

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



July - September 2021



The President's Dispatch

This was a busy quarter for me as I carried out the duties and responsibilities of President GASSAR and as a chapter member. Starting off with Peachtree City Independence Day Parade on 3 July 2021, the Marquis de

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NSSAR Declares New National Status Events ... Georgia gains Two !!

At a Zoom meeting held on September 2, the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee voted on new National Events. National Event status is determined by application and committee consideration. Three events that were requested were not selected, but two were included in the National status determination. Washington's Birthday was also declared a National Event.

Washington's Birthday, February 22, has long been celebrated by many Chapters, but this was never considered a National Event. Now it will be treated the same as Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veteran's Day. Attending one of these now qualifies as attending a National Event. Should you attend two, one would count as National and one as State/Chapter.

The Siege of Fort Morris held at Sunbury will now be considered a National event. The new status will apply for the 2021 event, that will be held on November 20. (See Page ?)

The first fort built at the site was constructed in 1741 to protect a plantation owned by Captain Mark Carr. His plantation came under attack on March 18, 1741, by a group of Indians who were allies with the Spanish colonial forces in Florida. The fort was expanded in 1758 to provide protection for the new settlement of Sunbury. The fort had a battery of eight guns, but by 1762, the fort had fallen into disrepair.

The Continental Congress authorized the construction of two forts in Georgia. One was to be built at Savannah and the other at Sunbury. A company of artillery consisting of fifty men was sent to the area. Fort Morris was built to the southeast of Sunbury and was used as a base for several campaigns to take British Florida.

The East Florida Rangers, a naval fleet, and loyalists from New York were quickly able to take Savannah in 1778. They next moved to Sunbury and Fort Morris. A small contingent of British soldiers attempted to take the fort on November 25, 1778. The 200 Americans at Fort Morris were led by Colonel John McIntosh. McIntosh who defiantly replied in classic Greek fashion, "Come and take it!" after the British demanded the surrender of the fort.

Photo: Fort Morris Historic Site Facebook

www.facebook.com/fimorris/photos/gm.2925871150960587/4648255785199296



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The center of the fight for Independence in Wilkes County, Georgia, became known as "the hornet's nest" because of



## New National Status Events... (Cont.)

On the eve of the Battle of Thermopylae, 480 B.C., to the demand by Xerxes that the Spartans surrender their weapons, King Leonidas replied, "Molon labe", which translates "Come and take it!"

The British declined to attack at the November confrontation and pulled back only to return in January with a larger force. Fort Morris was attacked by the British on January 9, 1779, and was taken the next day.

In early January 1831, at the minor skirmish known as the Battle of Gonzales, the first land battle of the Texas Revolution against Mexico, a small group of Texans successfully resisted the Mexican forces who had orders from Colonel Domingo de Ugartechea to seize their cannon. The Texans had fashioned a flag containing the phrase "come and take it" along with a black star and an image of the cannon that they had received four years earlier from Mexican officials. This was the same message that was sent to the Mexican government when they told the Texans to return the cannon. The flag is often used as a symbol of defiance.

The second Georgia event to be upgraded to National status is the Frederica Naval Action, held in Saint Simons Island in April. The Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775, when British soldiers fired on American Patriots at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts. Three years after the "shot heard 'round the world," the Georgia Continental Navy captured three British ships in the Frederica River near St. Simons Island on April 19, 1778.

Samuel Elbert, in command of the Georgia Continental Army and Naval forces (300 men), learned that the British vessels HMS frigate Galatea, HMS brigantine Hinchinbrook, sloop Rebecca, and brig Hatter were sailing near St. Simons Sound. Colonel Elbert embarked at Darien on three Georgia Continental Navy galleys, Lee, Washington and Bulloch, and with the 50 men of the First Company of Artillery on board a flat boat, proceeded down the Altamaha River's south branch to the Frederica River. On April 18, 1778, about 100 Georgia Continental troops landed at Pike's Bluff on St. Simons Island and marched to Frederica where British prisoners were taken.

The next morning, April 19, the American forces on board the galleys attacked the British vessels. Virginia Steele Wood, Reference specialist in Naval and Maritime History at the Library of Congress, describes the naval encounter, "... the wind had died thereby favoring the Americans and making it impossible for the British to carry out their plan of sailing directly into the galleys for boarding. Initially the galleys executed a few random shots as they rowed toward the enemy, then anchored at a safe distance of half a mile and began a heavy cannonade, firing right on target for several hours."



"Since Hinchinbrook's fourteen 4-pounders' limited range were no match for the galley's 18-, 12-, and 9-pounders, all three British vessels began dropping downriver. ... Believing they were in a deep channel they resumed moving downstream with the ebb when suddenly Rebecca grounded in a place the British called "Raccoon Gut." Almost immediately Hinchinbrook and Hatter suffered the same fate. Meanwhile the galleys, still firing, were closing fast, by then about 10 am. Being faced with imprisonment or abandoning ship the British crowded into their ships' boats leaving behind some of Hinchinbrook's crew. Six to seven miles distant, the 20-gun HMS Galatea was awaiting them in St. Simons Sound, and all who

escaped made it safely on board."

The Victory at St. Simons helped stiffen American resistance at a critical period in Georgia. The Engagement, which the British called the "Debate at Raccoon Gut," temporarily left British East Florida with no naval defenses except the HMS Galatea. After the capture of Savannah by the British in December 1778 and Sunbury in January 1779, the Revolutionary War had ended on the Inland Passages in Coastal Georgia and British East Florida.

Frederica Naval Action, as with other events, suffered under the pandemic suppression, but the upcoming National observance for 2022 should be an event "not to be missed."

Criteria for remaining a National Event are currently being developed by the Committee.



## Official NSSAR Listing of National Events

## Status of the Historic Sites and Color Guard Celebrations in 2021

DATE	NAME	PLACE	EVENT HELD
18-Jan	Battle of Cowpens	Gaffney, SC	Virtual/In-person
1-Feb	Battle of Cowan's Ford	Huntersville, NC	Virtual
8-Feb	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Virtual
15-Feb	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virtual
17-Feb	Massing of the Colors*	Nationally	
17 Feb	Washington's Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Cancelled
22-Feb	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	Virtual
7-Mar	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL	In-person
14-Mar	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	Virtual
26-Mar	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	In-person
18-Apr	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	Virtual
19-Apr	Patriots Day*	Nationally	Some States In-person & Virtual
2-May	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Virtual
12-May	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	In-person
18-May	Fields of Honor / Healing Field*	Nationally	
17-May	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	In-person
23-May	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	In-person
May 23-24	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Cancelled
25-May	Memorial Day*	Nationally	Various States/Virtual
6-Jun	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	In-person/Virtual
20-Jun	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth, NJ	In-person
13-Jun	Machias Battle of US Navy	Machias, ME	Cancelled
17-Jun	Battle of Bunker Hill	Boston, MA	In-person
4-Jul	Independence Day*	Nationally	Various States In person
25-Jul	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	In-person
15-Aug	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	In-person
21-Aug	Battle of Brooklyn	Brooklyn, NY	Cancelled



### The President's Dispatch (Cont.)

Lafayette Chapter Militia started the Parade with a Musket Salute and chapter members and Ladies Auxiliary distributed about 5,000 small U.S. Flags along the packed Parade Route, as I pulled the Patriot Float with my truck.

On the Fourth of July, Brenda and I marched in the Newnan Parade passing out U.S. Flags. Held an EXCOM Mtg and announced the death of Compatriot Raymond "Ray" Patton, husband of Past GSSDAR Regent Joyce Ball Patton. 8-14 July 2021 attended/participated in NSSAR 131ST Congress in Renton, Washington near Seattle. Georgia Society SAR received many awards.

Upon returning to Georgia attended Piedmont Chapter Picnic and presented several National Awards. With Brenda, attended and presided over the 2ND Quarter (Summer) BOM Meeting (both actual and virtual) at Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville, GA. It was my pleasure to distribute Individual Awards, Chapter Awards, and Georgia Society Awards from Congress. Several of these awards had cash prizes associated with them. Congratulations to all award recipients!

Attended Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Annual Picnic where chapter provided BBQ. As Chaplain VFW Post 2667 Officiated funeral service and grave side service for 1SGT (Ret.) George W. Harkins USA killed in a motorcycle accident with hundreds of U.S. Flags and motorcycles at grave site service. Made SAR presentation to Rotary Club of Senoia, GA. Accompanied by Brenda Davison Jessel attended Marquis de Layette Birthday Celebration and Treaty of Paris Signing sponsored by James Waldrop Chapter NSDAR. I made a ceremonial toast to Marquis de Lafayette. Attended 911 Remembrance Ceremony at Historic Coweta Court House in Newnan, GA. I brought Greeting from Georgia Society SAR at 20TH Anniversary of Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter. Brenda and I had a very enjoyable dinner and evening with compatriots.

At the POW/MIA Ceremony in Newnan, GA, I explained the Items found on the MIA Table. We then drove to Augusta to participate in the Celebrate of the 240TH Anniversary of the Second Siege of Augusta, GA, with excellent presentation and re-enactment. Event sponsored by William Few Chapter GASSAR and Henry Laurens Chapter SCSSAR. Drove to/from NSSAR Trustee & Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY. GASSAR contingent met for a Mexican Dinner at a local restaurant and we permitted a few folks from FLSSAR to join us. Participated in many committee meetings and attended two Banquets and a Sunday Church Service at Brown Hotel. Towards the end of the month worked 4 days (nights) parking cars at Coweta County Fair.

Received notification that the Siege of Fort Morris, GA and the Frederica Naval Action at St. Simons Island, GA had been approved as National Events. Fort Morris is scheduled for 20 November 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Fall GASSAR BOM Meeting will be held 23 October 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Garden Patch Restaurant (meet will also be Zoomed). It is my pleasure to serve as your President.

Promoting Patriotism,

*David G. Jessel*



### WHAT'S THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER?

Ten faithful compatriots standing in a line,  
one disliked the president, then there were nine.

Nine ambitious compatriots offered to work late,  
one forgot his promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative compatriots had ideas good as heaven,  
one lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.

Seven loyal compatriots got into a fix,  
they quarreled over programs, then there were six.

Six compatriots remained with spirit and drive,  
one moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast compatriots wished there were more,  
one became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful compatriots who never disagree,  
'til one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager compatriots! What do they do?  
one got discouraged, then there were two.

Two lonely compatriots, our rhyme is nearly done,  
one joined the elks, then there was one.

One faithful compatriot was feeling rather blue,  
met with a neighbor then there were two.

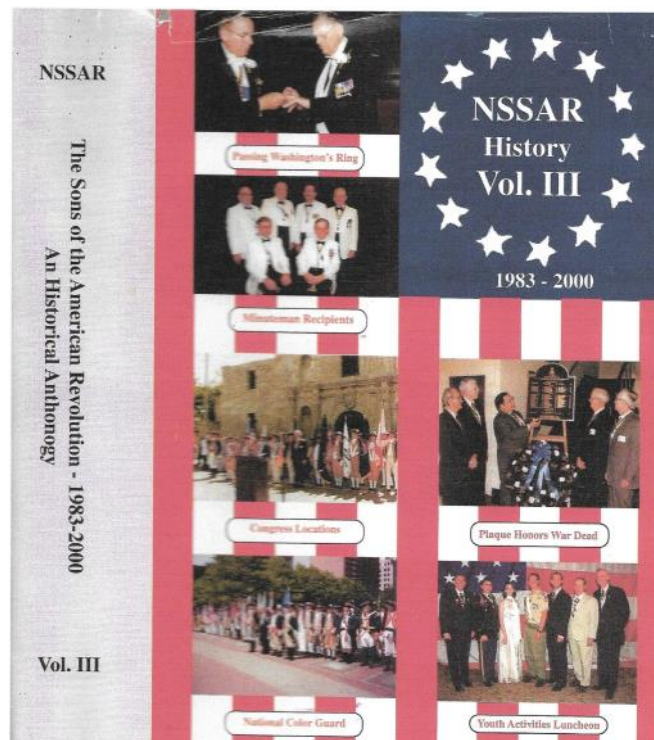
Two earnest compatriots, each enrolled one more,  
doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined compatriots just couldn't wait,  
'til each won another, then there were eight.

Eight excited compatriots signed up sixteen more,  
in another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four!

This was composed by Dr. Stanley A. Evans, Sr, who at the time was serving as the Florida society's Senior Vice President, and published in the NSSAR History Vol III.

*Submitted by: Neal Spooner*





## Award Winning Georgia Society Shows Well at the 131st National Congress

The Georgia Society once again shown like stars in the heaven as the National Congress convened in Renton, Washington. While the year 2020 was rough on many levels, the Georgia Society stepped up to the plate and came through with game winning runs. *(more baseball later).*

Right: Roger Coursey, a **2020 Minuteman** Class member was recognized officially after the one year Covid-19 delay. Roger was later named to the Executive Committee.

Georgia made its mark on 2020 with multiple awards handed out at the Congress:

### President General's Education Outreach

**Streamer:** Athens, Little River, and Lyman Hall Chapters.

**Ohanesian History Presentation Award:** *(A new award for Chapters making oral history presentations to K-12 groups)* 10-49 members - Blue Ridge

Mountains; 50-99 members - Robert Forsyth.

**Liberty Medal Awards:** Roger Coursey, David Noble, Dess Smith III, & William Tankersley

**Liberty Bell Americanism Award:** Honorable Mention - Blue Ridge Mountains

**Robert B. Vance Award:** *(Website)* Chapter winner: Mount Vernon

### USS Stark Memorial Award:

Honorable Mention: Georgia

**Robert L. Sonfield Award:** *(Largest numerical increase of members)* 2nd Place - Georgia

**Thomas J. Bond Jr. Memorial Photography Award:** Rick Reese Jr.

**DAR/SAR Membership Award:** 2nd place - Georgia

**Franklin Flyer Award:** *(Friends of the Library)* 1000 plus members - Georgia

**President General's Activities Competition Award:** 50-99 members - Athens Chapter

**Winston C. Williams SAR Magazine Award:** *(submission to National Magazine)* - 2nd Place Georgia

**Graham T. Smallwood Jr. Award:** *(Best Society Newsletter [500 Plus members] with more than 10 pages)* - *The Hornet's Nest*, Georgia SAR, Emil Decker, editor.

