Sr. Thanks Ed for your generous donation !! You can buy a \$20.00 raffle ticket on our website in the Conference merchandise section, so check it out! They are limited and going fast!

I have contacted *SAR Magazine* Editor Steve Vest and we are planning articles for the Nov, Feb and May issues of magazine on the 2022 Savannah conference. If you have news items that need to be included, please send them to me as they become available. Preliminary information on available tours and grave marking event would be welcome in November, but will be mentioned in every issue to keep attendees on target. We will try to include a broad overview of this conference in the November issue to get the interest up of all our national attendees! Hoping this will be the biggest and best conference ever!

We continue to work on getting approval on the SAR park bench that will commemorate the British withdrawal from Savannah on July 11, 1782, as suggested by compatriot George Thurmond. The plan is to place a granite park bench in 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 must still go before the full city Council. We are still short of funds for the project. If each chapter would contribute 25.00 to this bench project effort, it would be greatly appreciated!

The bench will be dedicated during the 2022 SAR National Congress. Approximate cost for the bench is 2,000. Thanks to the Piedmont, Edward Telfair and Marquis Lafayette chapters and President Jessel for their donations to this important project! We are working on getting permission of the Savannah Historical Commission to place the bench on public property. We have had some problems with staff turnover, but we are working through it. Thanks to Jeff Loomis, President of the Edward Telfair Chapter in Savannah and Roger Coursey, Patriot Medals Committee, for their support.

We are making good progress on the "George Washington in Savannah 1791" painting. Artist Jeff Trexler is working on a sketch of the painting for our review. After extensive research, I determined that George Washington left his horse and carriage at nearby Mulberry Plantation and continued on to Savannah by river barge. These logistical details are often omitted from books and stories. The fact is that "Washington arrives in Savannah on a barge, guided by 8 Captains, smartly dressed with blue silk jackets, black pants and round hats. Streaming from the hats are black ribbons with the words "long live the President" in gold letters. In the right background is the ship "Thomas Wilson" flying international flags to honor Washington. The 1791 flags should be from France, Spain, the Netherlands and Sweden, who aided the US war efforts. Historical details have been supplied to the artist and I expect it to be a wonderful and highly successful painting! Thanks to our many chapters, the George Washington Endowment fund and the Georgia Fellows for funding this project!

Before I close, let me remind you that we are still on target to dedicate the Andrew Jackson SAR park bench at the Hermitage in Nashville on March 13, 2022. Thankfully, the bench is already in its proper place next to Jackson's Tomb. I think Ol' Hickory would be proud to know that, even today, we greatly appreciate his Revolutionary War service! It honors a great American President and brings positive recognition to the SAR. Thanks to our chapters, the Georgia Fellows Fund, our GASSAR leadership, Emil Decker and Tennessee SAR for their help with this project! Be sure to mark the date, March 13, 2022 on your calendar!

Let me know if I can assist you in any way. Try to get information to me for the November issue of *SAR Magazine* by August 15. Best wishes for a great summer to you and your family!





### [Knight Essay - Terry Gibbs](#)

There were seven Georgia Society chapters that participated in the contest for the Academic Year 2020 - 2021. Chapters submitting winning essays were: Ocmulgee, Joseph Habersham, Marshes of Glynn, Coweta Falls, Joel Early, Mill Creek and Robert Forsyth.

The Georgia Society SAR winner for this school year was Raga Yarlagadda, a 12th grade Columbus High School honor student from Columbus, Georgia. Raga's essay was titled "Black Patriots: The Unsung Heroes of the American Revolution". Raga was sponsored by the Coweta Falls Chapter. Raga was awarded a medal, a cash scholarship of \$550.00 and a recognition certificate.

For the first time the Georgia Society runner-up spot was a tie. Spencer Sullivan from St. Simons Island, Georgia, an 11th grade honor student at Frederica Academy penned the essay "The Merit of Dissent". Spencer was sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. Samiksha Gaherwar, an 11th grade honor student at Lambert High School in Suwanee, Georgia, penned the essay "Weapons of Warfare: The Real American Revolution". Samiksha was sponsored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter. Spencer and Samiksha were both awarded a cash scholarship of \$400.00 and a recognition certificate.

The National Society Knight Essay Chairman has been notified of our winner and the Georgia Society winning essay has been forwarded to him. We are now awaiting the announcement of the winning essay. The winners at the National level will be awarded \$5,000.00 for First Place, \$2,500.00 for Second Place and \$1000.00 for Third Place. The National winners will officially be announced at the 2021 National Congress this summer in Renton, Washington.

My personal thanks as well as thanks on behalf of the Georgia Society SAR to judges Charlie and Clare 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. A reminder to that effect will be sent to BOM email distribution system at that time. In the meantime, the summer is an excellent time for prospective contestants to begin research for their essays.

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



### [Editor - Emil Decker](#)

I recently responded to an inquiry from a Compatriot who had assumed the duties of his chapter to inform The Hornet's Nest editor of the goings-on within their august group. Once written, I felt it would be a good thing to use as a part of my current quarterly report.

"Dear Compatriot;

I use most submissions that are sent in as Chapter News, since that is what it mostly represents. If you have read any recent edition, you will know what I mean. I like photos that are re-printable. Better quality obviously works best. Writeups on what the photo is about, names of those in the photo, are also appreciated. Sometimes I get a lot from some chapters, but mostly I experience a lack of content, so send stuff. Yes, even words only can sometimes be used if photos are not available. Very rarely do I get so much that I edit down submissions, but it has happened.

Reposts from Facebook, Instagram, or other venues are acceptable. A few might follow your Facebook account, but more people see them if shared in multiple venues. Photos of newspaper clippings don't tend to reprint well.

Often a submission, like attending / participating in a State or National Event is included in that section of the newsletter instead of in the designated Chapter section.

I have occasionally found a superb submission that cries out to be, what I call, a stand-alone or special article. Sort of like the lead article for each issue. You will usually see these with the light blue background.

I accept submissions anytime. I amass them and add to the next edition as time permits. A last-minute flurry of submissions at the end of a quarter is inevitable, but better last minute than no submission at all.

Items are posted for the quarter they represent, with the occasional exception that something was missed: Something like a missed deadline. Each quarter ends on the 3rd month. (Guess that's why they call it quarterly). End of March, June, Sep, & Dec. By that time, most of the edition is written. Just have to add in the last-minute submissions, mostly Officer or Committee reports. These are late usually because it takes them time to collect and collate the info. Two weeks should be sufficient. I try to proof and publish before the following BOM meeting. Then, of course, I receive a few reports that don't make the deadline or the edition. Please make the deadline.

And please, let your members know when the next edition gets published. I put out a notice via the BOM and Color Guard Distribution Lists. That about covers it, unless you have a question. And thanks. Your email allows me to do double duty and use this as MY REPORT, due at the end of Jun."

I won't be in attendance at the next BOM due to a conflict in scheduling. Please read, heed, & submit indeed.