Awards given to all eligible state societies, including Georgia:

C.A.R. Activity Award

Americanism Poster Award

Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

**Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest:** *(Georgia finalist finished 4th at National)*

**John C. Haughton Award:** *(JROTC)*

**George S. & Stella M. Knight Award**

**Marion L. Brown Eagle Scout Award**

**Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award:**

*(Flag Certificates)*



Right: GASSAR members gather at the table where the Rifle Raffle is being conducted during the National Congress in Renton, Washington. Dr. Rigel, whose rifle is being raffled, is in charge of the affair. Sales were reported to be brisk.







Above: Georgia was well represented at the National Congress in Washington State.



Left: President David Jessel, President General Jack Manning, and Past President Bill Dobbs.





## Meet One of SAR's Newest Compatriots: General James N. Mattis

There were many highlights at the recent 131st Annual SAR Congress, but the pinnacle event was the induction of retired four-star General James N. Mattis, USMC, into our society. And while that event is notable news in and of itself, the way it occurred is an extraordinary story.

As those who attended the 131st Congress know, Gen. Mattis was the keynote speaker at the President General's Banquet on Tuesday evening, July 13, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt-Regency Lake Washington Hotel.

Gen. Mattis, a resident of Eastern Washington, had a distinguished 40-year military career that included directing the military operations of more than 200,000 American and Allied troops in the Middle East. Following his retirement from uniformed military service, he served as the 26th Secretary of Defense of the United States of America. The fact that Gen. Mattis is widely known, respected, and admired by those in uniform and among our thousands of compatriots is an understatement. From the moment Gen. Mattis set foot in the hotel lobby, he was besieged by well-wishers who wanted to shake his hand, have a photo taken with him, and thank him for his extraordinary service to our country.

Following dinner, Gen. Mattis was introduced to a standing ovation and delivered one of the most inspirational talks our society has heard. In his speech, written specifically for the occasion, Gen. Mattis reminded us of our revolutionary roots and the raw courage and extreme sacrifice of our Patriot Ancestors; recognized the many military veterans among us who continued the tradition of sacrifice and service for their Nation; and thanked all compatriots for the time and resources our society expends to keep alive our valued traditions, primarily through teaching in classrooms and recognizing our youth.

You could hear a pin drop during his remarks because of the rapt attention of every person in the room, and another extended standing ovation followed his talk. President General Jack Manning thanked General Mattis on behalf of the SAR and presented tokens of appreciation. The evening could have ended there, but there was one more surprise in store.

On a couple of occasions during his remarks, Gen. Mattis lamented that he did not have a Patriot Ancestor, unlike us attending Congress. Little did he know that the Washington Society had surreptitiously put some of its best genealogists to work a few months earlier researching his lineage. They hit pay dirt, finding that General Mattis did indeed have a Patriot Ancestor — Private Aaron Whitaker, who served with the Washington County Pennsylvania Militia in 1782.

The Washington Society promptly prepared an application and forwarded it to Louisville. The Genealogy Department verified the lineage and approved the application without Gen. Mattis' signature to preserve the surprise.

Accordingly, following the presentation of the thank-you memento, President General Manning commented that there

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was one more piece of business to conduct, and then shocked Gen. Mattis and the audience by announcing that Gen. Mattis would, then and there, be inducted into the SAR. The audience spontaneously leaped to its feet with the loudest ovation of the evening, and Gen. Mattis was speechless — truly surprised by the news that he had a Patriot Ancestor. PG Manning then asked Gen. Mattis to raise his right hand and inducted him as our newest compatriot. It was a magical moment, with many audience members having lumps in their throats and tears of joy in their eyes.

Welcome to the SAR, Compatriot James N. Mattis!

We are honored to have Gen. Mattis as one of our own. No one could better represent the values for which our Society stands, nor better appreciate the heritage represented by our original military veterans who fought in the Revolutionary War. Tuesday, July 13, was a memorable evening for both Gen. Mattis and the SAR—an evening those attending the President General's Banquet will likely not forget.



# Proclamation

## *Honoring the Marquis de Lafayette on the Occasion of the 264<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Birth.*

**WHEREAS**, Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert du Motier, commonly known as the Marquis de Lafayette, was born on September 6, 1757, and occupies a considerable place in the history of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette was a man of considerable military skill who expressed sympathy for American revolutionary fighters, decided to aid colonists in their struggle for independence, and was voted by Congress the rank and commission of Major General in the Continental Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette's military service was invaluable to General George Washington during many Revolutionary War battles, earning him the title of 'the soldier's friend'; and

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette's strategic thinking, military skill, and dedication as a general officer serves as a model for present day American military officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Continental Congress appropriated awards and honors in honor of Lafayette's service to the American people, including the commissioning of a portrait that hangs in the Chamber of the United States House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, because of Lafayette's strong belief in freedom, he advocated the abolition of slavery in the Americas, favored equal legal rights for religious minorities in France, and became a prominent figure in the French Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1824, at the invitation of President Monroe, Lafayette embarked upon a triumphant, year-long tour of all twenty-five states of the then-United States, during which he became the first foreign dignitary to address a joint session of Congress, and visited many Masonic bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his historic visit to the City of Savannah on April 19, 1825, he was welcomed with a salute by the Chatham Artillery. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, Freemasons met with Lafayette as he laid the cornerstones to the monuments to General Nathaniel Greene and Casimir Pulaski. After Lafayette reached Augusta on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the town celebrated for 48 hours; and

**WHEREAS**, because of America's affection for Lafayette, many United States cities, towns, and counties, including LaFayette, Georgia, and La-Grange, Georgia (his French estate) have been named for him; and

**WHEREAS**, the achievements of Lafayette and the examples set by his conduct and selfless love of liberty have been and will continue to be a valuable legacy for the future of the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, an organization of lineal descendents of the patriots of the American Revolution, encourages public observances of the Marquis de Lafayette's birthday on September 6<sup>th</sup> to commemorate his life and character as it relates to the future of the nation and the welfare of free people everywhere; now

**THEREFORE**, I, David Jessel, President of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, do hereby encourage all Georgia Society Chapters to observe September 6, 2021 as Marquis de Lafayette Day in Georgia.

*David G. Jessel*

President  
August 12, 2021





President Jessel's Georgia County Flag Presentations



Left: Habersham County: Ron Hill at the Helen Veteran's Park.



Right: Emil Decker, J.C. Hustis, and Cub pack 133 in Dawsonville place a flag in Dawson County at the grave site of Edmund Singleton during a Traveling Trunk Presentation.



Left: Doctor Ed Hendricks, Joseph Habersham Chapter, planted an American flag at the Stephens County Fallen Veterans Memorial in Toccoa.

Right: Ed planted an American flag at the grave site of John "Rabun" Dillard at the *Head of Tennessee Baptist Church Cemetery*, Rabun County. John Dillard was born August 12, 1760 in VA and served in the American Revolution.

For his service, Captain Dillard was given a 1000 acre land grant in the northeast corner of GA, in what would later become Rabun County.

According to legend, Captain Dillard made peace with the Cherokee Indians by "purchasing" the land with a muzzle-loading rifle, a jug of apple brandy, a coonskin cap and \$3.



Left: On September 28, Dr. Edwin Hendricks of the Joseph Habersham Chapter planted an American Flag at the Franklin County Historical Marker located on the Courthouse grounds, accompanied with Chapter President Ron Hill. The marker text:

"This County, created by Act of the Legislature Feb. 25, 1784, is named for Benjamin Franklin, Revolutionary patriot and statesman. It was formed from lands obtained from the Indians by the Treaty of Augusta, 1783. Capt. James Terrell of the Revolution was an early settler. Volunteers from Franklin Co. under Capt. Morris distinguished themselves at the Battle of Pea River Swamp, Mar. 25, 1837, in the Creek Indian War. The present County Site was established by Act of Nov. 29, 1806, at Carnesville named for Thomas B. Carnes, member of the Third Congress, 1793-'97".

Ron Hill, President of Joseph Habersham Chapter added that this concludes the flag planting ceremonies in all the six counties (Habersham, White, Franklin, Stephens, Banks, and Rabun) that our chapter supports, as per Georgia Society President David Jessel's request to plant a flag in every county of Georgia, honoring our counties and patriots.



**132nd NSSAR  
National Congress  
Savannah, Georgia  
July 10 - July 15, 2022**

**Hyatt Regency  
Riverfront Hotel:**

2 W Bay St,  
Savannah, GA 31401

Phone: (912) 238-1234

**Group Name:** National Society  
Sons of the American Revolution

**Arrival Date:** 10-Jul-2022  
(Sunday)

**Departure Date:** 15-Jul-2022  
(Friday)

**2022 NSSAR Contacts:**  
<https://gasocietysar.org/2022-nssar-congress-3/>

Event	Location	Date	Status
Patriot Grave Marking	Oglethorpe County, GA	Oct 3, 2021	State
Kings Mountain	Kings Mt., SC	Oct 7, 2021	National
Patriot Grave Marking	Dawson County, GA	Oct 16 2021	State
BOM	Garden Patch Restaurant Barnesville, GA.	Oct 23, 2021	State
4 Patriot Graves Marking	Smyrna UMC, Washington, GA	Oct 30, 2021 10:30 a.m.	State
Snellville Veterans Day	Snellville, GA	Nov 6, 2021	National or State
Watkinsville Veterans Day	Watkinsville, GA	Nov 11, 2021	National or State
Patriot Grave Marking	Dallas, Georgia	Nov 13, 2021 2:00 p.m.	State
Fort Morris	Sunbury, GA	Nov 20, 2021	National
Vann's Creek	Richard B. Russell St. Pk, GA	Dec 4, 2021	State
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec 18 2021	National
State Conference	Sonata Hotel, Lawrenceville, GA	Jan 28 - 29, 2022	State
Brier Creek	Screven Col	Mar 4 - 5, 2022	State
Andrew Jackson Bench	Hermitage, TN	Mar 13, 2022	National
Frederica Patriots Day	St. Simons Island, GA	Apr 16 - 17, 2022	National
National Congress 2022	Savannah, GA	Jul 8 - 15 2022	National



# 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.





# 2022 Congress Fundraising Items Available for Purchase

## Hand Crafted items created by Compatriot Emil Decker

These items are created by, and distributed by me. I am donating all profits to the 2022 Congress to be held in Savannah. This is not a product available at the National SAR store, nor is it on the GASSAR webpage. I have listed these items on my personal Etsy Store. These are available now. I can also do custom engraving work, so if you have something special in mind, let's talk. ALL PROFITS from this collection, and any custom work generated by this article will be sent to the GASSAR treasurer for the 2022 Congress.

Go to: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/SticksNstonesByEmil>

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Why have a stick figure family on your back window, when you can show your support for the Congress, GA Society, or even your local Chapter.

New Items constantly being added. Visit the store and support the 2022 Congress today.

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## 2022 Congress Raffle #3

### Handcrafted Replica Early Virginia Rifle

#### For Raffle:

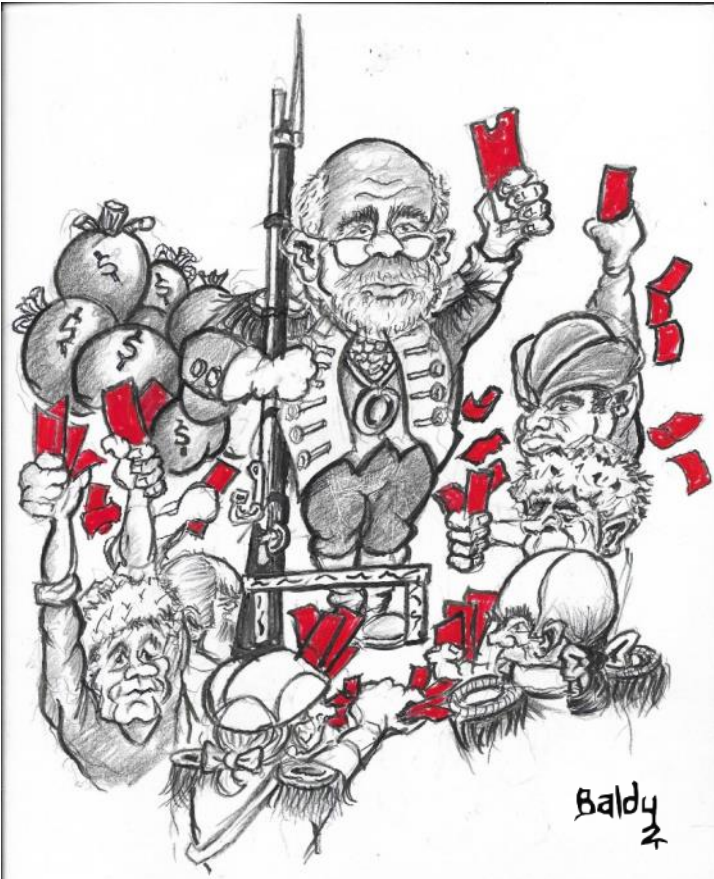
- ◆ A handcrafted replica Early Virginia Rifle easily identified by its wide flat butt plate. This style rifle might have been carried by east coast militia members.
- ◆ The rifled barrel is 42" 50 Caliber. The lock is Siler made with single set trigger. Both barrel and lock are browned.
- ◆ The stock 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 occurs when all tickets sold.

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



Only 136 (*and counting down*) raffle tickets are left to be sold. Once the 400 tickets have been allotted, the raffle will be held. Winner will be notified immediately. Don't miss out on this one of a kind raffle. It has been treasured for years, but now you can treasure it for quite a few more.

## Statue of Liberty's 'Little Sister' Travels From France to NYC's Ellis Island

Did you even know she had a little sister? Or that her name is actually "Liberty Enlightening the World?"

Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, a French sculptor and painter was born in Colmar, France, 2 August 1834. A project of building some suitable memorial to show the fraternal alliance existing between the United States and France was suggested,



and in 1874 the Union Franco-Américaine (Franco-American Union) was established. Bartholdi broached the idea of a massive statue and once its design was approved, the Union raised more than 1 million francs throughout France for its building.

On 4 July 1880, the statue was formally delivered to the American minister in Paris, the event being celebrated by a great banquet.[3] In October 1886, the structure was officially presented as the joint gift of the French and American people, and installed on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. President Grover Cleveland dedicated her in 1886.

Bartholdi created the statue itself out of sheets of hammered copper, (a technique called *repoussé*) while Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, the man behind the famed Eiffel Tower, designed the statue's steel framework. Eiffel built a skeleton out of iron pylon and steel that allowed the copper skin to move independently. This was necessary due to the strong winds in New York Harbor.

The tablet in her left hand is engraved "July 4, 1776," the adoption date of the Declaration of Independence.



In the original design, the statue was chained. When Bartholdi created the first models, the statue's hands were holding broken chains to signify the end of slavery. Subsequently, the chains were dropped, but remain at her feet.

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## Statue of Liberty's 'Little Sister' Travels From France to NYC's Ellis Island (Cont.)

*Right: Construction of the left hand of the Statue of Liberty, 1883.  
The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs/The New York Public Library*

In truth, Liberty has several little sisters. For the Exposition Universelle of 1900, Bartholdi crafted a smaller version of his Liberty Enlightening the World, which he subsequently gave to the Musée du Luxembourg.

The Statue of Liberty on the Île aux Cygnes, (River Seine in Paris) was given to the city in 1889 by U.S. citizens living in Paris to celebrate the French Revolution three years after the main statue in New York was inaugurated. Originally, the statue was turned towards the east in order to face the Eiffel Tower, however in 1937 it was turned to the west so that it would be facing the original in New York.

Its tablet bears two dates: "IV JUILLET 1776" (4 July 1776: the United States Declaration of Independence) like the New York statue, and "XIV JUILLET 1789" (14 July 1789: the storming of the Bastille).

The 9.4 ft tall original plaster maquette finished in 1878 by Auguste Bartholdi that was used to make the statue in New York is in the Musée des Arts et Métiers in Paris. On the square outside the Musée des Arts et Métiers's entrance was a bronze copy made from the plaster maquette, number 1 from an original edition of 12 made by the museum. It was this replica that was shipped to America. After spending time on Ellis Island for Independence Day 2021, it now resides at the French ambassador's residence in Washington, D.C.

There is a replica in the northwest of France, in the small town of Barentin near Rouen. Bordeaux has a replica as well. The first Bordeaux statue was seized and melted down by the Nazis in World War II. The statue was replaced in 2000 and a plaque was added to commemorate the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Colmar, the city of Bartholdi's birth has a replica replica of the Statue, as does Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, Poitiers, Lunel, Chaumont, Haute Marne, Châteauneuf-la-Forêt, near the city of Limoges, Roybon, and Nice.

Other countries are not immune from honoring Lady Liberty. They include Austria, Denmark (A small replica in lego is situated in Legoland in Billund), Germany, Ireland, Kosovo, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Ukraine, The United Kingdom, Canada, and Mexico.

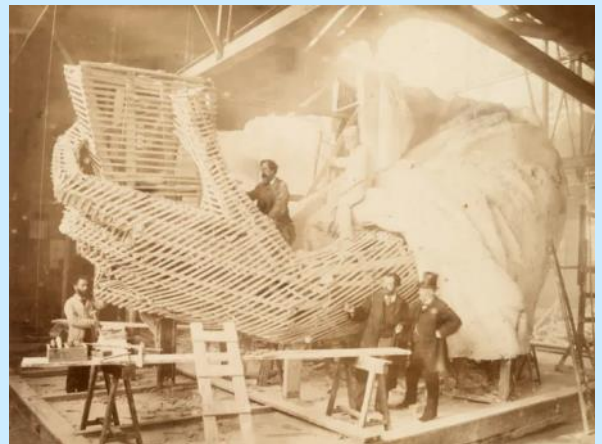
The Statue of Liberty's "little sister" arrived in New York City, just in time for the July Fourth festivities. The replica statue from France at nine feet tall weighs 1,000 pounds. It took a little over a week for the statue to arrive in New York, where the journey replicated the original statue's trip to the U.S.

"It is a symbol of the friendship between the French and the American people, but it is also a reminder of the importance of the message of liberty and enlightening the world, which is the name of the statue," said Philippe Étienne, French ambassador to the United States, at an inauguration ceremony. "It is the essential importance of freedom in our democracies, inside our societies, and also in the world."

It was on display at Ellis Island over Independence Day weekend before it headed to Washington D.C. for France's Bastille Day on July 14. It is currently at the French Embassy in D.C.

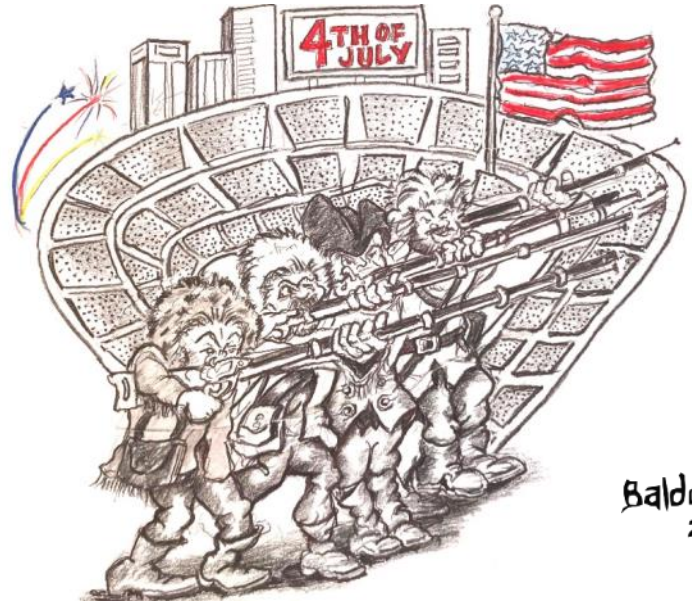
The Statue of Liberty's pedestal observation deck reopened July 1, 2021 after being closed since March 16, 2020, due to the COVID - 19 pandemic. The pedestal of the Statue of Liberty is open to visitors with reservations. This includes the observation deck and interior and exterior of Fort Wood. The crown of the Statue of Liberty remains closed.

**Did You Know? Lady Liberty is struck by lightning about 600 times every year.**





# July 4th - Birthday Blowout with the Braves !



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Once again the Elijah Clarke Militia was called to arms to protect and support the Flying of our Nation's Colors on the National Birthday, July 4. They gathered in the Stadium for an Atlanta Braves Pre-Game show, With 13 muskets, 11 from Georgia, and one each from Kentucky and Mississippi, they lined up to salute our great nation. The militia included: Commander Bill Palmer, JC Hustis, David Wiley, Thomas Miller, Chuck Garnet, Gordon Woodard, Alton McCloud, Scott Collins, Mark Anthony, Bill Fuqua, Jay Guest, Bruce Maney, Patrick Wesolosky - Kentucky, and Bryant Roseell - Mississippi.







Above: Members of MDLC Militia start Peachtree City Parade on 3 Jul 2021 with Musket Volley. Marquis de Lafayette Chapter members and Ladies Auxiliary distributed 5,000 small U.S. Flags to thousands in attendance along Parade Route.



Above: President GASSAR David G. Jessel & First Lady Mrs. Brenda Davison have U.S. Flags ready to distribute at Independence Day Parade Newnan, Georgia.



Above and Right: Lyman Hall Chapter joined with Leslie Watkins, Region Director NSDAR to present a large combined Patriot Chest display at Redwine UMC on Sunday July 4th.



Left: The Mount Vernon Chapter participated in the 2021 Dunwoody 4th of July Parade in Dunwoody, GA. on Monday July 5th. The Dunwoody parade is the largest 4th of July Parade in Georgia. The float driver was SAR Atlanta Regional VP Ron Redner and it was co-sponsored by the DAR and the C.A.R.





We had our first Georgia Society BOM in - person meeting since the COVID pandemic began last year. The meeting room was full, and there were 44 compatriots who joined the meeting via Zoom.

In order to view the video recording of the meeting, please click on the YouTube Link below:

<https://youtu.be/FkoTzV9RHas>



**CONSTITUTION DAY**



Above: East Fall Line members attended the Festivities at the Constitution Day event in Augusta, GA. [I have to agree with the sign. Probably best to stay 200 feet back from this crowd of individuals... Editor]

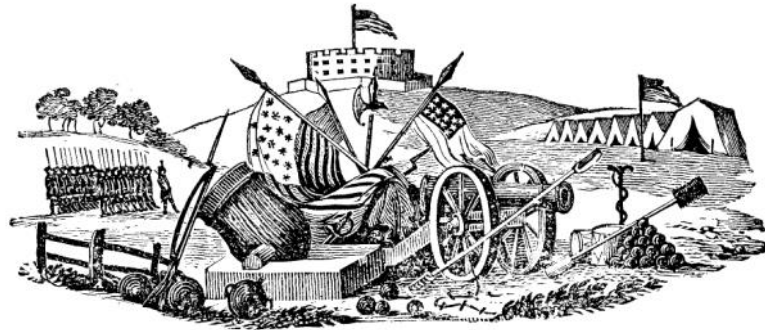


Above: One has to wonder how many car alarms went off as the Brier Creek Artillery fired their cannon salute.

Right: Is that Napoleon at the far end, or just Steve Burke?







**SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

The video recording of the SAD meeting held in Spartanburg, SC on 6 October 2021 may be viewed by clicking on the YouTube link below:

<https://youtu.be/NBrAM25M11A>



**2ND SIEGE OF AUGUSTA**

Two hundred and forty years have rolled by since the reverberation of the last Patriot cannon fired on Fort Cornwallis. The two-week siege was a critical victory for the Patriots. Since Savannah remained in British hands, even after their surrender at Yorktown, the taking of Augusta gave American peace negotiators leverage. They were able to insist that Georgia be part of the new United States thanks to the Patriots capture of Augusta on June 5, 1781.

Above: David Jessel, President GASSAR, Sonny Pittman, GASSAR, O.B. McCorkle, GA Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, David Smith, President, SCSSAR



Here is the link to the YouTube video of the 240th Commemoration of the Second Siege of Augusta, containing the opening ceremony, wreath presentations, the Siege of Augusta lecture by Steven Rauch made in the Kroc Center, as well as the closing ceremony in that facility. The reenactment filmed outside on the site of the First Siege of Augusta is also included:

[https://youtu.be/2\\_at289G4L0](https://youtu.be/2_at289G4L0)



Above: GSSDAR State Regent O.B. McCorkle, First Lady Mrs. Brenda Davison Jessel, GASSAR State President Jessel.

**Board Of Managers Meetings**

**Fall: Saturday, October 23, 2021**

**BOM locations:**

**Garden Patch Restaurant  
100 Southland Drive  
(old highway 41)  
Barnesville, GA. 30204**

**Winter: Sonata Hotel,  
Lawrenceville, GA  
Jan 29 - 30, 2022**



Left and Below: The Kroc Center auditorium, literally on the site of the siege.



Left: The Siege of Augusta lecture was very informative, presented by Steven Rauch

Below: Sonny Pittman, Event coordinator, and chief promoter for a "Siege of Augusta" Event. It *finally* happened. Thanks Sonny!







Joint members of South Carolina and Georgia militia presented arms, carried colors, and joined in with the ceremony, the mock battle, and did honor to both Patriot Capt. William Bugg, Sr. and the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.







Left and Right: The artillery and uniforms were as impressive as ever.

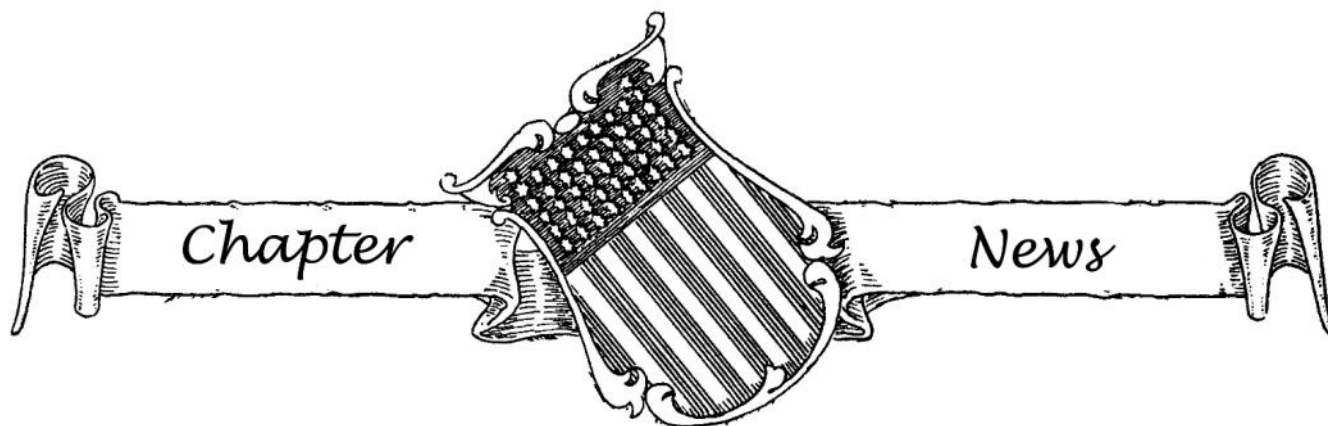


Above: Bill and Pat Colbert presented their award winning Traveling Trunk to audiences of all ages.

Below: Emil Decker brought his surgeon implements and offered 18th century medical advice.







## Atlanta

Below: Atlanta Chapter Registrar David Noble, left, presents the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition Clarice T. Hill with SAR President General Larry Guzy, right, as Atlanta Chapter Treasurer Richard Marsh, second from left, looks on during the Boy Scouts of America Troop 29 Court of Honor at Morningside Presbyterian Church, Saturday, July 24th 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia. Hill achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on February 8, 2021 as one of the first female Eagle Scouts in the United States; however Troop 29 had to wait for Hill to return from college for the Court of Honor to take place. Both Guzy and Marsh are also Eagle Scouts. 2017 National Society Sons of the American Revolution Past President General Larry T. Guzy, displays the back of a two dollar bill as he speaks about the importance of the Declaration of Independence during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Photos: Gregory Smith)



## Blue Ridge Mountains

Right: Almost Heaven, Blue Ridge Mountains. I could almost sing it. This view from Brother's Restaurant, full moon shining, greeted those who gathered for the 20th Anniversary meeting of the founding of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Dual members from all around Georgia joined in with the local membership and celebrated 20 years of achievement.

Below: Larry Guzy, Guest speaker for the night recounted the joy at being the original speaker for the first meeting, and celebrated with the BRM crowd.







Right: Pres. Jared Ogden presents Jack Dugger with an OLC for his un-wavering work as registrar in helping new members



research and join the SAR. Even Covid couldn't keep Jack down.



Left: A center table displayed the deceased members of the chapter. A fitting tribute to their contributions while members.



Right: New member is inducted into the SAR.



Left: Bob Sapp, Bruce Maney, P.G. Larry Guzy, Karen Guzy, Brenda Jessel, and Georgia President David Jessel were among the many guests on the evening.

Right: The BRM created a wonderful notebook with the history and highlights of the 20 past years for all attendees.

*[apologies for the photo bomber behind the folio....editor]*





Below: Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter conducted a flintlock training class on October 25th. The trainer was Compatriot Paul Danner. Compatriot Danner has proven expertise in shooting, maintaining, and repairing Flintlock weapons. The class was open to all compatriots, relatives, and friends who expressed an interest in learning more about the weapons used in our fight for freedom. Weapons were available for those who had none. The class was sponsored by the chapter's Color Guard. In addition to flintlock training, the purpose of the class was to increase color guard interest and support.

The curriculum consisted of familiarizing Color Guard Commands, charging, firing, and on-the-spot repairs and adjustments. After the firing was complete, attendees moved to a sunny area. They received hands-on training in essential weapons maintenance and cleaning techniques.

After the organized training, a small core of color guard members adjourned to a shaded area. By then, the sun was causing the temperature to rise. Where they enjoyed refreshments and camaraderie, while critiquing the morning's training and suggested improvements for future training sessions.



*[Maybe we could have a State Militia Muster one day, and provide a similar program. It would certainly give those who have not, but wish to have the thrill of firing an opportunity to do so. We experienced veterans might also learn something we didn't know. We could always add a few more enthusiastic members to our Elijah Clarke Militia membership ..... Editor]*



## Brier Creek

Below: "East Fall Line Region members of the Brier Creek, Wiregrass and Little River Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution attended the Annual "Salzburger Heritage Day Festival at Historic Ebenezer on September 6, 2021. Also in attendance was President Ted Walker of the Henry Laurens Chapter, South Carolina SAR.

11 members traveled to Southeast Georgia to set up four tables of traveling truck items, a continental tent and a 6-pounder Naval Cannon, a 6-pounder Mortar and a 8-pounder Field Gun. About 50 yards from the Savannah River, the festival committee had set up 37 booths and activity sites. They put our site close to the Savannah river since we were the largest and would be firing our flintlocks, muskets and cannons.

The event started with the Girl Scout Troop raising the flags. On the hours, 11 SAR members fired our 50 cal. Pennsylvania/Kentucky rifles, our 69 cal. Charleville Muskets, our 75 cal. Brown Bess Muskets 1 time followed by the firing of our 6-pounder Mortar, our 6-pounder Naval Cannon and our 8-pounder "Thumper" Field Gun. After each firing, our bugler, Don Bazemore played "taps".

Compatriot Ted Walker brought with him the U.S. Flag, SC Flag and his Chapter Flag. He also brought a wreath that represented the Patriots who were killed at Ebenezer during the American Revolutionary War. Their were an estimated 500 or more in attendance that viewed our booth."



Left: Steve Burke & Alton McCloud presenting traveling truck artifacts to over 500 people in attendance

Right: Steve Burke, John Tapley, Woody Woodard, Bernard Martin, Emory Fennell, Don Bazemore, Dess Smith III, Alton McCloud, Ted Walker



Right: Compatriot John Derden of the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. Compatriot John presented an update on the items that the BCRWBA had been discussing with the Georgia DNR about preserving the battlefield and developing ideas that the association had for the battlefield. Those items are: Entrance sign to the battlefield at Brannen's Bridge Road, granite marker with the front and back listing the Patriot Units on one side and the British Units on the other side, a lighted flagpole with a large granite base with pavers purchased by individuals and wildlife viewing areas and walking trails on the battlefield with signage on those trails. There will also be a large map that shows locations of the battle units and what happened during and after the battle. Hopefully, the BCRWBA, Inc. and the DNR will agree on many items that will enhance the future of the battlefield.







Left: Alton Reynolds loading his 8 pounder (Thumper) Field Gun with Jerry Lawson.

Right: "The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. held its first Semi-Annual banquet on Thursday night, September 16, 2021 at the Reynolds Clubhouse in Swainsboro at 6:30. With President Stephen Hammond presiding, we had 47 in attendance.

Compatriot Dr. John Derden's presentation was on the "Brier Creek Battlefield: Progress and Future Outlook".



Left: Color Guard Commander Steve Burke gave the command for the Presentation of Colors.





## Button Gwinnett



Left and Below: The newest member of the Button Gwinnet Chapter is Michael Dickey, a member of the Benjamin Fitzpatrick C.A.R. Society. A sophomore at Georgia Military College prep School, Michael ranks as a cadet staff sergeant. Son of Andrew and Heather Dickey grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Terry Stair. Terry is a member of the John Milledge Chapter SAR. The induction took place at Dr Stairs Church in Milledgeville. Michael is also an associate member of the John Milledge chapter. Later this year he will be inducted as an eagle scout with troop 124.

Below: Bill Palmer, Commander GASSAR Color Guard at 240th Commemoration of the 2nd Siege of Augusta



## Cherokee

Right: President Stan Lewis gave an in -depth review of the book *The drillmaster of Valley Forge: The Baron De Steuben and the Making of the American Army*. The rigorous drilling and attention to detail instilled by Baron de Steuben is widely credited with turning the direction of the Revolutionary War.







Above: Jeff Lee was pinned by Dennis McIntire, Registrar, and sworn in by President Stan Lewis. At the August 10 meeting.

Upper Right: Michael Cannon updated everyone on the Scouting program, and was thanked by Pres. Lewis on making his 35th Eagle Scout award presentation.

Right: Jefferson Statue at the University of Missouri. The LEEP program has been invited to participate in an Arbor Day event at Mizzou on April 1st, 2022.



## Capt. John Collins



### MEMORIAL ROAD TRIPS

Several days before Memorial Day and without the usual events to attend, I suggested to my wife, Marguerite, we do a road trip. The trip would have an objective of visiting my relative's grave sites, to pay our respects and leave an American Flag for those that had served our Country in the Military.

We left our home the morning of May 31st. The first site was in Cobb County at the grave of a Compatriot of the Capt. John Collins SAR Chapter who was a distant relative of mine (Mallory). We left our respects and personal thoughts along with an American Flag that carried "Capt. John Collins SAR Chapter" on the staff.

This process was repeated throughout the day. Cherokee County was next on the agenda. One grave for a World War II/Korean War veteran. Next came Pickens County, two cemeteries and four graves, one of which was my great grandfather that served in the Union Army. At another cemetery was an uncle (Dad's brother). He was awarded a Bronze Star for rescuing an isolated squad on Christmas Night during the Battle of the Bulge. I still miss Uncle Jim.

We moved on, Gilmer County, the home of my Mother's people. Three cemeteries, six relatives and one classmate/neighbor. He and I hunted together as boys. Irwin died in a munitions factory explosion, he was twenty-one. I have four uncles interred here, Mom's brothers.

One of the main objectives was in Union County, the grave site of John Nicholson, Revolutionary War Patriot, my eighth great grandfather. I had never visited his grave before. John served in the North Carolina regiment. He was involved during his life in the efforts to get the "Orphan Strip" adopted by one of the adjacent states.

We headed South and made an attempt in Dawson County to locate the grave site of Dragoon Richard Bearden, another eighth generation grandfather. I had been there before. However, I took an incorrect intersection, and coupled with failing memory, we decided to go to Cobb County, at least I knew how to get there.

Left: Earl Cagle at the grave of Patriot John Nicholson.



I told Marguerite we did not have any plans for July Fourth, the flags were already out and we could go and find the grave site then. I looked at an aerial view of the area and realized we had been

within two hundred yards of the trail that led to the Bearden Family Cemetery. We made the return trip to Dawson County, within less than a week we had completed our road trip. I placed our customary flag on the grave of Dragoon Richard Daniel Bearden who had served in Sumter's Brigade in South Carolina.

Richard was a man of longevity. Born in 1760, he volunteered in 1781 for ten months service. His service was under Capt. William Smith (brother-in-law), Col. John Thomas's Regiment, Gen. Sumter's Brigade. He was involved in the taking of Congaree Fort, went to Camden Hospital for a month with smallpox, returned to his unit and was in several skirmishes near Charleston. His unit joined General Nathaniel Greene in the high hills of the Santee and engaged the British in the last major battle in the South at Eutaw Springs, SC. Richard moved around considerably but eventually settled in North Georgia. He made two applications for a pension, both denied for lack of documentation. Years later a well know researcher by the name of Landrum found records in Columbia that supported Richard's claims. Richard died just a few days shy of his one hundred and first birthday.

Statistics: Six Counties, Nine Cemeteries, Fifteen Graves, Miles Driven ???, HEROES – ALL OF THEM.

Our "Road Trips" were rewarding, I felt a certain fulfillment in the experience and if you can make a similar effort, I recommend it. Safe travels. May those that served our nation, "Rest in peace".

*Submitted by Earl L. Cagle, Sr., Past President*



Above: Earl Cagle salutes the grave of Dragoon Richard Bearden.

## Joseph Habersham

Right: Dr. Ed Hendricks has presented 38 Flag Certificates and Ron Hill has presented 16. Total: 54 for Joseph Habersham. Here Ed presents a flag certificate to the Habersham County Emergency Services Director Chad Black at the No. 9 Station.





Right: Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society, the Sons of the American Revolution Lyn Cash, Vice President and member of the Chapter Color Guard plants an American flag at the grave site of his 5th Great Grandfather Howard C. Cash, Sr., at the Cash Family Cemetery, on the Middle Fork Broad River in Banks County, Georgia.

Howard Cash served in the Revolutionary War with his two younger brothers and his Uncle who was killed in action. He was born August 6, 1755 Amherst, VA, the son of Stephen Cash and Jemima Cash. Howard died July 16, 1843 Habersham, GA. William "The Immigrant" Cash, Sr., born June 2, 1653 in Strathmiglo, Fife, Scotland came to Richmond, Virginia about 1699 aboard his uncle William the Mariner, ship The Good Intent. This is the ship that songwriter and singer Roseanne Cash sings about in her song the "Good Intent".

William's son, Robert Howard Cash, born 1703 Westmoreland, Virginia and died 1772 Westmoreland, Virginia, had a plantation of over a thousand acres and quite a few slaves according to his will. Robert had a daughter that married Captain Aaron Higgingbotham of the Virginia Militia and a son Stephen, born 1727 Westmoreland, Virginia. Stephen served under George Washington in the Virginia State Militia.

Stephen died 15 June 1799 at Amherst, Virginia. Stephen had seven sons; Howard, Bartlett, Joseph, William, Peter, William C., John. John and Howard were Revolutionary War soldiers and John is the line of Johnny Cash the famous country singer. Howard, John, and the Higgingbothams left Virginia at the same time for the land lotteries in Wilkes and Elbert counties Georgia.

John Cash stayed for two generations in Elbert County, Georgia before going to Arkansas. Howard Cash, Sr., also served as a private in the War of 1812. Howard had extensive land holdings in Virginia. When he got to Georgia he acquired prime bottom land on the Middle Fork Broad River. He was able to purchase adjoining properties and eventually acquired almost five thousand acres of good farm land. This land eventually supported a grist mill, syrup mill, and tannery as well as cropland. The service to country continues to this day in the Cash genes. Cash's have served in every war, including the Confederacy. Many compatriots of the Joseph Habersham Chapter are descendants of Howard Cash, Sr.



*Below: From Left: Northeast Georgia Medical center emergency medical Transportation Director Scott Masters, paramedics Jason Meaders, Ben Dill and Andy Turk, Ron Hill president Joseph Habersham Chapter, paramedic Rondal Robinson, EMT Robert Rhodes and White County EMS Director Bill Scandrett.*





August 12, 2021, Ron Hill, President of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, assisted by Scott Masters, MBA, Paramedic, Director, Emergency Medical Transportation, Gainesville, Georgia and Bill Scandrett, Manager, White County EMS presented the SAR's Life Saving Medals, Certificates and Citations to seven individuals whose actions saved lives as members of the White County Georgia Emergency Medical Services Department.

On November 24, 2020 Paramedic Jason Meaders assisted by Joey Ramsey responded to a 68 year old male complaining of severe chest pain and shortness of breath. The patient's vital signs indicated a deadly heart attack. Paramedic Meaders immediately began the full STEMI protocol. Had it not been for the quick thinking and expertly applied life-saving measures, the patient would have certainly died at the scene. The patient received emergency catheterization and placement of a stent for a 100 percent blockage of one of his arteries. The patient made a full recovery with no damage to his heart.

On May 6th 2021, Paramedic Ben Dills and his Emergency Medical Technician Robert Rhodes responded to a motor vehicle accident. At the site of an overturned jeep, they found an unresponsive male thrown from it lying on the ground. The injured man was in hypovolemic shock and had a severely compromised airway. Taking immediate life-saving action, they initiated procedures to clear the patient's airway. As a result of their superb emergency care the patient made a full recovery.

On November 11, 2020 Union County EMS contacted White County EMS for assistance with a 19 year old female having complications from hemorrhaging. Paramedic Rondal Robinson met with the Union county ambulance to find that the patient experiencing severe bleeding due to spontaneous abortion. The patient was in hypovolemic shock. Quickly analyzing the life-threatening situation, Paramedic Robinson immediately started an intravenous line and infused two bags of plasma. The patient went on to make a full recovery after a short hospital stay.

On January 13, 2021 Paramedic Ryan Hayden, assisted by his Emergency Medical Technician responded to a call from a 55 year old male complaining of bright red blood in his stool and vomiting bright red blood. This patient was also in profound hypovolemic shock. Taking immediate life-saving action, Paramedic Hayden initiated an infusion of plasma. The patient was rapidly transported to the hospital.

On April 18, 2021 Paramedic Andy Turk assisted by his Emergency Medical Technician responded to a call. Upon arrival they found a 56 year old male who had been riding his bike in a road race when he went into cardiac arrest. CPR was immediately started by bystanders. Paramedic Turk immediately took over and began advanced cardiac life support measures including the use of the LUCAS Chest Compression System. Approximately 40 minutes into the patient's cardiac arrest the EMS crew got a return of pulses and circulation to the patient. At the hospital it was determined that the patient had suffered a severe heart attack requiring emergency cardiac catheterization and stent placement. The patient was

awake and speaking that evening. Due to the actions of the bystanders and the EMS crew the patient made a full recovery.

*Left: Paramedic Ryan Hayden and EMT Joey Ramsey.*



The very next day, August 13, 2021, Ron Hill again presented medals, but this time in Banks County. The SAR's Fire Safety Commendation Medals, Certificates and Citations to two individuals for exceptionally meritorious service and presented EMS Commendation Medals, to two additional individuals for exceptionally meritorious service in recognition of dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions.

Firefighter/EMT Cody Vickery, a hard-working, smart, young man is a role model for other Firefighters in the department. He came to the department with great knowledge and skills and continuously performs them well. Vickery serves on the Fire Committee in which he helps create Guidelines for the department. Firefighter/EMT Cody Vickery's professionalism, perseverance, untiring devotion to duty and outstanding

contributions in an area of fire safety and service are in keeping with the finest traditions reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the Banks County Fire/EMS Department.

A Fire Safety Commendation Medal was awarded to Fire fighter/EMT Scottie Mathis, truly one of a kind. He currently serves as the department Battalion Chief as well as the Captain for "C" shift. Chief Mathis puts in 60+ hours per week. Mathis has been with the department for 20 years, starting out as a volunteer before becoming full-time at just 18 years old. Chief Mathis goes above and beyond daily. Banks County is very fortunate to have him as their Battalion Chief.





For exceptionally meritorious service and in recognition of dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions Firefighter/Paramedic Randall Whitlock was awarded an EMS Commendation Medal. Whitlock currently serves on the EMS Committee for the department, which works to improve patient care. Randall Whitlock's noteworthy accomplishments, unswerving dedication and steadfast devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Fire and medical profession and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the Banks County Fire/EMS Department.

Firefighter/Paramedic Dylan Smith was also awarded an EMS Commendation Medal. Dylan is a smart, eager, and determined young man. Since joining the Banks County Fire/EMS, he has assumed a position as an EMS Co - ordinator, in which he manages the EMS supplies that includes every item on the ambulances needed to prevent fatalities. Smith serves as a member the EMS Committee, which helps create and revise Banks County EMS Medical Protocols.

Each of these individuals is recognized for his outstanding performance of duty and dedication which are in keeping with the finest traditions of the medical profession and reflect great credit upon them and the Banks County EMS Department.



Right: EMT / Firefighter Cody Vickery, Banks County.

## Little River

Below: At our July Chapter meeting, Compatriot Josh Morey was inducted as a new member. Pictured L - R, Vice President Alton McCloud, President William Tankersley, Compatriot Josh Morey, and his wife, Ashley.



Right: Compatriot James Lemley, MD, was presented with the SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal for over 30 years of service as the EMS







Left: Vice President Alton McCloud received his 10-year membership pin.

Right: At our August meeting, Retired Georgia State Trooper Captain Andy Carrier gave a program about Valor Station, a planned rehab facility for first responders with addiction and PTSD from on-the-job experiences. Captain Carrier was presented with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal for his many years of service as a law enforcement officer.



Left: On Saturday, August 7, Compatriot Col. W. Glenn Yarborough, Jr. (US Army, retired) joined George Washington's Mount Vernon, members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the National Museum of the United States Army for the estate's official National Purple Heart Day Wreath Laying at Washington's Tomb and Commemoration Ceremony in the Tomb Grove. A part time resident of McLean, VA, Col. Yarborough serves as Vice Commander of the Department of Virginia American Legion.



Below: The program for the August meeting was presented by Compatriot Dr. John Derden from the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro. His topic was "President George Washington's 1791 trip through Georgia". Washington had planned to visit every state in the country in order to become better acquainted with their principal characters and internal circumstances. His southern trip began on April 9, 1791 and took him through Virginia and 3 states he had never been, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

With a carefully devised line of march and accompanied only by his senior secretary, Maj. William Jackson, and a hand full of servants, Washington left Mount Vernon to investigate conditions in the most southern states. He traveled in a lightweight carriage; a wagon, the only other vehicle in his simple entourage, followed with his luggage. A total of eight men and eleven horses made the bulk of the Southern Tour. His carriage was pulled by 4 brown horses and the baggage wagon was pulled by two horses. Five extra saddle horses were brought along, including the president's tall white charger, Prescott.

The group often departed between 4 - 6 in the morning, halting for breakfast for their first stop, and traveled around 25 to 40 miles in a day. The president, well aware of imagery, often mounted Prescott to enter a town. At well over 6 feet tall, George Washington rode high in the saddle.

In Georgia, Washington's tour took him into Savannah, then up the Savannah / Augusta road across Brier Creek into Waynesboro and into Augusta. When he left Augusta, he crossed a bridge over the Savannah River and journeyed to Columbia, SC.







Left: On July 4th, compatriots Gary Smith and Bill Tankersley attended the Signer's Monument ceremony in Augusta and presented our chapter wreath.

Below: On July 4th, compatriot Bill Colbert presented Traveling Trunk at Meadow Garden in Augusta, home of Georgia signer George Walton.



Left: . On September 6th, compatriots Alton McCloud and Woody Woodard traveled to historic Ebenezer, GA, to participate with other members of the East Fall Line Region in the Salzberger Heritage Day Festival.



Left: Former Mayor of Augusta, WJBF-TV news anchor, and Vietnam War Veteran Bob Young was our September Chapter speaker. He gave a talk on the proposed new state Veterans Cemetery in Augusta.

Below: Compatriot Bobby Anthony was inducted as a new member. Presenting his certificate and rosette was his cousin, Compatriot Dwain Moss. Pictured left to right – Compatriots Aton McCloud, Bill Tankersley, Bobby Anthony, and Dwain Moss.





Right: President Tankersley, Vice President McCloud, Treasurer Lewis Smith, and Compatriot Woody Woodard attended the 240th anniversary of the 2nd Siege of Augusta. The day before, Compatriots Alton McCloud and Bill Colbert participated in the Constitution Day event sponsored by the Augusta Chapter DAR.



Above: Organized by the Captain John Wilson Chapter, NSDAR in Thomson, three of our Chapter Compatriots participated in "Bells Across America" to commemorate Constitution Week. From left to right: Jack Roth, Tom Holley, and Chaplain Dave Donehoo.

Right: Louis Graziano, the last surviving witness of the German surrender to the Allies in World War II, at Reims, France, on May 7, 1945, was awarded the French Legion of Honor by the French consul on September 17 in Thomson. This is the highest French honor presented and was established in 1802. Graziano joins Alexander Graham Bell, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Douglas MacArthur as member of the French Legion of Honor.

## Lyman Hall

Scouts from Troop 143 in Johns Creek, GA received their Eagle Scout Certificates, as well as certificates from the Military Order of World Wars and the Association of Masonic Scouters. President Carter Wood was the presenter.

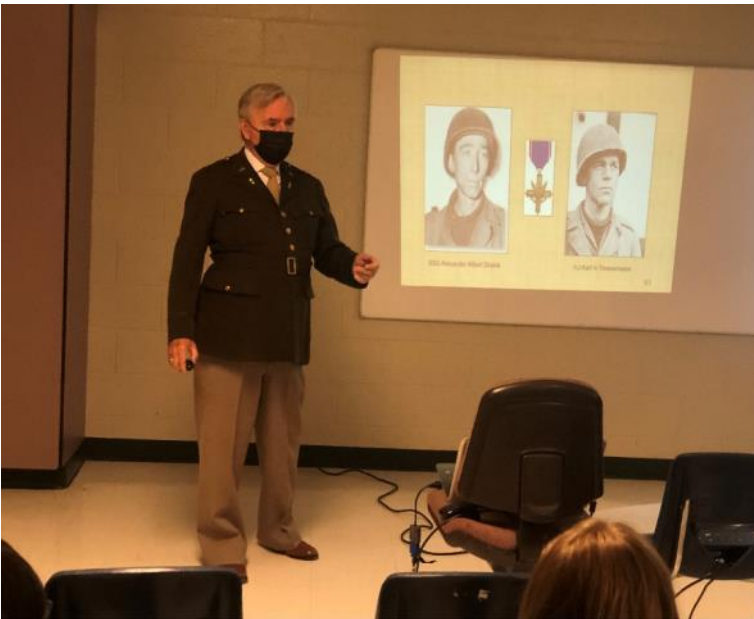
Below: Lyman Hall Chapter set up their military banners at the site of a Wounded Warrior fundraiser Pickleball tournament near Hoschton. The event had been necessarily cancelled last year but had great participation this time; raising more than \$2,000.





Below: It was great to be back in person with elementary school students. Teacher to teacher networking brought about an invitation to Spout Springs ES in Hall County late in the academic year. Fifth graders had completed their period of WWII study so these five sessions over two days were review, reinforcement and fun.

Here Compatriot Carter Wood relates the story of two soldiers who led the way to clear demolitions from the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen. His original 1942 vintage "Pink & Green" is an inheritance from his Cousin (KIA 31 Dec 1944).



Below: Two of the dozens of children who stopped by the Lyman Hall booth at the 'Art in the Park' festival at Hurricane Shoals park in Banks County. Again this year Lyman Hall partnered with Sunbury Chapter NSDAR to present and promote to hundreds of festival attendees over the two-day event.



Left: Again this year Lyman Hall Chapter participated with the Jacob Braselton Chapter NSDAR to commemorate the birthday of their namesake, Jacob Braselton.





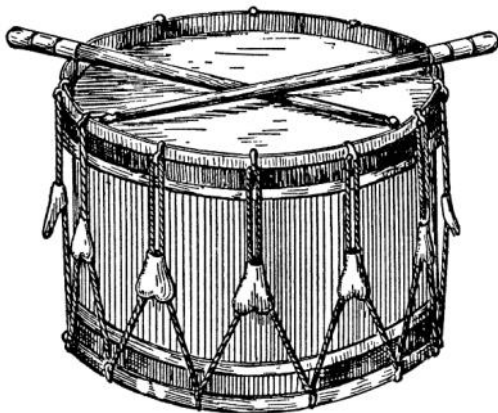
# Marquis de Lafayette



Left: Members & Ladies Auxiliary at Peachtree City Parade Float

Below: Birthday Party of Marquis de Lafayette & Signing of Treaty of Paris sponsored by James Waldrop Chapter NSDAR with 5 MDLC Presidents. Front Row left to right Past President John Sloan, President Mike Sander-son, Past President David Jessel

Back Row left to right Skip Petsch, Past President Walt Reed, Past President Don Bulloch, Jim Strickland Sr., and Vern Bassham.





## Marshes of Glynn

Below: The Marshes of Glynn Chapter does not meet formally in June, July and August. Instead, this year, the Chapter BOM organized a summer picnic for its compatriots, spouses and friends. The get-together took place on Saturday, July 17th, at Blythe Island Regional Park in Glynn County. The Chapter rented a pavilion equipped with picnic tables and a grill and also provided hamburgers, hot dogs, and BBQ. Attendees brought condiments, beverages, side dishes, desserts, plates and utensils. Over 30 people enjoyed the good food and conversation. One compatriot remarked that it was good to see so many old friends again.



The Marshes of Glynn Chapter resumed meeting on Thursday, 9 September after a summer break. The First United Methodist Church of Brunswick at 1400 Norwich Street kindly offered space for the gathering; a new location for the Chapter. Compatriot Bennie Williams discussed the Native American population before and after the Revolutionary War.



# Mount Vernon

Below: On July 12, 2021, members of the Mount Vernon Chapter and the Sandy Springs DAR Regent Grier Payne each presented a check for \$1,000 to the City Council of Dunwoody towards the flag pole proposal to the city of Dunwoody Parks and Recreation Department. The flag pole will be installed at the Donaldson-Banister Farm in Dunwoody, GA. This structure was built in 1870 and is on the National Register of Historic Places, but had no flag displayed until founding Chapter President Shep Hammack pointed that out to the City of Dunwoody.



(L to R) President Tom Pye, VP Richard McCrary, Ted Fricke, Shep Hammack and Randy Pollard. (Photo submitted by compatriot Randy Pollard.)

Below: The Mount Vernon Chapter held it's annual picnic at the Lost Corners Preserve in Sandy Springs Georgia on July 24th. The meal included BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Cole Slaw, Brunswick Stew, Chips, and Banana Pudding. Afterwards, Chapter President Tom Pye and Shep Hammack announced that the Mount Vernon Chapter was awarded the **PG Robert B. Vance award** at the recent National SAR Congress in Renton, Washington. This award was for the best SAR chapter website. You can visit our website at: <http://mountvernon SAR.org>



Left: Webmaster and past Mount Vernon President Chuck Rann holding the Robert B. Vance Award for the Mount Vernon Chapter.





Above: **Remembering Joyce Chrisman Memorial Service 8/21**

Joyce Chrisman, wife of current Mount Vernon Chapter Registrar and Genealogist Tom Chrisman, lost her 9 month battle with COVID-19 on July 29th. Her service was held at the Dunwoody United Methodist Church. Georgia State SAR Chaplain William (Bill) Floyd Jr. conducted the service, which was attended by many fellow SAR members. We wish Tom Chrisman and his daughters our sincere condolences.



Left: President Tom Pye inducted junior member Philip William Catalano III in a new member ceremony. His father and transfer member, Philip William Catalano Jr. held young 'William' while President Pye read from the SAR new member form. Tom Chrisman presented the SAR rosette and let Philip Jr. pin it on his son.

Below: Chapter VP Richard McCrary introduced our guest speaker Larry Thomas, who gave us very good tips while going thru the process of doing research about our ancestors.







Left: Mount Vernon President Tom Pye presented founding Chapter President and Georgia SAR Treasurer Shep Hammack with the SAR National Gold Roger Sherman Medal for his outstanding contribution to the National Society as DAR Liaison. Shep was accompanied by his wife Montez, who is a member of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR. We congratulate Shep for his outstanding achievement.

**Piedmont**

Below: On July 17, Piedmont held its first in - person annual picnic since the start of the COVID pandemic with 50 people.



Left and Right: Piedmont Chapter presents Law Enforcement award and Medal to City of Milton Police Chief Rich Austin.







Above: 08/31/2021 – Piedmont Chapter presents NSSAR 2nd place Brochure Contest award certificate and check to Fellowship Christian School student Maddox Jack Lewis.

Below: On 9/25/2021 The Piedmont Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution presented three Eagle Scouts from Troop 2000 in Johns Creek, GA with The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution "Certificate of Recognition" at their Eagle Court of Honor held at the Johns Creek Presbyterian Church on Saturday September 25, 2021.

Eagle Scouts Ethan Cha-Choe, Britton Davis, and Joss Hufnagel were honored for their outstanding achievement in exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by their attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout by Past Piedmont Chapter President Rick Reese, Jr.





# Robert Forsyth

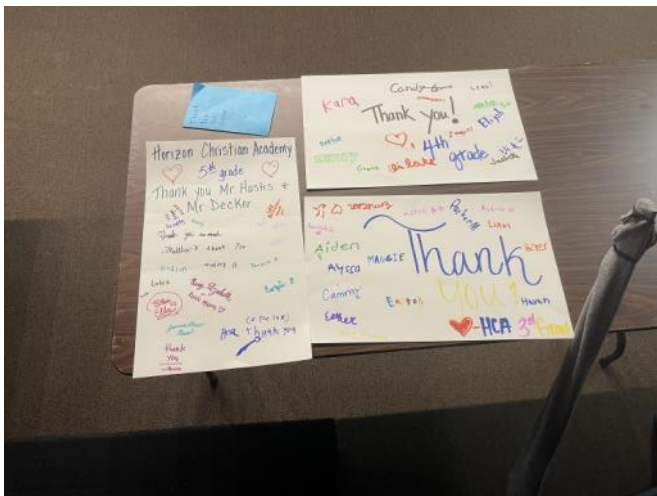
Sunday, July 25, 2021. President Chip Van Alstyne, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 143, was asked to preside over the Achievements section of their Eagle Ceremony held at Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church. President Van Alstyne who is also an was asked by to preside over a portion of their combined Eagle Ceremony. President Van Alstyne conducted the section covering the achievements of the three Eagle Scouts, Aaron Redmon, Miles Gilbreth, and Luke Cho.



During the ceremony, President Van Alstyne shared stories from a 2019 trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, where a flag retirement ceremony was conducted (Left). Aaron, whose project was an outdoor gathering spot for Christ the Shepherd, was escorted by his Eagle brothers, Robert Redmon and Dean Nordheim. Miles, whose project was an equipment cabinet for the Northview HS Fencing team, was escorted by his Eagle brother Chance Gilbreth. Luke's project was refurbishing a shed at the Forsyth County Animal Shelter, he was escorted by his Eagle brother, Isaac Cho. President Van Alstyne presented each Eagle Scout with a Certificate from the SAR as well as a book on leadership based on the life of Stephen Bechtel. (Below)



Left: Horizon's students presented us with a couple of Thank You poster cards. Hopefully we can get them to enter the poster contest this year.



Below: Compatriots Emil Decker and J.C. Hustis presented the chapter's Traveling Trunk to Horizon Christian School's 4th Grade in Cumming. Good to be back to the Education Circuit, even if some schools are still hesitant to have visitors just yet. This group was so excited that we were allowed to fire muskets in the parking lot. Even in a fine mist of rain, several came out under umbrellas to get a good look and listen.



No Photo: Compatriots were recognized at the South Atlantic District's recent meeting. Gary Page received a Silver Roger Sherman Medal, and Ed Rigel Jr. received a District Meritorious Service Medal Oak Leaf Cluster, signifying a second receipt of that honor.



## Wiregrass

Below Left: Compatriot Hu Daughtry, a member of the Mill Creek Chapter, Statesboro, presented his program on "The Log House on the Left" at the Jul. meeting. Hu has written several books and he started his presentation on his Revolutionary War Patriot, Jacob Daughtry and then continued his presentation through his family to the present day.

Below Right: Mike Lisenby presented his program at our Aug. meeting, in anticipation of Constitutional Day on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the date of the signing of the United States Constitution, Mike provided a description of the Founding Fathers' conscious efforts to protect our God given rights of liberty and freedom by their inclusion of specific and express safeguards in the Constitution and in the Bill of Rights.



Left: President Wayne Howard ® inducted our newest member, Compatriot Norman Waters (C) with the help from John Fitzner (L).



Right: The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its meeting July 6, 2021. With President Dess Smith III presiding, local survivalist and historian Steve Burke, a member of the Wiregrass Chapter. Steve presented a program on the American Soldier from the American Revolution to World War II. He used George Washington as his example and talked about the sacrifices that were made by Washington and those early Patriots. They were always there when needed and the same applies to all American Soldiers. He talked of the testing of the new nation in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War of 1846. He talked of the war of brother against brother, the War between the States in 1861 - 65. Steve spoke of the Spanish American War in 1898 in Cuba and the global World War I in 1918 with Germany. In 1941-45, the U.S. fought World War II on two fronts, the European front against Germany and Italy and the Pacific front against Japan. He closed with a tribute to the role of women in these wars.



Members of the NSDAR, NSSAR and Descendants of Rev War Patriots traveled to the Hagood Mill Historical Site, Pickens, SC to participate and view the Grave Marking and Dedication Ceremony of Revolutionary War Patriot Captain Joseph Chapman, NC/SC Militia on Saturday, August 7, 2021. A Musket Salute was given by SAR members from SC, NC, GA, FL, AL and TN.



Left: Compatriot and Vietnam Veteran John Tapley, Jr. of the Wiregrass Chapter, contacted his fellow compatriots about honoring the 11 Marines, one Navy corpsman and one Army soldier that were killed by an ISIS-K suicide bomber outside the Kabul airport while helping to oversee the humanitarian evacuation mission of thousands of Americans and Afghan allies on August 26, 2021.

Compatriot John received permission, organized the event, and purchased 13 U.S. Flags, pvc pipe and zip ties. At home, he put them together and brought them to our weekly coffee at Leanna's Restaurant on Friday morning, September 4, 2021. Around 9:00 am, 9 members of the Wiregrass Chapter, traveled to erect the flags at Patriots Park, at the corner of Hwy 80E and Hwy 57N.

After erecting the flags on the outside fence, Wiregrass Chapter Chaplain Emory Fennell said a prayer for the families and our country. Compatriot Dess Smith III then called the Honor Guard to attention and gave the command Present Arms. Following this part of the event, Artillery Commander Steve Burke fired 3 volleys from his 6 - pounder Naval Cannon. We continue to mourn the loss of these servicemen and pray for their families.



Left: President Wilder then presented Registrar Dess Smith III with the National Liberty Metal with 3 oak leaf clusters.

*An oak leaf cluster is a device attached to a ribbon to denote a repeat award.*







Left: President Wilder inducted two new members into our Chapter, Junior member Kenyon Gay and his grandfather Compatriot Jerry Lawson.

Below: President Wilder also presented Compatriot Alton Reynolds with his first supplemental approved application for his Patriot Ephraim Peebles.



## Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Georgia Ladies,

It was a joy to represent the GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary at the recent NSSAR Trustee-Leadership in Louisville, KY. If you attend in the future, remember YOU ARE INVITED to attend the Ladies Auxiliary meeting and program, and the lovely Ladies Luncheon. You will get to know ladies from all over the country as we enjoy each other's company. Friends have been made there that would never have been made otherwise. Questions? Just give me a call.

YOU are invited to join the GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary if not already a member. At the moment we are working on plans for the NSSAR 2022 Congress in Savannah. We would love to have your assistance in the area you like best. Remember "many hands make light work," you will have time to enjoy Congress as well as contributing to its success. The updated application is attached reflecting the change that any woman may now join the GASSAR LA whether the relationship is spousal or friend who

would like to be a part of what the GASSAR is doing. We are honored by your inquiries and Lifetime Membership!  
I look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,

**Brenda Davison Jessel, President, GASSAR LA 2021**  
713 452 9220 c/txt





**Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Ladies Auxiliary**

Open to all ladies who wish to support the GASSAR regardless of spousal,  
lineage or other affiliation

**Lifetime Membership & Update (Please print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

As appropriate: Related SAR Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SAR Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Lifetime Membership Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership Dues \$25.00

Georgia Ladies Auxiliary Pin \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pin pictured above)

Total Amount Paid: \$ 40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your check is your receipt)

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

2021 Ladies Auxiliary President

**Brenda Davison Jessel  
10 College Street  
Newnan, GA 30263**

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_





Below: Several Georgia ladies attended the delicious Ladies Luncheon at the Speed Museum of Art in Louisville and then a self-guided tour which was NOT long enough. The food was delicious and fine art of every type was on display in this museum. Pictured: Marcia Ludley, Brenda Jessel, and Debbie Coursey ready to enjoy lunch at The Speed Museum.



Children of the American Revolution

Below: A great day for C.A.R, DAR, and SAR at the commemoration of the 240th Anniversary of the Siege of Augusta. N.S.C.A.R. 2VP Gabe Bobo, SCSCAR Past State President Joseph Smith, and GSSCAR 1VP Hope Frederick brought greetings on behalf of C.A.R. South Carolina's Colonel James Williams, Martha Bratton, and William Stroud Societies joined with Georgia's Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Sukey Hart, and Elisha Winn Societies to honor and remember the patriots who engaged in this important battle.





Below: Gabe Bobo National 2nd Vice President, N.S.C.A.R. And Hope Elizabeth Frederick, 1st Vice President Georgia State Society C.A.R.



*"I think it was great that we had C.A.R. societies from both SC and GA present. This type of participation by SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. help us grow C.A.R., which is the future of SAR and DAR." - Randy Tindall*







Since it was also Constitution Week the C.A.R. members took a short trip to Meadow Garden to learn more about George Walton.



Right: Robin Verenes, Director District III NSDAR at the Siege of Augusta Commemoration.

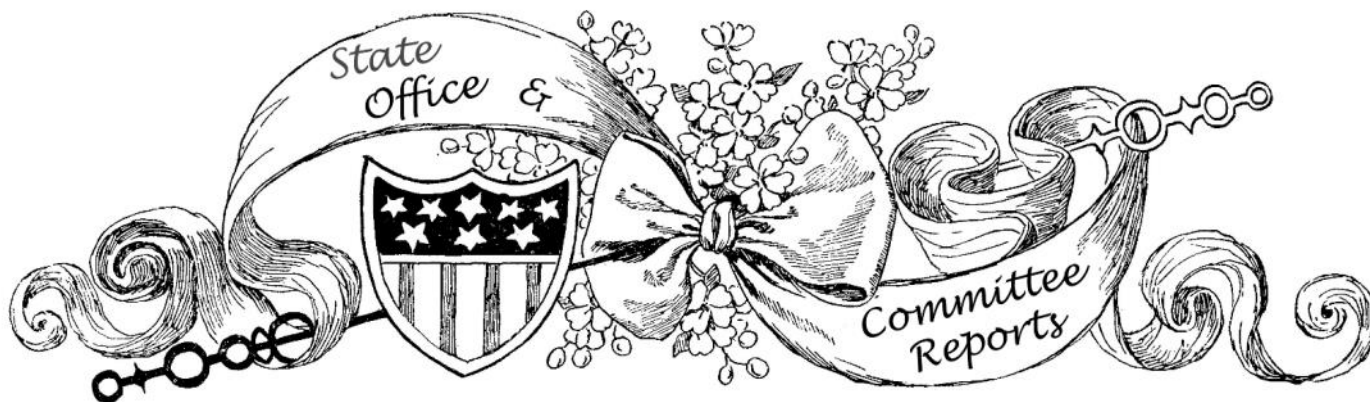






**Georgia Society  
Deceased Members  
July 01, - September 30,  
2021**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Raymond Isaac PATTON	159393	Atlanta	04 Jul 2021
Charles Neal GARNETT	181810	Ocmulgee	08 Aug 2021
Arthur Stanford ADAMS	167985	Ocmulgee	14 Aug 2021
Donald Carl WEBB	160990	John Collins	24 Aug 2021
Charlie Milford HUNTER	191377	Blue Ridge Mtns	28 Aug 2021
Steven Lee MEMORY	176685	Jos. Habersham	13 Sep 2021



**Secretary - John Flikeid**

**Areas of Focus Needed Ongoing areas needing focus by our chapters.**

1. Active recruitment programs
2. Strong on-boarding process for new members, including "Buddy System"
3. A rich content program, and strong event calendar, including:
  - a. Sponsoring grave markings
  - b. Participation in State and National events
  - c. Proclamations
  - d. Strong speaker programs





- g. Relationship with local veterans groups, DAR and C.A.R.
- h. Community relations
- i. Touching base with less active members
- j. Bringing back dropped members
- k. Staying close to Americanism activities (many of which area above): THIS is what builds strong chapters! This is the
- l. blueprint!
- m. Fundraising for Georgia 2022 Congress

#### Dues Update

As of 10/9/21, 663 members have paid dues. Based on the current membership total, that is 31% of the state. As previously state by GASSAR State President Jessel, dues are due by 10/31/21.

Several chapters have yet to submit any dues. Current standings:

	Q3
<b>Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2021</b>	<b>1965</b>
<b><u>Additions</u></b>	
New Members - Regular	111
New Members - Junior	12
Memorial Members	1
Transfers In	2
Reinstatements	21
Reinstatement-Transfers	3
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>150</b>
<b><u>Losses</u></b>	
Deceased	25
Memorial Members	1
Resignations	0
Transfers Out	4
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Active Membership as of 30 June 2021</b>	<b>2085</b>
Reported to National	
Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	21
<b>Active Membership as of 30 June 2021</b>	<b>2106</b>
Reported to BOM	
<b>Total Increase YTD:</b>	<b>141</b>

Chapter	% Paid
Valdosta	91%
Athens	90%
Wash-Wilkes	83%
Little River	81%
Altamaha	75%
Edward Telfair	69%
Samuel Elbert	64%
Marshes of Glynn	55%
Jos. Habersham	48%
Mount Vernon	39%
Blue Ridge Mtns	38%
Ocmulgee	38%
John Collins	38%
Atlanta	36%
Piedmont	29%
Fall Line	29%
George Walton	28%
Robert Forsyth	16%
William Few	12%
Four Rivers Patriots	6%
Marquis de Lafayette	5%
Cherokee	5%
Mill Creek	4%
Lyman Hall	4%
Brier Creek	3%
Joel Early	2%
Button Gwinnett	0%
Casimir Pulaski	0%
Coweta Falls	0%
Dalton	0%
John Milledge	0%
LaGrange	0%
Patrick Carr Rngs	0%
Rome	0%
Wiregrass	0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>31%</b>



## Georgia Society New Members Since July 1, 2021

# New Members



	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Atlanta</b>	02 Jul 2021	Taylor Frank JORDAN	William GRANBERRY	David Andrews NOBLE
	02 Jul 2021	Eben Glenn JORDAN	William GRANBERRY	David Andrews NOBLE
	09 Jul 2021	Nicholas Peter WENZEL	Joseph DENNISON	Gregory Eugene SMITH
<b>Blue Ridge Mtns</b>				
	03 Sep 2021	Philip Elliott GRAY	Joseph BADGER	JackPowell Dugger
<b>Cherokee</b>				
	09 Jul 2021	Jeffrey Scott LEE	Henry LEE	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
	23 Jul 2021	Patrick Wayne RUTHERFORD	Andrew SIMPSON	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
	03 Sep 2021	Lovell Exley HOYNES, JR	Gideon MALLETTE	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
	03 Sep 2021	James Lee HOPKINS	John DALLAM	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
<b>Dalton</b>				
	30 Jul 2021	Robert Maupin HALL	Theophilus WOOD	Robert Alvyn SAPP
<b>Edward Telfair</b>				
	23 Jul 2021	Adam John MALTBY	Joel CLARK	Roger Warren COURSEY
	06 Aug 2021	John Adam RAGSDALE	Peter RAGSDALE	Roger Warren COURSE
	03 Sep 2021	Christopher Sean MILLER	David BURCHAM	Roger Warren COURSEY
<b>Fall Line</b>				
	02 Jul 2021	Fred Cook PENNINGTON, III	Daniel MCNAIR	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
<b>George Walton</b>				
	03 Sep 2021	Robert Michael WARREN	John RUBERRY	Thomas Austin CHAMBERLAIN
<b>John Collins</b>				
	09 Jul 2021	Jami Marc Alan ANDREW	John VOORHEES	Randall Brian HUBER
	20 Aug 2021	James Alan KENNEDY	James LYON	Robert Charles KENNEDY
	03 Sep 2021	Michael Grayson ROMANS	Andrew GRAY	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
	03 Sep 2021	Douglas Randolph ROMANS	Andrew GRAY	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
<b>Jos. Habersham</b>				
	30 Jul 2021	Jace Adam BECKNELL	Richard BRANDON	William Hughes RAPER
	30 Jul 2021	Brace Adam BECKNELL	Richard BRANDON	William Hughes RAPER
	30 Jul 2021	Gerald Wayne BECKNELL	Richard BRANDON	William Hughes RAPER
	30 Jul 2021	Lawrence Allen BECKNELL	Richard BRANDON	William Hughes RAPER
	30 Jul 2021	Landon Allen BECKNELL	Richard BRANDON	William Hughes RAPER
	03 Sep 2021	Michael Aaron DALE	James MCCLELLAN	William Hughes RAPER



	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>	09 Jul 2021	Ian Christopher WRIGHT	John DAGGETT	David George JESSEL
	16 Jul 2021	James Holland STEWART, Sr.	Matthew STEWART	Richard Ivan CURTIS
	30 Jul 2021	Patrick Lee GEARHART	Jacob GEARHART	Arthur Talmadge STEWART, III
	30 Jul 2021	Lee Patrick GEARHART	Jacob GEARHART	Arthur Talmadge STEWART, III
	30 Jul 2021	Koty Lee MOORE	Josiah MOORE	David George JESSEL
<b>Mount Vernon</b>	30 Jul 2021	Philip William CATALANO, III	John HICKS	Gregory Eugene SMITH
<b>Ocmulgee</b>	23 Jul 2021	Harold Jackson PEACOCK, Jr.	Abishai HORN	Harold Jackson PEACOCK
	23 Jul 2021	Heath Jerome PEACOCK	Abishai HORN	Harold Jackson PEACOCK
	23 Jul 2021	Brian Tucker HAUGHT	Peter HAUGHT	Gale Ezra HAUGHT, Jr
<b>Piedmont</b>	09 Jul 2021	Gage Patrick MAGOSIN	John WILKINS	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	09 Jul 2021	Patrick Francis MAGOSIN	John WILKINS	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	23 Jul 2021	Kyle Joseph BAKER	Nicholas DARTER	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	30 Jul 2021	Harry Rogers MUSE, III	Robert CODDINGTON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	03 Sep 2021	William Jackson TIMS	Moses AYER	Frederic Miller REESE, Jr
<b>Robert Forsyth</b>	02 Jul 2021	David Lewis LOUDEN	William FERGUSON	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
	30 Jul 2021	James Lee NULPH	Nocholas BROSIOUS	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
	30 Jul 2021	Steven Edward NELSON	John MAGIL	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER
<b>William Few</b>	09 Jul 2021	Douglas Allen WILSON	George FALL	Mark Owne WALTERS
	03 Sep 2021	Andre Morgan FRIEDRICH	Thomas DODSON	Mark Owne WALTERS
<b>Wiregrass</b>	02 Jul 2021	Kelton Joshuna GAY	Alexander SUMNER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Jul 2021	Jerry Glynn LAWSON, Jr.	Joseph SUMNER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
<b>Total: 45</b>				



### Georgia Fellows Board - Edward P. Rigel, Jr

#### **New Georgia Fellows:**

**John Henry Adams** – Compatriot Adams is a member of the Atlanta Chapter

**Jared Ogden** – Compatriot Ogden is President of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter

**Sidney D. Turner** – Compatriot Turner is a member of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter and currently serves as North Central Region Vice-President

Compatriot Edward Rigel, Jr's term as Board Member will conclude at the end of the 2020-2021 term. An election will be held during Q4 to select a Board Member to serve a three-year term. Per the Source Book, this Board Member will serve as Chairman for the next three years.

#### **Paul Prescott Award:**

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

<b>Blue Ridge Mountains</b>	<b>2</b>	Until further notice, there is presently a standing approval for stipends towards the purchase of a Continental Line uniform or Militia outfit. The stipend is given to members joining the State Color Guard upon proof of purchase of such an outfit and confirmation by the State Color Guard Commander that such uniform has been obtained and worn at a State or National Color Guard event.
<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Piedmont</b>	<b>1</b>	

With new Continental Line uniforms available from GG Godwin, any Compatriot who orders a new uniform is eligible to receive the stipend, even if they are previous recipients for old uniforms or Militia outfits. Compatriots interested in the new uniforms should contact Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer.

The Georgia Fellows Fund Board unanimously voted to increase the stipend to \$200 in the hopes that more Compatriots will consider purchase of a new uniform.



ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel









All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should encourage their Units to participate in the Enhance JROTC (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2021-2022. Every SMI in your AO should know the name of the POC within your chapter to contact about JROTC matters. Chapter OC Nomination Packages need to be sent to me by the **1st weekend in December 2021**. A Chapter Outstanding Cadet Medal may be purchased at the NSSAR Store (\$50.00 #0265). **By separate email to BOM, specific instructions for nominating a Chapter OC have been disseminated.** If I can assist you in this regard, please contact me. **The Enhanced Program Chapter Outstanding Cadet (OC) should not be presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal after having already received the JROTC Chapter Award.**

**Chapters:** Americanism Award - Tab 6 – Youth Programs: list 50 points for sponsoring the JROTC program for each medal mailed or hand carried.



Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley

Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
					
<b>Athens</b>				<b>Kale Ledford James Willis</b>	<b>Gariot Dixon Hobbs</b>
<b>Joseph Habersham</b>	<b>Jerry Becknell Rick Kelley Ron Webb</b>	<b>Scottie Mathis Cody Vickery</b>	<b>Chad Black Dylan Smith Randall Whitlock</b>		<b>Ben Dills Ryan Hayden Jason Meaders Joey Ramsey Robert Rhodes Rondal Robinson Andy Turk</b>
<b>Little River</b>	<b>Andy Carrier</b>		<b>James Lemley</b>		
<b>Marquis de Lafayette</b>				<b>Charles Landrum</b>	
<b>Ocmulgee</b>	<b>John Trussell</b>				
<b>Piedmont</b>	<b>Richard Austin</b>				
<b>Robert Forsyth</b>	<b>Deborah Forrest</b>				
<b>William Few</b>		<b>Philip Brigham</b>			





### Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

Forty-five (45) applications were processed in the third quarter.

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Athens:	3	7		
Atlanta:	2	2		
Blue Ridge Mtns:	1	1		
Button Gwinnett:		2		1
Capt. John Collins:	2	3	1	
Cherokee:	6			
Coweta Falls:	2			
Dalton:	1	1		
Marquis de Lafayette:		3		
Piedmont:	2	5		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

The status of applications can be check at: Application Status Report – National Society Sons of the American Revolution (sar.org)

The total number of applications processed for the North district in 2021 to date are **167**.



### Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

All applications received during the Second Quarter have been submitted to the GASSAR Secretary for processing: One Application was withdrawn by the applicant. Six Application were misdelivered by USPS, the applications were not located nor returned to GASSAR. All of the lost applications have been resubmitted by the applicants. One application is pending for Notarized DNA Authorization Forms. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Altamaha:				1
Brier Creek:	1		1	
Col. William Few:	4			
Edward Telfair:				7
Fall Line:	1	1		
George Walton	1			
John Milledge:	1	4		
Joel Early	3			
Little River:	2	1		
Marshes of Glynn	1			
Mill Creek	7			
Ocmulgee		1		
Valdosta	1			
Wiregrass:	14	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

The total number of applications processed for the South district in 2021 to date are **105**.



### Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

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 the 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.

#### **NSSAR Available Resources**

Please see "NSSAR 2020-2021 Poster Contest Winners" to see what the nationwide competition looked like at the 2021 Congress judging this year. Our NSSAR website offers a number of resources to support the SAR Outreach Education efforts by our society. There are more resources and website enhancements in the works that will be coming soon.

Visit the SAR.org Website at <https://www.sar.org/lesson-plans/> to view some of what is going on in education.





### Source Book - Ed Rigel Sr.

3rd Quarter Activity (the following files were updated in the 3rd Q of 2021):  
 12\_06F-Chapter-TRANSMITTAL-for-Applications-and-Supplements-Jul-2021.docx"  
 12\_08\_1F-DAR-Referral-Form-2017.pdf"  
 16\_0\_1\_0-Recipients-The-Minuteman-Award-National.doc"  
 16\_0\_1\_10-Recipients-Liberty-Medals.doc"  
 16\_0\_1\_1-Recipients-Medals-State-National.doc"  
 12.01F SAR Application Instructions - 2017.pdf"  
 12.07.1.1 SAR Dues and Fees July 2021.xls"  
 12.07.1.2 Membership-Cost-Manual-14-July-2021.pdf"  
 12.07.2.0 SAR forms included with Membership Applications Jul 2021.doc"  
 12\_01\_2-NSSAR-Application-Prep-Manual-Feb 2021.pdf"

### Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.

A proposed amendment to By-Laws Article No. ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 4. Secretary and Section 6. Treasurer, to allow for an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasure for consideration at the 23 Oct 2021 Board of Managers meeting.



### Chancellor - Chuck Olson

I assumed the position of Chancellor on or about August 1, 2021, succeeding Joe Vancura, Senior Vice President, who was acting as interim Chancellor.

Since assuming my duties, I have been familiarizing myself with the Bylaws of the Society and the National Bylaws. In association with VP Vancura, I reviewed the systems used by the Society to communicate with members of the Board of Managers and provided legal advice concerning revising the internal procedures used to maintain and update the contacts lists so as to better conform with Section 1, Article II of the Bylaws.



### Membership Directory - Mark Anthony

**Progress Statistics** 7,313 compatriots have had a membership number issued to them from 14 March 1921 through 18 March 2021 (note: 1,000 state membership numbers were never issued, 3 have been cancelled by the national office and 7 compatriots have had 2 numbers issued to them – these are not included)

The first 3,500 compatriots have been reviewed & indexed (48.3% compared to 48.11% at last report) – this represents all approvals before 15 May 2001 (the first 80 years of the Georgia SAR)

The first 5,889 applications (80.53% compared to 48.25% in the last report) have been entered – this represents all members approved prior to 20 March 2015 (the first 94 years of the Georgia SAR)

An additional 438 compatriots have had their data entered representing all compatriots approved from 1 January 2019 through 4 September 2020 – effectively 95 years of data has been entered totaling 6,327 out of 7,313 compatriots (86.5%)

The names of all 7,313 compatriots have been entered with the exception of 10 unknown names are missing (0.0014%)

986 names (13.5%) remaining to be initially reviewed

Data entry primarily gathered from SAR Record Copies, review of genealogical sites and from data derived from the Patriot Research System Project

#### **Plans for the Next Quarter**

Identify additional committee members and brief them on review process

Continue to focus on identifying missing names within the database – expectation is that 6 of the 10 missing names will remain unidentified as they are most likely out of state dual memberships (2 from 2003, 2 from 2004, 1 from 2007 & 2020 each) with the remaining four being transfers in from 2021.

Spend 2 additional days in SAR Headquarters to complete the data entry required for all compatriots & continue to focus on data review and indexing of the remaining 3,813 compatriots between 2001 and 2021.

Anticipated publication will be at some point in 2022

### Medals and Awards - Wayne Brown



This committee shall recommend awards requiring State approval and those generally made at the State level for approval by the Executive Committee except as otherwise outlined in the Bylaws. The committee may originate nominations as well as receive nominations from any member and shall ensure that justifications for all awards meet National and State requirements.

As of this Report, ten award recommendations have been received by this committee.





### Flag Respect - Paul Prescott

The Flag Respect Committee has not yet received 3rd Q reports from all of the chapters. Only thirteen (13) chapters have reported that they have presented Flag Certificates in 2017. This will not qualify GASSAR for the Adm. Furlong Award for 2021. Fortunately, there are still three months of the year left in which chapters can present Flag Certificates and qualify GASSAR for the Adm. Furlong Award. Let's at least get us qualified for the award at Congress even if we do not make 100 percent participation.

Regional Vice-Presidents, please emphasize the presentation of Flag Certificates during your meetings with the chapters in your region and assist them if needed.

The Regional Vice Presidents should have a good idea as to which chapters have presented Flag Respect Certificates and which have not. I suspect that some chapters have presented certificates but have not reported them on the Quarterly Reports. Thus, since the Regional Vice Presidents have been charged with presenting a Flag Certificate in the name of the chapter, if the chapter does not, I will have Flag Respect Certificates at the next BOM on 10/23. I suggest that each Regional VP purchase one certificate for each of the chapters in his region that has not presented one and help the chapters make the presentations.

I have a good deal on Flag Respect Certificates and Flag Retirement Certificates. NSSAR Store charges \$4.00 per certificate. I charge \$2.50. I am not undercutting NSSAR. I purchase blank certificates in bulk from NSSAR. Thus, they make a profit on the blank certificates. I do not have any overhead, I do not charge for my labor, and I supply my own ink. However, I do charge for postage. This last charge can be eliminated by purchasing the certificates at the BOM or by having someone get them for you.

Chapters that have reported presenting Flag Certificates: Atlanta, Blue Ridge Mountains, Button Gwinnett, Capt. John Collins, Coweta Falls, Edward Telfair, Joseph Habersham, Little River, Marquis de Lafayette, Mill Creek, Mount Vernon, Piedmont, Samuel Elbert



### Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett

This has been an exciting year for the GASSAR and the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Thank you to the four chapters that participated: Joel Early Chapter, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Ocmulgee Chapter and the Robert Forsyth Chapter. Participants were required to have their oration videos into state by April 10, 2021 and the judges assembled via Zoom on April 15th, 2021 to judge our state contest. I would like to thank several individuals that made this a success. Thank you to Rick Reese for creating our Google folder, setting up and running our Zoom meeting and sharing our oration videos on YouTube. Thank you to our judges Wayne Brown, Barry Miller and Greg Smith and our committee members Joe Bishop and Greg Smith. Also, thank you to past committee members George Wheelless, Joe Bishop, Jimmy Boatwright and Hugh Rogers for their advice and guidance.

Samiksha Gaherwar from the Robert Forsyth Chapter won first place, Brynn Scott from the Ocmulgee Chapter won second place, Harshil Joshi from the Joel Early Chapter won third place and Spencer Sullivan from the Marshes of Glynn Chapter won fourth place. I would like to note that all participants did an outstanding job and we congratulate them on their hard work and achievements. Samiksha Gaherwar's oration video was submitted to National and she was one of the top six, out of over twenty candidates, chosen to compete in person at National Congress in Renton, Washington.

Miss Gaherwar placed fourth in the nation at National Congress. Congratulations to Samiksha Gaherwar for this fine achievement! I have already heard from a few chapters about the Rumbaugh Oration Contest for next year and I encourage all chapters to participate. If you have any questions please contact me at [garnett31016@bellsouth.net](mailto:garnett31016@bellsouth.net) or 478-214-3715.



### Library - Hugh Rodgers

The "dog days of summer" have brought some refreshing news about the Georgia Societies' strong support for the NSSAR Genealogy Library. As of July 31, the Georgia and Tennessee Societies were tied at 65 FOL members each. Just a few more compatriot and chapter members would put Georgia back in the lead among state societies nationally.

A special thanks and commendation to the Georgia Society compatriots with Lifetime Memberships in FOL:

K. Scott Collins, Roger Coursey, Thomas Price, George Thurmond, Kenneth Van Alstyne, III

Their splendid support for the genealogical research base of the NSSAR will bring benefits

for decades to come.

Please see the **Friends of the Library** leaflet,

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Friends-of-the-SAR-Library-03102020.pdf>

for this and other special ways for members to support the growth of the NSAR Library. The annual FOL memberships by compatriots and chapters continues to be an excellent way to continue the Georgia Society's strong leadership in this program. Thanks to all for your interest in renewing your annual membership in Friends of the Library.





### Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

Our committee has received 37 requests for recognition certificates year-to-date almost double all of 2020 and two short of year end 2019. So the good news is that requests are back to pre-2020 levels however we can collectively do better by proactively reaching out to local BSA District Roundtables to insure that all unit leaders are informed of our efforts to recognize Eagle Scouts. The chair will continue to pass on recognition and scholarship competition requests to all chapters who have active Eagle Scout program or the chair will personally fulfill the request himself if no chapter support presently exists. We hope to have a reasonable number of King scholarship applications submitted this year despite the lingering effects of the pandemic to compete for our annual monetary award and Eagle trophy at the State level. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to set up a recognition program please contact me. If you have photographs of Eagle recognition presentations you've conducted I'd like to add that to our page on our Georgia Society website.

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

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

As a reminder, the GASSAR college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2021. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me preferably by email at [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com) or 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152. It is essential that all 2021 applicants use the current application available on the National website. If you run into difficulties tracking it down on that website please contact me and I'll forward it to you.



### Knight Essay - Terry Gibbs

The Knight Essay Contest began with the beginning of the school year. The deadline date for students to submit their essays to a chapter for entry into the contest is December 1, 2021. Chapters then must select their chapter winner and submit that entry to the Georgia Society Knight Essay Contest Chairman by December 15, 2021 for entry into the Georgia Society Contest.

Submit GASSAR Chapter winners' essays and applications in separate documents to: [terrygibbs237@gmail.com](mailto:terrygibbs237@gmail.com) by December 15, 2021. The GASSAR Knight Essay Chairman will then a select panel of judges to review the essays and grade them using a standardized grading sheet. The essay with the most points will be declared the winning essay to represent the Georgia Society in the national contest.

The Knight Essay contest winner for the Georgia Society will be awarded a \$550 Cash Scholarship at the Annual Meeting in January. The runner up or second place essay winner will be awarded a \$400.00 Cash Scholarship.



### Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.

#### Activities

1. Hosted Chapter monthly meetings for the Piedmont Chapter in August and September in-person and on Zoom.
2. Hosted Chapter monthly meeting for the Atlanta Chapter in September on Zoom.
3. Hosted 2022 Congress planning Committee monthly meetings in the third quarter on Zoom.
4. Hosted South Atlantic District Presidents monthly meetings in the third quarter on Zoom.
5. Hosted the Georgia Society Summer BOM meeting on July 24, 2021 live in-person in Barnesville and live streamed the meeting for 50 participants on Zoom.
6. Hosted a Chapter monthly meeting for the John Collins Chapter on September 22, 2021 live in person at the Hudson Grille in Kennesaw, and simulcast on the meeting on Zoom for 8 members and the meeting speaker. Edited and published a YouTube video of that meeting for all members to

view.

7. Filmed the funeral service on August 21, 2021 for Joyce Chrisman (wife of Compatriot Tom Chrisman of the Mount Vernon Chapter) live in-person at the Dunwoody United Methodist Church and simulcast the service on Zoom for those unable to attend. Edited and published a YouTube video of that service for all to view.
8. Since WiFi for a Zoom broadcast was not possible, I worked with Compatriot Sonny Pitman and Compatriot Dave Desmarais of the SCSAR to produce and edit a final video of the 204th Anniversary of the Second Siege of Augusta held on September 18, 2021 at the Kroc Center in Augusta, along with a reenactment of that battle performed on the site of the First Siege of Augusta. Published a YouTube video of that event for all interested individuals to view.

A 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.





### Veterans - Gary Hoyt

The NSSAR Partners in Patriotism Committee has recognized the GASSAR and eleven of its chapters for participation as Partners in Patriotism in 2020-21. President Jessel will present the award certificates at the BOM meeting on October 23 at Barnesville, GA.

On Aug 18, I joined a uniformed Piedmont Chapter delegation at the Atlanta VAMC as they presented a \$5,300 check to support VAVS/CDCE programs for woman veterans.

The National Wreaths Across America Day is December 18, 2021 at 12 pm. COVID-19 may again affect the size and nature of observances in Georgia, and you will receive periodic updates regarding status.

Please be advised that in October the postal service will impose significant delays for mail delivery and impose special holiday rates. When you couple these delays with the 2-3 week processing time for Wreaths Across America mail orders the takeaway is: Place your orders and make payment online or via telephone.

**Here is important information regarding GASSAR wreath orders:**

- **Group Name: Georgia Society-Sons of the American Revolution**
- **Group ID: GA0057**
- **Group Plan: 3 for 2**
- **Location Name: Marietta National Cemetery**
- **Location ID: GAMNCM**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sites are waived for current Military Service-members and their dependents, Veterans and Gold Star Families.**

The Marietta National Cemetery is the default wreath delivery location. However, purchasers can specify delivery to any of the 1,200 of cemeteries listed at the Wreaths Across America Web Page.

To purchase wreaths online go to: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/GA0057> and follow the prompts. To order by phone please dial: 1-877-385-9504.

The GASSAR discount is applied automatically. For example when you order wreaths in increments of two, the free third wreath(s) will automatically accompany your order and ship to the cemetery you specify.

Please feel free to phone Wreaths Across America if you need assistance with an order. New customer service representatives are in training, so please keep in mind the spirit of the holidays and this program we support so enthusiastically.



### Graves - Bruce Maney

#### **GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies held in Calendar Year 2021**

Patriot Samuel McMillan, Jackson County, GA, co-sponsored by Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR and Sunbury Chapter DAR was held on 15 May 2021. GASSAR Graves Registry form has been entered in Registry.

Patriot Lt. William Bugg, Richmond County, GA, co-sponsored by the William Few GASSAR Chapter, and Henry Laurens SCSSAR Chapter was held on 18 September 2021. The William Few SAR Chapter has not submitted the required GASSAR Graves Registry form for chapter recognition at the Annual Conference Award Luncheon in January 2022. Any Grave Registry forms should to be entered in the GASSAR Graves Registry by the end of December.

#### **GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies planned for 2021**

16 October, Patriot Reuben Hill, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery, 10 a.m., Dawson County, GA, co-sponsored by the Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR, Lyman Hall Chapter SAR, and Little River Chapter SAR.

30 October, Four Patriot Grave Markings for Col. John Talbot, William Barnett, Gannaway Martin and William Triplett, Smyrna United Methodist Church Cemetery, 10:30 a.m., Washington County, GA, co-sponsored by Washington-Wilkes Chapter SAR and Kettle Creek Chapter DAR.

13 November, Patriot Leonard Wills, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, 2 p.m., Paulding County, GA, sponsored by the Capt. John Collins Chapter SAR.

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

Athens Chapter SAR, Patriot Capt. John Venable, Arcade (south of Jefferson), Jackson County, GA, Venable Family Cemetery, Find-A-Grave Memorial #31449294, GPS: 34.0924889, 83.5782556, PRS #310644, DAR Ancestor #A118472.

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.



### Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell



A couple of months ago, I attended a Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting. I'm pleased to report that the commission approved our SAR Park Bench Project for Tricentennial park, thus we are one big step closer to getting the project completed. I was informed that it does not need to go before the City Council as it will be on private property and I had already gotten the documented approval of the city councilwoman for that area, Bernetta Lanier. Nothing has been added to the park in recent years, so the SAR Park bench will be a great addition. It will also be near the Savannah Visitors parking area and will give the SAR excellent visibility to citizens passing by! I reported the project to the 811 ground utilities group. No issues have been identified. When the bench is completed, we will need to place the bench next to the existing sidewalk to make it ADA accessible. Hopefully, increased visibility may result in more public recognition and more members! Thanks to Roger Coursey, Jeff Loomis, George Thurmond,

Lamar Davis, President David Jessel, Ed Rigel, and the Georgia Fellows for their support of this project!

I got several price quotes so we can keep the price down. Steedley Monument Works of Walterboro, SC was selected for the work. It is taking 4 - 6 months to get projects like ours completed by the granite dealers. We are still accepting donations for the bench and many thanks to Robert Sapp for his recent 100-dollar contribution! I will work closely with the Savannah Edward Telfair SAR Chapter and a local contractor to get the work done. Plans are for us to dedicate the bench during the SAR National Congress in July 2022.

While in Savannah, I went by the Savannah Visitors Center and picked up 800 city maps for our Congress gift bags. The 100 plus page comprehensive visitor guide for 2021 - 22 has not been released yet, but I have put in a request to get a minimum of 750 of those next spring that will be given to Wayne Brown. He is working closely with Brenda Jessel to get some outstanding contents for the gift bags for our Congress attendees. If you have any ideas for bag contents, contact Wayne.

I took many fresh photos to enhance our online, Hornets Nest and SAR Magazine appeal to potential attendees. Also, look for the first of three stories about the Savannah 2022 Congress in the next issue of SAR Magazine. NSSAR Congress Chairman Paul Callanan is working hard with our Georgia Congress Planning committee.

The work on the painting "George Washington in Savannah 1791" is going along nicely. Our artist, Jeff Trexler, is now sketching the images onto the canvas. Hopefully the painting will be featured in a story that will be done for the summer issue of SAR Magazine, to help highlight the 2022 SAR National Congress. Lamar Davis is also working on a story about "The Battle of Savannah, 1779", to help educate our visitors to local Revolutionary history. In addition to the 24x30 inch painting, we will have smaller 8 x10 prints made to sit on a desk or bookshelf. We are also looking into making items like dinner plates and key chains.

During the Savannah Congress, Carter Woods and the Georgia Congress Planning Team are putting together several great tours. One on Sunday July 10 will be a tour of Fort Morris and a grave marking event at Midway Church. A catered lunch of BBQ and smoked chicken, plus veggies, etc., will be provided by the local Smokin' Pig Restaurant. Plans are for us to eat lunch at the Dorchester Civic Center, which is close to Midway Church. Another tour of downtown Savannah and its many historical sites and houses is planned for that day. On Thursday, July 14, a tour is planned to the 8<sup>th</sup> Airforce Museum. These are tentative plans and are subject to change, so stay tuned!

The Congress is being held in the Savannah Hyatt Regency Hotel, July 9 - 14, 2022, and you can reserve now. The room rate is \$199 per night for two double beds in the inside area. Taxes/ fees are an additional \$41 per night. Valet Parking is \$38 per night. Call the local hotel at 912-238-1234.

### Historian - David Ludley



#### Activities of the past quarter:

After photographing, digitalizing, and adding several more items to the Digital Catalog, I am making another appointment with the Atlanta History Center chief curator in preparation for carrying more GASSAR items with full descriptions for archiving.

I am further updating the flash drive catalog. A broad index of Items archived at the Kenan Center is included in this Digital Catalog.

Of great importance, from Thursday, Sept. 23rd, through Sunday, Sept. 26th, I attended and participated in the Fall 2021 NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I am now a member of the national "History Committee" and the national "250 Committee," along with the "Merchandising" subcommittee of that group.

### Editor - Emil Decker



I am humbled to report that at the National Congress in Washington State, *The Hornet's Nest* was determined to be the recipient of the Graham T. Smallwood Jr. Award for best newsletter for a State Society of our size for 2020. It would not be possible if not for the dedication of the Georgia Society membership to hold, support, document, and submit for publication our involvement in multiple events from quarter to quarter.

Events are heating back up as we near the end of the year. Submit items for the 4th Quarter (Oct - Dec) as soon as possible. This allows me to work on the newsletter a little at a time instead of a mad rush at the end of the quarter. It also helps you avoid that, "Gee, I meant to send this in, but I forgot....." syndrome.

Encourage your membership to renew their dues asap.